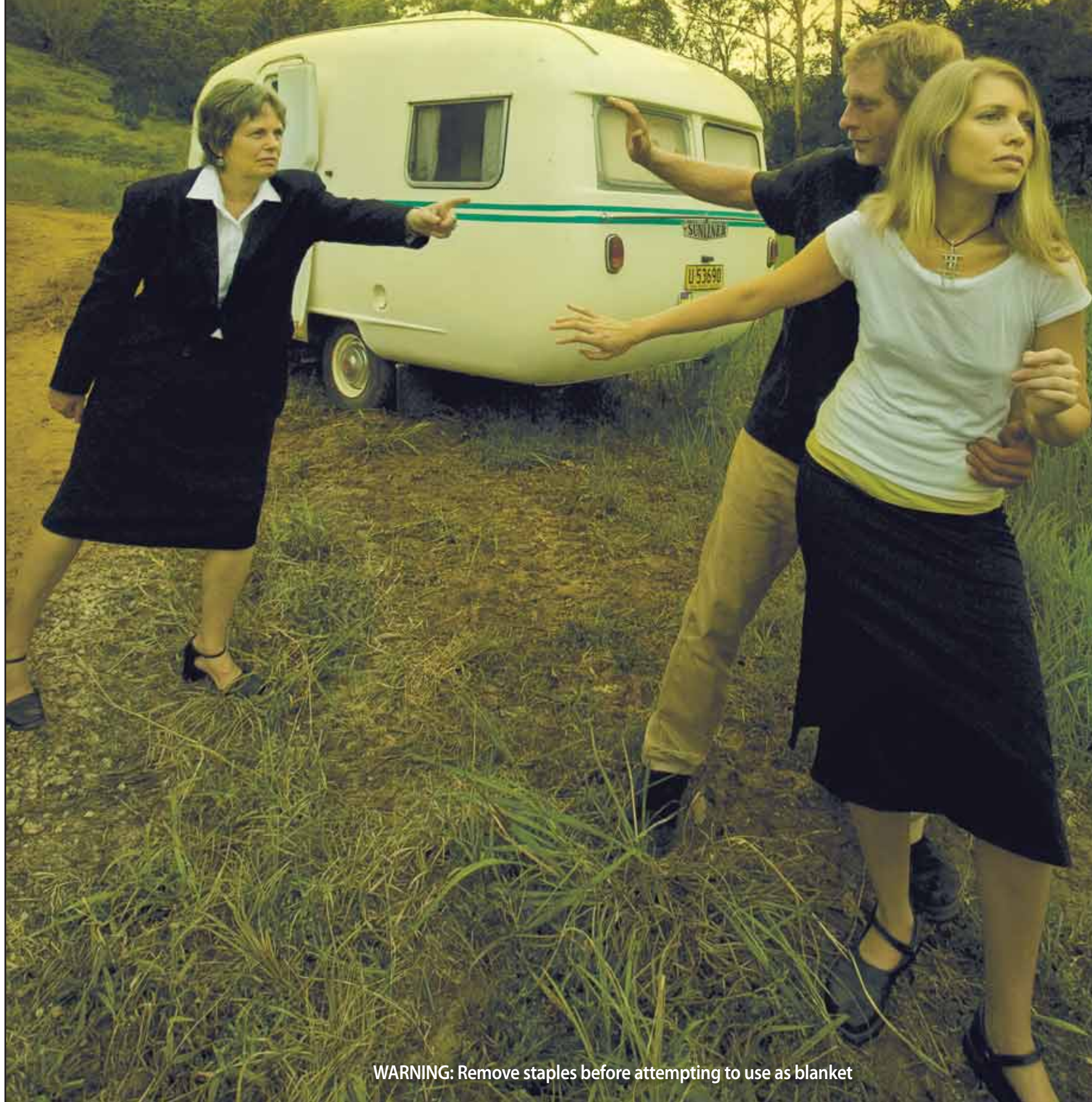


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The Byron Shire Echo



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The Utopian Fire Dancers are returning for New Years Eve in Byron Bay, courtesy of Rose Wanchap of Red Rose Realty. 'I have agreed to pay for them since I believe it will be a very special gift for me to give to the community as we send out the old year and look towards a new year,' said Rose.

'They are a husband and wife team with over 22 years combined experience in delivering unique and professional fire dancing performance.

'There has been a lot of anger and hurt that has passed under the bridge between the people of our community throughout this election year. I feel that the New Year is a good time for wounds to be healed and there is no better way than by dancing in the light of the "fire".

The fire dancers can be found online at www.utopian-fire.com.

Byron Bay will be alcohol

free for 24 hours for the NYE event. There will also be market stalls commencing in the afternoon and the popular McGregor Amusements and then the Samba Blisstas performing at 8pm.

Any stallholders not yet registered for the night can make an application via Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au. Community groups who would like to participate are invited to join in free of charge to showcase their work and activities, and Mayor Jan Barham is encouraging approved buskers to join in on the night and register with Council.

To ensure the safe management on the night there are street closures to the beach that will commence at 6am on Wednesday December 31. The closures will mean that no parking is available at the beachfront that day while preparations are organised.

Mullum cyclist critical

A Mullumbimby cyclist is in critical condition in Gold Coast Hospital after a collision with a car last week. The car and bicycle collided on Kings Creek Bridge on the Mullumbimby Road.

The bridge is a 'bottleneck'

for cyclists and motorists as there is no bikeway across it. Byron Shire Council has no immediate plans to upgrade the bridge despite widening nearby sections of the road.

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# Local youth score music grant

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

A group of Byron Shire youth who affectionately call themselves 'City and Colour Inc' have been given an Indent Partnership Grant by Music-NSW to run a series of youth music events in the area.

Indent is a project of Music-NSW that plays an important role in the development of all ages entertainment. Indent provides resources, information, workshops, funding, skills development, and networking opportunities.

NSW Minister for the Youth, Graham West, announced in early December the recipients of \$110,000 in Indent grants providing funds and resources to enable young people to stage drug and alcohol-free music events across NSW.

The Byron Shire's winning team includes Eli Hood, Angie Brown, Nathan Hutley, Bri Summers and Phoebe Robertson and the first event produced by the local crew will take place in January and will be held at the Soundshell in Brunswick Heads.

The event will feature up and coming young bands including Jack's Union, SingSing, Truancy, Essential Information and Bonfire.

'We're passionate about giving young, local bands the



SingSing band members and Indent grant recipients Angie, Eli and Phoebe try out the stage at the Bruns Soundshell.

chance to perform and gain valuable live experience,' says Angie, the team's marketing coordinator.

Each team member has a specific role and will have the opportunity to attend Indent workshops to develop skills in event management and the music business. Brunswick Heads Community Care

Council Inc is the support organisation and will mentor and assist the team.

'We really would like to thank BSC Youth Development Officer Maggie Brown who encouraged us to apply for the grant, and BSC Grants Officer, Bronwyn Stevens,' said Angie. 'We want people of all ages to come along and enjoy

and support the local talent.'

The first of three events will be begin at 2pm on Sunday January 4 at the 'Soundshell Theatre' in Terrace Park next to the river. For more information about the event email team publicist Nathan at biggoonsquad@hotmail.com and for info about Indent visit [www.indent.net.au](http://www.indent.net.au).

# Aboriginal art exhibition at lighthouse

A textile and paintings exhibition from the People of the Reeds, Aboriginal artists of Cabbage Tree Island, is on show at the Cape Byron Lighthouse until Friday February 13.

'The People of the Reeds exhibition has become an annual event celebrated by the Aboriginal and Byron community giving visitors a glimpse of life on Cabbage Tree Island,' said Yvonne Stewart, Cape Byron Trust chairperson.

Cabbage Tree Island is an Aboriginal community in the middle of the Richmond River. Aboriginal families from the local area established the community around 1865. It has



People of the Reeds artist Priscilla Sutor painting a textile. Photo courtesy Amanda King.

been continuously home to the Bundjalung people of Cabbage Tree Island since that time.

'Known by the cultural name given to them by their Elders "The People of the Reeds" the artists paint and make textiles using the stories relevant to

their cultural identity to express their cultural integrity,' Ms Stewart said.

'The painters tell the stories told to them by the Elders and the memories they have of growing up on the island. There is a strong connection to mother earth and the painters' families that weaves a thread through all of the work.

'The show includes the tex-

tiles made by born and raised island women who have an intimate knowledge of the bush on their island and the surrounding region. Through their work they express the importance of the bush for the food and medicine it supplies but more importantly their respect for the spiritual connection to their land, it flows through ever fibre of their work.'

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# Byron best HSC result on north coast

Jann Gilbert

With 2008 HSC results filtering through over the past couple of days, Byron Bay High School students have had a lot to celebrate. Approximately 20% of students received a UAI over 90, which places the school as the top performing State High School on the North Coast of NSW.

The school's top performer for the year was David Hertzberg with 99.6 (which is the highest UAI ever recorded at Byron High), closely followed by Kirra Liu at 98.5 and Sholto Forbes-Spyratos at 98.4. In addition, Kirra came second in the State in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (out of 12,995 contenders) with a score of 99.0. She was also named in the Premier's Role of Honour of top all-rounders, receiving Band 6 results in every subject.

'It feels great!' says Kirra. 'I'm shocked. I worked really hard but I didn't think it



Byron Bay High School students celebrate UAI scores over 90. From left to right: David Hertzberg (99.6), Sholto Forbes-Spyratos (98.4), Kirra Liu (98.5), Kyla Garft (93.5), Molly Lewis (96.0), Sarah de Salis (92.25) and Dylan Jones (97.1).

would pay off that well. I've been talking to heaps of people and I've thanked all my teachers. It's just great.'

Kirra celebrated her results with some friends and has plans to study either pharmacy or nutrition at the University of Queensland next year. Other high achievers included Rebecca Kilpatrick

who, with a UAI of 96.45, came fourth in the State in Visual Arts (out of 9,777 contenders) also with a score of 99.0; Cooper Oelrichs (96.2); Ali Jones (93.45); Kei Woldendorp (92.65); Bianca Shaw (90.45); and Louis Hunt.

Vice President of Byron High's P&C Melissa Hertzberg was delighted with the news.

'Byron Bay High is extremely proud of all the students,' said Melissa. 'The school has proven that it can achieve outstanding results in a variety of fields. To have one student in the top five in the State in a subject is a stunning achievement but to have two in different subjects reflects the excellent school environment.'

## BayFM celebrates fashion at spring ball

A spectacular success for the inaugural BayFM Spring Ball Fashion Show was the word on the night of December 20 when 11 local designers showed their latest creations on the catwalk at the newly renovated Buddha Bar. The crowd of 250 were also treated to a variety of dance styles, from Bollywood to belly dancing before the crowd took to the floor themselves.

During the evening owner of Byron Bay Premium Brewery, Barry Schadel announced a surprise donation of \$2,000 to BayFM. The event itself will contribute approximately

\$3000 to help BayFM cover the increasing cost associated with providing music and magazine programming.

Tjintana Matahari of Byron Bay Couture, who organised the fashion parade and brought her event to BayFM as an annual fundraising feature of the calendar, is already planning Spring Ball 2009.

'It will be bigger and better,' says BayFM. 'BayFM is so happy to be working with Tjintana and sincerely thanks her for her generosity in organising this spectacular event for its benefit.'

'Thanks to all the designers, models, dancers, WAM film production and crew, photographers and lighting for a very professional and exciting event. Big thanks to Jeff Daw-

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From left, models Adelle and Asha show off fashion by Tori Read, designed and manufactured in Byron Bay.

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# Kay's memories for all to read

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Kay's Stephen's personal story spans her life in pre-World War II England, through marriage and motherhood to her migration to Australia.

Born Marian Kathleen Burrow in the little English village of Cheam in Surrey in 1926 she was, in her own words, among good company as she shared her birth year with the future queen of England.

Kay, which is the name she mostly answers to, left behind a life that had taken her through war torn England and an education in Switzerland and moved to Australia in 1953 and found herself in the Byron Shire at the end of the 80s to help her son Alex in his new business venture, a nursery called Eden at Byron.

It was through her association with what she called her 'instant family', the congregation at St Paul's Anglican Church, that she met Wendy Levett and as the two women became friends over the years, Wendy became more intrigued by the rich and full life her friend had led and the idea was born to record Kay's life for posterity.



Kay Stephen and Wendy Levett have turned chat and reminiscence into a book.

'Kay's life story is so interesting,' Wendy said at the launch of the book *Kay's Story* at last Tuesday at Pinehaven where Kay is a resident. 'After 15 years you get to know a lot about a person and she has such an amazing history.'

*Kay's Story* focuses on her two great loves, her husband and her family. 'I married a man much older than me and my mother was horrified,' says Kay. 'He thought I was a good

sort and when one of his friends asked him how he managed to catch a girl like me he replied "I didn't run fast enough."

Kay has such strong recollection of her past it was easy to translate her memories into the written word and create the book she has self-published. 'It was such a pleasure to Wendy and a joy to relive my past.'

Kay thinks there is the possibility of a sequel to her debut book. 'I can put all the bits I

have forgotten into the next one and it would be fun to work with Wendy again.'

Pinehaven staff and residents enjoyed the reading of a few passages from the book by Wendy and the launch was officially celebrated with tea and cake in the Pinehaven common room.

The book costs \$15 and if you would like more information you can contact Wendy on 6685 8616.

# Raggamuffin festival moves out of the Bay

Citing problems with Byron Shire Council approval, the Raggamuffin reggae festival scheduled for Red Devil Park, Byron Bay on Australia Day 2009 is being moved to Kingsford Smith Park, Ballina Seagulls Rugby League Football Club.

The promoters Andrew McManus Presents (AMP) said they were forced to move 'because of the lack of certainty regarding an approval in a timely manner from Byron Shire Council, given the event is six weeks away.'

'AMP presented the inaugural Raggamuffin reggae concert headlined by UB40 and featuring five of the world's best reggae bands at Red Devil Park on February 17 this year. The con-

cert was an overwhelming success and with no problems or incidents with approximately 3,000 people attending.

'AMP applied for council approval on September 8 this year to stage the small 2009 event in exactly the same way as the initial concert. Tickets went on sale, subject to council approval, on August 25.'

'Some four months after the application was received, Byron Council advised that the local traffic committee is concerned about "the time of year this festival is being held and the amount of holiday traffic that would already be in Byron Bay". It has requested further detailed information of the local school parking facilities to ensure their suitability to

house patron cars on the day, even though these facilities were approved without problem for the first event and are used every year by the Blues & Roots Music Festival. Money from use of these facilities goes directly to the school for much needed school facilities.'

Andrew McManus said: 'The uncertainty surrounding obtaining an approval from Byron Shire Council is deeply disappointing because it is the town of Byron Bay and its residents and visitors that will miss out on this great event.'

'We have the full support of the Byron Bay Rugby League Club who administer the park. Local business, accommodation and services and the like will all miss out on the finan-

cial benefits associated with such as event, and these will now go to Ballina.'

'This application has been with Council for four months which I believe is more than a fair and reasonable amount of time to receive approval. I can therefore only draw the conclusion that council does not want this small event to happen in Byron Bay, despite the fact it had no problem in granting approval for the February concert.'

All tickets for Raggamuffin are general admission, so all tickets purchased for Red Devil Park will be valid at the new venue. No refunds or exchanges are required.

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Fellow retirees and close friends Clare Hamilton and Sue Mangan laugh about all the time they will have to travel, read, garden, swim and the rest.

Story & photo Lou Beaumont

The end of 2008 sees the end of the long careers of four Mullumbimby High School teachers. Together the much loved and respected women, Jean Wadsworth, Clare Hamilton, Sue Mangan and Chris Faulkner, have clocked up over a century in teaching years.

All teachers leave on a high, with their students all doing well in the HSC.

Clare told *The Echo*, 'We've all consistently had students in Band 6 [equates to a TER ranking between 90-100%]. The kids are so bright. I have just loved teaching here. I even have a colleague now who is 41 years old who was my student once!'

Fellow retiree Sue Mangan has also loved her time at the school, 'I have four kids all of whom went to school here. They all did really well and it is a testament to the school that they were all such different people and it suited them all as individuals.'

Clare Hamilton has been at the school for 26 yrs. Deputy Principal, Richard Heazlewood-Ross said she is an 'popular and loved teacher. An amazing teacher of English

and Society & Culture. She gets brilliant results and has the ability to inspire through her dedication and enormous enthusiasm for supporting students of all ages and abilities. Her first love has always been teaching in the classroom.

'Clare is a gifted teacher and person who has given of her skills unselfishly to teachers and students throughout her brilliant career. She has been a Year Advisor and as such she was active in all aspects of student welfare and was awarded a Public Education Award for Teaching in 2008.'

Sue Mangan has taught at Mullumbimby High School for 27yrs. Mr Heazlewood-Ross said she is an 'outstanding Food Technology, Textile and Community and Family Studies teacher. She showed extraordinary commitment and was integral in developing the strong student welfare ethos at MHS.

'She is much loved for her generosity of spirit, collegial support and passion for helping students.

'Sue is a compassionate, generous person who has made an enormous contribution to the welfare of students, both as a talented classroom

teacher and wise mentor.'

She was awarded a Public Education Award in 2005.

Retiring teacher Chris Faulkner has had a long association with the high school, first as a student then as a teacher. Mr Heazlewood-Ross said she is a 'devoted classroom teacher, highly respected by peers and students for her expertise in maths. She achieved excellent HSC results in Maths and is a successful teacher who has played a key role in establishing the tradition of academic success at MHS.'

Last but not least, long term teacher Jean Wadsworth was described by Mr Heazlewood-Ross as an 'outstanding science teacher who is widely recognised in the Far North Coast for her expertise and excellent HSC results in Chemistry. She is a passionate supporter of student welfare and was a Year Adviser.

'She is highly respected by staff and students and her compassion for students and wisdom in supporting teachers and parents have made her a legendary figure in the school community.'

All four teachers will be missed by the school's teaching staff and students.





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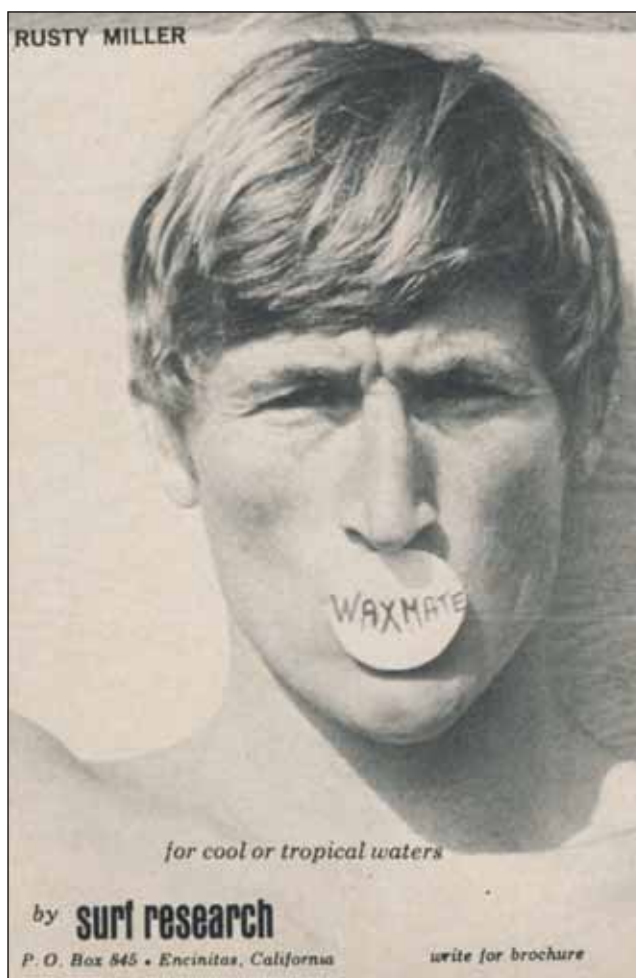
## Rusty racks up his 25th guide

Hans Lovejoy

He has been in publishing longer than anyone in this area, and is in a truly unique position to provide insight into why counter culture emerged when it did and why this region became a magnet for it. Rusty Miller is truly one of Byron Bay's more colourful personalities that identify the Shire from other holiday destinations in Australia, and his annual free *Byron Guide* has just turned 25 years young.

As a native southern Californian, he was born in La Jolla and started surfing in 1953. In the early 60s he travelled each December to the north shore of Oahu where he earned a reputation riding the big waves at Sunset Beach, Waimea and Pipeline. In 1965 Rusty achieved what most American surfer's dream of – USA Surfing Champion. By the late sixties he moved to Hanalei on the island of Kauai. 'It was 1967. As my professional surfing career was fading, I dropped back into soul surfing to live on this most north west piece of America.'

The uncrowded perfect waves of Byron Bay in Australia beckoned in the early 70s, however, and during the Aquarius Festival in 1972, he produced the region's first alternative free newspaper, *The Byron Express*.



At the same time he also earned his print credentials working for the new fledgling *Tracks* surfing magazine with John Witzig, Albert Falzon and David Elfick.

### Surf legends

In a trip to Bali later that year, Rusty found himself surfing the now renowned Ulu Watu for the first time, and footage from that was included in the surfing film, *Morning of the Earth*. 'Actually I am only in about five shots in the film,' he told *The Echo*. 'It's just that they used Steve Cooney and myself on the main logo which is on all the records, T-shirts, boards etc.' It remains to this day a seminal piece of filmmaking and introduced the international surfing world to the magic of Indonesian waves and culture.

In 1984 Rusty was contracted by the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce Tourist Promotions Committee to produce the *Byron Bay Holiday Guide*. 'I started out doing the guide for the

chamber of commerce,' Rusty says, 'but they made me tender to do all the work each year, so I registered the name and did it myself. They were very unhappy with me for years.'

It's still in its current A5 format, aimed at locals and visitors alike. It portrays the spirit, feeling and contemporary pulse of Byron through images, writing, handy clues and advertisements that connect you to our world.

What significant changes has Rusty witnessed in the Shire the past three decades?

### More sharks

'More sharks! Both the two legged and ocean variety. Even though it sounds scary, it's the reality of being in the water. Upon the land, overdevelopment obviously.'

'The concepts, ideas and experiences that people wish to have here are similar, and more people are coming here to obtain them. If you are in advertising, there are more people than

ever plus more people chasing it, so it's an increase in intensity.'

'The contradiction is that the very thing that draws people here – art forms of all nature and music, for example, that is played for little or nothing – brings people to this region. If you are involved in yoga or surfing, you are probably not bringing in the big bucks, you are doing it because you love it.'

'When people use Byron as a real estate financial cash cow, there will be resentment and disempowerment, because creative people find it more difficult to live here. It's interesting times however because of the global financial collapse, and people are still coming here even after the meltdown. It seems things are turning back to basics. As an example I can't see rents going up that much more.'

How does Rusty feel about holiday letting, schoolies week and the like?

'I believe in responsible planning and regulation. If you are living near an industrial estate for example and fibreglass dust is coming into your window, you need protection. That's an extreme example, but planning ensures safe and equitable living standards for all.'

'The same goes for someone who is on holidays and having a party next door and you are trying to get your kids to sleep because they have to go to school the next day. Maybe a little less crowds and more quality lifestyle where people visiting are unashamedly reminded that they should stay in touch with the natural elements. With respect to law and order, I like to see the police walking and riding bikes about town, talking and being friendly and hip.'

'The 2009 theme for the Guide is Byron: The perception and reality. I struggled, as all the writers did, with this theme.'

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# CAWI takes a paws for celebration

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Volunteers and supporters of Companion Animals Welfare Incorporated CAWI took time out to celebrate the end of their fourth year and the official launch of their new website last Friday at their headquarters in Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads.

CAWI was founded with the express aim of opening an op-shop to raise funds to build a much-needed dog shelter in the Byron Shire, hopefully on land supplied by Byron Council. The op-shop, which is the main source of fundraising for the project, is run totally by volunteers and was opened on February 14, 2005.

The shop has been a great success and in 2008, so have talks with Council.

'The council passed a motion this year to help us find some land for the shelter,' said CAWI founder Margaret Brown. 'We have raised enough money



BJ and Cosmo, bottom left, celebrate with their human companions at the CAWI website launch.

from the op-shop to start stage one of the building once we have the land.

'Our steering committee is presently liaising with Council regarding suitable land for our project and negotiations are in

progress for a piece of ground to build on. We have enough funds to start building so we are set to go as soon as we have a location.'

The op-shop always welcomes new stock and there is

always room for new volunteers to help out.

If you would like more information about CAWI, the op-shop or how to make a donation to the building fund, visit [www.cawi.org.au](http://www.cawi.org.au).

# Santos supports anti-whaling crew

Local health food company Santos would like to say a big thank you to the kind people of the Byron Shire, and the generous Santos staff, who donated money towards the crew of the Sea Shepherd ship, *Steve Irwin*. All money raised was used to supply food at cost to the crew for their campaign currently underway, 'Operation Musashi'.

A total of \$500 was donated by the public. Santos itself matched the figure.

But more was needed if the crew were to survive the icy waters of the Antarctic for the proposed 90 day campaign.

'Once we knew how much money we could spend, we got into contact with Nicola Paris and Zin Rain, fundraising coordinators for the *Steve Irwin* Galley Team, and asked them for a wishlist of food that was available from the Santos Warehouse,' said Ryan Hamilton, responsible for coordinating the fundraising effort



From left, Santos team Shannon, Laura, Zin, Ryan, Nicola, and Veronika raised funds for the Sea Shepherd crew.

on behalf of Santos. 'We went through the list and it became obvious that more money was needed - \$5,000 more to be precise.'

A call was made to Santos' managing director John Dolman, and a request put in for \$5,000 to be made available from the Santos Staff Charity Fund. The go-ahead was given, and two pallets of food were packed, weighing in at just un-

der one and a half tonnes.

On November 29, \$6,000 worth of food was delivered by Santos to the *Steve Irwin* galley. Included in the delivery were donations from three other local businesses, Abundance Herbs, Bun Coffee and Byron Bay Coffee Company. Byron Bay Health Food Distributors arranged, at cost, a shipment of Nuttex.

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whaling fleet is targeting 935 threatened Piked whales plus 50 endangered Fin whales in an established Whale Sanctuary in violation of a global moratorium on commercial whaling.

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## Challenges facing Council

Byron Shire Councillors go into the new year for a well-deserved break and will meet again in February 2009 – unless a special meeting is called. They will not be entirely off the case during this time, however, the mayor especially continuing her commitment to ensuring New Years Eve in the Bay goes off peacefully. No-one should underestimate the enormity of the workload facing councillors nor the seriousness of their responsibilities.

As per some twisted tradition, their last agenda for the year was again ridiculously large – around 300 pages in reports and the same again in annexures. No-one can be expected to read and fully absorb that much material in the time available, yet we do expect councillors to make sound decisions on these weighty matters, from individual development applications to overarching policy directions. Part of the problem is that staff need Council resolution on a number of items before our elected representatives take leave; the other part of the problem is that councillors' aspirations expressed in resolutions overwhelm their ability to carry them out. As a community we expect too much from an underfunded and under-resourced organisation, yet it is better to aim for the stars even if we end up in the gutter which, hopefully, meets Australian construction standards.

Another struggle for this council, as with councils in general, is a state government which sees it as a convenient whipping boy, handing on onerous tasks without providing appropriate support. The latest fly in the ointment is the government's plan to reduce development contributions made to local government, following on constant whingeing by developer mates. The submission from the Local Government and Shires Association on this issue can be found at [www.lgsa.org.au/development-contributions](http://www.lgsa.org.au/development-contributions). The plan would enable the planning minister to decide what levies are applied where and to keep levies with the Treasury instead of them going straight to the local council. Expect fewer community facilities in the future if the plan goes ahead, along with increased rates to make up the lost revenue, but don't blame Council for the problem. Some hope lies in the federal government's recent overtures to councils and the possibility of constitutional recognition as a third tier of government – and escape from the state government's oily grasp – but don't hold your breath.

Of course the biggest uncertainty for coastal councils, and for all of us, is the future effect of climate change. We have perhaps become blasé about the power of the ocean, having thankfully avoided a major cyclone since 1974, but change is on the way. Council is incorporating planning for climate change into its policies and documents but in the end the execution of coastline management may be down to emergency services and lawyers at twenty paces.

We live in interesting times.

– Michael McDonald, editor

## A good first year for the Ruddster

Appropriately enough, Kevin Rudd goes to Christmas with a Messianic message: he will halve the homeless and get 150,000 off the streets by 2020.

It is a triumphal conclusion to a year that has not gone quite the way his most dedicated disciples had hoped, and the way the world economy's looking it may be the last really upbeat note he sounds for some time.

It also has a touch of hubris: inevitably comparisons have been made with Bob Hawke's notorious no-child-living-in-poverty pledge. But Rudd deserves praise for at least setting a target, as he did with his promises on Aboriginal health and welfare, and he has been prepared to put his (well, our) money where his mouth is. There are worse ways to celebrate the festive season.

And there is a political spin-off: his ambitious program for this worthy cause may go some way to masking his caution – even pusillanimity – over the admittedly more complex issue of climate change. Even Ross Garnaut, hardly a wild-eyed crusader for the cause, thinks that locking Australia into a mere 5 percent reduction on the 2000 emissions level by 2020 – averaging out at just one quarter of one percent per year for full twenty years – might appear a bit miserable to the rest of the world. At the very least Rudd could have been more flexible in his options, and his proposed compensation scheme for the polluters – the more you contaminate the more you accumulate – does little if anything to encourage further reform.

This has undoubtedly been the great disappointment of the first year of our Rudd; a political fix worthy, as the

Murdoch press crows admiringly, of John Howard himself. They really know how to put a man down. It encapsulates all that Rudd's supporters most feared: that he would become so enmeshed with the minutiae of government that he would lose sight of the big picture. If you believe in the science of climate change (and Rudd certainly claims to) then there is nothing, repeat nothing,

long overdue refurbishment of the nation's neglected infrastructure is under way, given an unexpected boost by the need to stimulate a flagging economy. All in all the year is ending rather more cheerfully than seems appropriate for what is almost certainly the start of a painful recession.

Certainly the government's continued popularity is astonishing in all the circumstances.

Real progress has been made in all the major policy areas with the possible exception of health reform...

by Mungo MacCallum



ing, more important. Rudd's copout suggests that he, like Howard, believes that he can somehow just wish the real problem away and get on with business as usual. His decision, if it stands, is a dreadful anticlimax to what has actually been a pretty successful 12 months.

Looking back, there's not much else that the government has done wrong. Real progress has been made in all the major policy areas with the possible exception of health reform; this remains stuck in the intractable vice of commonwealth state bickering. But in the other big federal logjam, education, the states have given considerable ground and a truly national system now looks achievable, with all the savings and efficiencies (not to mention the lack of angst for mobile families) that will bring. Industrial relations legislation has been introduced and is clearly a political winner for the government. The

Indeed, it is so great that some of it seems to have rubbed off on its state counterparts. The demise of Labor's political dominance so gleefully predicted by the pundits of The Australian is simply not happening. True, Western Australia is gone, albeit narrowly, and New South Wales still looks unsalvageable. But everywhere else Labor administrations are looking positively resurgent. They shouldn't be: almost all are past what would normally be their use-by dates. Their continued survival is due at least in part to the fact that Rudd and his colleagues have included them in the general pattern of competence and stability now emanating from Canberra.

This has been the crux of Ruddism: just about everything that the government has undertaken in its first year has received widespread acceptance, if not enthusiastic approval. He and his ministers have made very few mistakes.

The major criticism is not that they have done much wrong, but that they haven't done enough. Even setting aside climate change, the pace of reform has been steady but slow, at times becoming almost motionless.

There are excuses, of course; quite apart from the financial meltdown, Rudd wanted to know what he was doing, and spent a lot of time setting up enquiries and committees which are only now reporting back to him. And from a political point of view every government since 1975 has carried with it awful memories of Gough Whitlam's headlong rush of legislation which, however inspiring, overdue and ultimately productive and necessary, scared the hell out of a very large proportion of the electorate. Rudd intends to be around for a lot longer than the three brief years of Whitlamism, and is prepared to take his time over implementing his program, which, if not as radical and far-reaching as Whitlam's is almost as long-term. And if it's all a bit too ponderous for some of his more excitable supporters, well that's tough. It's hardly as if they're going to vote for Malcolm Turnbull just for the sake of a cheap thrill.

Indeed, it looks increasingly as though not many people are going to vote for Malcolm Turnbull for any reason at all. The harder he tries to revitalize his followers, the more he seems to turn them off. By contrast, Rudd is as dull as a wet weekend, but in these troubled times, that kind of stolidity may be just what the voters want. This Christmas, grey is the new black. So to all our readers, have a really hoary holiday.

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**Safe cow's milk**

Thank you Dr Sugarman (Letters, December 16), you have enlightened me re 'TT'd' cows, something about which I was ignorant. The validation of your facts was appreciated. My association with Bovine TB was a long time ago. I am rather elderly (OBE).

However, I would refer you to the original article (*Echo*, December 2) where it was stated, and I quote 'many modern diseases never existed when consumers could access fresh, unprocessed real milk from local farmers'. This statement is unsubstantiated. What are the diseases that have been contracted by drinking pasteurised milk?

Jacqueline McCallum  
Byron Bay

**Where's the goalposts?**

The Splendour in the Grass consortium got the vote from the last Council for a trial event at Yelgun for 09. Oh goody, now let's see if we can push the envelope a bit, why don't we lodge a S96 and change the date for the last week of the school holidays – maybe we could squeeze a few more kids in before they go back to school.

Now while we are on a roll let's lodge another S96 (our favourite DA amendment) and get two more hours of trade

# Council avoids fiscal doom

It would appear that Mr Sella et al (Letters, December 16) have more accurate information about Council's investments than has been made available to mere councillors.

The briefing provided by our finance staff and independent auditor (in a workshop and then in open council) stated categorically that we have lost nothing (so far) and that interest continues to be paid on our investments. Perhaps Mr Sella would care to inform us of his basis for claiming we have 'lost \$3m or \$13m' and that interest is not being paid.

He also feels that 'as guardians of our money council should have acted'. What does he mean? Should unqualified, elected councillors have chosen the portfolio instead of independent financial consultants?

and more noise pollution, not to mention nine other consent conditions we are not happy with because we won the goalposts and we can put them anywhere we like and the flora and fauna and residents can go to hell.

How many more S96s will be lodged to water down more consent conditions? Who knows? As in the past the natural environment and residents will have to suffer and like it or lump it. We will see.

Paul Brecht  
Mullumbimby

**Lost in translation**

As a monolingual Australian (perhaps the most monolingual culture on the planet) I found your translation of Gam-

(ICAC would love that.) How would individuals who have no special investment knowledge be expected to foresee the financial debacle missed by most of the global investment community? And now that we have the perceived problem what does he suggest we do? Mr Sella is all 'someone should do/have done something' but is very short on practical suggestions, although a public hanging would probably appeal.

Ms MacDougall, on the other hand, appears to be somewhat muddled in her interpretation of my explanation of the anatomy of a CDO and what the generic name 'derivative' actually means. Her speculation on the quality of our particular holdings is just that and merely serves to advance the 'Chicken Licken' theory of fiscal doom.

melfleisch party (*Backlash*, December 16) most inelegant. The translator is not worth his salt. The word is trilingual. It must be seen in the content of 'young flesh'; an expression used by 'first wives' to describe their ex-husbands' attraction to younger women – if they can afford them. Rather than 'spoiled meat' Gammelfleisch might be better translated for the over thirties as 'old flesh'.

Gammel is a Scandanavian word for old. Perhaps the translator had only two languages.

Jim Nutter  
Main Arm

**Consumerism**

There is something I would like to point out that many people fail to see. I am sure some see it,

My information is that the councils in deepest trouble purchased their products from a company called Grange, an associate of Lehman Bros. BSC did not.

R Robinson offers an interesting tale from the *SMH* detailing a very generalised description of the darkest side of the investment meltdown but fails to make any concrete connections with BSC holdings other than their general structure. He/she enjoins me to 'get to work' but offers no indications of what 'work' is indicated.

I have never claimed that we may not have a problem but all the huffing and puffing demanding 'we do(or should have done) something' is unhelpful.

Cr Tom Tabart  
Brunswick Heads

but a majority of people in the world do not. That something is the negative side of 'Christmas'. This 'jolly celebration' is blatantly used by corporations worldwide as a tool to increase crass consumerism. If you watch TV, browse the internet, read magazines, or simply happen to see posters on shop windows, then take note of how consumerist advertisements seem more worthy because they are 'backed up' by the word and excuse of 'Christmas'.

At this time of the year, the corporations that are sadly supported by neo-liberalism urge everyone to 'buy, buy, and buy' as though a specific product or materialistic possession will result in some sort of 'true happiness', whether for one's self or for one's family/close friends. Well, you know what? It doesn't. Real happiness comes from inside. It can come from a number of things, such as having close relationships with people or ani-

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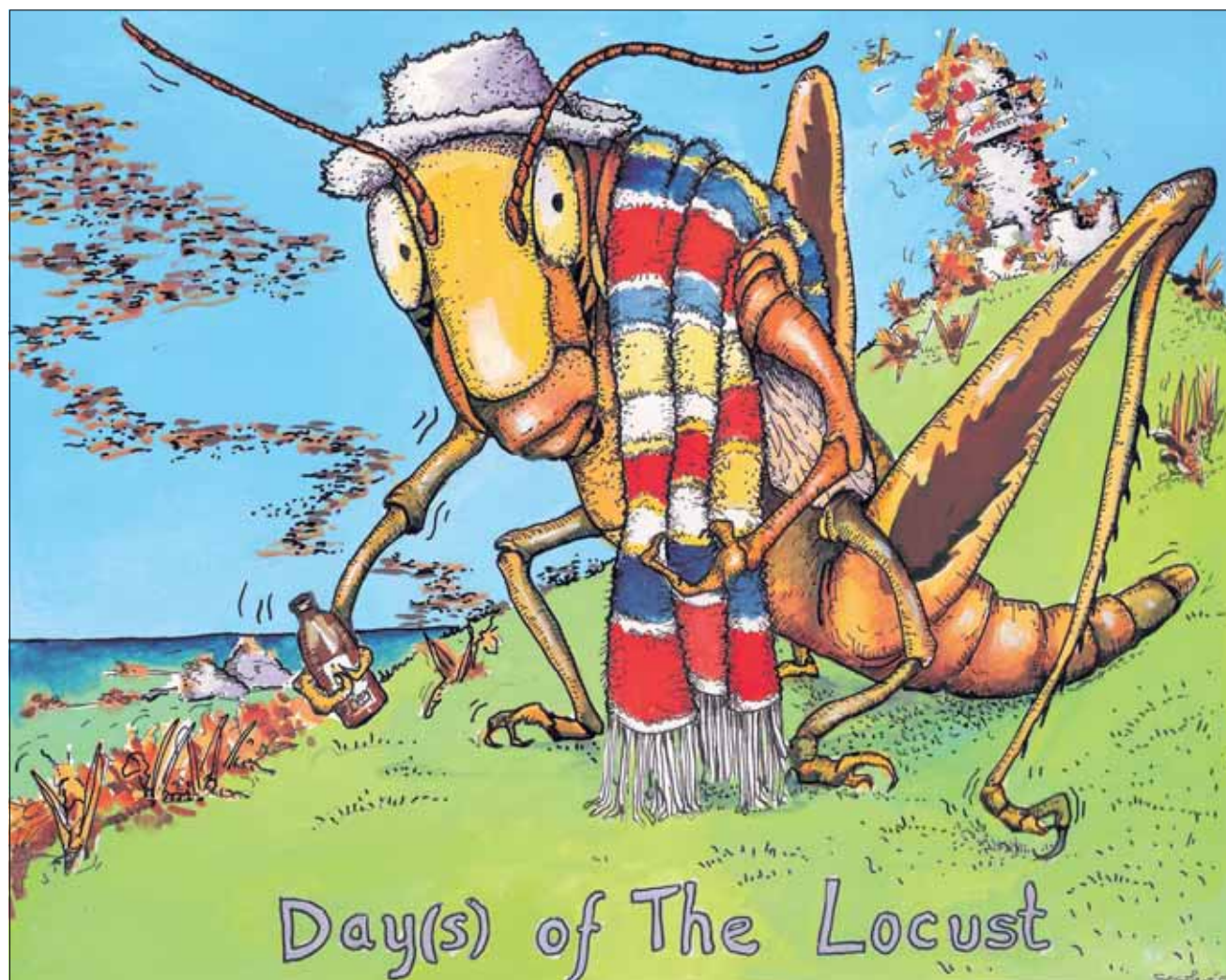
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mals, from experiencing nature (surfing, sunsets, wildlife), or simply by having a passion or purpose. But I personally think that buying and consuming never results in any sort of true happiness.

Christmas should be a time for family and community, not corporate greed. It should be the time of the year when we sit back and relax but also remain intelligent with our spending. It should be when the whole family connects, and simply has fun.

I am not saying that because of the blind consumerism which is related with Christmas we should not at all give gifts to close ones. Rather, I am presenting the idea that through logic we should all examine the gifts we acquire and make sure we are not buying too much.

Also, speaking on animal-rights, pets that are bought for Christmas should be adequately cared for long into the future, not just bought for this summertime celebration and then disregarded thereafter.

**Andy McEwen Bertock**  
Mullumbimby

## Helen Street Bridge

Good on you, Councillors at Byron Shire Council, for having the integrity to stick with the Helen Street Bridge. We residents that have waited so long have once again had our faith restored. The past 12 months of getting the bridge certified have been a frustrating and annoying obstacle race and the delays in processing the plans have increased costs greatly.

Our project group trusts the expertise and experience of structural engineers Tony Baggio and Ross Harding to deliver a sturdy and serviceable footbridge within budget. However in order for this to happen, it is essential that Council staff get this project out to tender as soon as possible. Councillors and the General Manager must make sure that this happens with no more delays or prevarication.

The tender process will decide if this project will go ahead and if ever the truism 'time is money' can be applied, it is the case in this matter.

We have a helpful and generous resident community, much can be achieved to defray an-

# Is it the end of the world as we know it?

■ Pardon me for being sceptical about Anthropogenic Global Warming. What first twiggled me to questioning the whole issue was when I read, a few years ago, about Rupert Murdoch, Rockefeller, big oil companies and stockmarket barons started turning into 'greenies', concerned about the environment... Yeah right!

To my way of thinking there had to be a bag of money in it for them somewhere and the money in the bag will come from you and I (the public).

Sure enough ads soon started popping up on the net, stock-broking firms peddling their wares, 'Cash in and capitalise on carbon markets', 'Carbon trading set to be more profitable than oil'.

Then, enter George Soros who sets up the CCX (Chicago Carbon Exchange). Soros is renowned for his famous quote: 'Air and water have been free commodities for too long, we

must find a way to "allocate" them.' The CCX is closely entwined with Al Gore's company GIM (based in the UK).

There's lots more to the whole murky business, the IMF, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, and other Wall Street pirates are buying heavily into carbon trading. I could go on about it but I know it will all fall on deaf ears, the public having been whipped up into a frenzy about CO<sub>2</sub> and will never want to admit that they have been hoodwinked.

I do so very much agree that the plundering and pollution of the earth's oceans, forests, wildlife habitats, rivers etc must be stopped, but it won't be stopped by the New York stock exchange, the CCX, or the corporate pirates who plan to make their fortunes from trading in 'hot air'.

Over the past 100 years scientists have been warning about climate change but haven't been able to make up

their minds whether it's warming or cooling. (In the 1970s we were told that the world was heading for an ice age). However 'this time' it's global warming (even though the global temperatures have been dropping since 1998) and 'this time' someone has figured out how to make a buck out of it.

**Peggy Balfour**  
Mullumbimby

■ The full-page article in *The Echo* of December 16, headlined 'Twelve months to save the world - no, really' by Mark Byrne of the Environmental Defenders Office, hopes to have us all thinking that without major changes to humanity's output of greenhouse gases, we only have 12 months left to save the world! Or face a very sticky end.

'...emissions must peak no later than 2015...' 'our target for emissions reductions for 2020 was released this week...' 'talks

began in 2005 on a post-2012 global agreement...'

Ah! There's a year I really like the sound of: 2012. Please, Mark, please, all ye environmentalists, please stop putting everyone into fear about the future of our planet.

By all means raise awareness, but there isn't going to be a catastrophe.

There's going to be a new way of being. All of us in Byron Shire and around are working towards this, as we learn to live in the new ways.

Yes, we stumble, sometimes, as we learn to walk, but we will get there. Planet Earth, Mother Gaia, will move into balance. Come the end of 2012, it'll be the end of the world, but only as we know it. And I feel fine. Happy Christmas!

**Rodaan**  
Byron Bay

■ My article in last week's *Echo* went to press before the Prime

Minister announced his now infamous targets for emissions reduction of 15 per cent if there is a global agreement next year, and 5 per cent if not. The figure I punted on, 10 per cent, was the most likely scenario at the time. Few environmentalists or scientists thought it would be even lower. As the ANU's Andrew Mackintosh pointed out last week, 'the proposed abatement targets for Australia are more consistent with a 650 ppm outcome than a 550 ppm one'. This points to a future even more alarming than the scenario I spelt out.

**Mark Byrne**  
Lismore

■ Due to our reckless behaviour and compounding carbon emissions, we are on the brink of losing the Great Barrier Reef, acidification dissolving the shells of marine organisms, the Murray-Darling system collapsing, and numerous spe-

cies going extinct. These will have massive economic and environmental costs.

Australia had to take immediate and dramatic action on carbon emissions to have a chance of avoiding these consequences. These are harbingers of our progress towards the sixth major extinction episode in the Earth's history, one that will rival the loss of the dinosaurs.

Prime Minister Rudd has followed John Howard's lead by selling out our future for short-term political expediency. Once again Australia is ignoring the science and holding back world efforts to redress the biggest threat ever faced by human civilisation. It is our children and grandchildren who will suffer the most.

Kevin Rudd, Penny Wong and the Australian Labor Party shame us all.

**Dailan Pugh**  
Byron Bay

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cillary costs of this project. Having faith in the community works! Our little bridge may be a model of how to proceed in the future on infrastructure projects (though hopefully they won't all take so long to bring to fruition). It has been good community building process all through these past 12 years. I hope to be back up to walk across it in 2009!

**Maggie Brown**  
South Golden Beach

**Without a leg rope**

Surfing without a leg rope seems to be the choice of a number of longboarders at the overcrowded points around Byron Bay. But what is the point? For one it is bloody dangerous for the other people out there enjoying the waves, having to put up with riderless boards careering down the line and secondly it must be fairly inconvenient for the hapless rider who has to chase after their own board. Why not just use a leg rope? Surfing without one is about as considerate as throwing a big, sharp, fast moving missile into a crowd of people. I hope that no one gets hurt from a stray board these holidays.

**Bo Dolman**  
Brisbane

**Stolen art**

Alas another story of an artist having work stolen (*Echo*, Dec-

mber 16). Do the thieves really understand the life of an artist? In most cases it all starts with the artist's imagination, then the artist has to buy the canvas, the paper, the ink, the paint, whatever they are creating with. Then the artist has to pay for the framing (not cheap), then the gallery takes a commission and in some cases expects the artist to rent the wall space.

Some time back, I won an art prize, \$1,000, for me it was like winning Lotto, but alas I had an etching and a pen and ink drawing stolen off the wall, so I was behind the eight ball.

Dear thief, why don't you go and rob a bank or a multinational, maybe you don't have the balls for that. As for me, I would gladly swap my original artwork for a bottle of Grants, some peanuts or simply a thank you.

**Peter King aka Raoul**  
Billinudgel

**Council meetings**

In response to Cr Richardson's letter (*Echo*, December 16), I think it's extraordinary to apply for a specific job that has a clear job description and work times with the intension to convince your new boss that their work times don't suit you.

You are not the first and will not be the last fulltime worker to successfully stand for Council and actually be there (part of the

# Rapunzel's Tower under scrutiny

■ I demand an explanation! Like my fellow townfolk of Byron, I will have to look at a truly ghastly piece of the-opposite-to-architecture in Byron Street every time I go into town. This is our town, which we entrust to Council to keep as an attractive place to live and to visit. How well it does its job in this regard has often been pretty questionable, but allowing this latest horror really demands an explanation.

What is it? Who 'designed' it? What does one part of it have to do with each of the

other parts? Did Council look at the drawings and actually agree that it looked like something acceptable for the centre of town? If so, they have betrayed us. It is a dog's breakfast of a building, so bad it would be funny except it's in our town so the joke is on us.

Can somebody tell me what the stone Rapunzel's towers are doing next to horribly square cheapo-style balconies, with lumpy-wavy balconies on the other side? Was there an architect involved? Em, no more questions, your honour.

**Suzanne Bouchier**  
Byron Bay

We have to allow for growth and change in all things, including the town we live in. In the case of our town, the adapting-to-change process relies on trusting that good decisions, even reasonably good decisions, based on some kind of aesthetic (as opposed to none at all) will be made for us by the Council we elect. It has let us down so badly. Could anyone from Council and/or the developers of this project please reply?

■ Byron's willingness to debate aesthetic standards have slid since Fast Buck\$ was prepared to go to the slammer for defacing the town clock. Until now not a word about 'Rapunzel's Tower' – a ghastly design feature of Byron's new CBD – behind the Great Northern Hotel and not far from the once controversial clock.

Am I alone? Does it matter? What is the rationale behind it? – at least the clock sometimes tells the time.

**Alistair Bell**  
Byron Bay

job description) in the daytime for Council Meetings. In fact, many Councillors before you have given their whole Councillor pay over to a secretary to assist them with their Council duties, so they can comfortably manage both jobs.

No constituent denied anyone from standing at the last election, Simon. Those that didn't have the courage or passion or intestinal fortitude to serve their community can accept responsibility for not standing, but it has nothing to do with the time frames.

Perhaps if we gave school students an opportunity to go surfing, skating, swimming

and sunbathing in the daylight hours and study, learn and complete their school work at night time, they would prefer those night hours more, and maybe even benefit from more sleep, if they don't have to get up till midday!

Hands up, which kids would prefer this arrangement?

Hands up, how many parents would agree with this?

If you can attend Arts Northern Rivers meetings in the daytime now, Simon, then you can attend Council meetings, especially since you have such a thoughtful boss.

I understand 'the squeaky wheel gets the most oil' prin-

ciple, but I think it's counter-productive to waste time and energy on motion after motion, when it's been made clear by your fellow Councillors that they don't agree with you on this issue, especially when there are far more important issues to debate, plans to implement and problems to resolve in the Byron Shire.

**Tina Petroff**  
Ocean Shores

■ The Petroff and Richardson recent council meetings debate is just another smokescreen. What Cr Richardson fails to mention is that since our councillors have been elected,

he and his fellow councillors are now our paid servants of the community. The main prerequisites of their job (understandably and thankfully) is a lot of time, effort, and most importantly, community representation (not just only representing themselves).

So why then would Cr Richardson and our other paid councillors not ask their community (instead of always bickering between themselves) when, us the public would like to witness and participate in council meetings, at whatever convenient times, and to see the choices of their councillors'

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real community representation. Is that not democracy? Or would that really put the cats among the pigeons!

I also ask the question what morning, afternoon or evening this month or next will Cr Richardson and his fellow councillors be regularly meeting with constituents who wish to put forward their concerns, about any matters that they want their councillors to attend to. This practice happens with

many councils throughout the state regularly, but still to this day not this council.

**Terry Hudson**  
Byron Bay

## Holiday letting noise

Byron Bay has been suffering badly from the noise of holiday lets now since at least 2002. This has taken on a much more sinister tone with holiday let owners taking out AVOs against residents for complaining about noise, call-

ing it 'harassing behaviour'.

One holiday let owner owns five houses and can easily afford to try to use the court to protect their holiday let businesses. Whoever loses in court pays the costs which is a scary process for people without heaps of money behind them.

There are at least two court hearings from this in January against residents by holiday let owners. The residents are opposing the AVO.

AVOs are meant to protect people from real danger, aren't they? Not in this case to intimidate neighbours into not complaining about noise or other problems from holiday lets.

**Maggi Luke**  
Byron Bay

## War crimes

Three weeks ago more than 100 governments signed an international convention banning the production of cluster bombs. Unfortunately, many major users, manufacturers and stockpilers of cluster bombs, including China, Russia, Israel, India, Pakistan and the US have not yet agreed to participate. A few months ago, in Vientiane, I visited COPE which cares for the disabled, including those maimed by cluster bombs or bombies. Between 1964 and 1973 Laos was hit on average by a B-52 bomb load every eight minutes. Of 260 million bombies dropped, 80 million did not explode, thus rendering 37% of agricul-

# Death of a pelican

■ By any standard, a pelican is a large seabird. Therefore, a pelican paddling around in the main channel of the Brunswick River in the early hours of the morning of December 17 would have been easily visible.

It obviously was to the two men travelling at speed in a white boat with an insignia 'known to locals. The passenger was seen to either warn about, or egging the driver on towards the pelican. No precautionary action was taken. Instead, the driver continued to run at the now panicking bird and hit it. While still alive, and suffering massive head trauma, the bird

was then taken out to sea and dumped. By midday the pelican was found washed up in the surf at New Brighton Beach. Seabird Rescue responded to the emergency call. It was then taken to a vet at Lennox Head where it was mercifully euthanased late afternoon.

So what word(s) would you use to describe the behaviour of these two men? Would they have acted any differently had it been a swimmer? If so, then why not take the same evasive action in this instance? If, in lame protest, they claim they couldn't stop, then it raises the question as to what is the ap-

propriate speed on the main channel of the Brunswick River so that we can all have some sense of protection from this otherwise heinous behaviour.

As witnessed, this unconscionable act was avoidable. If either or both of these men have any conscience (there is always hope?), then may I suggest a substantial donation to Seabird Rescue, 264 North Road, Ballina 2478, would be in order. They might also give a thought to the pelican's mate, who, in all probability, is still looking for its partner.

**Patricia Warren**  
Brunswick Heads



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tural land unsafe for 80% of the population which lives by farming. Children are particularly at risk from scrap metal scavenging, as they desperately try to support their families, many of which earn less than \$1 per day.

Tragically, cluster bombs were used by Israel in Lebanon and by NATO in the former Yugoslavia. BAE Systems, Boeing, Honeywell, L-3, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman are prime contractors for cluster bombs and many of the deadliest weapons systems ever made, including dozens of different bombers, fighter jets, bombs and missiles. Remarkably, these six corporate giants sold about US\$100 billion worth of military equipment to the Pentagon in 2007, and their combined revenue from global military sales was \$130 billion in 2006. They were touting their wares at the Brisbane Land Warfare Conference recently where Raytheon unveiled its Silent Guardian crowd control technology, which rings a prohibited area with a force-field capable of penetrating clothing and burning any intruder by zapping their nerve endings.

I call on Justine Elliot to challenge the Rudd government's dealings with these arms manufacturers, many of which are involved in criminal behaviour: bribery, sale of torture equipment, falsified end-user export certificates and government fraud. She should also ask if US forces in Australia stockpile/test cluster bombs. Will Australia emulate Britain in asking the US to divest itself of cluster bomb stockpiles?

This Christmas let's remember: Santa Doesn't Slay!

**Gareth W R Smith**  
Byron Bay

## A fine madness

I am writing this letter to the local road users and parkers of Byron Bay and also as an open letter to our police department stationed here in Byron and to the Council manager responsible for the parking fines in Byron.

Late last week I and many other people witnessed two

Highway Patrol cars checking and booking people on the Ewingsdale Road. One was positioned in the newly extended cutting just east of McGettigans Lane and the other was at the Island Quarry with a third vehicle on the north side of Ewingsdale Road near Sunnybrand (in a dangerous position, mind you).

These police cars were targeting people speeding along Ewingsdale Road, including a temporary 60km zone in force for roadworks and the roadworks had been long completed.

Why does the council roads department insist on leaving all this temporary signage long after the works have been completed? Sometimes for weeks on end. All this creates is a revenue raising exercise for our police who seem to delight in utilising these situations, thinly disguised as a safety blitz. This is no different to the St Helena camera catching northbound people long after the dangerous bend and only 100m before a 100km speed zone. Looks like easy money for our cash-strapped state government.

The other matter I witnessed was our council issuing parking fines during a busy, tourist soaked weekend. Two friends of mine visiting town and joining me at the Beach Hotel were booked for parking their motorbikes outside the limit parking signage opposite the hotel, under the pines. Now, yes, they they were parked illegally and yes, they deserved to be fined, but \$135 for a parking fine? You've got to be kidding. I got a fine six months ago in the same position but it was \$55. That's a rather steep increase in fines and just in time for tourist season.

I am well aware that the majority of taxes and charges in this tourist town go to the federal and perhaps state government and that our own council needs some way of increasing its revenue stream to keep pace with outgoings incurred in maintaining our infrastructure but how about we look at a way of charging the tourist rather than a stinging fine that doesn't target all across the board. Is a

bed tax of some sort a better idea?

I think that our police do a wonderful job around this area and I would be the first to acknowledge that but can we resist the revenue raising and easy catches in some way? I guess the directives come from higher places. Would that be a correct assumption?

**Phil Townsend**  
Ewingsdale

## Students excel

I hope that everyone will properly celebrate the fantastic performance of both our primary and secondary state schools which, in the teeth of chronic underfunding, have once again done a great job for the Byron Bay community.

The primary school has won the Director General's award – a mark of general excellence shared by only two or three schools in the state – while at the high school the HSC results have been phenomenal with almost 20% of students achieving marks over 90% and the whole school performance being among the top in the state – public or private.

All that on top of wonderful results in art, sport and drama. One way that the community can show its appreciation of the teachers and the students who worked so hard to achieve these results is by pressuring our political representatives to properly fund public education so that these results can be sustained and even exceeded. Every phone call or letter counts.

Just imagine what our schools could do with the millions of taxpayer dollars that are still being poured into heated swimming pools and new rifle ranges for elite private institutions.

**John Weiley**  
Byron Bay

■ Letters received from Damien Antico, Ewingsdale, Joselle Taiapa, Byron Bay, M Casey, Grafton, Paul Recher, Doroughby, Jess Gilmore, Brooklet, Ian Morton, Clunes, Tom Koo, Alstonville, Greg Davies, Byron Bay. Letter writers are reminded that the deadline is still noon Friday.



# Local to go over the Alps by balloon

Simon Haslam

What does an adventure tourism pioneer do once they 'retire' to the North Coast? Quite a bit! Describing himself as 'retired before the recent stock market crash, now semi-retired', Mullumbimby resident Chris Dewhirst has just been commissioned by the tourism authorities of the Capannori region of Northern Tuscany (near Pisa in Italy) to fly their promotional hot-air balloon over the Alps in the new year.

Chris, who led the first successful balloon flight over Mt Everest, seems like just the chap for the job. Awarded an OAM for his contribution to adventure tourism, in the early 1970's Chris was the first to rock climb up the east face of Frenchman's Cap in South West Tasmania, and the first Australian to ascend the Nose Route and Salathe Route on El Capitan in Yosemite National Park (at which time these climbs were considered among the most difficult in the world).

In 1985 he led the first trans-Himalayan ballooning expedition. At the time, it was the highest alpine balloon flight ever done, and featured in Sir Richard Attenborough's film *Flight of the Windhorse*. In 1990 he established an Australian high altitude balloon



record of 37,400 feet. Presumably, this would have buoyed his team with a welcome sense of confidence in his ability to clear the 29,000 foot Everest by a comfortable margin the following year. The Everest flight led to a number of awards, including Australia's most prestigious civil aviation award, and a film of the event *Fire on the Wind*.

As a founder of Adventure Travel Pty Ltd, Chris personally guided the first commercial raft trips down the Franklin River in Tasmania in 1982. Among his first clients was Australian explorer Dick Smith. In 1986 he established Balloon Sunrise, the first urban based balloon operation in Australia, in Melbourne. The organisation also ran balloon

tours of the Kathmandu Valley and helped the Nepalese CAA set up their procedures for licensing hot air ballooning in Nepal.

Chris also found time in 1972 to establish (with Gil Freeman) the innovative Melbourne-Sydney Road community secondary school in Brunswick, which is still a powerful force in innovation in education in Victoria.

Chris is now an international balloon consultant, recently returned from four months in Cappadocia in Turkey. He said he was hoping to return soon to 'refurbish a cave'. He also pilots the odd flight over the local area for Byron Bay Balloons.

Chris says, "This must be one of the top five or ten locations in the world for ballooning. All that emerald green, the sparkling blue ocean, the white beaches, Mt Warning and all that rainforest!"

"Leaving from Wanganui, we can take off in the middle of rainforest, see pythons coiled on top of the trees, koalas and kangaroos, then with the right wind conditions roll on down and land near the beach. Having travelled all over the place, I'd say it's a "world secret", Byron Bay, and I think we should keep it that way... so I don't want you printing anything!"

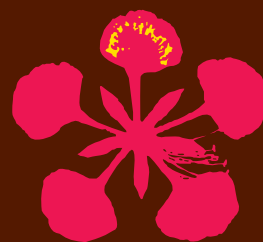
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# Late moves to ease Byron Bay traffic woes shot down

Michael McDonald

A notice of motion by Mayor Jan Barham at last Thursday's meeting to 'improve traffic flow in Byron Bay' went down 5-4, Crs Tucker, Woods, Heeson, Cameron and Morrissey voting against.

Cr Barham called for a report to the first meeting of Council in 2009 to look at a number of options including the use of an alternative access through the town via a second rail crossing; removing the parking on the northern side of Shirley Street to facilitate an additional traffic lane; or the removal of the southern Shirley Street parking for the creation of a dedicated bike lane; the widening of the existing railway crossing to facilitate an additional lane to support the traffic entering the town that includes traffic turning left into the caravan park, turning left into Jonson and through traffic; and the possibility of out of town parking to facilitate a shuttle bus/cycle sharing service to the town. Council would have also written to the Minister for Transport 'seeking a trial of the alternative access that involves the second rail crossing.'

In notes to her motion Cr Barham said, 'A trial of an access route that bypasses the town centre to provide access

to the southern side of the town could be undertaken with the approval of the Minister for Transport by approval for a second crossing of the railway. The traffic that is wanting to travel to the south of the town would do so via Butler Street, cross the railway lane and then access Jonson Street via a turn left only exit to then turn right into Marvel Street.

'The congestion that arises along Shirley Street could be minimised by removing the parking on the northern side of the street to provide an additional lane and at the entrance to the town the existing crossing being made a two lane crossing. The addition of an additional lane on the rail crossing into the town would facilitate the traffic that is turning left into the caravan park or seeking to turn left to go to the beachfront that is mixed with the traffic that is seeking to go through the town.'

### Transport strategy

On a more upbeat note, Councillors voted 8-1 in favour of Cr Basil Cameron's motion to develop a shirewide transport strategy. Only Cr Tucker voted against and, interestingly, there were no speeches against. Cr Cameron's specific aim is the 'development of a



Cr Arnold Dreadleaf wishes a cyclist a happy Christmas at the Jonson Street roundabout.

low carbon polluting transport network as part of a financially, ecologically and socially sustainable transport strategy.' The strategy will look at a reduction in road traffic levels and congestion through the expansion of an alternative transport network throughout the shire; improved public transport services that connect with regional public transport networks; increased rate of cycleway and alternative transport network development; park and ride facilities as a key part of tourism management; and the need

for high level of integration between tourism and transport management, including how to encourage tourists to visit and move around the shire by alternative or public transport.

In his speech to the motion, Cr Cameron said, 'Unless we start taking more care with our planning, Byron, Brunswick, Mullumbimby and Bangalow will inherit the extreme traffic congestion and car dependence that is crawling over the border.'

He also called for the introduction of trams: 'Let us use the rail line through Byron for a tram type service, linking Sunrise to the High School and all points in between. With the addition of park and ride, the catchment could extend to Ewingsdale, Suffolk Park and areas

further out. 'It would cost less to get a tram service up than it would to build a bypass and show the world that we are a community that is prepared to live by the values we share. Better that we are remembered for our tram than a traffic snarl.'

### Council and the Splendour challenge

Following public addresses calling for Council not to defend its approval of a Splendour concert at Yelgun against a Land & Environment Court challenge by CONOS, Councillors voted 8-1, Cr Morrissey opposed, to authorise the General Manager 'to manage the litigation in accordance with the General Manager's general delegations'. Council resolved

also to get 'regular updates, by way of memo, on the progress of this matter'.

There is more to it, however, according to Mayor Barham. She told *The Echo*, 'Council has provided direction to the GM to manage the legal case but to advise the councillors on further information that should be forthcoming in relation to the issues and advice to Council in relation to matters with the case, particularly in relation to the issues and whether to defend or not. It may result in a special meeting of Council in the new year.'

'It is usual practice to have the advice on the prospects prior to making a decision about defending but as the matter has been expedited by Splendour it has not allowed for the issues to be defined and considered for legal advice to Council. Apparently there are three boxes of documents that are being sorted and read prior to advice being able to be given.'

### Good news for library

The new Byron Bay library planned for Middleton Street got a move-along with Council voting 9-0 to authorise consultants Stephenson Turner to produce detailed designs for DA lodgement. Currently Council has a capital budget of \$4.8 million for the project with a projected shortfall of \$305,841 in funds. There is a possibility of further grant funding from the State Country Libraries Fund and other sources.

## ACE time for the Mayor at graduation



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# Take the kids into a Christmas carol

Mary Gardner

Oh little town of Byron Bay  
How still we see thee lie

The great nature adventures all begin here, where we live. What you need to do is tune in to what everything else is doing. Sure, people take up a lot of your attention. This makes it hard to notice the rest of the world. But if you stop, wait and listen to something else, you will easily begin your own explorations.

Start by walking to the beach. Take a notebook, a pen or pencil and refreshments for yourself. A watch is handy, too.

The trick is to do like the animals do: look around up ahead of where you are walking. They are watching everything around them. So should you. They notice details. With a bit of practice, with asking yourself some very specific questions, you will learn to notice these details too.

On the sand, why not stop and be still near holes of the Sand Bubbler Crabs? You may find that after a few minutes, they will ignore you and continue doing what they do.

Do you know at what time of the tide the Sand Bubbler Crab begins to dig out its burrow? How many balls of sand does a crab dig up in ten minutes? Is that number the same for other crabs? For how long does a crab dig?

What exactly does it do when it is feeding? Do crabs notice other crabs? What happens?

Exactly where on the beach do the crabs live: low, mid or high tide? At one end, the middle or the far end? Do the seabirds really watch them and try to eat them? Do vehicles driving on the sand squash the burrows? Does this affect the crabs? How?

Are crabs busier by day or night? Or is it the level of the tide that influences them more? As the tide levels change over the month, do their activities change? Do they act differently during any particular phase of the moon?

Remember to always write the date, time, place and weather on each page of your notes.

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by

And the Egret of the wetlands? Exactly which of the four egrets do you see: the Great (yellow bill, very long neck), the Intermediate (red bill and legs with black feet) or the Little (very slender black bill, legs and feet)? These three are often seen by themselves. They are all threatened species,



Detail of painting by Favian Sanson.

whose numbers are low and who do not breed every year.

By contrast, the stocky looking Cattle Egret is most commonly seen around cows in paddocks. It likes the company of other cattle egrets and its numbers are not at all threatened. During breeding, its feathers turn quite orange.

What other birds are also near by? How many? What are they doing? Can you match them with their footprints in the sand? Can you draw or photograph these birds and their footprints?

How silently how silently  
The wondrous gift is given

The native 'pigface' (Carpobrotus species) on the sand dunes, those mauve flowers on the plant with the fleshy angular leaves: for how long will they bloom? When are the dark fruits ripe? Are there similar plants nearby with yellow flowers? That would be a South African species.

Carpobrotus is a creeping plant of the sand dunes that helps hold sand together. How many other species of plants also grow in a similar way? How do they hold the sand? Can you sketch them and compare the leaves, branches, roots, flowers (if any) seeds? How would you guess the size of each plant?

Walk through the plant community from the back of the dune down to the front. What species of plants do you find along your path? How many are in your list? Can you make up a symbol for each of them? Using the symbols, could you draw a map marking where these plants are? Can you find the names of these plants?

No ear may hear his coming  
But in this world of sin

What if you do meet an Echidna! They are so very shy, quiet and very sensitive to vibrations. If you wait quietly for a while, it may get busy again. What is it doing? Where is it going?

Can you see any signs of digging? Can you find any of its scat (animal poo)? It's unusual, with its ends looking 'chopped off'. Are there other places you can spot these marks and signs? Each Echidna hikes a lot over its territory, which can be up to fifty hectares. They often have four or five favourite burrows they use to rest and stay cool during hot days. Can you find any? What about keeping a diary about all you are finding out? Can you make a map of the world of one Echidna?

If you wait and the Echidna does not move, is it perhaps injured? Without touching it, can you see if there is any blood? Listen: is the animal breathing in a noisy way? Perhaps someone can watch for it while you get help: ringing the wildlife volunteers from WIRES is a good start.

So Nature imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of her hands

As you become more observant, you will find you share a special view of our world with new friends. These may be fanciful beetles, sassy birds or a big old tree that strikes your fancy. You will ask yourself more questions. You are likely to have feelings which you can't explain with words. It's okay. Becoming more aware is one of the most precious experiences you can have now and throughout your entire life.

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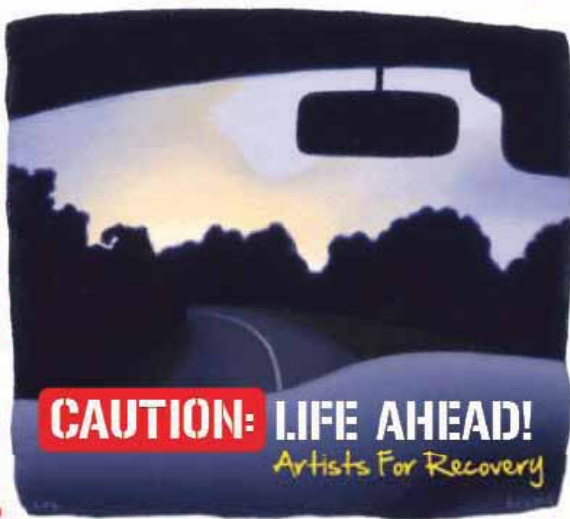
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# Deep in the mysteries of the twelve days

John Campbell

'How can there be twelve days of Christmas, Old Man?'

Driving from Goonengerry to Bruns, we were stalled at Myocum while a herd of flirty-eyed Jersey cows plodded across the road from one paddock to another. A kelpie with half a tail was making desultory attempts to hurry them, but they would have none of it.

On ABC Classic FM, Emma Ayres had just played that song about the partridge in a pear tree and Cat Carer was understandably confused – you don't get lyrics like that in John Butler.

Typically, having been exposed to endless skinny latte gab fests convened by her mother, Faerie Queene, and the local inquisition of idle old molls, Cat Carer is more au fait with the malarkey of Eastern cults, tribal shamanism and whatever school of psycho babble is currently in vogue in the Shire than she is with the equally silly but venerable traditions that underpin her own culture.

'The twelve festive days cover the period between Jesus's birth in Bethlehem and the arrival of the wise men with their gold and frankincense and myrrh, which is known as the Epiphany.'

'Isn't that what they called the baby in Kath and Kim?'

Good question. I wondered which was more relevant.

'And what's myrrh, anyway?'

At a loss, I was about to admit my ignorance when Emma produced another seasonal chestnut.

'Looks like we're in for a Christmas carolathon,' I observed, my joy, if not exactly unbridled, ratcheted up considerably by the ennui with which that prospect had flattened my cretinous young passenger.



Art by Giovanni Bellini and Carlo Crivelli. Digital bastardry by Hans Lovejoy and John Campbell.

'Great.' She sighed. 'Good King Wenceslas looked down, on the feast of Stephen ...'

'Is that the one that Hugh Grant sings in *Love Actually*? When he's door knocking and trying to find the secretary with the fat arse?'

'It is indeed,' I confirmed, impressed by the lightning links in the girl's cyber-programmed brain. 'St Stephen's Day is December twenty-sixth.'

'There's a St Stephen?'

'No weirder than a St Kevin,' I suggested. 'Stephen was the first Christian martyr. Stoned to death outside the walls of Jerusalem.'

'But marijuana's not that type of drug.'

'It's not that type of stoned.'

'Oh ... How do you know that anyway?'

'Saul of Tarsus, before he turned into St Paul, saw it and recorded it. Said he was con-

senting, too. Reckoned that the other witnesses laid down their clothes at his feet.'

'Whose feet?'

'Saul's.'

'Why would they do that?'

'I didn't have the foggiest.'

'Sounds kinda kinky.'

As we both embarked on a dark journey into the bizarre scenario of a mass disrobing while a bloke gets his head smashed in, Emma intensified

the mood with 'Away in a manger, no crib for his bed ...'

Forced to sing this whiner as a five-year old atheist who longed to be outside playing cricket in the street under a blazing sun with a garbage bin wicket, for ages the dirge just made me want to vomit. Nowadays I associate it more forgivingly with Bob Marley's 'cold ground was my bed last night, and rock was my pillow

too ...' It has come down to us from a Lutheran Sunday school book and, as has been noted elsewhere, Lutherans are a people who have had it inculcated in their bones that 'life is a struggle and if you find yourself feeling really happy – be patient, it will pass.'

'Sounds like your kind of religion, Old Man.' Cat Carer's observations are never far off the money, I'll give her that.

On a roll, Emma elided straight into 'Hark the herald angels sing ...'

'Have you seen Jewel do that on YouTube?'

I had previously denied ever watching YouTube, fearful that such a confession would damage my image. Cat Carer's blunt guarantee that I didn't have an image to damage was demoralising, but liberating too.

'Yes, I did.'

In high gloss lippy and wistfully looking heavenward, the once feisty rocker performed it with the ersatz sincerity and wobbly cadenzas of an *Idol* contestant. It was awful.

'Cool, huh?'

One of the Wesley brothers penned it, so it may have appealed to the Methodist Formerly Known as the Member for Bennelong, but Felix Mendelssohn, who composed the music, would have gagged for sure.

The Jerseys eventually cleared and we flicked to Bay FM as we hit the highway. Just in time to catch the Crystals' shimmering 'Santa Claus is Comin' to Town.'

'As Chrissie songs go, it's not as good as Rolf Harris's 'Six White Boomers,' I contended, 'but it's up there.'

I expected a rebuttal, but the girl's mind was elsewhere.

'... That business with the witnesses getting their gear off ... when the guy got stoned ...'

'Stephen?'

'Yeah ...'

Her brow knitted. Suddenly I was worried that she might tell me something about her amply proportioned mother that I didn't want to hear. There's only so much visualisation a man can cope with when he's fangin' his Commie towards the Bruns turn-off.

'It was Boxing Day. People are emotionally drained. Anything's likely to happen.'

'I suppose so ... What about next week then? Old Lang's Sign and all that.'

'It's Auld ...' But what's the point?

'New Year's Eve is wildly over-rated,' I scowled. 'Like muffins, massages and Nick Cave.'

'Not invited to any parties again, Old Man?'



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# When flowers bloom in a corner of hell

Eve Jeffery

Within five minutes of meeting Kirsty Sked I cried and laughed and cried again. Hers is a story not so much about herself and not much more about where she has been, but more about the people she has met.

Kirsty lives between her home in Brunswick Heads and Lismore where she works as a physiotherapist at the Base hospital, a challenging career in itself but not the only option for Kirsty.

'After a few years being a physio, I decided that I didn't want to spend all my time treating tennis elbow. I took a year off to visit developing countries and work in their hospitals.'

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Laurent Nkunda, born in North Kivu, joined the rebel forces in 1998. In August 2005 Nkunda declared the current

government corrupt and incompetent and said it must be overthrown. In September 2005 a large number of Rwandophone soldiers deserted the national army in North Kivu and some of them went to join Nkunda in the forests of Masisi. In their wake they have left death and destruction and tragedy.

## Breaking the spirit

The strongest weapon used in this horrific conflict is breaking the spirit of the people. Children are given guns and told to just use them, women and children are repeatedly raped and held captive as sex slaves, their captors knowing they will be rejected when they return home; and families are made to act out atrocities upon their friends, neighbours and their own families under the threat of death, atrocities so unspeakable that I cannot stomach recounting them on this page, suffice to say that the Congolese are living all our worst nightmares.

Kirsty has not only witnessed these atrocities first hand, she has returned to Africa over and over again to simply help these people to help themselves. She knows she can't save the world and that is not what she has set out to do. She has narrowed her focus to some of the people



Kirsty Sked, centre, with people she has assisted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

she can immediately and directly help: the child soldiers and the women and children both victims and the result of rape and sex slavery.

'These are amazing people,' says Kirsty. 'Most of the women have been abandoned by their husbands and stigmatised post rape or prolonged sex slavery and each day they still rise up to feed their families, some of their children the result of their torture. Some of

these people have been made to hurt their friends, their families, their own children but they don't fall into a hole. They continue to try their best to move forward in their lives. They are constantly talking about forgiveness and all of their songs are about forgiving their neighbours and others who have hurt them. They know that hatred and revenge will be the end for them so they don't succumb to it.'

## Simple needs

When she set out on this path she simply asked the people what they wanted, what the needed and their response was plain. They needed a bag of seed and a hoe to work the earth, and they needed a goat. It has been Kirsty's personal mission to provide these basic items which can and do turn the lives of these people around and put them in a position to help themselves.

Kirsty has no political alliance in the Congo. She has met General Laurent Nkunda, the antagonist in this war, a man who is wanted for war crimes and crimes against humanity by the Congolese government.

'I ate goat and cheese from fine china in Nkunda's jungle hideout. We were surrounded by about 60 of his personal armed guard with rocket propelled guns and other machines of death. I went with two armed convoys, my aim was to visit people in his camps and register the survivors of sexual violence in the region. I asked Nkunda for his permission to have access and he was very positive and welcomed any help for the women and children who were war affected.'

Like scenes from an Indiana Jones movie, Kirsty and her small band of aides have traversed the Congo in rickety old trucks and vans and cars through armed borders, guard

posts and muddy mountains and jungles where a person could be lost forever, taking seed and goats to the victims of this terrible war.

To date she has delivered 1100 hoes, two tonnes of seed, and 350 goats. She has provided 30 rabbits to men who have stayed with their abused wives, and 33 soccer balls. This is a venture that Kirsty finances herself from her work as a physio in Australian hospitals.

The most refreshing thing about this woman is that she's not angling for your donation or a monthly stipend for some cheeky faced urchin on a postcard. She doesn't really need you to hear about the work she has done or the horrors that she has seen, but she does want you to know that we should never give up on anyone no matter how crushed they may appear.

'We are so disposable in our throwaway society. We give up on the broken people. Alcoholics, rape victims, the mentally disabled – we think they are hopeless.'

'We believe the damage is irreparable so we give up on

them and throw them away. Over there they embrace the broken. They have a strong drive for survival. They look at their life and the lives of their people around them and they say to themselves, "I will be restored", and they are. Something in this darkness is really powerful. We need to learn from that.'

For strength and inspiration Kirsty calls to mind a quote from Dan Eldon, an English photojournalist who was killed in 1993 by an angry mob in Mogadishu: 'Once one has been to these challenging terrible places they're always strangely drawn back, because there's nothing that can compare to seeing the raw reality of the basic human need for survival. It disgusts and inspires.'

## Will to live

Kirsty says that in these desperate war zones, the little people rise up and recover and rise up and recover because they have an unquenchable will to live. They move through horror and enter hope so quickly. They still dance and sing with more energy than can be imagined.

'They are the beautiful mystery of life. For them, nothing is guaranteed so they cherish each moment. A meal a day is embraced because they know tomorrow the meal or the people they share it with could be gone.'

'They live powerfully and with a strange joy mixed with despicable fear and suffering. They choose to be alive. And it is a phenomenal privilege for me to share my resources with them. Meeting humans of this calibre, I don't need a TAFE course in self development.'

Kirsty has made two trips already this year but has more work to do and plans to return in March. It is not the need of the people that draws Kirsty back over again to the Congo, but their resilience and ability to bloom like flowers in a corner of hell.

## Booklet for hard times

In response to the world economic downturn and the subsequent effects of this financial crisis on ordinary Australians, beyondblue has published a booklet to help people look after their health and wellbeing during these tough times.

This booklet has been prepared to address the fallout of the financial crisis and the subsequent loss of employment confronting many Australians.

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Beyondblue Chairman Jeff

Kennett said, 'Adapting to adversity and change can be difficult, but there is help and support available. There's no shame in asking for help – everyone needs a helping hand occasionally.'

The booklet lists helplines and websites.

However, if you think you may be depressed, beyondblue says it's important to talk to a GP or other health professional.

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# How do we measure greening success?

Don Page

Remember when the protection of the environment was the domain of the conservation movement? Remember the committed individuals involved in the battles to save the forests and the Franklin River? The movement they pioneered is no longer regarded as radical – in fact, their views could almost be seen now as mainstream. The words 'environment', 'green', 'sustainable', 'renewable' that dominated their campaigns in the 1970s and 1980s are now the catchcries of the 21st century. Environmental issues have gone from being the possessions of 'greenies' to dominate our politics, our media and indeed our lives. Everyone talks about climate change; community groups around the country are busy with projects to benefit the environment. Children in our schools are taught about recycling, sustainable living and how to reduce their footprint on the earth. The environment is now a major area of discussion for political parties and governments have realised that people are concerned about the state of Australia's natural resources and the future we are leaving for our children.

## A different approach

Everyone seems to be doing something for the environment and there are dozens of community groups on the far north coast that are working on Landcare and coastal care projects and their efforts are much appreciated. But how do these projects, and others funded or managed by the different tiers of government, marry up in the big scheme of things? If the environment continues to grow in terms of its importance to the Australian public – and it will – do we need to approach it differently?

I believe we do and it was with interest I recently picked up an article by the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists.

The article *Accounting for Nature: a model for building the national environmental accounts of Australia* raises some interesting points about the environment and the myriad restoration and study programs being run by the Commonwealth, State and Local governments, and community groups around the country.

The authors of the paper point out that approximately \$8 billion a year is spent by governments in Australia on environmental projects but they question an absence of processes to account for how the money was spent and the success, or otherwise, of the projects. Are they making a difference? Is the money being spent wisely? The authors promote taking accounting standards, similar to those used to



ascertain the state of the country's economy, and applying them to the environment.

I have a background in economics and I can see merit in taking this approach to the environment. On a micro level most of us are trying to do what we can to minimise our impact on the environment. We know about the big picture when it comes to global warming, pollution etc. On a local level people can and are being empowered to do their bit for the environment – for example composting, turning off unused appliances, limiting the number of trips to town, switching to solar hot water or alternative forms of energy and recycling garbage and household items.

## Measuring success

A lot of people on the far north coast are genuinely concerned about the environment. The natural attributes of the region give many of us genuine pleasure. Who isn't moved by the majesty of the rainforests, the might of our rivers and the sight of dolphins and whales off the coast?

There are scores of community groups, local, State and Commonwealth government departments and individuals all working to improve environmental outcomes in this region. How do we measure the success of their work? Success in some cases is clearly visible or easy to calculate – other projects are more complex.

The authors of the *Accounting for Nature* report believe that the implementation of a national environmental accounting system will allow for greater control and accountability of money channelled into environmental projects. They advocate for a nationally controlled base for all projects to provide a strong framework, avoid duplication and allow for project outcomes to be genuinely measured.

Such a system would build on the work done by organisations like the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA), which coordinates and funds environmental resto-

ration projects from the Tweed south to the Hastings local government areas.

The Wentworth Group of Scientists suggests catchment management authorities would make up a regional framework providing annual reports about particular regions. These reports would eventually be used to guide policy development.

## Caring for Country

It appears the Federal Government is looking at the work outlined by the Wentworth Group of Scientists. In July 2008 it announced the commencement of its Caring for Country program which, as stated on its website, 'seeks to achieve an environment that is healthy, better protected and resilient and provide essential eco-system services in a changing environment'.

The Federal Government has identified six areas as national priorities with the programs to have short-term goals and a business plan to be released each year. It lists the priority areas as the National Reserve System, biodiversity and natural icons, coastal environments and crucial aquatic habitats, sustainable farm practices, natural resource management in northern and remote Australia and community skills, knowledge and engagement.

Similarly the Wentworth Group's report calls for the recognition of five environmental assets: land, water, greenhouse gas emissions, marine and coastal resources and towns and cities.

If we are serious about the future of Australia and the protection, and indeed enhancement, of our natural environment, we need reform. We need to stop looking at environmental issues in isolation, instead focusing on a local project and its relationship to regional, state and national plans.

Decisions about funding and projects need to be coordinated. This would result in less duplication of resources, and would overcome the often-conflicting agendas and objectives of different government

agencies, catchment management authorities and local governments. I am confident we would see better environmental outcomes. Funding should be specifically targeted and the outcomes of projects would be analysed for their success or otherwise with information detailed in regular reports.

For Australia to move towards a system resembling the National Environmental Accounts system suggested by the Wentworth Group there would need to be a change of thinking and attitude in all levels of government.

Planning and administration for such a system would need to transcend politics. That is, governments would need to abandon short-term plans designed to win votes and concentrate instead on 'the big picture'. There would need to be an acceptance that the preservation, protection and enhancement of the Australian environment are jobs of enormous magnitude, requiring long-term planning, goal setting and coordination.

## The big picture

How much would it cost? While it would take some time and creative thinking to set the system up to ensure it is accountable and transparent to all stakeholders, the bones of the skeleton are in place already.

Like other CMAs around the country, the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority allocates funding to a range of diverse projects on the far north coast of New South Wales and is integrated in the Commonwealth's Caring for Country program. State and territory and local governments also have a range of environmental initiatives.

Individually each project obviously has its merits but how do those projects fit into 'the big picture' or marry with others being implemented in the catchment area? A national accounting system would provide a framework to show not only where the billions of dollars are being spent, but also where they need to be spent.

Planning for the long-term is not something governments in Australia traditionally do very well – the emphasis being on winning the next election. However, the future of Australia, its plants and animals and natural resources and the way we live and work are at stake so here's hoping the new year brings with it changes to the way we approach the environment providing for long-term strategic planning to ensure the natural assets of our country are protected and enhanced.

■ Don Page is the elected State Member for Ballina and was Shadow Minister for Land & Water Conservation for eight years between 1995 and 2003.



# Advance Care Directives: How the elderly can take control of their future medical care

Dr Jerome Mellor

Advance Care Directives are important forms that document your wishes for treatment if you fall ill and no longer have the mental capacity to make decisions for medical treatment.

As some people get older they think about filling in a form that deals with their treatment choices if they become seriously unwell and are too ill to express their wishes. The form I've developed is only two sides of foolscap paper and should be reasonably easy to understand. The Advance Care Directive is available on the internet at [www.moonstmedical.com.au/ACD](http://www.moonstmedical.com.au/ACD). A family member, friend or GP may be able to print this off for you.

Imagine if you had a massive stroke or had end-stage dementia that left you in a vegetative-like state; bedridden, unable to communicate, spoon-fed and dependent on nursing home care. Many of you would refuse all treatment if given the choice. The Advance Care Directive form (ACD) keeps you in control of your life and may relieve your family and carers having to make difficult decisions on your behalf.

It deals with the common instances where you no longer



have the capacity to make decisions for yourself because of ill health. There are sections on treatment choices in Severe Dementia, Vegetative-like states and 'Your Present Health'. For example; if you had a big stroke or end-stage dementia, would you want a stomach (PEG) tube inserted to keep you alive in a vegetative-like state? If you had a heart attack and your heart stopped, would you want to be resuscitated or put on a life-support machine? On the form in each box you write either 'YES' if you want the treatment or 'NO' if you don't.

You may not wish to prolong your life were you to develop

severe dementia or a vegetative-like state from a stroke. By completing the ACD, you have the choice to consider ahead, whether you would want any treatment or prevention for heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia, influenza and cancer. These big five are the most common causes of death in the elderly.

When you refuse a treatment by saying 'NO' you cannot guarantee that you will die as a result. You need to take into consideration, for example, by refusing a treatment you may have a stroke or pneumonia and become more disabled. On the other hand if you had severe dementia and were in a

nursing home, this may not be important to you if you at least had a chance that your life and suffering would end sooner.

It is essential for you to discuss the form with close family and your Enduring Guardian if you have one. That way you can be confident that they will advocate for your choices if you become ill.

When you've completed the form you should take it to your doctor who should go through it with you to make sure you have filled it in correctly and consistently.

If you have mild dementia he will confirm whether you still have capacity to make these decisions. Your GP should keep a copy and you should keep the original. Ask him or her to annotate your 'Past Medical History' on written notes or computer to indicate that you have an ACD.

Remember, the form will only ever be used if you lose the capacity to make decisions. You should review it every two years or if your general health deteriorates as your opinions to treatment may change with time. In NSW ACDs are legally binding and are governed by the Law of Consent.

■ Dr Jerome Mellor is a local General Practitioner.

# On Cypress Avenue



'I am a recently arrived resident of beautiful Brunswick Heads, although I've been coming here for the past 12 years,' says Carol Campbell. 'Someone gave me this picture postcard showing a very leafy Cypress Avenue, Brunswick Heads, sent in the late 1930s. I can't find this street in town now but perhaps someone might shed some light on where it is. I'm sure it looks very different now, some 70 years later.' If you know the answer, please write in and let us know.



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# Sand as a bookmark, time as your friend

Michael McDonald

Holiday reading is a portal into another universe. It certainly proved a portal into other-worldly minds when I asked the *Echo* drudges what they would recommend as a good book.

The first suggestion was 'Little Toot' – a harrowing story of cocaine deprivation.

'I read *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova,' said Carolyn, 'loved it, loved it, loved it! It's history, mystery and Count Dracula all rolled into one.'

Certainly is. Kostova investigates the meaning of history itself as she recounts in novel form the story of Romania's Vlad the Impaler, supposedly the inspiration for Bram Stoker's 1897 classic *Dracula*. Says Kostova, 'I feel that books are the real keepers of history. I find it wonderful and eerie that language lasts so much longer than people, and that a book can transmit history from one generation to another, whether or not it's actually a work of history.'

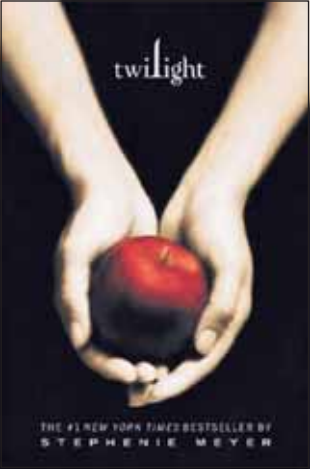
For teenage girls, however, it simply must be *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer ([www.stepheniemeyer.com](http://www.stepheniemeyer.com)). Sort of Vampire Lite, the Meyer series blends creepy legend with old-fashioned romance. And to think that in my teenage years the light fare was *Catcher in the Rye* and *Catch-22*.

On a brainier level, Wendy suggested *The Brain That Changes Itself – Stories of Personal Triumph from the Frontiers of Brain Science*, by Norman Doidge MD ([www.normandoidge.com](http://www.normandoidge.com)). 'The following quote sums up beautifully my impression of this book: "Lucid and absolutely fascinating as it explains with clarity grace and vividness the new science of neuroplasticity – it satisfies in equal measure the mind and the heart." – *The Chicago Tribune*.'

From political commentator Mungo MacCallum: 'The best non-fiction I have read this year is *Last Drinks*, Paul Toohey's *Quarterly Essay* on the Northern Territory intervention – nothing better has appeared on the subject. The best fiction is *Jonathan Strange and Mr Norell* by Susanna Clarke. It's very long and very odd, but very, very good.'

Hans is 'in the middle of *The Art Of War*'. This 6th century BC treatise, allegedly by Sun Tzu, is all about military strategy and is often applied in business thinking as well, particularly in Japan. For Sun Tzu, strategy is all about quick and appropriate responses to changing conditions, flexibility in other words, so the book might be handy when negotiating reading space on the beach.

Kelly has been catching up on science with *Genome* by Matt Ridley: 'An autobiogra-



phy of a species written in 23 chapters – one for each human chromosome. Well written – explains highly technical and fascinating biochemical concepts in everyday language.'

Our proofreader Margo had been investigating the underbelly of US culture via *Nickel and Dimed – on (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich: 'Ehrenreich has written 12 books and is a frequent



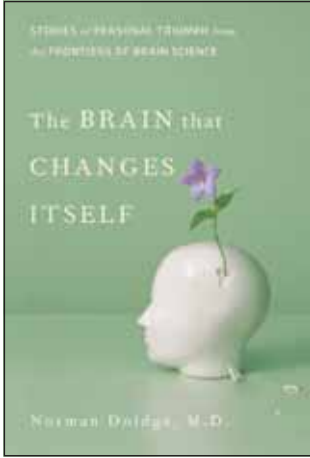
contributor to *Time*, *Harper's Magazine*, *The New Republic*, *The Nation* etc. In this New York bestseller and Notable Book of the Year she reveals the dark side of the boom when she joins the millions of Americans working fulltime, year-round for poverty-level wages. She took the cheapest lodgings available and worked as a waitress, hotel maid, house cleaner, nursing home aide and Wal-Mart salesperson. She found that even the "lowliest" jobs are exhausting, and one job is not enough; you need at least two if you intend to live indoors. This book is unput-downable, a great and sometimes hilarious account of how prosperity depends on "the underpaid labour of others". And it was written just before the economic downturn! The *New York Times Book Review*

calls Barbara Ehrenreich "our premier reporter of the underside of capitalism". This book should be read by everyone, and it has particular resonance for Australians right now.'

Foodie Victoria is taken with *The Spare Room* by Helen

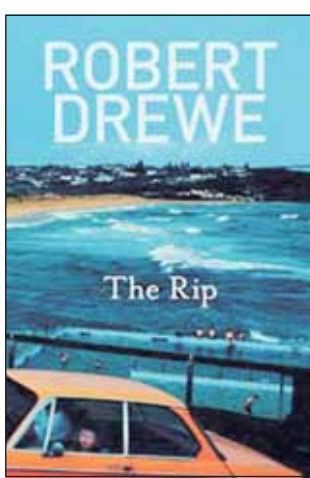
Garner: 'A remarkably honest account of a friend dying of cancer who comes to stay – devoid of platitude and sentimentality, funny and sad and brave, the prose is exquisite.' Not to mention *The Master Butchers Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich: 'A glorious, richly-textured story of an immigrant butcher, an extraordinary woman and a great cast of other characters told in writing both sensuous and poetic – a tale of love and loss.'

Perhaps the best for beachside reading is any book by local author Robert Drewe, who



explores the theme of water in myriad ways. I'm a great fan of his early collection of short stories *The Bodysurfers* – just relaunched – and his later novel *The Drowner*,

and many would be familiar with the 'semi autobiographical' *The Shark Net*, which was made into a television series. Recently released is another short story collection *The Rip*.



more about the arid inland, go adventuring on John Bailey's *Mr Stuart's Track*. Another local author, John Bailey ([www.jbailey.info](http://www.jbailey.info)) recreates vividly the life and times of the remarkable, obsessed explorer John McDouall Stuart.

If you like the sound of any of these books, borrow from a friend, a local library or buy a copy at a local bookstore. And if you own a good book and would like others to enjoy it, you can even release it into the wild – see [www.bookcrossing.com](http://www.bookcrossing.com) for an example.

## Safety first this summer: St John

As the weather heats up and people spend more time outdoors, St John is sending a timely reminder to keep first aid skills up to date.

There are a number of common ailments that affect people more frequently in the summer months such as sunburn, bluebottle stings, bee stings, burns and heat exhaustion and also more serious incidents such as drownings and motor accidents.

According to the 2007 National Drowning Report, 277 people drowned in Australian waterways between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

'Most of these deaths occurred when people were taking part in leisure activities. Although swimming, fishing and water sports are great fun in

summer, there is always an element of risk and it is extremely important that people know what to do should an emergency occur,' said Robyn Galwey, General Manager Training, St John (NSW).

'Over the holiday period more people are on the roads and it can be vital to know first aid. Over the Christmas/New Year break alone last year there were 63 road fatalities across Australia.

'There are also other minor conditions that you should be prepared for in summer. People spend more time outdoors and even a few extra moments in the sun can lead to severe sunburn or heat exhaustion.'

Sunburn is caused by overexposure to the sun and can happen even on an overcast day.

'St John recommends wearing protective clothing, using at least 15+ sunscreen and wearing sunglasses outdoors. It's also important to keep up your fluid intake and avoid extended periods in direct sunlight to avoid heat exhaustion,' said Ms Galwey.

'While many people believe these conditions are to be expected throughout the summer months, they can be very dangerous and often need medical attention.

'It is important to know how to recognise severe symptoms and how to treat the conditions until medical attention is available.'

To book a first aid course or to get your first aid kit up to date you can call St John on 1300 360 455.

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## Have a sustainable festive season

Australians spend millions of dollars on presents, food, alcohol and parties over the festive season. Figures from the Australian Retailers Association show that Australian adults spend between \$500 and \$1,000 each on Christmas presents alone.

Although Christmas is a great time to celebrate and spend time with friends and family, we often forget the hidden cost of Christmas in terms of greenhouse pollution, water use, land disturbance and materials used as well as fuel costs in transportation.

Amid the consumption that

seems to go hand-in-hand with the festive season, many of us will still be seeking to lighten our load on the Earth. Byron Shire Council's Sustainability Officer, Graeme Williams, recently asked local residents to share their best tips for making Christmas more sustainable.

One local will be enjoying a vegan Christmas dinner made from locally sourced organic produce and will eat it sitting on a beautiful blanket outside (weather permitting!), telling stories and sharing food that all their family and friends bring from local organic produce suppliers. Certified organic produce can be sourced from Byron Bay, Bangalow or New Brighton farmer's markets.

If you are having a Christmas party, ask that people bring 'nothing from a supermarket' or for a big challenge try a 'Locavore Christmas' by creating one meal where the vast majority of your food comes from within a 100 mile radius of where you live. Why not take this one step further and brew your own beer? One local suggests starting now for Australia Day!

Present giving and Christmas go together and true to form, some locals are proving to be eco innovators. One local suggests buying sustainable gifts made by our local artists and designers. Also, it may be less crowded, but buying presents over the internet means local shops miss out on your generosity and fuel being used to get those presents to your door. Think local when buying presents and remember to take your own shopping bags.

Other locals are restoring old wooden toys with orange oil and painting them with non-toxic paint or giving charity gifts such as rainforest gift cards that support the work of Rainforest Rescue which purchases rainforests at risk of development and converts them into Nature Refuges.

'Oxfam Unwrapped' gifts help tackle poverty and ensure you are giving where it's really



needed. Another top gift tip is to give a fruit tree grown by a local farmer and to give vouchers for experiences rather than giving people more stuff.

Graeme Williams is buying his mum a gift that keeps on giving. She'll have to unwrap a solar hot water system 'so she can reduce her energy use for years to come'. Hopefully Graeme's mum doesn't live locally, or else *The Echo* has spoiled the surprise.

And if you are looking for a present with a difference, one local suggests buying a cow for a family in a third world country through heifer.org or a cow for your friends through herdshare.com.

Wrap your thoughtful eco gifts (as long as you didn't go with the cow idea) in an eco way and decorate your house sustainably too. Why not dress up a real tree in your garden rather than buy a plastic one or cutting down a real one. Make your own decorations and greeting cards from natural or recycled materials and

recycle old scarves or fabric for wrapping presents. Material wrapping looks fantastic and is readily available from op shops and can be reused again and again.

If you feel cards use precious resources, you could give people a personal phone call wishing them all the best and asking about their plans rather than sending a card. One local reminds us that many people experience loneliness around this time of year and that we could all improve our human bonds this way.

Graeme agrees, 'Given the recent financial crisis, there are many families that are facing a difficult holiday for the first time due to job losses, money troubles and mortgage foreclosures, so please think of others at this special time of year.'

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Please note, the government may change the entitlements relating to the eligibility for bus passes for 2009 so please keep watching the local news papers for any changes.

## Centrelink arrangements

Centrelink Area Manager for the North Coast region of NSW, Brian Small, has announced Centrelink has put in place arrangements to ensure customers received their payments on time over the Christmas/New Year period.

'Wherever possible, payments will be made on time for customers who are not required to return a form or report their earnings over the phone,' Mr Small said. 'However, some customers will be paid earlier than normal if their pay day falls on one of the public holidays during this period.'

'It's important that these customers understand this isn't an extra payment - it's their normal payment, which they'll

receive early due to the public holidays. Customers who do need to return forms before they are paid should check the reporting date that appears on their forms carefully, as they may be able to do so earlier than usual.

'As the form covers the normal assessment period, customers need to estimate earnings for the full period. If an estimate is not accurate, they can correct it on their next form.'

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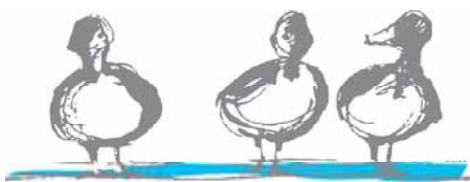


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### KEEPING IT LOCAL AND ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE

The couple are passionate about environmental awareness and promote local suppliers where possible to reduce food miles. They are also keen to highlight environmental issues such as palm oil awareness – Tony is the Vice President for The Australian Orangutan Project. 'We are working with our suppliers to make the castle a palm oil free zone,' says Tony.

### CAFÉ

The quality café serves delicious snacks and meals and also caters for vegetarians. Recently The Castle added a brand new summer menu. 'Our sushi is made fresh by Yukiko, our fabulous Japanese sushi chef,' says Tony. Yukiko also makes fresh Japanese salads daily. 'Our macadamia baked cheesecake is already a legend, plus the finest locally grown hand picked Gum Creek coffee. The all day big breakfast will satisfy the largest hunger. People drive hundreds of kilometres to sample

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cream from Lennox Head, and honey roast nuts, made by Waliz Nuts. There's also health and beauty products available such as Thursday Plantation's Tea Tree products. The Castle gift shop has a large selection of handbags, jewellery, fashion accessories and gifts for all ages.'

### ANIMAL PARK

There's a great day to be had with the native birds, animals and reptiles including kangaroos, emus, possums, wombats and local tropical birds in walk through aviaries. 'We have blue tongued lizards, bearded dragons, black and brown snakes and an olive python in our new enclosure,' says Tony. For the little ones there's chickens, ducks, goats, lambs and calves. The kids can feed the 3 little pigs while listening to the story. The park has another brand new attraction opened this week – Rodents, Rodents and more Rodents!

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The Macadamia Castle is open 8am to 5pm every day. Tony and Rie look forward to seeing you and your family at the Castle. For enquiries phone 6687 8432. There are new summer opening times too – throughout December 27, 28 and 29 and January 2, 3 and 4 the Castle will be open 'till 8pm.



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# Remains of the daze: a Bitemark chronicle

Horatio Bitemark

'Sanders,' I said to the clubhouse's incomparable butler. 'Did anything momentous happen this year?'

The gentleman's gentleman paused mid polish of the silver dartboard bequeathed to the club in 1812 by Frederick the Great's sports manager. Bosworth was asleep on the billiards table, supine and snoring soundly, and Tosser Digby had just completed a successful cannon off his ribcage.

'Well, Sir may recall that Mr Rudd held a 2020 summit...'

'Yes, but anything important, old chap?'

'Ah, I can see what Sir is getting at. Most of the gentlemen would remember with relish Miss Dimple's Jungle Party.'

Sanders, as per usual, had hit the gold-plated nail on the head. Miss Caramel Dimple, a well-known socialite and trumpet player, had inherited the Woolworths fortune. I refer not to the merchandising wallahs but to another branch of the clan headed by Justinian Woolworth who made his moolah selling cassocks to Cossacks converted to the Church of Rome. (As an aside, I am reminded of The Fabulous Moolah, who astonished the American professional wrestling world with her Spinning



Rituals of an obscure H Rider Haggard novel were re-enacted during the jungle party.

Backbreaker in the 60s and 70s, and with whom I once played Twister in the basement of the Toucan Club.) In July this year, taking into account the region's

subtropical climate, Miss Dimple invited all and sundry on the A+ list to a tropical-themed party to be held at Cloudburst, her weekend retreat atop the

Koonyum Range. We were exhorted to dress appropriately – leopard leotard, solar topee, as an ebola virus, that sort of thing – and the club

members went the extra mile by medicating themselves with ayahuasca, a suitably topical tropical psychotropic. We alighted from our Bentleys and made our way through serried ranks of black jaguars held in check by Nubian giants to the hors d'oeuvres, mostly cheeses done up amusingly as monkey brains.

To begin proceedings, Miss Dimple launched into an invigorating rendition of 'Bogie Woogie Bugle Boy' on her trumpet. She was dressed as an incarnation of H Rider Haggard's 'She': her hair entwined with colourful feathers, her torso barely clad in gold mesh brassiere and loincloth, her limbs smeared with a lustrous unguent, her eyes burning within maroon kohl, a ring depicting a minor deity upon each toe. To quote the master himself: 'I have heard of the beauty of celestial beings, now I saw it.'

As you can imagine, Bosworth was immediately smitten. Unfortunately for him, the effects of the ayahuasca had convinced the chap he was a fur seal, and he bounded awkwardly toward Miss Dimple, barking loudly. The young lady laughed as her bodyguards held Bosworth back – before throwing him appropriately into the swimming pool with

a bag of kippers – and then headed off with polo champ and internet magnate Dexter 'Pretty Boy' Durnholde to cut a rug on the dance floor to the music of George Gee and his Make-Believe Ballroom Orchestra, imported especially from New York.

Later in the evening, celebrations took a darker turn, as a chap would expect. Some of the rituals of Rider Haggard's invented Great Zimbabwe cults came into play, and even Tosser Digby showed a flicker of fear at Miss Dimple's expert handling of a crocodile tooth dagger crafted, incidentally, from Boffo Lambast's pet saurian Pinky, who consumed a dental technician during the incisor's extraction.

'Ah yes, Sanders, spot on as usual,' remarked Digby as he lobbed a red ball into Bosworth's waistcoat pocket. 'The festivities quite transported me. It was days before I thought about the global financial crisis.'

Digby had lost \$20 million when the bank of Mevekhstan went under and he had to sell a Cezanne to make ends meet. In many ways it had been a cruel year, gentle reader, but one girds up one's Armani-clad loins and, in the immortal words of Miss Tallulah Brockman Bankhead, presses on.



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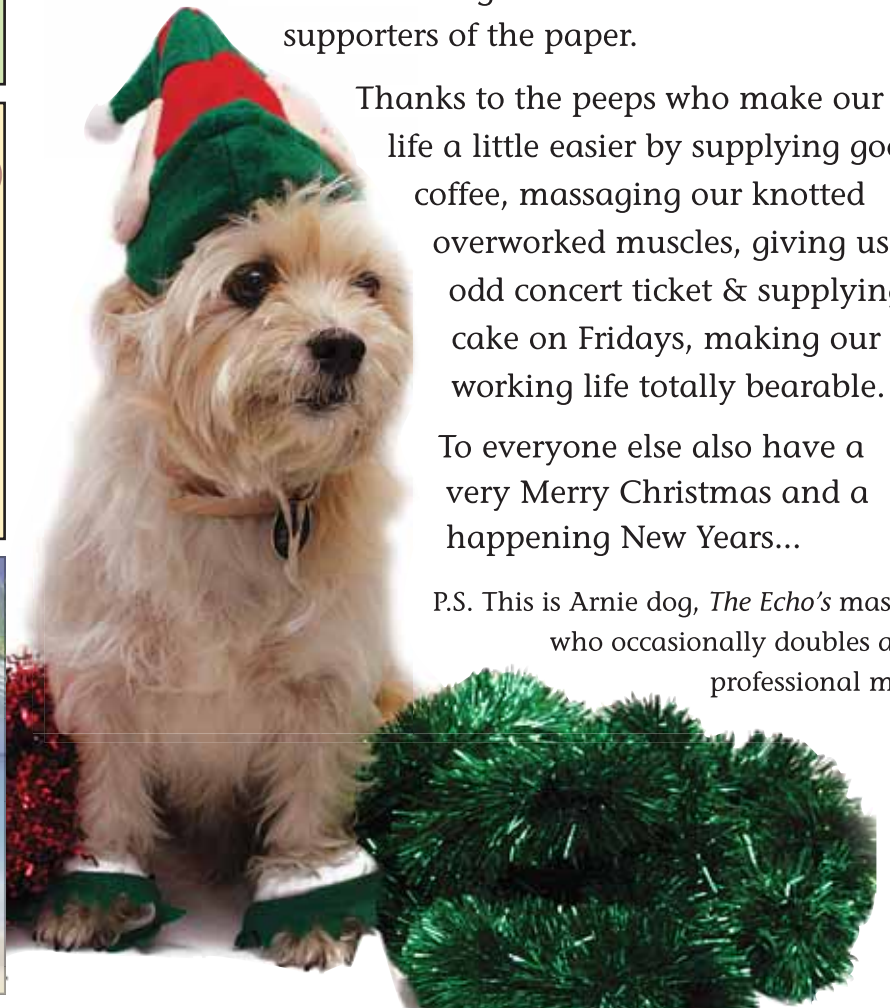
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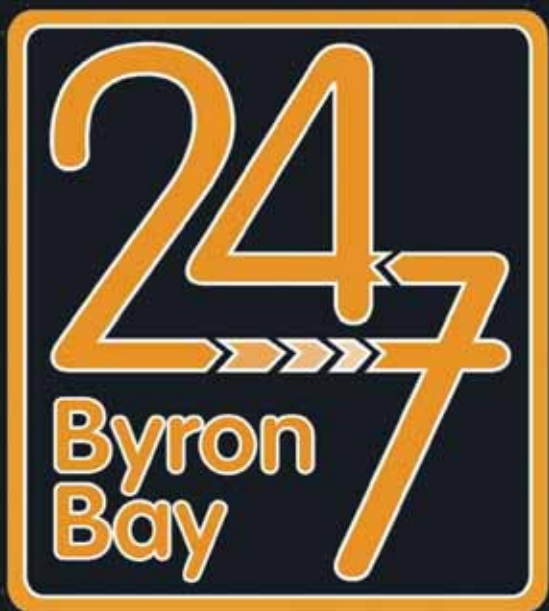
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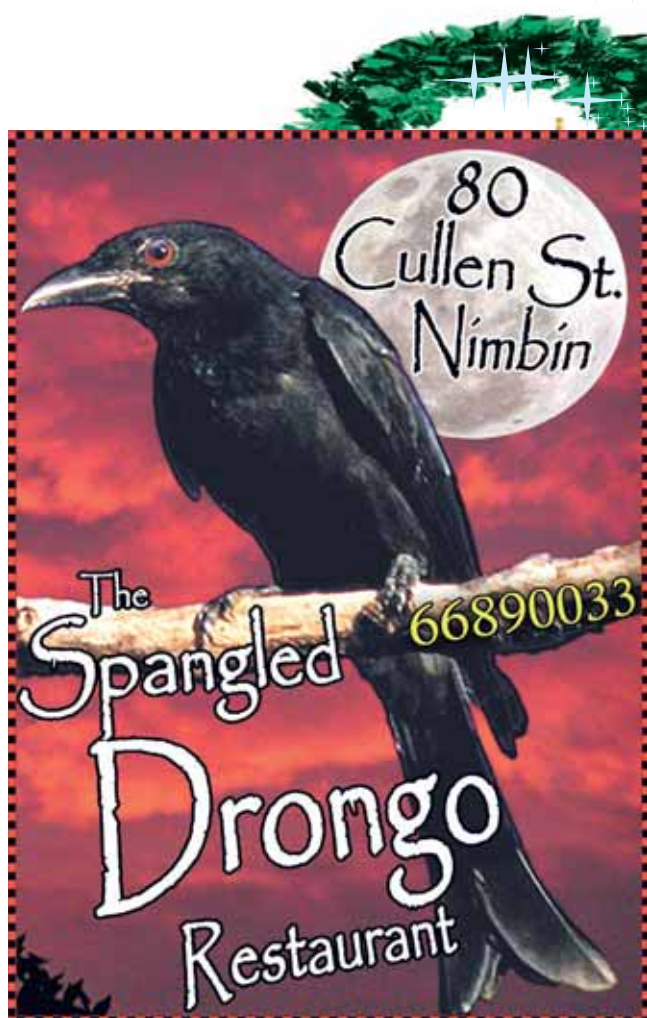


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## Red Ginger!

After more than six years Red Ginger has become a true Byron icon and a great favourite with locals and visitors.

What began as a small Asian grocery has grown into a multi-faceted Asian emporium with everything from ready to eat Yum Cha, Asian groceries, exotic gifts, furniture or homewares. Marina's twice

yearly trips to China coupled with her eye for the genuine and the unique ensure that you will always find something different and the friendly staff are always there to help.

**Come and visit us  
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## Olivo

On the main street of Byron Bay Olivo is a stay-er, operated for the past seven years by James Lancaster, Olivo's long narrow restaurant bursts with character and always delivers outstanding food and casual friendly service.

The menu has hints to James' French mother and chef David Prowse's worldly travels, especially Spain and South America to create truly modern Australian food when matched to the outstanding local produce.

As a regular haunt of many a local, visitors get the feeling of what's going on in Byron by booking

into Olivo and having a casual meal or a special dinner.

The wine list is one of the most reasonable around town or you can bring your own, just make sure to book this time of year on **6685 7950.**

## 2 four 8 one

Don't miss out on their amazing Clearance Sale on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day – with nothing over \$25! If you still need the odd extra gift or even just stocking fillers this is the sale for you.

Update your summer wardrobe with fabulous singlets, T shirts, mini skirts, shorts and hats for both men and women. Come and grab a bargain – right next door to Aquarius in Lawson Street!

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**Bookings essential come in and see us at 5 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay or phone: 6685 8526**

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*"The Crème Brûlée at The Petit Snail's is orgasmic!" Jenny S.*

*"Chauby even gave my handbag its own little chair!"*

*"The waiter flambéed the Crêpes Suzette at the table with incredible style" Anna B.*

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# The Romans

The Romans celebrated their god Saturn. Their festival was called Saturnalia which began middle December and ended January 1st. With cries of "Jo Saturnalia!" the celebration would include masquerades in the streets, big festive meals, visiting friends, and the exchange of good luck gifts called Strenae (lucky fruits). Romans decked their halls with garlands of laurel and green trees lit with candles.

# The Persians

The Persians adopted their annual renewal festival from the Babylonians. New Years Day was celebrated by burning fires all night. There were feasts, acts of charity and a number of deities were honored and prayers performed to ensure the total victory of sun that was essential for the protection of winter crops. There would be prayers to Mithra and feasts in his honor for protecting "the light of the early morning". One of the themes of the festival was the temporary subversion of order. Masters and servants reversed roles. The king dressed in white would change place with ordinary people. A mock king was crowned and masquerades spilled into the streets. As the old year died, rules of ordinary living were relaxed.

## Kong Kids

After a lifetime in the ocean, Gary Elkerton (Kong) is now sharing his knowledge with children to help them achieve confidence and skills in the water. Kong for Kids has been open 4 months and already hundreds of kids are enjoying Kong's classes. Kong's personalised attention and focus results in fast and safe swimming progress for your child.

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Years of planting and abundant rainfall has created a rainforest environment for local wildlife. Especially birds – from where the name Tallawong is apparently derived.

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Kaye will source plants and provide consultancy to ensure you get the right bamboo for your garden.

Call 6684 8047 or visit [www.byronbamboo.com.au](http://www.byronbamboo.com.au) for more information.

## krave

Much more than kebabs, KRAVE in Jonson Street, Byron Bay, offers seriously good house-made burgers, great value Big Breakies (2 eggs, bacon, hash browns, tomato, sausages and toast for only \$7.95), super fresh salads, fruit salads and juices (using organic ingredients wherever possible), yoghurts, soft drinks and local organic coffee.

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The 'Many Rivers Region' of northern NSW is home to an abundance of talented Indigenous artists and craftspeople. This area includes a diversity of environments and communities. Emerging and established artists are producing beautiful and unique work.

Planet Corroboree was established 6 years ago to encourage artists, providing an outlet for them to sell their art in a high tourism area. Through Planet Corroboree's support many of these artists are able to make a living from what they are talented at and passionate about.

With a very diverse artistic range from paintings, didgeridoos and carvings to puzzles, books, jewellery and music you are sure to find yourself a treasure or two at Planet Corroboree, situated beside the post office, downtown Byron Bay. **Phone 6680 7884.**

## Three Birds

### Fashion & Accessories

Newly opened Three Birds in Mullumbimby is now stocking a huge range of the latest seasons looks and labels for the fashion conscious.

Labels include this season's hottest looks by Metalicus, Bardot, Nobody, Milk & Honey, Birds Of A Feather, Sunny Girl, Piper Lane, One Teaspoon along with an exclusive Three Birds range of leather bags, belts and sandals.

Great Christmas gifts for those you love! Gift vouchers available. If you have an eye for style and a flair for fashion.. you will love Three Birds. We will be OPEN 30 and 31 December for New Years Eve shopping.

**Shop 3 Dalley St Plaza  
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## Focus Crafts

is fully stocked with affordable and delightful gifts for this special time.

Byron's iconic craft and jewellery store for 24 years is situated on the beach end of Jonson Street, under the Balcony restaurant.

They are open 7 days 9am till 9pm. Phone 6685 7437.

Season's greetings and have a joyous holiday.

## Fairy Floss

Merry Christmas to everyone from Fairy Floss! Come in to this groovy little store in the heart of Byron Bay and have some fun! There's a great new range of vibrant and original summer clothing for men, women and children as well as leather gear, fire toys, stickers, jewellery, fairy tattoos, bags, leather wristbands and the latest craze LEATHER BUSTIERS!

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## Envirosax Bags

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Call into Reflections and checkout the huge range available for adults and kids !!!

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ENVIROSAX is committed to spreading the environmental message across the globe.

**Call in and see the friendly staff at Reflections of Byron, Feros Arcade Byron Bay 6685 6032.**



## A Spot of Paint

The Ceramic and Art Studio is a great place to take your kids this School Holidays.

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# Native Americans

The Hopi tribal celebrations are dedicated to giving aid and direction to the sun which is ready to return and give strength to new life. Their ceremony is called Soyal. It lasts for 20 days and includes prayerstick making, purification, rituals, and a concluding rabbit hunt, feast and blessings.

## Jewish Hanukkah

The Jewish rabbinical holiday of Hanukkah is another winter solstice celebration. Hanukkah, originally called Chag Haurim – the festival of light, commemorates the rebuilding of the temple after Judah Maccabee defeated King Antiochus. A menorah was found, but there was only enough oil to keep the lamp lit for one day ... miraculously it lasted eight days! The Hanukkah “festival of lights” is clearly a metaphor for the solstice’s lengthening of the light ... the return of the sun. In commemoration of this event a menorah, a 9-branched candlestick, is lit each of 8 nights (using the ninth candle), amid singing and blessings.

## La Table Resto

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Thanks to our local customers and suppliers who have supported us. Happy Holidays!!

Bookings strongly recommended.

Phone La Table on 6684 2227 or cafe 6684 2220.

## Byron Music

Invites all visitors to our area to come in to our store and find out what the locals already know – Byron Music is packed to the rafters with an incredible range of music gear to suit everyone from beginner to professional.

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If you are after a cheap guitar to play during your holiday we can sell you a great playing instrument with 4 years warranty for under \$100!

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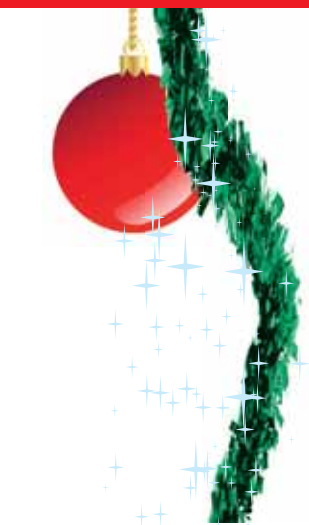
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## Sweet Papillon

Apart from stocking so many beautiful ideas for gifts, Sweet Papillon has some exciting new clothes labels, including One Season, Joanie Loves Chachi, Venetia Elaine and Havelly.

There are also lots of gorgeous silk and cotton kurtas in different sizes – perfect for a cool and glamorous summer – not to mention owner Nicole Sharrett's exquisite range of hand-made jewellery.

31A Fletcher st, Byron.

## Live the spirit of Christmas without it costing the Earth

*The North East Waste Forum and Tweed Shire Council have come up with some great tips encouraging everyone to make this Christmas a sustainable one.*

### Feasting:

- Buy locally sourced and seasonal food with minimal packaging.
- Set up a compost and/or worm farm (great Christmas gift).
- Avoid disposable plates and cups or buy biodegradable ones which can be composted.

### Decorating:

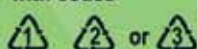
- Opt for a living Christmas Tree.
- If you can't go without decorative lights, choose energy-saving LEDs.
- Don't forget to recycle your Christmas cards through Cards 4Planet Ark. Look for a recycling envelope or place into a box at any participating Australia Post.
- Tie your presents with a bow instead of sticky tape, save the paper and reuse.
- Go to <http://recycling-nearyou.com.au/> or [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au) for information about recycling and how to properly dispose of electrical and other household items.



## Byron Shire Recycling Guide



Plastic bottles with codes



Paper and cardboard



Glass bottles and jars



Steel and aluminium cans including aerosols



Newspapers and magazines



It is important that you use your recycling bin correctly and put only these types of items in it.

Remember - rinse containers, remove lids and put items in loose, not in plastic bags.

These items do not belong in the recycling bin

Plastic Bags

Food

Garden waste - eg. grass, weeds

Non-recyclable plastics eg. chip wrappers, cling film

Fabrics and clothing

Styrofoam

If in doubt, leave it out!



## WIN A COMPOST BIN OR WORM FARM & reduce your waste this Christmas!

If you haven't already, now is the time to start that compost bin (\$45) or worm farm (\$55). You'll be amazed at how much space you save in your bin. These can be purchased direct from Byron Council at cost. For further information phone Russell Chaplin, Manager Waste Services on 02 6626 7156.

To go in the draw to WIN either a compost bin or a worm farm please email your contact details to [competition@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:competition@byron.nsw.gov.au) by 21/12/08. The winner will be notified by email and can collect their prize from Byron Shire Council, Mullumbimby.

### Be good this Christmas

Remember Santa really likes it when you DON'T put plastic bags in your recycling bin and you don't litter.



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Sat-Sun 8.00am to 12.00noon  
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**Collection times**  
Just a reminder that your waste collection takes place as usual on all public holidays. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.







## Gift Ideas:

- Take your own bags when shopping and say 'no' to plastic and other unnecessary bags.
- Be picky about packaging.
- Why not give gifts of experience over material gifts, such as trips to the cinema, shows, dining out, National Parks visitors pass, pampering at a day spa or support a project in a developing country.
- Consider buying something second hand and really do the planet a favour.



Jude Mason, Environmental Education Officer, Byron Shire Council with Green Santa wishing everyone a Sustainable Christmas.

## North East Waste Forum

Ho, ho ho, sustainability is the go

As the season of consumption, poor purchasing decisions and over-indulgence fast approaches, the North East Waste Forum and Byron Shire Council encourages everyone to make this Christmas a sustainable one, reducing waste and saving energy and water by avoiding unnecessary purchases, packaging and products.

If you want to know where on the North Coast you can buy a range of reused or second hand goods, have items repaired or serviced or perhaps loan or hire some equipment instead of buying it, take a look at the online Reuse directory at [www.reusedirectory.com](http://www.reusedirectory.com) where you'll find over 280 local businesses ready to help you go greener for Christmas.

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## theButler Did it

John Butler has cut his dreads. The pin-up boy for Aussie roots has come of age, and just when he looked like becoming a hippy icon, he's done a Bowie and had a bit of a makeover. John now spends as much time touring overseas as he does playing Aussie gigs, something he finds suits him quite well from his home base in Western Australia.

**So does John Butler ever look in the mirror and gawp, how come I got hit with the lucky stick?**

'It's hard to stay to outside of your story, you can't even look at yourself outside of your body! Every now and then I look outside. What is incredible is that I can feed my family and do great things from the fruits of my art. It's something I thank God for every day. I see a lot of tight belts and suffering and not to be in that position is surreal in a kind of macabre sense. It's a spin out, but for me it comes from a great sense of responsibility and I am head down in the middle of the creation of a storm and trying to do something and contribute.'

And contribute he has. With the profits from his super successful independent career, Butler has set up the JB Seed Project. Now in its fourth year, this project is unique in its ability to pull together the established and the emerging within the arts community to share resources and knowledge, subsequently creating a sense of community. This is achieved while maintaining the flexibility to operate in a responsive manner, to offer what artists in the establishment phase of their career require to assist them in becoming self sustained.

**For John, being able to offer assistance to fellow artists is a vital part of his creative process.**

'They are very driven people and to be part of the incremental process is amazing.'

**John Butler made his name by touring. He sold CDs under his own label from the back of the tour van. In an industry that has always favoured the Holy Grail of the Record Deal, Butler cleaned up. And he did it ethically. His journey to success has been an inspiration to artists who once again found their belief in the importance of passion and cutting a path your way. For Butler, he was inspired by fellow musicians who'd already blazed a trail.**

'I learnt from The Waifs. You don't wait for someone else to make it happen for you. You go out there and grab the audience by the scruff of the neck. You have to make it happen for yourself, and once you have success, people go back and look at the success and pick it apart, but you can overanalyse technique and strategy. There is always going to be the art, passion, and audacity and for me there is a certain amount of that ethos: Hey, if they are doing it there is no reason I can't! And then there is the X factor. People relating to something as an animal instinct, people relate and see passionate people creating something unique, it inspires me when I see it, when I see something or read Noam Chomsky and think outside my own box. I am attracted to people that have their own shit going on and they live their life with passion.'

'People are often talking about

what is power? Is it passion? Is it purpose? Or, is it profit? They are the four things that make a business work, what most people agree on is purpose, when you have purpose you have power, and passion, and usually you will end up profitable.

'For me, it was all about purpose. It was about me being creative, paying the rent, contributing to my society, you can't bottle anything, if you could there would be a million and one of me's or Powderfinger. You just need to find how to do things your own way.'

'As musicians we are in the process of creation, I don't want to say business, with all honesty. You have to look at how you create and survive off it, and there's no book about how to create from the ether, but that's what we do.'

**So how does John Butler do his bit to minimise his carbon footprint?**

'I see it as a chess game and you have to be willing to lose some pawns to get the king. When you get the king you can change all the things like if you are too fundamentalistic at the start then you don't do anything. I create masses of

carbon flying around the world but hopefully I am part of the consciousness shift around the world and inspire other people.'

**John Butler is one of the featured artists at Bluesfest next year. For more program information and ticketing go to [www.bluesfest.com.au](http://www.bluesfest.com.au)**



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DESIGNER VAGINAS

Everybody has a part of their body that they would like to change. Like a dent in a bowl thrown on a potter's wheel it's a necessary imperfection. That big arse, that fat gut, that big nose, that small penis, well, it keeps you bearable. Perfect people rarely exist and when they do we secretly detest them. Even Paris Hilton has a dodgy eye. It's the only reminder that she may not be cardboard at all, she may in fact be human. Since the advent of consumer friendly plastic surgery, grown up girls have been indulging in socially acceptable self mutilation. Teenage girls sit in bedrooms around the world cutting themselves, preparing them for the day when they'll pay someone else to cut them. It's sick. A flick through a women's mag the other day prepared me for the most disturbing revelation of all: Designer Vaginas. Yep. Alongside worrying about wrinkles, cellulite, unwanted hair and yellowing teeth we must now worry about whether or not our twats measure up. I blame the Brazilian. In the day of the hairy beaver women didn't worry about whether or not their vag was up to scratch. (Pardon the pun, it's thrush hour). Usually you couldn't see it. Once nature's fuzzy pixelation of pubes are removed it's curtain call for the labia! Women have suddenly seen their labias and become perplexed. That just can't be normal. Unless of a girl on

girl persuasion, chances are most women have only seen the nice tidy photo-shopped vaginas of magazine porn. In comparison their vaginas aren't neat enough. They are too chaotic, too random. Too like something from War of the Worlds. As one of my favourite feminist writers Kathy Acker once described female genitalia, too much like 'an upside down strangled jellyfish'. Solution? Women are having their labs lopped. I'm not kidding. It's called labioplasty and it's basically a fleshy trim. It's like getting the landscapers in to take out the retaining wall, pop in a water feature complete with a giant buddha, a BBQ setting and a Bali Hut for those meditative moments. Ironically, one would pay for this marvellous designer vagina and 10 years later give birth to a five kilo baby. And it's expensive. I don't do designer, I'm more of a budget shopper. I'm talking K-mart, Target and the odd spot of Vinnies. I'd have to get a budget fanny. So to all the long labia-ed girls out there in fear of their voluminous flaps I would say get over it. Men don't actually care. I've never heard anyone say 'Well I had to end the relationship because of her uneven labia.' Labias can actually be useful. If you are ever in a situation like the Virgin Mary, and have to ride a donkey side saddle at full term from say Byron to Brisbane, then my money is on the girls with the curtains. They've got the grip.

LIVE  
music

Make the Exodus

The **Exodus Cyber Tribal Festival** returns for its eighth transformative year. Tenterfield still produces gold, but this time it's in the form of a week-end camping holiday at Exodus and an escape from the local summer rush. On top of the huge array of visual artists and performers, the festival line-up includes an impressive 24 hour a day trance music stage and a stellar cast of north coast live bands with some visiting, locally renowned favourites. It's not just about DJs and trance. The bill also includes live music like **Ganga Giri** who mixes real natural elements with fat tribal beats and dirty funky bass lines to create a unique tribal-technological, deep-earth, dance experience. Explosive and pulsating, at times ambient and flowing, the music is a pumping percussive multi-layered experience of complex grooves and raw, deep natural sound. There's also the sweet sounds of **Wild Marmalade**, a high energy dance music duo, and one of Byron's more infamous international touring bands who use all natural instruments to create totally live organic dance music, blending the ancient sounds of the didgeridoo with modern rhythms. Open your ears for the delight of **Mystic Beats** – an act who fuses eastern influenced instrumentation with contemporary styles to bring a live infusion with organic sounds, originally composed electronic grooves merged with a smooth blend of sitar, guitar, violin, vocals and percussion. Emerging from the roots reggae circuit is **Fyah Walk**. Becoming renowned

as one of the nation's most authentic and respected live reggae acts, Fyah Walk's lyrical content holds a powerful and unique message and their musicianship solidly proving their knowledge of traditional roots reggae with a fresh contemporary energy. Proving that a family who plays together stays together is **The Perch Creek Family Jugband**. A real family living way back in the North Coast hills, occasionally venturing down to entertain a disbelieving modern world who think they must be a creation of some film director's imagination. They have been described as Dad and Dave meets Shirley Temple on the dusty backroads of O Brother Where Art Thou. Old fashioned hillbilly tunes and wild tap dancing rhythms come together to create a show for the whole family. There is also the colourful **Raz Bin Sam**, the front man of local 6-piece original reggae/dancehall band Lion I. The band uses a combination of roots, dancehall and Middle Eastern rhythms to create politically empowered and inspired sounds. Originating in the desert, local diva the unforgettable **Deya Dova**'s unique tribal vocals will enthrall your spirit. Exodus equals exceptional music, exciting visuals, exhilarating performers, exotic food and market stalls, expansive workshops and kids' space in an extraordinary landscape. Just two and a half hours inland from Byron Bay, the new venue, **Rover Park in Tenterfield** is a little known piece of Australian bush paradise, complete with flowing river and creeks, eucalypts and wallabies. With the opening and closing ceremony by local custodians and Saturday night's incredible fire display by Spectacle Art and a host of whirling performers,



you'll be thrilled by the amazing array of visual delights from installations to banners to circus acts like acrobats, hula hoop dancers, stilt walkers and belly dancers, puppets and just the way you dance and smile. There's great accommodation in Tenterfield or you can camp for no extra cost at the festival, if and when you decide to sleep. Remember to drink loads of water and if camping, actually set up your tent. Bring sunscreen, hat, swimmers, boots, spare socks, raincoat, cash (no eftpos) then car pool for an inspirational weekend. Oh and let someone know you won't be home until Monday night, because your mobile won't work at the festival. Don't panic, it's organic, you'll forget you had one by the time you come back into range and you will be doing your bit for world peace. Check the website [www.exodusfestival.com](http://www.exodusfestival.com) for the current update as the whole organic electro performance event art tribe head to their summer home. Exodus is part of a never ending story that dances across the land and it's about time you checked it out. Keep it a secret and bring a friend, because as the song says, here comes the sun. Tickets are available at All Vision & Music, Etnix, Fairy Floss, Liquid Nightclub, Psy-Co, Yamis, Music Bizarre and great outlets everywhere. Web sales close Christmas Day, but you can pick up a little eco cred and a cool gift for your best friend's stocking, via the exodus website. Greentix will plant a tree for every online ticket purchase and Exodus tickets are printed with soy ink on 100% recycled paper.

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## Ziggy played guitar

The **Raggamuffin Reggae** festival has had to make a quick move to a new site, but that won't affect the good loving vibes of the day. **Australia Day** you can experience acts like the legendary **Ziggy Marley**. The eldest Marley son is not one to let any moss grow under his feet. His 2006 release, *Love is My Religion* (Tuff Gong Worldwide), garnered a Grammy for Best Reggae Album at the 49th Annual Grammy Awards, giving him a total of four Grammys as an artist. It was his second solo album, and the first to be released independently on the Tuff Gong Worldwide label. 'This album is from my heart,' Ziggy says. *Love* showcases Ziggy's keenly honed talents as a composer, producer, and musician. With all tracks written and produced by Ziggy, and shared production on three tracks with Grammy-winning producer Ross Hogarth, Marley also played a majority of the instruments on the album. Written 'all over the world,' with some songs penned during his youth, *Love is My Religion* expands upon the personal, social and political themes explored in Ziggy's debut CD, *Dragonfly*. Born in Trench Town, Jamaica, Ziggy was surrounded by the sights and sounds of the Jamaican recording industry. Accompanying his father to the studio, he first sat in on recording sessions

with his father at a tender age. He soon joined with his siblings to form The Melody Makers. The act enjoyed two decades of successful touring and recording, netting three Grammy Awards and worldwide renown. Ziggy has contributed to a variety of soundtracks including 50 First Dates, Dora the Explorer, the PBS children's show Arthur, and Shark's Tale, in which he delved into acting for the first time, playing the character of Bernie, the Jamaican jellyfish. In addition to his skills as a singer, songwriter and producer, Ziggy founded U.R.G.E. (Unlimited Resources Giving Enlightenment), a non-profit organisation that benefits a wide range of charitable children's causes in Jamaica, Ethiopia and other developing nations. More recently he has lent his support to the Youth AIDS campaign. **January 26 at Ballina Seagulls Rugby League Ground.**

## Having an Effect

The more things change, the more **The Butterfly Effect** kick serious arse. Three records into a career that's always been about pushing their progressive sound to the limit, the Brisbane four-piece have opened up further sonically than ever before. The results are invigorating, cathartic – and very freakin' cool. Their latest album *Final Conversation Of Kings* is a bold, expansive

and career-defining statement, often fragile but always epic – a comprehensive evolution that builds on their signature style but doesn't lose track of the things that have made The Butterfly Effect one of Australia's favourite bands. Fans expect a hard-driving sound offset by fragile emotions, consummate musicianship and intimate vocals that sweep and soar. None will be disappointed – those aspects have been refined by a group that refuse to compromise, while the band continues to grow as both songwriters and players. 'The one thing you realise as a band progresses is that there's a formula there – it's just the sound of the way you play,' explains drummer Ben Hall, speaking about the giant leap the band have made even since their last release, the progressive and pulsating *Imago*, which debuted at number two on the ARIA chart in 2006. 'It gets to the point where you hear a song on the radio and think, that's a different genre of song for that band, but that's them – it's that singer and that guitarist. You can tell it's them just by the way they lock together. You can try to step away from the band that you sound like, but the four pieces fundamentally are going to sound like the way you play anyway.' Those words sum up *Final Conversation Of Kings* perfectly. There's no other band around that any of



Christine Anu and Deni Hines at the Ballina RSL on Sunday December 28, & Hotel Great Northern on Tuesday December 30

the ten songs here could be mistaken for, yet the record will surprise even diehard fans with its depth, intensity and passion, revealing new layers and nuances with every listen. *Final Conversation Of Kings* isn't an album to play politely in the background while heating up leftovers. It's an album that needs to be savoured. Soak it in. Feel it breathe. It's alive and it will continue to grow. The Butterfly Effect play **Friday January 2** at the **Hotel Great Northern**.

## Turning the Key

The insanely talented **Black Keys** take to the stage at the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Thursday January 1**. I saw them at the Blues Festival and can testify that these two strange boys who started out with a failed mowing business really know how to make some noise. It's wild thumping energetic rock at its best. You'll be duly impressed, but warning, don't let them trim your hedges. They are joined by **Dr Dog**, who I suspect is not a real doctor. Tix at the venue or [www.oztix.com.au](http://www.oztix.com.au)

## Takin it to the Streets

Two of Australia's most loved and successful female recording artists, **Deni Hines** and **Christine Anu**, are takin' it to the streets again in 2009 after the success of their 2008 East Coast tour. In a two hour show, this sassy duo will perform their classic hits and favourite timeless songs along with some special duets, including their own rendition of the Doobie Brother's hit *Takin' it to the Streets*. While promoting their 2008 tour, Deni and Christine so happened to be performing one of their show duets on the *Today Show* (Nine Network, Australia). On the same show was a heartfelt segment about the plight of homelessness in Australia accompanied by the Salvation Army who take care and provide much needed services for the homeless of Australia who come from all walks of life. No less than five minutes after walking off set, Christine and Deni turned to



each other and said 'we've got to do something to help' and the recording of *Takin' it to the Streets* was set in motion. The girls appear at the **Ballina RSL** on **Sunday December 28**, and the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Tuesday December 30**.

## A Broad Purple Foot

**Broadfoot** ride again this Christmas New Year period starting with a gig this **Saturday December 27** at the **Lennox Hotel** – a venue with a great music vibe, soon to be refurbished, so catch them while you can at Lennox – featuring the indescribable Dave Scott and Party Animal Kev. Hot on the dancing heels of this gig, a cross pollination of Broadfoot and Lennox band **Purple Stone** will give rise to Purple Foot (Broad Stone was felt to sound a tad too much like a medieval weapon) at the **Rails** on **Monday December 29**. The New Year brings Broadfoot to **Hotel Brunswick** on **Friday January 2** with John from Purple Stone filling in for a crooning Q who has gone to a resort in Alice Springs to play for the guests, whilst himself a guest. So get on your dancing horse and visit Broad/Purple Foot this festive season.

## Soulman at Woodford

Come rain, come sun, come snow... Byron Shire's **Soulman O'Gaia** (hey that almost rhymes...) will be playing at **Woodford Festival** this year. He'll be doing two shows at

the Duck and Shovel as well as impromptu chalkboard appearances in the infamous Chai Tent. If you want to find out what Byron Market's longest legs, and shortest shorts and biggest grin are doing now you can catch him at the Duck & Shovel at 5.45pm on Monday 29 and at 11am on Tuesday 30. If you haven't heard him yet, or lately, go to [www.myspace.com/thesoulmansite](http://www.myspace.com/thesoulmansite) to cop an earful.

## Whitlams are re-elected

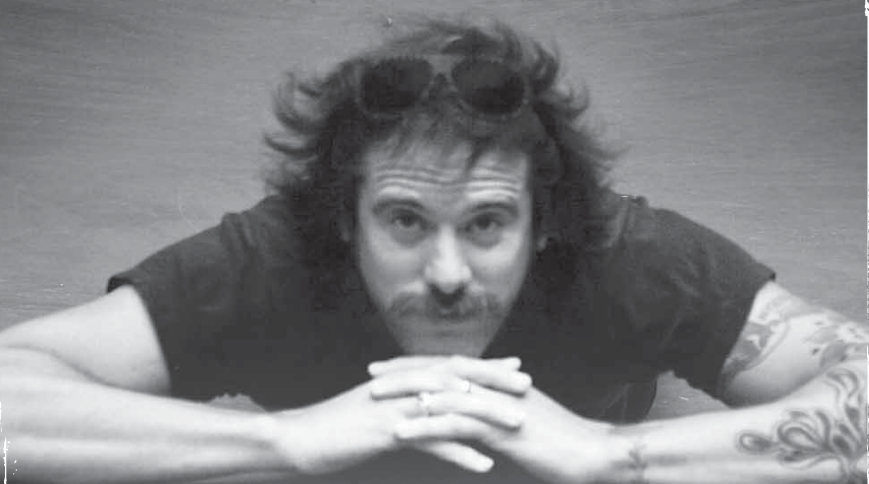
**The Whitlams** are one of Australia's favourite bands, and they make a welcome return to the **Coolangatta Hotel** on **Friday January 9**. Expect all your old favourites and some new stuff. The Whitlams have been around for long enough now to become the soundtrack to numerous relationships, with Mr Freedman showing his real artistry in navigating that curious and painful place called longing. Kings of unrequited love, find your true love at the gig.

## Bushturkey Murders and More!

**Andy Burke** has been living in Australia for 10 years now. He met his Aussie wife Michelle in Ireland. Being from the cold rugged west coast of Ireland is a lot different to the sunny points breaks of Oz. Ireland has a great Guinness though. Andy's been playing solo and in bands for 20 years and

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plays blues, slide, reggae, and rock in his own way. He loves both electric and acoustic and is a keen guitar collector. His new album *The Birds*, was recorded in a cottage in West Ireland in between a few pints of Guinness. Andy plays the **Kingscliff Tavern on Sunday December 28.**

**True Live**  
**True Live** is a six man crew who formed back in 2005 and quickly garnered a cult following in Melbourne's live circuit as word spread

of their phenomenal energy on stage and unique setup, which encompasses a hybrid singer/MC, double bass, violin, cello, keys and drums. But, an extraordinary mixture of instruments is nothing without the incredible chemistry that exists between the members of True Live. The boys took their show on the road time and time again, and in no time were selling out gigs nationwide off the back of word of mouth alone. True Live had become the band that you absolutely needed to



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see. The group's long awaited debut album, *The Shape of It*, was released in late 2006 to rave reviews, and suddenly the underground's favourite sons had been born into the public eye. The album's lead single, *TV*, was smashed on community radio across the country and also saw unpredicted support from Nova, The Edge, MTV, Channel V and Video Hits – and eventually became the soundtrack for a mammoth Foxtel ad campaign. The album, which most had expected to sell modestly, sold remarkably well off limited promotion, and not surprisingly, so did their following nationwide tours. **Sunday December 28** at the **Hotel Great Northern.**

**I can see Cleary Now**  
After two massive Australian tours in the last 18 months, and fresh off touring the Globe in support of his recent Live Album *Mo Hippa* (recorded in Sydney), **Jon Cleary** returns to Australia for a new and very special solo tour with a performance at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Saturday January 10.** Born in England, he is an adopted son of the Crescent City, a quick study having recorded five soul-soaked R&B funk albums on his own. As a session man, he's played with Taj Mahal, B.B. King, Van Morrison, Dr John, Ryan Adams, Eric Burdon and Bonnie Raitt. Catch him on the grand piano in a sensational one man show. Tickets are \$26, **8pm** start, and are available at All Music & Vision stores in the region or go to [www.mullummusicfestival.com.au](http://www.mullummusicfestival.com.au)

**Fat Krankie**  
It's one of those names that you just have to say backwards. Fat Krankie. Ok, so it's **Kat Frankie**. This eclectic singer songwriter is something of a free spirit, whose bigger than life talent fills her music and infects the audience with a sense of awe. Blowing in from an icy Berlin winter, Kat Frankie returns to Australia to play the Falls Festival in Lorne, plus side shows in Sydney, Melbourne and the Sunset Sounds Festival in Brisbane. This

time she'll be accompanied by **Andy Hazel** and **Jamie Power** (better known as the rhythm section from 'The Bedroom Philosopher') on bass and drums respectively. The past few months have been eventful for Frankie, with successful solo shows in Milan, Vienna, Brussels and Venice. In October, Kat took her German band on the road for the first time, to packed rooms around the country. In September, the documentary in which she is featured, *Berlin Song* (6 musicians who came to Berlin for music are asked to write a song for the city), was released in German cinemas to a little bit of controversy and positive reviews. Frankie is playing gigs around the country promoting her current album, *Pocketknife*, as well as debuting songs from her upcoming album. Think of it as a sneak preview for what's to come. **Friday January 9** at the **Mullumbimby Drill Hall. 8pm.**

**Under a New Moon**  
**Kangaroo Moon** weave many strands from world, rock, folk and dance, with acoustic and electronic influences into a funky, psychedelic, heart-lifting wall of sound. Trancy, richly melodic and dancey, listeners experience a sound which unites the body and soul in deep, joyful psychedelia and elemental dance. Kangaroo Moon have their roots in the music people play and the music people dance with. They've played and danced their way through more than a few permutations of global sound. Well travelled, extensive touring in Australia and Europe, the band has played Glastonbury and Womad several times, as well as Phoenix, Guildford, Mistelbach (Austria), Sfinks (Belgium) Oerol (Netherlands), Maleny and the National Folk (Oz). Kangaroo Moon are living proof that even teleport travel causes jetlag, nurtured in two cultures, two hemispheres, hopping from summer to summer across the planet born of the European dreaming joining the ancient dreamtime of Australia, carried by a vision to play music for all the people everywhere, and to find the keys to the van. Kangaroo Moon will be performing at **Coorabell Hall on Friday January 9** with special support from local heroes **Hudibrastic Funk.**

**Cool NYE at the Cooly**  
You might want to get out of the area for New Years. You might think, bang it, why be hassled by a bunch of kids from the Gold Coast when we can go up there and hassle them. Well get ready to party like it's 1989 this New Years Eve in the Cooly Bandroom at the **Coolangatta Hotel** this **New Years Eve**. After the continual success of the Crue Bash concert series that

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celebrates the music of Motley Crue, the team behind Crue Bash have now created a new rock monster for those who love the music of the 80's – **Glamrockasauarus** will make its Gold Coast debut as it delivers the best of 80's Glam Rock featuring Motley Crue, Skid Row, Guns N Roses and much more. Boasting a lineup that includes members from some of the region's best local acts including MourningTide, A Secret Death and Deviltion, Glamrockasauarus will be bringing the arena style rock excesses to the Cooly for one night only! Joining them to bring in the 2009, is popular party band Ramjet who will perform a four hour set full of your favourite party songs in the hotel's main bar, with DJ Jezza and DJ Komes keeping the vibe jumping between sets with Top 40 and commercial dance music.

### Storytelling, Heart-touching Ballads and Upbeat Folky Fun

Irish import **Mick McHugh** finishes off 2008 at the **Lennox Point Hotel** joined by violinist **Camilla Warner**. Mick blends storytelling, heart-touching ballads and upbeat folky fun, delivered with an acoustic drive. A double CD launch this year, the title track from his debut studio CD was shortlisted for songwriting. His follow up acoustic CD, *Dad*,

was released in conjunction with his performances at this year's Fatherhood Fest, where he shared the bill with Damien Leith, Jeff Lang and Tex Perkins. As well as regular gigs, Mick has contributed his time to a large number of community events such as Green Fest, Harmony Day, Fire Rage, Federal Park Party and donates 10% of profits from his monthly Federal Folk Night to community. See the Irishman **8pm Tuesday December 30** at the **Lennox Point Hotel**.

### Mr Bo Jenkins

**Bo Jenkins** was born on a small farm in Bottleneck, Arkansas. He spent his early years living next door to Levon Helms, future drummer and vocalist for 'The Band'. After his family moved to Helena Arkansas, Bo grew up hearing his father sing and his grandfather (a full blooded Native American) play guitar. Bo started his career playing the roadhouses and bars in Helena and up and down Highways 49 and 61. Over the years Bo has shared the stage with various groups such as Albert King, Reba McIntyre, Earl Thomas Conley, B.B.King and Kansas – thus being one of the few musicians to play major US venues in the three main styles (Rock, Blues and Country). Bo decided to form his own band called the The Bo Jenkins Band in order to have

the freedom to play the type of music he wanted and to write originals. Bo recently built his own sound studio and bought the hardware to produce his own music. He is endorsed by Maton Guitars who have supplied him with three of the 30 odd guitars he owns, half of them being Australian. Bo plays **The Lennox Point Hotel** on **Sunday December 28** and **The Henry Rous Hotel** in Ballina on **NYE**.

### Your kiss is like FYAH

Seven piece local roots reggae band **Fyah Walk** return to Byron after a huge new years festival at Peats Ridge in Sydney. The boys are back for two special local shows at the **Rails** on **Friday January 2** and a huge afternoon show at the **Beach Hotel** on **Sunday January 4** and then **Exodus Festival**. They have just been signed to Vitamin Records and are busy writing and rehearsing new material that will appear on their new album which will be recorded on tour in Melbourne in February.

### Here's a little Story bout a man named Jed

**Jed Rowe** is no stranger to the North Coast, having grown up in the forested hills nestled behind Mt Warning. Now based in Melbourne, the talented singer/songwriter/guitarist has been busy of late, completing his debut full-length album



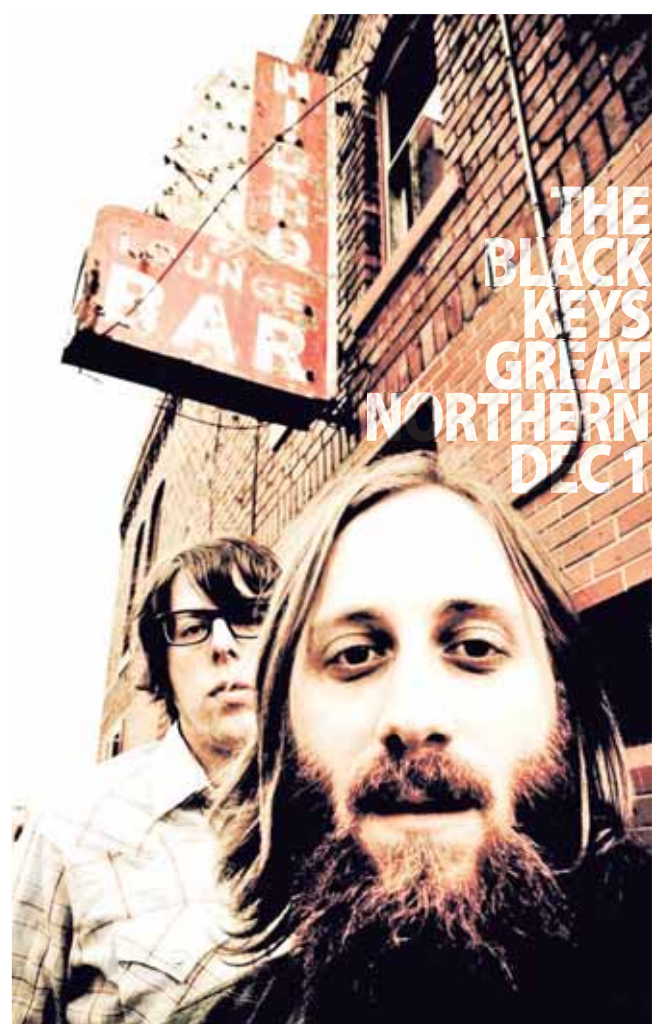
at Woodstock Studios with engineer Robin Mai (John Butler Trio, Joe Camilleri) as well as adding a new member to his family with the birth of his son. While the new album won't be available until early 2009, North Coast audiences can catch a sneak preview of tracks from the record when Jed performs a special solo show at **Sphinx Rock Cafe**, Mt Mount Burrell, on December 28. While Rowe's lap slide guitar and folk/blues/world music influences place him in the Roots genre, Rowe's songwriting craftsmanship and strikingly poetic lyrics set him apart from the pack. If his previous North Coast performances are anything to go by, this promises to be a wonderful afternoon of original music. Starts at **2pm**. Telephone 6679 7118.

### The Train is a Comin'

It is twenty years to the year since Terry Perkins, Marcus Rainford, Geoff Loveday and Ian Rowe tramped the boards of venues in the area. With original Smugglers drummer Paul McCallum no longer living in the area Dave Bambach rounds out the **Train** on the skins. Dave has been a regular on the North coast circuit for some time with acts like Rare Thistle and Shavoo. With an eclectic mix of covers ranging from acts like Ben Harper, Donovan Frankenreiter, The Cruel Sea through to classics from 10CC, Rolling Stones and Talking Heads and some funky blues courtesy of acts like Skunkhour and the Bondi Cigars. Make sure you get to Yamba to mix it up with the Train. **Sunday December 28** finds 'Preston Train' at the **Pacific Hotel Yamba**.

### NYE at Kohinur

Sparkle and Shine for 2009 at Upper Main Arm Community Association's fundraising **Kohinur Hall New Years Eve Party**. This is a wholly local affair, with live music by two exciting, popular seven-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**.

### Have a First Class New Years!

Dust off the dancing shoes and slip into your most colourful party frock as the **Byron at Byron Resort** comes alive on **New Years Eve** for a South American Fiesta, featuring the distinctive sounds of **Marilane and the Sound Waves**. Originally from Brazil, Marilane brings a fresh and soulful interpretation of Brazilian sound and rhythm to the stage. Having played alongside legends such as the Don Burrows Quartet and at iconic venues such as the Harbourside Brasserie and The Basement in Sydney, Marilane and her four piece band are sure to get the party started this New Years Eve. Relax with a Byron at Byron cocktail on the verandah before enjoying the

six course degustation feast including delicacies such as Hervey Bay half shell scallops, creamed spinach, pancetta and vine tomato vinaigrette and eye fillet of beef, eschallot tartin, leeks, asparagus and beetroot jam. Festivities kick off at **8pm** with cocktails on the verandah. Welcome 2009 in with a bang and a groove. \$165 per person (15 years and older), \$85 per person (10-14years). Bookings essential – phone 6639 2111.

### Kora, Tabla & Guitar

It's the trinity of cultural exchange when **Mamadou Diabate**, **Bobby Singh** and **Jeff Lang** come together to play. They met back in 2008 and experienced an unexpected musical alchemy. A spontaneous day of recording led to an astonishingly beautiful and suprisingly natural conversational and virtuosic style the three are renowned for. They play the **Curumbin Sound Lounge** on **Saturday January 3** and **Sunday January 4** at the **Mullum Civic Hall**.

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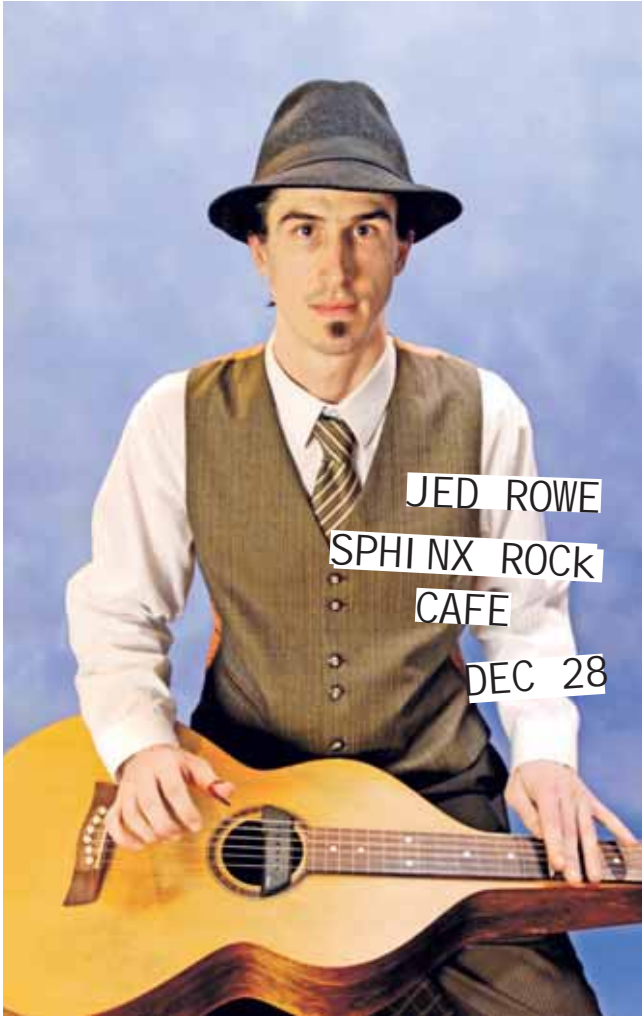
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Hi5 hands down' (Adelaide Advertiser). I've never seen 'em so I am going to call them, the Next monkeys. They will be appearing at the **Byron Community Centre** for 2 shows on **Tuesday January 6**. Show times are 10.30am and 11.30 am, and tickets are \$8. For bookings or enquiries please call 6685 6807, or to check out the Monkeys at [www.amazingdrummingmonkeys.com](http://www.amazingdrummingmonkeys.com). If might give you a few options about what to do with your rug rats!

**Hey Big Nose!**  
 While the children are looking forward to the long summer holidays, their parents are probably beginning to panic as to how to occupy them. Fear not - Bangalow's **Firetrax Theatre Company** is once again coming to the rescue with their pantomime **Pinocchio**. This is the story of a wooden boy who told lies. Interestingly the story has some real modern readings now, and was probably the first known attempt at IVF, albeit

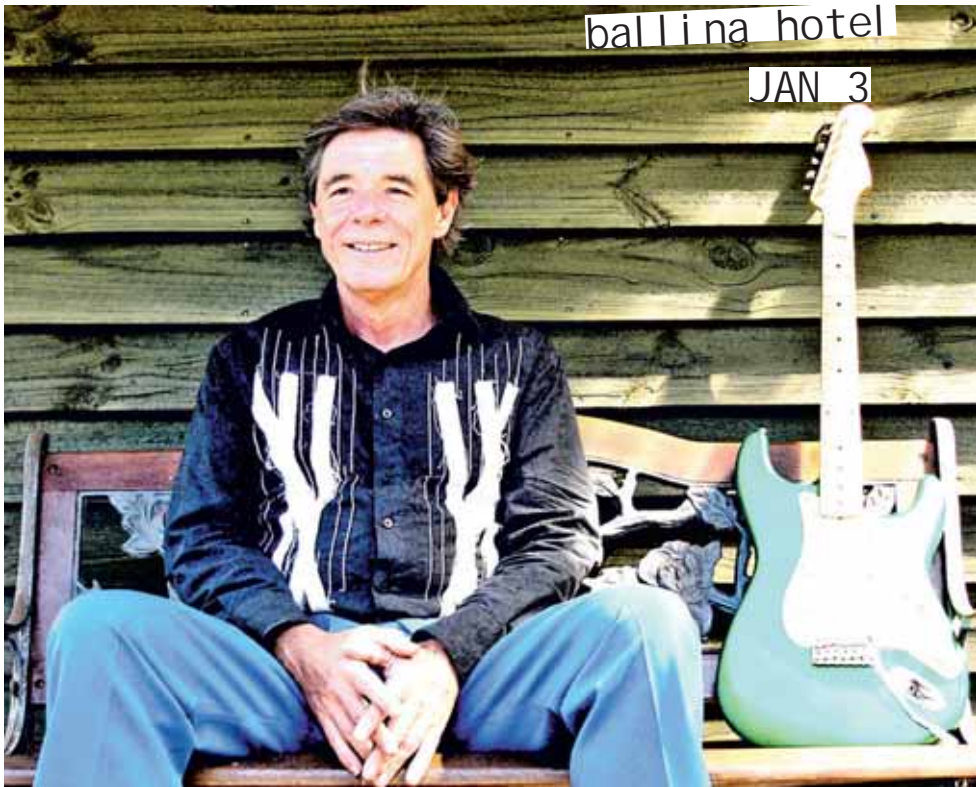
with a block of wood and a chisel. So this, my friends, is how the story goes... we all know what happens when you tell lies, and Pinocchio's nose is no exception. Mrs. Gepetto (Cate Feldmann) makes a wish on the star for the puppet Pinocchio (Michael Sharmon) to become a real boy. And true to all fairy stories, the wish is granted by the Blue Fairy Godmother (Jan Carmody). Everybody is happy - apart from the cat Figaro (Gina Baker). Finding that she has to take second place in the household is disastrous - Pinocchio has to go! And who better to help achieve this than sly old Freddy Fox (Keith Pyke).

and adults (16 yrs+). Summer on Tour provides community access to the National Institute of Dramatic Art's expertise by touring short courses for adults and young people to capital cities and regional centres across Australia. NIDA trains Australia's most talented people to become international entertainment professionals. NIDA's graduates read like the who's who of entertainment arts including Cate Blanchett, Hugo Weaving, Baz Luhrmann, Judy Davis, Steve Bisley, Susie Porter, Colin Friels, Jacqueline McKenzie, Sam Worthington, Jeremy Sims and Miranda Otto. In 2007 NIDA graduates received five Academy Award nominations, an Emmy Award, the Best Actress Award, Venice Film Festival, eight Sydney Theatre Awards, three Logie Awards, three Australian Writer's Guild Awards and many more accolades besides. Online bookings are now available at [www.nida.edu.au](http://www.nida.edu.au). This course to be conducted at **Byron High School**, 12-15 year olds have classes from **January 13-16** and for the 16 plus crew, it's January 20-23. Phone (02) 9697 7626 or email [open@nida.edu.au](mailto:open@nida.edu.au)

**Comedy**  
**Crack Up for New Years**  
 There's no better way to bring in the New Year than with a laugh. The **Big Gig** is a monthly comedy night that has been running at the **Ballina RSL** for over two years now, delighting crowds with the constant stream of national profile talent. **This New Year's Eve** join two of Australia's finest - **Chris Radburn** and **Greg Fleet** when they bring the house down. I'll be there as MC keeping the peace and taking it as well!

**Austentayshus takes Mullum**  
 Just when you thought it was safe to go into the water - he's back. The white pointer of Australian Comedy, **Austentayshus** is back for a summer sojourn and will be sharing his sardonic wit at the **Mullumbimby Ex Services** on **Monday January 19**. Find out what the big bloke has to say about 2008 - every show is always an experience as Austen has the ability to download current events and relate them in an anarchic philosophical rant. There is no one else quite like him. He's quite possibly the funniest man in the country. Support act is **Ellen Briggs**, with me as MC. Tickets are \$15/20 and for bookings ring 6684 3443.

**Show us Ya Penis**  
 If you haven't seen **Puppetry of the Penis** than you've never seen what a man can really do when put to the test. After a 'dickade' touring the world with this unique and hilarious show, the boys are doing more contorting and reshaping



to delight audiences with A Decade of Dick! Puppetry of the Penis began in 1998 at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival - awarded the 'Outright Best Show'. For the last decade Puppetry has performed to sellout concerts around the world. Due to popular demand Simon & Friendly are bringing the penis to the people of Australia before jetting off to perform in Canada, USA, the UK and South Africa to share their very special love. Tickets are \$35 reserved seating - you are gonna want a front seat baby! **Thursday January 8** at **Ballina RSL**, **Friday January 9** at **Seagulls** and **Saturday January 10** at **Hotel Great Northern**. Oh, and it's definitely an over 18's show!

**Dance**  
**Stamp Collectors**  
 Directly from performing at Woodford, a world class troupe of flamenco dancers, musicians and their singer are coming to perform at Bangalow. Heralded as the most exciting and dynamic forces in Australia's flamenco music scene, **Arte Kanela** is steered by the gifted **Tedesco** brothers - choreographer and dancer Johnny Tedesco, with his brother Richard on guitar. Richard is one of Australia's best flamenco guitarist ,and his brother Johnny is an energetic and exciting flamenco dancer. Manolo Jaen is an important part of Arte Kanela, complementing the dance and guitar with his voice. Very special guests from Spain on the night, Francesca Grima - La Chica, who dances in a famous tablao in Seville and her husband Andrej, a well respected percussionist, will also be performing. Francesca's passion and generosity are visible in her dance and Andrej's drumming is hypnotic as he follows the dance, song and guitar. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see a little bit of Spain in Bangalow. The performers are all also available for workshops or



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private lessons on January 5 and 6. Enquiries and bookings for show - call Gail 6687 1502 or 0418 642 891 and for workshops, call Serena 6684 6158. Flamenco show in **Bangalow Saturday January 3 Catholic Hall Bangalow 8pm**.

**Film**  
**Flicker Shorts**  
 For all you budding film makers out there, you have the chance to expose your film making skills alongside

the best in the world at **Flickerfest** for the inaugural **BAS (Byron All Shorts)** Short Film Competition. The screening will be held at the **Bangalow A&I Hall January 24** at **5.30pm**. \$5/gold coin concession. Competition entry deadline is extended to January 7 2009. Get your entry form and more info from [www.iQ.org.au](http://www.iQ.org.au). While you are there in film mode, get your diary out and mark **January 23-25** at the Bangalow A&I Hall for Flickerfest screening.

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# The Gathering

## Arts and culture feature

### Tree Faerie

The past year has been controversial in the art world. Art lovers and critics alike have had a field day holding forth on what they think is and isn't art and as the digital age comes into its own, the emergence of MySpace and Facebook has meant that anyone can be an 'artist' in the time it takes to upload the photos from the drunken party in the back yard to the net.

The photographs of Bill Henson's pubescent child woman have created a rift in the viewing community not seen since American photographer Andres Serrano urinated on a crucifix in his piece entitled 'Piss Christ'. Everyone from the man in the street to the National Gallery have had their say on the subject of the photos and the best thing to come out of the melee that people are talking about art. People are having an opinion and wading into discussions and debates and that can only be good.

Hard copy isn't the only artistic arena where the 'common' man is being critical. Love it or hate it, reality TV is here to stay. The human obsession with what other humans are doing has 'come out' and with a steady stream of visual gossip, we

'Puberty Under Exposed' by the Tree Faerie – sometimes less is not more.

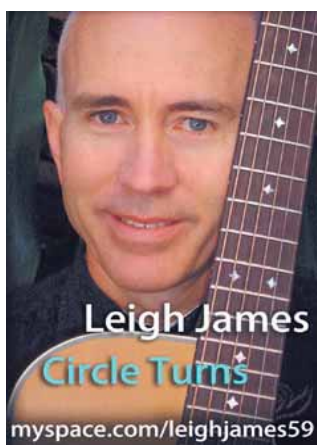
can watch people do, well, just about anything. Again another positive by-product of all this watching is some of the competitive 'you-are-crap-at-this-so-leave' type shows. 'Australian Idol' and 'So You Think You Can Dance' are bringing the audition process, sans the casting couch, into our lounge rooms.

Now there will always be the contingent of teeny boppers who just luuuuuuuurve their favourite but there is also a growing base of up till now art-o-phobes, who are holding forth about vibrato and 'corry' and they actually know what they are talking about. That's fantastic. Art is returning to the people where it belongs.

It is climbing down from the pedestal of deity and getting back to where it began when Neanderthal man painted with dinosaur blood on a cave wall and stood back to look at his work.

The Northern Rivers is no exception in its offerings to the world of art. Our local and visiting artisans and performers have been prolific.

In January local children were inspired by what the Tweed River Art Gallery had to offer as they enjoyed the Gallery's creative and fun holiday workshops and again in May the Gallery put on its shine when it hosted the prestigious Archibald Prize spin off, the Salon des Refuses.



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Northern Rivers artist Ivana Perkins was selected as a finalist in the 2008 Montalto Sculpture Prize in Victoria. Contemporary environmental artist John Dahlsen had a fruitful year beginning with his Open Studio exhibition in January and the Cape Gallery, Byron Bay in May and no less than 15 exhibitions including ones in the US, Andrah Pradesh, India and Amsterdam seeing him through to the end of 2008.

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Ocean Shores painter, Nathalie Verdejo, took out the top award in the Tweed Heads South Rotary annual art show with her mixed media work, 'He sees' and Ocean Shores impressed again with the 5th annual Ocean Shores Arts and History Expo in early August.

The national Olive Cotton Award for photographic portraiture attracted entries from as far away as Tasmania and the eventual winner was Emily Portmann with her piece entitled 'The Stone'.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Northern Rivers Region Aboriginal Art Award asked that artists create work that explored the theme 'Express-Respect'. Graham 'Nudge' Blacklock was the winner of the open section with his painting 'The River' with the Youth Award going to 'Irrespect'ive' by Lilly Clegg, a work asking us to 'respect each other irrespective of race, colour and physical appearance'.

Painter Byron Tik spanned the country and the world with shows at the Artemis Gallery, Aberdeen in January, 'Inverted' a 30 piece exhibition with Evan Malcolm at Retrospect Gallery in June, Reef Gallery in Cairns in

August and the Evolve Festival. After a successful 2008 Mesha Sendyk continues to go from strength to strength and leaves for Paris, as we go to print, to organise a solo show with Gallery Astarte and open her latest exhibition in Saint Paul de Vence.

In September the Tweed River Art Gallery celebrated its 20th Anniversary since opening in Tumbulgum Road in 1988 and presented the anniversary

George Whaley, ex actor and stage and film director released his long awaited biography of actor Leo McKern, best known for his portrayal of *Rumpole of the Bailey* and writer and teacher Hayley Katzen won several short story awards and had a story published in an anthology Rob Drewe published his acclaimed anthology of short stories in October, *The Rip*.

The highlight of the year again was the 11th Byron Bay Writer's Festival and what the event lost in sopping weather it gained in talent and entertainment for those brave enough to forge their way through the deluge.

Performing arts were strong this year getting off to a laughing start during the second annual Big Joke Comedy Festival in Bangalow and the much touted first series of *East of Everything* screening on ABC television at the end of March and the promise of more to come in 2009.

We had music festivals coming out of our music festivals with the Blues and Roots, Splendour in the Grass, the Bangalow Music Festival as well as the inaugural Mullum Music Fest and the list goes on and on and on...

To be truthful there was more going on in the Northern Rivers in 2008 than you could possibly imagine. It is a simple matter of surfing the net or asking at your local visitors information centre to find more than enough events to satisfy your appetite. This abundant year heralds a 2009 which holds much promise of being bigger, better and brighter as art expression continues its return journey to the people. It should probably be renamed: 'The Year of the Gathering'.

■ For more information about The Gathering contact Pedro Carcharias: [pedro@echo.net.au](mailto:pedro@echo.net.au) or phone 02 6685 5222.



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### TRIP TO EXODUS

If your feeling lucky, you can win one of seven free adult entry – Festival Passes to Exodus Cyber Tribal Festival in the second weekend of January. Just go to the [www.exodusfestival.com](http://www.exodusfestival.com) and be one of the first seven people to email the organisers with subject heading, 'Exodus the summer with the Echo'.

### DUO OUD TIX

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## Coming to Your Senses: Tantra Teacher Toni at Star Light Festival



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According to tantra teacher Toni De Marco we've been doing it all wrong. The relationships between men and women fail on the basis that we haven't learnt how to maintain and grow intimacy, both sexual and emotional with our partners, and so are left returning to the market, trading in a partner for new one very similar to the old one. In her workshop Tantric Sacred Relationships, Toni offers advice on how to kick start relationships, how to love yourself, open your heart, renew your passion and for singles, how to be ready for a sacred relationship. She also has five easy ways to achieve multiple orgasm.

**A guest speaker and facilitator at The Starlight Festival in Bangalow this year January 8 – 11, Toni de Marco is a remarkable woman.**

Originally a model, this Californian girl was always a seeker of something a little deeper than an all over tan and perfect teeth. In her mid twenties she began training as a counsellor, specialising in working with couples finding ways to enhance their intimacy. Many years later, after a journey through Yoga and NLP, Toni found herself training as a Tantra teacher and using the intuition and knowledge gained from years of practise to assist people find the happiness and satisfaction they seek in relationship.

'What led me to studying tantra was stale relationships, where the sex just went downhill. I thought, there must be exceptions, but I noticed the similarities in all these

relationships that I was having and I thought maybe it was something to do with me, I kept going out with my father. Not that I wanted to consciously, but I would keep changing them into my father. Finding a way to healthy relationships is about identifying and working with our family patterns.'

'I realised I kept trading in for the same guy. Then I realised it was me! You are 100% responsible for your life, whatever happens you have to be accountable for it. You start to realise that it's not out there – it's in there.'

**So what advice does Toni give to married couples, or couples in long term relationships to aid the longevity of their union?**

'I always tell people when they come to my workshop to put aside four or five hours to spend with your partner one evening per week. Too many people let their life get in the way, you just have to make the time. A little quickie is okay from time to time but the relationship needs more nourishment. If you have kids, then you need to arrange they stay with a friend or relative. It seems difficult, but really it's the most important thing.'

**But it's not all about maintaining sexual intimacy.**

'I suggest one other hour midweek where you have a withhold session, where you get to share all the things that you have been withholding, it's a safe place, there is no argument, it's a conciliatory place.'

'You need to be able to tell people how you are feeling.

A withhold session gives you a couple of days to get it together to come from your feelings. When you are hurt, the first thing people want to do is point the finger and blame the other person. You have to say – when you do that I feel... You can't be wrong for that, and it teaches you to respect each other's feelings.'

**So why is communication so important?**

'If people can't talk to each other they can't have good sex. People usually have good sex at the beginning of a relationship when they don't really know each other.'

**So how do new couples set up habits so they don't go down the paths that have injured their previous relationships?**

'I get couples to work out a partnership contract that states what their boundaries are, what does and doesn't work and to renegotiate it every couple of months so you are in that relationship for what you want.'

**For Toni, the key to all successful relationships is recognising our patterns. We have to face the story we are living out, consciously or unconsciously so that we have the opportunity to change it. Consciousness helps us to become chain breakers. It also frees our kids from living out our stories.**

'According to my first teacher, you can never get rid of your family history, but you can build positive patterns in the area you want to and once in a while you might bring people

into your life to work things out – 90% of healing the problem is realising that you have the problem.'

**Toni aims to bridge the gap between men and women's sexual arousal.**

'The reason why we need longer love making is that it takes a woman 45 minutes to an hour to get hot and juicy. How many couples are there that have sex in 15 minutes? At least half the women on the planet aren't getting satisfied and are faking orgasms. They don't know what the problem is.'

'Women need to be stroked, my first tantra teacher used to say men are like pop tarts stick em in the toaster they're done in a few minutes, but women are like a casserole, you have stick it in the oven for 45 minutes to an hour to get hot and juicy.'

**So what can people expect at the Starlight Festival?**

'The Starlight Festival is a 2 hour session where we do at least a couple of things out of the workshop: a process called compassionate communication – which is learning to speak from your feelings and then I teach the five techniques to multiple orgasm. There is no need to be embarrassed – it's an eastern philosophical concept – it's like karate where we move our sexual energy in the body so we increase and enhance it, I also incorporate sound into everything I teach.'

Toni will also be running a longer workshop on the Gold Coast January 23 – 26. For enquiries contact [globaltoni@gmail.com](mailto:globaltoni@gmail.com)







# BEATS nBOPS

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## Solid Gold NYEve

**Glam up, pop the cork, it's 2009, almost! 31st at the Great Northern, Solid Gold does it to the max and then some! Dress to impress, practise your best moves, it's going to be a blast from the past. Rock Hardson aka Rock Solid kindly took out time to satisfy my curiosity about his machinations outside this shire and shed some light on what's planned for NYEve 2008.**

**Q: You are jetting between Bali and Byron, what places do you play over there?**

A: 'There are lots of glitzy clubs and bars in beautiful locations. My favorites are Ku De Ta, overlooking the surf at Seminyak where I play electronic cocktail music for sunsets. Skygarden for cranking late night club tracks, a skinny 4-storey building bursting with vines and frangipanis in the heart of Kuta, it's like Tokyo meets the tropics.'

**Q: What made you set up second home in Bali?**

A: 'Bali's unreal; the raw contrast of beauty with squalor and the over the top presence of spirit life are what really get me.'

**Q: Is there anything Ozzie clubs could learn from Bali's entertainment venues?**

A: 'A lot of the things that make Bali's clubs spectacular would be difficult to achieve in Australia. Things like climate, labour costs and tax legislation mean that people can dream up an idea there and probably see it through whereas it'd never get off the blocks here, which isn't totally a bad thing. The environmental effects of Bali's developing economy are beyond what we would tolerate.'

**Q: What is the atmosphere in the dance scene and tourists in general regarding drug laws?**

A: 'It isn't an issue for me. As a guest in another people's home you just respect their standards. People are still on the dance floor 'til the end if the music's good.'

**Q: Which is your current favorite Bali sunset tune?**

A: 'An oldie but a goodie as the sun sinks into the Indian Ocean is *Mumbai Film Theme* by the Indian composer A.R. Rahman. Something very 2008 is *Love Love Love* by Low Motion Disco.'

**Q: What have you got planned for Solid Gold on NYEve?**

A: 'We plan to break the resolutions we haven't even begun by having an excessive New Year's night out, but with a touch of class, lots of streamers, heaps of air guitar and plenty of champagne corks popping



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**Q: Melody to distortion,**

**nice to rude, opposites in interaction and fusion seems to play an important part of each one of your tracks, is that something you're consciously doing to express or evoke a particular attitude towards life?**

A: 'To be honest, a lot of it comes from how I'm feeling at the time. I like music that makes you think or feel something, or enhance whatever your feeling.'

**Q: Why did you choose to remix Tears for Fears Shout?**

A: 'I remembered Bag Raiders doing a bootleg of it a long time ago then heard it a few times on the radio. Found the

a-cappella on the net and got started on it. I don't do much work with vocals so it was something different for me.'

**Q: When partying is 'accused' of being synonymous with taking drugs, what is your retort?**

A: 'I Always behave... just had to get that out there. I guess it's synonymous 'cause it's kind of true. People can spend \$100 on alcohol in a night easy or spend a third of that on some other substance and get all lovey.'

**Q: Has drug education had a positive influence, and how does that show in your immediate environment?**

A: 'No-one I know does heroin or ice so I guess it's had a positive influence somehow.'

**Q: Now back to music as a party drug, what have you got in store for NYEve at Fluxup in Ballina?**

A: 'Put it that way; just big tune after big tune for, by the looks of things, one big party.'

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## A Liquid XMESS and NU Year

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**Friday 9, Freestylers, Skool of Thought** and **DJ Ego** come to the Backroom of the **Great Northern**.

**9 - 12, Exodus** at Rover Park, Tenterfield. This family friendly cyber tribal festival starts midday Friday and runs until midday Monday. Next to an incredible gorge this festival has found its

new home, expect sunshine! Along with unleashed creativity, performances, music, food and camping, there will be a youth tent set up and Intra ([www.intra.org.au](http://www.intra.org.au)) next to it looking after people's imaginary friends as well as disseminating up to date information about drugs, alcohol and associated issues. Party smart! Exodus headlines are Ecliptic, Spoonbill, Ganga Giri, Wild Marmalade and Fyah Walk. [www.exodusfestival.com](http://www.exodusfestival.com)

**Friday 16**, Jet More and Nick Taylor give you the **Jet Taylor Experience** at Friday Underground at the **Winsome Hotel** in Lismore.

**Wednesday 28**, San Francisco's latest grime, dub-step and electro breaks sensation and genre masher **Bassnectar** plays along with M-Phonik, Bass Bin Laden (Melbourne), Ketafunk (FreeCreation) and Slinky at **Liquid**.

**Friday 30**, outdoor event at the bush retreat, **Eclectic Playground** ([www.artofficial.com.au](http://www.artofficial.com.au)) in **Coffs Harbour** with Bassnectar, Bass Bin Laden, Noodles, Jackie Onassid, Super Smash Bro's, Helpdesk and Dr. Bahn.



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# A Happy mAn

Mandy Nolan speaks with Johnnie Mac

For over a decade musician and environmentalist Johnnie Mac has been living his dream, combining his love of culture and country with his project Ganngjalah Cultural Gardens taking shape and his album, *The World Seems Happy* ready to launch.

**Johnnie talks about his music and his garden project as if it were the same thing. The two concepts intertwining and weaving, the album echoes this beautiful delicate dance of story and place.**

'It's been a long time coming! I have a good life and why stuff it up with music! Seriously, I have wanted to get my music out there and get it out the right way, it's the Jeff Buckley syndrome, you are a bit perfectionist and get very anal about the songs. The artist doing the CD rang me and said: you have the date wrong – the song's 15 years old! I said no it's right it's taken me that long to get it on disk! But it sounds so relevant, and the issues are still timely. We want to have a big impact and reach as many people as we can with this album.

'One of the songs is closely tied in and came out of the project – out of the Ganngjalah Cultural Gardens a place we have been working on with the traditional custodians for eight years. We have a bush tucker program and we educate people about landcare and indigenous issues and tell story about the environment. It's at Mt Burrell, where the cafe is where we are doing the CD launch.'

**I asked Johnnie what inspires him, what it is that ignites such a verbose passion.**

'It's my love of Australia, that's the most important aspect.

It comes out in my songs. Without that cultural cringe. It's about Australia's environment, Australia's people, indigenous and non-indigenous. It's that flavour that inspires me to work and teach and also sing.'

The music is thick with messages, delivered with the conviction, and as Triple J presenter Robbie Buck says: 'It's a passionate and provocative Aussie blend of the Violent Femmes and Billy Bragg. Powerful and



inspiring messages with great melodies and a vibrant streak of angst.'

**It's true. And it cuts to the bone. One of the songs is Chant of Namatjira.**

'It's about what happened to Albert Namatjira, his life and how that reflects how we treat indigenous people – we are interested when they are famous and then we are afraid of indigenous people when they aren't famous. We need to set up relationship with indigenous community – part of the success of the gardens is that we get to establish those relationships.'

**It's the perception of Australia and our identity that Johnnie is keen on changing.**

'I remember when I travelled and I was singing some of these songs and heard Europeans say: you don't have much culture in Australia. I said

No we have 40 – 100,000 years of culture, and that changed people's view of culture. I sang *Chant of Namatjira* in Western Australia in a pub recently – you could have heard a pin drop, at the end of the song, someone yelled out what is a Namatjira? It was perfect. So many people don't know his story or the tragedy of his story. And we are not learning how to change.

'We have to work together and do things together physically. One of the fellas I work with in the gardens will be singing with me – Kyle Slabb, he'll be playing percussive instruments and chanting and singing. The message from him is we have to do things together and build things together, and that's the only way we'll get the longevity in the relationships. We do a lot of story

telling in the show.'

**After years of recording, Johnnie has managed to get the band together.**

'The difficulty we have is getting the musicians together in the one spot! There are five in the band, Sham on backing vocals, Kyle on indigenous flavours and Bill Jacobi on bass and Malcolm Clarke is the drummer from the Sleepy Jacksons. Getting them together is the challenge. I recorded in the same way that's why it's taken so long although, getting Kyle in was hardest even though it was local because he was crossing boundaries, we recorded at Nimbin Bushtracks, a few times he came out he got headaches and couldn't do it, once he asked permission from the traditional custodians it came together in an hour.'

**Johnnie Mac's CD, The World Seems Happy is out now. For more info go to www.jonniemac.com**

# Border Art Prize winners announced

An excited crowd of keen artists, art lovers, friends and supporters attended the award presentation of the Border Art Prize at the Friends' annual Christmas party.

The award is open to artists from the northern NSW and south east Queensland residing in the Tweed Shire Council, Gold Coast City Council and adjoining council areas.

Three hundred and twenty three entries are on show, as an open award this means a huge display of diverse artwork by professional, amateur and emerging artists. For many people this sort of award is their first time to show their artwork publicly.

This year's winners are: first prize of \$3,000 was won by Avital Sheffer from Mullumbimby with a beautiful earthenware clay vase titled *Sfat-em* (mother tongue).

Brisbane art gallery director Bruce Heiser, from Heiser Gallery, commented 'for me, Avital's piece links us directly with the past. Its very shape and the material from which it was produced reflects antiquity, and this sense of "ancientness" is reinforced by the use of Hebrew, one of the world's great languages, as text. Informed by what has occurred in the past, *Sfat-em* (mother tongue) I would have us continue a dialogue with ourselves in which all our knowledge is ourselves to know.'

Robyn Sweaney, also from Mullumbimby, won the second prize of \$1500 with an oil on linen work *Far from the City*. Bruce Heiser said 'Robyn Sweaney's oil painting could be an Australian gothic. With its impossibly neat and orderly façade the artist tells us more about the owners of the property by

**An activity station for children will be a feature from Sunday December 28 until the close of the exhibition and free guided tours of the Border Art Prize by Camilla Connolly will be offered at 2pm on Sunday January 11 and Wednesday January 21. These talks are a great opportunity to learn more about the variety of techniques, treatments and artists on show.**

excluding them than if she had actually depicted them in the composition. With an ever so slightly menacing sky, quirky garden ornaments, and shadows who is to say what dramas are played out in the privacy of closed doors?'

Lismore artist and Southern Cross University tutor John Smith took the third prize of \$500 again with a painting. *Empty Rhetoric*, acrylic and mixed media on paper on canvas struck the judge for Smith's use of a composition which shows a 'commitment to the gestural and whilst free, his composition, with its reserved palette, is tight and considered. The mark making and energy is contained.'

Local artist, life drawing teacher and committed Gallery supporter and arts patron Shirley Kennedy offers two Encouragement Awards each year the Border Art Prize shows at Tweed River Art Gallery.

Shirley judged the award in conjunction with Tweed River Art Gallery Director Susi

Muddiman. Sandy James from Byron Bay was in attendance to receive the Award for her painting, *A Bit of a Dry Patch*, acrylic on canvas board. Shirley said she thought Sandy's painting was 'a delightful little landscape, simple, moody with a rawness of its own'.

Shirley also awarded well known Murwillumbah potter Ann Lee's beautiful *Salt Fire*, wood fired teapot commenting that it is 'not your usual teapot (as it is) bold, beautifully glazed and carved'.

Although delighted to be selected Ann was unable to be at the Gallery to receive her award as she was on her way to see Cirque du Soleil in Brisbane! She said the award just made her day even better. Gallery staff note that when Ann discovers her work was also purchased on opening night she should be even happier.

The Border Art Prize is on exhibition over the Christmas and new year period until Sunday January 25. It is a must see exhibition and a great place to take your Christmas visitors to see everything from painting to pots, textiles to topiary (well, a hat made from leaves), landscapes, streetscapes, jewellery, modern, traditional, colourful, quirky and even a portrait of Rolf Harris.

Also on exhibition during this period are stunning works in Transmigration an installation by Natalie Kunst and Rachel Stone's Canary in a coalmine. Delicate imagery and beautiful craftsmanship and colouring unify these two exhibitions which use references to birds to examine trans migratory experiences and also the threat to ecosystems by modern society.



First prize winner Avital Sheffer with her piece *Sfat-em* (mother tongue)





## BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL TAKES ON THE WORLD

by Jann Gilbert

Byron Bay Film Festival (bbff) recently announced the dates for the next festival (Friday March 5 to Saturday March 13, 2010), and its establishment as an entity in its own right with the addition of an 'international' tag.

Since its inception in 2006 bbff has experienced rapid growth. What began essentially as a back-catalogue screening of local filmmakers, an idea designed to raise funds for a beleaguered Community Centre, grew to 850 entries from around the world last year.

'We basically decided to change the name of the festival to reflect the international status that we've built up. With entries last year from 55 countries and films screened from 34 countries we're now in a position to wear that name credibly. We've kind of grown into it,' says festival director J'aimee Skippon-Volker.

The decision to run the next full nine-day festival in 2010 is primarily to allow a reasonable timeframe to call for entries and to organise the event. 'It's a huge task,' says J'aimee, 'and

we want to give filmmakers the chance to think about their entries or even create something specifically for the festival.'

The 2010 festival also coincides with the celebration of a centenary of film at the Community Centre venue. And while that will be the focus of the festival J'aimee points out that it's also a celebration of where cinema is going in all of its facets rather than simply a retrospective. 'Up to this point we've been solely fundraising for the Community Centre,' says J'aimee. 'We've now worked out an arrangement with them so we can split off to become our own entity in order to guarantee the sustainability of the festival itself.'

Most proceeds will continue to go back into the Centre and the arrangement between the parties is 'mutually supportive'. bbff retains the same team with the exception of the addition of Madeleine Faught, who met J'aimee through her involvement with the Activating Human Rights Film Festival and Conference.

It's also the same venue, the same awards, and the same

diversity in films although J'aimee agrees that, as a separate entity, they will have more control in the overall direction of future festivals. 'We can continue to push it forward in the way that suits the best interests of the festival,' says J'aimee.

One of these initiatives is to run 'satellite events' in 2009 to wet the appetite of film fans until the festival proper in 2010. 'In some ways they'll be like mini festivals,' says J'aimee. 'It allows us to pick up on new releases while they're new, and films will still be eligible for awards at the festival if they've screened in one of the satellite events.'

Despite the new international tag organisers have resolved to keep the acronym, bbff, because, says J'aimee, 'It's already well known, and supporting local filmmakers and films is a really important aspect of the festival. We hope, one day, to be able to offer grants to film makers through proceeds from the festival.'

Entries for the 2010 festival will open on January 1 2009. Email to [info@bbff.com.au](mailto:info@bbff.com.au) for further details.



Festival Director J'aimee Skippon-Volker with the world in her hands. Photo Ossie Alfaro.

## Youth inspired by local creative talents...

by Rebecca Carr

The kids of Federal have been so enthused, that they have just opened their very own exhibition. On showcase over the next fortnight at the **Federal Village Gallery** will be a proud display of canvas works as well as an impressive range of jewellery and copper enameling. The pieces are contemporary art forms created by children aged as young as six years. The children have developed skills in metal smithing, an art form founded in history brought to modern life by the innovative programs at Kidzone.

Kidzone After School Care Centre is coordinated by two amazing locals. Mel Forde is



the Creative Director of the Federal Village Gallery and resident Silversmith. Mel is well experienced at passing on her skills, she has been teaching Fine Silver Jewellery Making and running school holiday metal smithing workshops for teenagers and older children, making silver and copper jewellery by hand. Mel teams up with another vibrant local to provide a dynamic program to the community. Rohan Stewart, is a local children's entertainer

and brought with him a love of having fun. Rohan fosters children's creativity in other areas, with program activities focused on science, physical activity and cooking programs. Together they opened the exhibition this week, celebrated in true 'kid' spirit with party games and food for all. The gallery is open to public until December 24.

The exhibition is a collection of pieces the children have created this year. Metal Club

has been a particularly popular activity. Children have control over their own projects, designing pieces and carry out all handiwork themselves. One of the first themes was swords, based on Buddhist ritual weapons. Young children designed and cut mini swords from sheet copper and brass using a variety of hand tools. Enameling has been a popular choice to create bag tags and pendants. The youths cut their initials from copper sheet and use a gas torch to heat from underneath to fuse the enamel onto the copper.

Kidzone, as most After School Care projects is substantially under-funded but also an essential service to the community. While some families rely on the service due to work commitments, other parents value the additional leisure activities available on offer in their rural town. Where else can a six year old try their hand at metalsmithing?

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Television Guide

1. **The Last Remake of Beau Geste** (ABC1, Wednesday 10.55pm) stars most of the best British comic actors of the last generation. Marty Feldman's script is still fitfully funny.
2. A much better film is **Catch Me If You Can** (NBN, Friday 8.30pm) with Leonard DiCaprio, a fascinating study of a real-life con man.
3. Sunday night's choice is poor. On NBN there's a pedestrian Bruce Willis thriller, on Ten the trillionth repeat of *Jerry Maguire*, and if you don't want to watch a French war movie, or either of the two British period dramas on offer, it's on with the woad and Mel Gibson easing into his sado-masochistic phase with **Braveheart** (Prime, 8.30pm).



	ABC1	ABC2	SBS	PRIME	ten	NBN
CHRISTMAS EVE	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Program</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 National Press Club Address</p> <p>1.30 Stuff (G) Final.</p> <p>2.00 Parkinson (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.55 RollerCoaster</p> <p>6.05 Art Museums Of The World (G) Rpt.</p> <p>7.00 Nigella Express (G) cooking.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 Carols From St Patricks (G)</p> <p>8.35 My Family (PG)</p> <p>9.05 Vicar Of Dibley Special (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>10.55 Movie: The Last Remake Of Beau Geste (M*,du,sr, 1977) Stars Marty Feldman, Michael York, Ann-Margaret.</p> <p>12.20 Movie: Ruthless (PG, 1948) Stars Zachary Scott, Louis Hayward.</p> <p>2.05 Movie: Ladies' Day (G,1943) Stars Lupe Velez, Eddie Albert, Patsy Kelley.</p> <p>3.05 Goannas And The Rubbish Frogs (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.35 National Press Club Address: Patron, Sarah Murdoch, National Breast Cancer Foundation Repeat.</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 Asia Pacific News</p> <p>9.30 Business Today</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 Auto Stories (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 A Seaside Parish (G)</p> <p>5.35 Time Team (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G) six week bus trip of Europe.</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G) Britain's largest zoos</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.05 Christmas Lights (G)</p> <p>8.35 A Very Specky Christmas Repeat.</p> <p>9.35 Catherine Tate Christmas Special (M*,cl,sr) Repeat.</p> <p>10.10 Father Ted Christmas Special (PG)</p> <p>11.05 An Irish Christmas (G)</p> <p>11.55 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Movie: Kirikou and the Sorceress (G, 1998) Animated feature.</p> <p>2.15 In Search of Santa Claus (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.10 Iron Chef America: Cheese (G).</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour with Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Is Your House Killing You? (G) Rpt.</p> <p>6.00 Global Village (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Food Safari: Persian (G)</p> <p>8.00 The Biggest Chinese Restaurant In The World (PG) Final.</p> <p>8.30 The Long Way Down: Tobruk, Libya to Kartoum, Sudan (M,cl) part 4 of 10 doco of a world motorcycle trip.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: C.R.A.Z.Y. (MA,du,cl,s) From Canada in French</p> <p>12.10 Movie: The Three Kings (M,a,cl, 2001) Comedy from France.</p> <p>1.55 Life Support (M,du,a) Comedy.</p> <p>2.25 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Millions (PG,a,y,s, 2004) Stars James Nesbitt, Lewis McGibbon,</p> <p>2.00 Beyond Tomorrow (G)</p> <p>3.00 Dance Machine (G)</p> <p>4.00 Go Go Stop</p> <p>4.30 Seven &amp; Prime News</p> <p>5.00 Home Improvement (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)</p> <p>6.00 Prime &amp; Seven News</p> <p>7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Air Crash Investigations (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Las Vegas (PG)</p> <p>9.30 The Unit (M)</p> <p>10.30 Prison Break (M)</p> <p>11.30 Disorderly Conduct Caught On Tape (M)</p> <p>12.00 Sons And Daughters (G)</p> <p>12.30 Danoz, Expo and Guthy-Renker</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Room For Improvement 12.30 Sons And Daughters 12.45 Movie: The Falcon's Brother (PG,v, 1942) 2.15 The Last Maneater: Killer Tigers Of India 3.15 Power Rangers Mystic Force 3.40 Powerpuff Girls 4.05 Yin Yang Yo! 10.30 Lost 12.30 The Grid</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV &amp; Kids' Programs</p> <p>8.30 Puzzle Play</p> <p>9.00 9am Summertime (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten Morning News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG, at) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Totally Wild</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Bold And Beautiful (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Jamie At Home (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 Friends (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 Jamie At Home: Christmas Special</p> <p>8.30 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show 2008</p> <p>9.30 Movie: The Fast And The Furious (M,cl,v, 2001) Stars Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Michelle Rodriguez, Ja Rule.</p> <p>11.40 Late Show With David Letterman</p> <p>12.30 Mass For You At Home (G)</p> <p>1.00 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 TVP Direct</p> <p>11.30 Danoz and Bio-Magnetics (G)</p> <p>12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The View (PG) talk show.</p> <p>2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Entertainment Tonight (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Malcolm In The Middle (PG)</p> <p>4.00 The Christmas Orange kids' program</p> <p>4.30 Antiques Roadshow Lancing College</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>5.30 Temptation (G) quiz show.</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Shrek The Halls (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Carols By Candlelight (G) Live.</p> <p>10.29 Lotto</p> <p>10.30 Movie: Snow Wonder (PG, at, 2005) Stars Mary Tyler Moore, Camryn Manheim, Jason Priestly.</p> <p>12.30 Mad TV (M) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Guthy-Renker And Danoz</p> <p>3.30 Movie: The Holly And The Ivy (G, 1953) Stars Ralph Richardson, Celia Johnson, Margaret Leighton.</p> <p>5.00 Tom &amp; Jerry: The Nutcracker Tale (G)</p>
	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 Movie: The Thief Of Bagdad (PG, 1940) Stars Conrad Veidt, June Duprez</p> <p>11.00 Midnight Mass From St Peter's Basilica, Rome 2008</p> <p>12.55 Movie: Miracle Of The Bells (G, 1948) Stars Fred MacMurray, Frank Sinatra, Lee J Cobb, Alida Valli.</p> <p>3.00 Movie: Beat The Devil (G, 1953) Stars Humphrey Bogart, Robert Morley.</p> <p>4.30 Movie: I Wanna Hold Your Hand (G, 1978) Stars Bobby Didiocco.</p> <p>6.05 Planet Earth: Ice Worlds (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.20 The Queen's Christmas Message '08</p> <p>7.30 Compass: The Flying Padre</p> <p>8.00 Two Men In A Tinnie (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Christmas At The Riviera (M*,at)</p> <p>10.05 Christmas Lights (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.30 Live From Abbey Road Music.</p> <p>11.25 Wildside (M*,cl,v) Repeat.</p> <p>12.20 Movie: Magnificent Obsession (PG, 1954) Stars Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson</p> <p>2.15 Movie: Appointment In London (G, 1952) Stars Dirk Bogarde, Bill Hunter.</p>	<p>7.00 Marvin Gaye: Greatest Hits 1976 (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.55 The Unforgettable Nat King Cole (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.50 Creature Comforts (G) Repeat.</p> <p>9.00 An Irish Christmas (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 The Choir II: Boys Don't Sing (G)</p> <p>5.35 Carols From St Paul's (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G) six week bus trip of Europe.</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G) Britain's largest zoos</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Vicar Of Dibley (PG) double episode</p> <p>9.50 Creature Comforts (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.00 The Graham Norton Show (M)</p> <p>10.30 Ideal (MA*,du)</p> <p>11.00 Kung Faux (M*,cl,v)</p> <p>11.20 Close</p>	<p>5.30 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Australian Biography: Dame Beryl Beaupre (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Movie: Iberia (G, 2005) Musical from France and Spain.</p> <p>3.10 Iron Chef America: Squash (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial</p> <p>6.00 Global Village: Lava Caves/Nan Tien Temple (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.35 Inspector Rex (M,v,a) crime series from Austria. Double episode.</p> <p>10.05 Movie: Sky Fighters (M,cl,v, 2005) Action adventure from France.</p> <p>11.50 Movie: Dreamship Surprise; Period 1 (M,cl,s, 2001) Comedy from Germany.</p> <p>1.15 Movie: The Trespasser (MA,cl,s, 2001) Thriller from Brazil.</p> <p>3.00 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Religion</p> <p>7.00 Movie: It's A Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie (G, 2002)</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>10.30 A Christmas Carol</p> <p>11.30 Ignite Film Festival 2008</p> <p>12.30 Are You Being Served? The Punch &amp; Judy Affair (PG)</p> <p>1.20 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 According To Jim (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 Home Improvement (G)</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)</p> <p>6.00 Prime &amp; Seven News</p> <p>7.00 Movie: The Adventures Of Charlotte And Henry (PG) Animated</p> <p>8.30 World Latin Championships 2008 (G) dancing.</p> <p>10.40 Australian Dancesport Champs '08</p> <p>11.40 Louis Theroux's Weird Christmas (MA,s)</p> <p>12.55 Danoz, Expo and Guthy-Renker</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 10.30 Movie: The Proud Family Movie (G, 2005) 12.00 Room for Improvement 12.30 Sons And Daughters 12.45 Movie: The Falcon Strikes Back (PG,v, 1943) 2.15 Hooked: Monster Fish 3.15 Power Rangers Mystic Force 3.40 Powerpuff Girls 4.05 Yin Yang Yo! 10.40 Movie: Quigley Down Under (M,v, 1990) 12.40 Australian Dancesport Championships 2008 1.35 Scrubs</p>	<p>6.00 Santa Claus Parade (G)</p> <p>7.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am Summertime (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Celebrate Christmas 2008 (G)</p> <p>12.00 Movie: The Grinch (G, 2001) Stars Jim Carrey, Christine Baranski</p> <p>2.00 The Day After Peace (PG,at)</p> <p>3.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (G) Rpt</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventure (G)</p> <p>4.00 The Elephant Princess</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>5.30 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 The Bold And Beautiful (G)</p> <p>6.30 Friends (PG) Repeat. Double episode</p> <p>7.30 Don't Forget The Lyrics (G)</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Ever After - A Cinderella Story (PG,cl,v, 1998) Stars Drew Barrymore, Angelica Huston.</p> <p>11.00 Peace One Day 2008 Concert (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Hour Of Power Christmas Special</p> <p>1.00 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am.</p>	<p>6.00 Rise &amp; Shine (G) religious program</p> <p>6.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 Bah Humduck! Looney Christmas (G)</p> <p>10.00 Ben 10 (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.30 Christmas Light (G) music.</p> <p>11.30 Movie: A Carol Christmas (PG,st, 2003) Stars Tori Spelling, Gary Coleman, Ni Siemaszko.</p> <p>1.30 Carols By Candlelight (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.00 Movie: A Boyfriend For Christmas (G, 2004) Stars Kelli Williams, Shane Baume.</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.00 Temptation (G)</p> <p>7.30 Movie: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG, sr,cl,v, 1989) Stars Chevy Chase, Julia Louis-Dreyfus.</p> <p>9.30 Movie: Blast From The Past (PG,v,cl,sr, 1999) Stars Brendan Faser, Sissy Spacek, Alicia Silverstone.</p> <p>11.50 2008 Queen's Christmas Message</p> <p>12.00 Movie: The Thief Who Came To Dinner (PG,v, 1973) Stars Ryan O'Neal, Jacqueline Bisset.</p> <p>2.00 Guthy-Renker Australia</p> <p>3.30 Spyforce (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>4.30 I Dream Of Jeannie (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>
	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 How To Divorce Without Screwing Up Your Kids (PG) Final.</p> <p>1.25 Movie: Innocents In Paris (G, 1953) Stars Alastair Sim, Laurence Harvey.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.05 Pilot Guides: Senegal And Cape Verde (G*)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report with Heather Ewart</p> <p>8.00 Kylie Kwong: Fujian (G) cuisine journey through China.</p> <p>8.30 Agatha Christie's Miss Marple (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>10.05 The Thick Of It (MA*,cl) Final.</p> <p>10.35 ABC News</p> <p>10.45 Man Stroke Woman (M*,sr,cl,at) Rpt.</p> <p>11.15 rage (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.</p>	<p>7.05 Creature Comforts (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.30 Schools Spectacular 2008</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 A Place In Greece (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 Unlikely Travellers (G) Final.</p> <p>5.30 Travel Oz (G*) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Compass: The Flying Padre (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 The Wind In The Willows (G) Repeat</p> <p>9.40 Hair By Mr Bean Of London (G) Repeat.</p> <p>10.10 Soundtrack To My Life: Wet Wet Wet (G)</p> <p>10.40 Planet Rock Profiles: Oasis (M*,cl)</p> <p>11.05 Freshmen On Campus (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>11.25 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 The Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 The German Pope: Benedict XVI (PG) repeat doco.</p> <p>2.20 Noah's Ark and the Mystery of the Flood (G) repeat doco.</p> <p>3.10 Iron Chef America: Buffalo (G)</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Bluelist Australia (G) part 2 of 4 repeat doco.</p> <p>6.00 Global Village: Istanbul/Andorra</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Wall Street Warriors (PG) Part 4 of 6 doco series.</p> <p>8.00 Counter Culture: Libya (G) Part 4 of 6. Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 As It Happened: The Night James Brown Saved Boston (PG)</p> <p>9.55 World News Australia</p> <p>10.20 Movie: Howl's Moving Castle (PG, 2004) Animated comedy.</p> <p>12.25 Movie: Mortadelo &amp; Filemon; The Big Adventure (M,v,cl, 2003) Comedy from Spain.</p> <p>2.15 Life Support (M,du,s) Repeat.</p> <p>2.45 WeatherWatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Hamilton Island Race week 2008 Yachting regatta.</p> <p>12.30 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 2008 Live.</p> <p>2.00 Beyond Tomorrow (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Dance Machine (G) Final.</p> <p>4.00 Go Go Stop</p> <p>4.30 Seven News</p> <p>5.00 Home Improvement (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)</p> <p>6.00 Prime &amp; Seven News</p> <p>7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Better Homes And Gardens Summer (G)</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Tin Man (M, 2007) Stars Zooey Deschanel, Richard Dreyfuss. (concludes Sat. night)</p> <p>11.25 Tsunami: Wave Of Disaster (M,a,cl)</p> <p>1.15 Home Shopping</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 10.30 Movie: The Teacher's Pet (G, 2004) 12.00 Room For Improvement 12.30 Sons And Daughters 12.45 Movie: The Falcon's Adventure (PG, 1946) 2.15 Panic In The Ring Of Fire 3.15 Power Rangers Mystic Force 3.40 Powerpuff Girls 11.25 World Latin Championships 2008</p>	<p>6.00 Totally Wild (G) marine creatures</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV &amp; Kids' Programs</p> <p>8.30 Puzzle Play</p> <p>9.00 9am Summertime (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 The Elephant Princess</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Bold And The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>6.30 Friends (PG) Repeat double episode</p> <p>7.30 Movie: World's Fastest Indian (PG,cl,sr, 2005) Stars Anthony Hopkins, Iain Rea, Tessa Mitchell.</p> <p>10.05 The Wedge (M,cl,at)</p> <p>10.30 Orange Roughies (M,cl,v)</p> <p>11.30 Late News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>12.30 Late Show With David Letterman</p> <p>1.30 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 30 Days (PG,cl,sr)</p> <p>5.00 Religion to 6am.</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>10.00 Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 1 - Live.</p> <p>12.30 The Cricket Show (G)</p> <p>1.00 Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 1 - Live.</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>6.30 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.00 Temptation (G) quiz show.</p> <p>7.30 Australian Geographic - Best Of Australia (PG) Central Australia</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Catch Me If You Can (M,cl,v, 2002) Stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Martin Sheen, Amy Adams.</p> <p>11.30 Movie: White Oleander (M,a,v,cl, 2002) Stars Michelle Pfeiffer, Renee Zellweger, Billy Connolly.</p> <p>1.40 Movie: Scars Of Dracula (M,h, 1970) Stars Christopher Lee, Dennis Waterman.</p> <p>3.30 Bruce Springsteen (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.40 Girlfriends (M)</p> <p>4.00 Guthy-Renker (G)</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>

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ABC 1

**5.00** rage (PG)  
**8.00** Best Of The 2008 rage Guest Programmers and rage continues  
**11.00** Outback House (PG) Repeat.  
**12.00** Dynasties: The Forrest Family (G\*)  
**12.30** Best Of Australian Story Repeat.  
**1.00** The Shearers (PG) Final.  
**1.30** Serengeti 24 (G) Repeat.  
**2.30** My Family And Other Animals (PG) Repeat.  
**4.00** Football: W-League – Central Coast Mariners vs Melbourne Victory Live.  
**6.00** Totally Frank (PG) Repeat.  
**6.30** Best Of Gardening Australia (G)  
**7.00** ABC News  
**7.30** Rain Shadow (PG) Repeat.  
**8.25** ABC News  
**8.30** The Bill (M\*,v)  
**10.05** ABC News  
**10.10** Last Detective (M\*,at,s) Repeat.  
**11.20** rage (M)

ABC 2

**7.00** Kids' Programs  
**3.00** rage (G) Repeat.  
**5.00** rage: Guest Programmers: Best Of The 2008 rage (G) Repeat.  
**6.10** Black Books: The Blackout (PG) Repeat.  
**6.35** Robin Hood (PG\*, v) Repeat.  
**7.20** Rex The Runt (PG) Animated.  
**7.30** Nobel Peace Prize Concert (G) Norway.  
**8.20** Unfed (G) Repeat.  
**8.30** Movie: Moulin Rouge (PG, 1952) Stars Zsa Zsa Gabor, Jose Ferrer.  
**10.25** Movie: Friends And Lovers (PG, 1931) Stars Adolphe Menjou, Laurence Olivier, Lily Damita.  
**11.30** Close

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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.  
**1.00** La Fille Du Regiment (G) Opera in French.  
**3.20** The Chopin Etudes (G) Masterpiece  
**3.30** Van Gogh: The Journey's End (G) Masterpiece from France.  
**4.30** Newshour With Jim Lehrer  
**5.30** A Fork In The Mediterranean: Morocco (G) Repeat.  
**6.00** Classical Destinations : Munich & Garmisch (G)  
**6.30** World News Australia  
**7.30** Mythbusters (PG) doco series.  
**8.30** Iron Chef (G) Repeat.  
**9.20** RockWiz (PG) entertainment.  
**10.10** Movie: The Virgin Suicides (MA, 1999) Stars Kirsten Dunst, Kathleen Turner, Danny Devito, James Wood  
**11.55** SOS (G)  
**12.55** Drawn Together (MA,s,v) Animated comedy series.  
**1.20** Stripperella (MA,s) Animated.  
**1.45** The Insider's Guide To Love (M,v,s,cl) drama series. Repeat.  
**2.35** WeatherWatch Overnight

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PRIME

**6.00** Mickey Mouse Clubhouse (G)  
**6.30** Kids' Programs  
**12.00** Eclipse (PG)  
**1.15** Movie: Birdman Of Alcatraz (PG,v, 1962) Stars Burt Lancaster, Telly Savalas, Betty Field, Neville Brand.  
**4.30** Capture In Time (G) stories and images from The Sydney Morning Herald.  
**5.30** Sydney Weekender (G)  
**6.00** Seven News  
**6.30** Movie: The Lizzie McGuire Movie (G, 2003) Stars Hilary Duff, Adam Lamberg, Robert Carradine.  
**8.30** Movie: Tin Man (M, 2007) Stars Zoëy Deschanel, Richard Dreyfuss (final)  
**11.25** Disorderly Conduct Caught On Tape (PG)  
**12.25** Movie: Assassination Tango (M,v,cl, 2003) Stars Robert Duvall, Ruben Blades, Kathy Baker.  
**2.40** Home Shopping

Prime HD program same as above except:  
**12.00** Toons At Noon **2.00** Movie: Angels In The Infield (G, 2000) **3.30** Crusty Demons: Night Of World Records **4.30** Gear **5.00** Better Homes And Gardens Summer

Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)

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**6.00** Kids' Programs  
**8.30** Video Hits First (G)  
**10.00** Video Hits (PG)  
**12.00** Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG)  
**12.30** Pat Callinan's 4X4 Adventures (G)  
**1.00** The Greatest Reef (PG) Repeat.  
**2.00** Totally Australia (G) Repeat.  
**3.00** The Family (PG)  
**4.00** Escape With ET (G)  
**5.00** Ten News With Sports Tonight  
**6.00** The Simpsons (PG) Repeat.  
**6.30** Movie: Home Alone 3 (PG,v, 1997) Stars Alex D. Linz, Olek Krupa.  
**8.35** Movie: Footy Legends (PG,cl, 2006) Stars Ahn Do, Angus Sampson, Claudia Karvan  
**10.25** Orange Roughies (M,cl)  
**11.25** Movie Head Over Heals (M,v,at, 2001) Stars Freddie Prinze Jr, Monica Potter, Ivana Milicevic  
**1.00** Infomercials  
**4.00** Religion (G)

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

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**6.00** Infomercials  
**7.30** Kids' Programs  
**10.00** Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 2 – Live.  
**12.30** The Cricket Show (G)  
**1.00** Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 2 – Live.  
**6.00** Evening News  
**6.30** Funniest Home Video Show – Summer Series (G)  
**7.30** Movie: Practical Magic (PG) Stars Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman.  
**8.40** Saturday Lotto  
**9.40** McLeod's Daughters (M) double episode.  
**11.40** Movie: All The President's Men (M,cl, 1976) Stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert Redford, Jack Warden.  
**2.10** Mad TV (M) Repeat.  
**3.00** Girlfriends (M)  
**4.00** Danoz and Guthy-Renker

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**5.00** rage  
**6.30** Kids' Programs  
**9.00** Q&A debating the big issues. Rpt.  
**10.00** Shacks (G) Repeat.  
**10.30** The Story Of God: The God Of The Gaps (G) Final.  
**11.30** Songs Of Praise (G) Repeat.  
**12.00** Best Of Landline  
**1.00** Best Of Gardening Australia (G)  
**1.30** Message Stick (G\*)  
**2.00** Pyramids Of Death (PG) Repeat.  
**3.00** Countdown Spectacular (PG) Rpt.  
**4.30** Countdown Spectacular 2 (G) Rpt.  
**6.05** Viking Boat Race (G) Final.  
**7.00** ABC News  
**7.30** Nigel Marven's Rhino Adventure  
**8.25** ABC News  
**8.30** Princes In The Tower (M\*,c,v) interrogation of Richard, Duke of York.  
**10.15** Compass: Key To Freedom (G)  
**10.45** Dickens In America (G) Final.  
**11.15** Movie: The Virgin Soldiers (M\*,v,s, 1970) Stars Lynn Redgrave, Nigel Davenport.  
**12.50** Movie: The Drum (PG, 1938) Stars Roger Livesey, Raymond Massey.  
**2.30** Movie: Hitting A New High (G, 1937) Stars Lily Pons, Lucille ball.  
**3.55** Songs Of Praise (G) Repeat

**7.00** Planet Rock Profiles: Meat Loaf (G) Repeat.  
**7.25** Genesis: Songbook (G) Repeat.  
**8.25** Lou Reed: Live At Montreux 2000  
**9.20** John Lennon: Live In New York City (G) Repeat.  
**10.20** Festival: Folk Music At Newport 1964 – 1966 (PG) Repeat.  
**12.00** London Live (G) Music. Repeat.  
**12.30** Red Dwarf (PG) double episode.  
**1.30** Planet Rock Profiles: The Rasmus (G) Final.  
**2.00** Freddie Mercury: The Tribute Concert (G) Repeat.  
**3.00** Fatboy Slim: Big Beach Boutique (G)  
**4.05** Beck: Permanent Mutations (PG) Repeat.  
**5.00** Planet Rock Profiles: The Killers (G) Repeat.  
**5.30** World Music Awards 2008 (G)  
**6.00** ABC For  
**7.00** The Museum (PG) Repeat.  
**7.30** Brideshead Revisited (G) double episode.  
**9.15** Mansfield Park (G) Repeat. Adaptation of the Jane Austen classic starring Billie Piper.  
**10.50** Montreux Jazz Festival 2003: Masters Of Jazz  
**11.45** Close

**6.25** World News in various languages.  
**10.00** Insight Summer Season: The End Of Marriage? (PG) Repeat.  
**11.00** Celtic Woman: The Great Journey (G) Music.  
**12.00** Water Skiing Superboats: Adelaide  
**1.00** Speedweek  
**3.00** Football Asia  
**3.30** FIFA Futbol Mundial Sport.  
**4.00** Les Murray's Football Feature  
**5.00** The World Game football.  
**6.00** Thalassa: Smugglers of the Red Sea  
**6.30** World News Australia  
**7.30** Lost Worlds: The Germanic Tribes part 2 of 4 doco series.  
**8.30** Foolproof Equations For A Perfect Life (G) the decision making process.  
**9.30** Movie: Days Of Glory (M,cl,v, 2006) War from France.  
**11.35** Movie: Down By Law (M,cl,n,a, 1986) Stars Tom Waits, John Lurie.  
**1.30** If The Dead Could Speak (M,v,cl) drama series from Argentina. Repeat  
**2.25** Weatherwatch Overnight

**6.00** Religion  
**6.30** Creflo A Dollar  
**7.00** Kids' Programs  
**10.00** The Road To Bathurst – Variety Queensland's 2008 Bash (G)  
**11.00** Home Improvement (G) 1hr episode  
**11.50** Movie: The Fantasticks (PG,v,s, 2000) Star Joel Grey, Barnard Hughes  
**1.45** Movie: West Side Story (PG,v,a, 1961) Stars Natalie Wood, Richard Beymer, George Chakiris.  
**5.00** What Not To Wear (PG)  
**6.00** Seven News  
**6.30** Outback Wildlife Rescue (G) all new  
**7.00** Hot Property (G)  
**7.30** Seven Wonders Of The Industrial World (PG) Bell Rock Lighthouse.  
**8.30** Movie: Braveheart (M,v,cl,s, 1995) Stars Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau.  
**12.00** Scrubs (PG) Double episode.  
**1.00** Home Shopping

Prime HD program same as above except:  
**10.00** Movie: Hawaii (PG,v,s,a, 1966) **12.45** Scrubs **1.15** Movie: Marine X-1 (PG,v, 1967) **2.45** Movie: The New Adventures Of Spin And Marty: Suspect Behaviour (G, 2000) **4.15** The Amazing Race (double episode) **8.30** This Is Your Laugh **9.30** Knights Of Prosperity **10.00** Scrubs **10.30** Louis Theroux: African Hunting Holiday

**6.00** Religion  
**7.00** Totally Wild (G) Repeat.  
**8.00** Video Hits First (G)  
**10.00** Video Hits (PG)  
**12.00** Australian Fishing Championship  
**2.00** Best Of The Best Sidecar Clash Of Champions (G)  
**3.00** Goin' Ballistix snowboarding.  
**4.00** Country Matters (G) rural Australia.  
**5.00** Ten News With Sports Tonight  
**6.00** The Simpsons (PG) Repeat.  
**6.30** America's New Top Model (PG)  
**7.30** Don't Forget The Lyrics (G)  
**8.30** Movie: Jerry Maguire (M,cl,s, 1996) Stars Tom Cruise, Renee Zellweger, Cuba Gooding Jr.  
**11.20** The Wedge (PG,at)  
**11.50** The Office (PG)  
**12.20** Cops (M, at)  
**12.50** Video Hits Up-Late (PG)  
**1.00** Infomercials  
**4.00** Religion to 6am (PG)

**6.00** Danoz And Guthy-Renker  
**7.00** Sharkey's Friends Repeat.  
**7.30** TVP Direct (G)  
**8.00** Sunday News  
**8.30** Fishing North Australia (G) Broome  
**9.00** Wild Life Man Featuring David Ireland (G) Solomon Islands.  
**10.00** Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 3 – Live.  
**12.30** The Cricket Show (G)  
**1.00** Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 3 – Live.  
**6.00** Evening News  
**6.30** 20 To 1 (PG) Repeat.  
**7.00** You Are What You Eat (PG)  
**7.30** Two And A Half Men (PG,sr,cl) Rpt.  
**8.00** The Big Bang Theory (PG,sr) drama  
**8.30** Movie: Hostage (M,cl,sr,du, 2005) Stars Bruce Willis, Kevin Pollack.  
**10.50** Movie: Consequence (AV, 2003) Stars Amand Assante, Lola Glaudini.  
**12.50** WWE Afterburn (M) wrestling.  
**1.50** David Campbell – 'Good Lovin' (G)  
**2.00** Guthy Renker And Danoz  
**4.00** Good Morning America  
**5.00** Early Morning News

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**4.30** GP (PG) Repeat.  
**5.30** Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.  
**6.00** Kids' Programs  
**11.00** Best Of Landline Repeat.  
**12.00** Midday Report  
**12.30** Geisha: The Twilight Of The Flowers (G) Repeat.  
**1.30** Surfing The Menu (G) Repeat.  
**2.00** Parkinson (PG) Repeat.  
**3.00** Kids' Programs  
**6.05** Monarchy: Survival (G) Final.  
**7.00** ABC News  
**7.30** 7.30 Report  
**8.00** Choir Of Hard Knocks (G) Repeat.  
**8.30** 638 Ways To Kill Castro (M\*,cl,v)  
**9.50** The Real Sleeping Beauty (PG) Repeat.  
**10.40** ABC News  
**10.55** The Mafia: Mafia? What Mafia? (M,cl,n) Repeat.  
**11.45** MDA (M\*,at) drama.  
**12.40** Movie: Men Are Not Gods (PG, 1937) Stars Rex Harrison, Miriam Hopkins.  
**2.00** Movie: A Likely Story (G, 1947) Stars Barbara Hale, Bill Williams.  
**3.30** Bowls: NSW Open 2008 – Men's Pairs Final

**6.00** ABC News Breakfast  
**9.00** Asia Pacific News  
**9.30** Business Today  
**10.00** Kids' Programs  
**4.30** Gardening Australia (G) Repeat.  
**5.00** Message Stick (G\*) Repeat.  
**5.35** Don't Drop The Coffin (G) Repeat.  
**6.00** Walking With Beasts: Land Of Giants the Indricotheres (G) Repeat.  
**6.35** Coach Trip (G)  
**7.00** Zoo Days (G)  
**7.30** Something In The Air (G) Repeat.  
**8.00** Red Dwarf (G) Repeat.  
**8.30** It's Adam And Shelley (M\*,sr) comedy show.  
**9.00** Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves (PG)  
**9.30** Death Note (M\*,v) drama  
**10.00** Spaced (M\*,cl,v) Repeat.  
**10.25** U2: Vertigo Live From Chicago (G) Repeat.  
**11.20** Cowboy Bebop (M,v) repeat.  
**11.55** Close

**5.20** World News in various languages.  
**1.00** Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat.  
**1.30** Race For The Beach (PG) Repeat  
**2.30** The Mormons (PG) Part 1 of 4 repeat doco.  
**3.30** Calling All Aliens (G) Part 1 of 2 repeat doco.  
**4.30** The Journal  
**5.00** The Crew (G) student video production.  
**5.30** Corner Gas (G) Comedy.  
**6.00** Global Village (G) Genoa.  
**6.30** World News Australia  
**7.30** Top Gear (PG)  
**8.30** South Park (M,a) Double episode.  
**9.30** World News Australia  
**10.00** Pizza (M,a,d,cl,s) Comedy.  
**10.30** Skins (MA,d,s,n) repeat drama series  
**11.25** Movie: Miffo (M,cl,a,s, 2003) Romantic comedy from Sweden.  
**1.05** Movie: Mystery Train (M,v,cl,s, 1989) Stars Nicoletta Braschi, Jo Strummer, Steve Buscemi.  
**2.55** WeatherWatch Overnight

**6.00** Sunrise  
**9.00** Kids' Programs  
**11.00** Scrubs (G) Repeat.  
**11.30** Seven News  
**12.00** Movie: A Father's son (PG,a, 1999) Stars John Schneider, Cheryl Ladd.  
**2.00** Beyond Tomorrow (G) Repeat.  
**3.00** Fabulous Foals (G) Repeat.  
**4.00** Go Go Stop  
**4.30** Seven News  
**5.00** Home Improvement (G)  
**5.30** Deal Or No Deal (G)  
**6.00** Seven and Prime News  
**7.00** How I Met Your Mother (PG)  
**7.30** The Rich List (G)  
**8.30** Bones (M) double episode.  
**10.30** Scrubs (PG) double episode.  
**11.30** Kath & Kim The American Series (PG)  
**12.00** Last Comic Standing (M)  
**1.00** Home Shopping

Prime HD program same as above except:  
**12.00** Room For Improvement **12.30** Sons And Daughters **12.45** Movie: Dance, Girl, Dance (G, 1940) **2.15** Shark Attack – The Red Triangle **3.15** Power Rangers Mystic Force **3.40** Powerpuff Girls **4.05** Yin Yang Yo! **10.30** Final 24: Marvin Gaye **11.30** Urban Legends **12.00** Dr Danger **12.30** Gear **1.00** Brainiac – Science Abuse.

**6.00** Totally Australia: Living Dangerously (G) Repeat.  
**7.00** Kids' Programs  
**9.00** 9am Summertime (PG)  
**11.00** Ten News  
**11.30** Video Hits Presents: Neil Young (PG)  
**12.00** Dr Phil (PG) Repeat.  
**1.00** Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.  
**2.00** Ready Steady Cook (G)  
**3.00** Infomercial (PG)  
**3.30** Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)  
**4.00** Scope (G)  
**4.30** Judge Judy (G)  
**5.00** Ten News  
**6.00** The Bold And The Beautiful (G)  
**6.30** Jamie At Home (G) Repeat.  
**7.00** Friends (PG)  
**7.30** How To Look Good Naked (PG)  
**8.30** Law And Order (M) Repeat.  
**9.30** Army Wives (M,at) drama series.  
**10.30** Out Of The Blue (PG, at,v) drama set in the beach resort of Manly.  
**11.00** Late News With Sports Tonight  
**11.45** Late Show With David Letterman  
**12.30** Judge Judy (PG)  
**1.00** Infomercials  
**4.00** Religion to 6am.

**5.30** Today  
**9.00** Kids' Programs  
**10.00** Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 4 – Live.  
**12.30** The Cricket Show (G)  
**1.00** Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 4 – Live.  
**6.00** Evening News  
**7.00** A Current Affair  
**7.30** Two And A Half Men (PG,sr,cl)  
**8.00** The Big Bang Theory (PG,s)  
**8.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (M) Repeat.  
**8.45** Lotto  
**9.30** Crime Investigation Australia (M,v)  
**11.15** The Moment Of Truth (PG)  
**12.10** Shipwrecked (PG)  
**1.05** McLeod's Daughters (PG) Repeat.  
**2.00** Temptation  
**2.30** Guthy Renker and Danoz  
**3.30** Good Morning America  
**5.00** Early Morning News

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**4.30** GP (PG) Repeat.  
**5.30** Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat.  
**6.00** Kids' Programs  
**12.00** Midday Report  
**12.30** The Kindness Of Strangers (PG) Repeat.  
**1.30** Surfing The Menu (G) Repeat.  
**2.00** Parkinson (PG) Repeat.  
**3.00** Kids' Programs  
**6.10** The River Cottage Treatment (G) grow-it, catch-it and cook-it. Final.  
**7.00** ABC News  
**7.30** 7.30 Report  
**8.00** The Museum (PG)  
**8.35** Party Animals (M\*,cl) political drama  
**9.30** Hustle (PG) drama.  
**10.25** ABC News  
**10.35** Iconoclasts: Tom Ford And Jeff Koons (M\*,cl) Final.  
**11.15** Movie: Quadrophonia (MA\*,cl,d,at, 1979) Stars Sting, Philip Davis.  
**1.15** Movie: Pop Always Pays (G, 1940) Stars Leon Arrol, Dennis O'Keefe.  
**2.20** Movie: The Flying Irishman (G, 1939) Stars Douglas Corrigan, Paul Kelly.  
**3.30** Island Life: Lizard Island (G) Repeat.

**6.00** ABC News Breakfast  
**9.00** Asia Pacific News  
**9.30** Business Today  
**10.00** Kids' Programs  
**4.30** Little Angels (G) Repeat.  
**5.00** Kylie Kwong: Heat And Soul (G) Repeat.  
**5.30** Wagging School (G) Repeat.  
**5.35** Friends For Dinner (G) Repeat.  
**6.05** The Gamblers: The Offenders (G) Final.  
**6.35** Coach Trip (G)  
**7.00** Zoo Days (G)  
**7.30** Something In The Air (G) Repeat.  
**8.05** Father Ted (PG) Repeat.  
**8.30** Hamish Macbeth (PG) Repeat.  
**9.20** The Bill (PG) Repeat.  
**10.50** MDA (M\*,cl) Repeat.  
**11.40** Close

**5.20** World News in various languages  
**1.00** The Storm Rages Twice (G) Repeat drama from Lebanon.  
**1.55** Don Matteo (PG) Drama series from Italy.  
**3.00** Here Comes The Neighbourhood (G) Repeat.  
**3.30** Everyone Loves A Wedding (PG) Rpt  
**4.00** The Journal  
**4.30** Newshour With Jim Lehrer  
**5.30** Corner Gas (G) Comedy series.  
**6.00** Global Village: Exccentriiks (G)  
**6.30** World News Australia  
**7.30** The Doctor Who Makes People Walk Again (PG) Repeat doco from the UK.  
**8.30** The Return Of The Bible Plagues (PG) doco from Germany.  
**9.30** World News  
**10.00** Hot Docs: Stax Records (PG)  
**12.05** Movie: Sorry For Kung Fu (M,cl,s, 2004) Comedy from Croatia.  
**1.25** Roy Hollsdotter Live (M,cl) comedy.  
**2.25** WeatherWatch Overnight

**6.00** Sunrise  
**9.00** Kids' Programs  
**11.00** Scrubs (PG) Repeat.  
**11.30** Seven News  
**12.00** Movie: A Marriage Of Convenience (PG,a,s, 1998) Stars Jane Seymour, James Brolin, David Kaye.  
**2.00** Beyond Tomorrow (PG)  
**3.00** Wingbeats To The Amazon (G) Birds  
**4.00** Go Go Stop  
**4.30** Seven News  
**5.00** Home Improvement (G)  
**5.30** Deal Or No Deal (G)  
**6.00** Seven and Prime News  
**7.00** How I Met Your Mother (PG) Rpt.  
**7.30** Wild Vets (G)  
**8.00** Coastwatch (PG) Maritime police.  
**8.30** Eli Stone (M)  
**9.30** Ghost Whisperer (PG)  
**10.30** Prison Break (M,v)  
**11.30** Dirty Sexy Money (M)  
**12.30** Home Shopping

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**12.00** Room For Improvement **12.30** Sons And Daughters **12.45** Movie: 5th Ave Girl (G, 1939) **2.15** Hooked : Monster Fish **3.15** Power Rangers Mystic Force **3.40** Powerpuff Girls **4.05** Yin Yang Yo! **10.30** Alias **11.30** Urban Legends **12.00** Final 24: Marvin Gaye **1.00** Brainiac – Science Abuse

**6.00** Totally Australia: Treading Water (G)  
**7.00** Toasted TV & Kids' Programs  
**8.30** Puzzle Play  
**9.00** 9am Summertime (PG)  
**11.00** Ten Morning News  
**11.30** Video His Presents: Xbox Sounds – The Pussycat Dolls (G) Repeat.  
**12.00** Dr Phil (PG)  
**1.00** Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.  
**2.00** Ready Steady Cook (PG) Repeat.  
**3.00** Infomercials (PG)  
**3.30** Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)  
**4.00** Totally Wild  
**4.30** Judge Judy (G)  
**5.00** Ten News  
**6.00** The Bold & The Beautiful (G)  
**6.30** Jamie At Home (G) Repeat.  
**7.00** Friends (PG) Repeat.  
**7.30** The Simpsons (PG) Repeat.  
**8.00** Rules Of Engagement (PG) Repeat  
**8.30** NCIS (M) double episode.  
**9.30** In Plain Sight (M) legal drama series  
**10.30** Out Of The Blue (PG) drama set in the beach resort of Manly.  
**11.00** Late News With Sports Tonight  
**11.45** Late Show With David Letterman  
**12.30** Judge Judy (PG)  
**1.00** Infomercials (PG)  
**4.00** Religion to 6am.

**5.30** Today  
**9.00** Kids' Programs  
**10.00** Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 5 – Live.  
**12.30** The Cricket Show (G)  
**1.00** Second Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 5 – Live.  
**6.00** Evening News  
**7.00** A Current Affair  
**7.30** Police Ten 7 (PG,cl)  
**8.00** Sudden Impact (PG,cl) series on traffic accidents.  
**8.30** Movie: Rush Hour 2 (M,v,s,cl, 2001) Stars Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.  
**10.30** Movie: Striking Distance (M,v,cl,s, 1993) Stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Dennis Farina, Robert Pastorelli.  
**12.35** E R (M) Repeat.  
**1.35** Temptation (G)  
**2.00** Guthy-Renker  
**3.00** Danoz (G)  
**3.30** Good Morning America  
**5.00** Early Morning News

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Television Guide

1. Alfred Molina and Naomi Watts star in the black comedy **Plots With A View** (SBS, Wednesday 10pm).  
2. Johnny Depp fans will enjoy anything their hero does. However, **Dead Man** (SBS, Thursday 11.50pm) is by no means the simple western it appears to be.  
3. Andy Garcia, Ashley Judd and other good actors in **Twisted** (Ten, Sunday 8.30pm) struggle with another ludicrous serial killer plot. How many psychopaths – apart from the Administration – can the USA really contain?



NEW YEARS EVE	ABC 1	ABC 2	SBS	PRIME	ten	NBN
	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Program</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 National Press Club Address</p> <p>1.30 Surfing The Menu (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parkinson (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.55 RollerCoaster</p> <p>6.05 Art Museums Of The World (G) Rpt.</p> <p>7.00 Nigella Express (G) cooking.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.35 Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2008 (at)</p> <p>10.05 Loot (M,cl,at) Repeat.</p> <p>11.35 Movie: Same Time Next Year (M*,cl,at,sr, 1978) Stars Alan Alda, Ellen Burstyn, Ivan Bonar.</p> <p>1.40 Movie: The French Line (G, 1954) Stars Jane Russell, Gilbert Roland.</p> <p>3.30 National Press Club Address: Mark Scott – Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Repeat.</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 Asia Pacific News</p> <p>9.30 Business Today</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 Auto Stories (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 A Seaside Parish (G)</p> <p>5.35 Time Team (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G) six week bus trip of Europe.</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G) Britain's largest zoos</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.05 1 Giant Leap: What About Me? (G) doco interviewing actors and thinkers on world's truths.</p> <p>8.30 The Best Of 2008 With Myf Warhurst</p> <p>10.00 Happy News Year (G)</p> <p>11.45 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Movie: Jump Tomorrow (PG, 2001) Stars Natalia Verbeke, Tunde Adebimpe.</p> <p>2.35 Culture Fix: (PG) cars and caravans.</p> <p>3.00 Salam Cafe (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Football Stars Of Tomorrow Sport.</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour with Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy series.</p> <p>6.00 Global Village (G) Exccentriiiks.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Dinner For One (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.50 Solstrom (G) Entertainment.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: Plots With A View (M,s, 2003) Stars Naomi Watts, Alfred Molina, Lee Evans, Christopher Walken.</p> <p>11.45 Movie: Night On Earth (M,a,cl,s 1991) Stars Winona Ryder, Gena Rowlands, Roberto Benigni.</p> <p>2.00 Forever Young (M,cl) Music.</p> <p>3.05 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Scrubs (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: True Heart (PG,v,a, 1996) Stars Kirsten Dunst, Zachery Ty Bryan</p> <p>2.00 Beyond Tomorrow (G)</p> <p>3.00 Nature's Vampires (PG,a)</p> <p>4.00 Go Go Stop</p> <p>4.30 Seven &amp; Prime News</p> <p>5.00 Home Improvement (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)</p> <p>6.00 Prime &amp; Seven News</p> <p>7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Air Crash Investigations (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Las Vegas (PG)</p> <p>9.30 The Unit (M)</p> <p>10.30 Prison Break (M)</p> <p>11.30 2009 New Year Celebrations (PG)</p> <p>12.30 Danoz, Expo and Guthy-Renker</p>	<p>6.00 Totally Australia: Finding Culture</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV &amp; Kids' Programs</p> <p>8.30 Puzzle Play</p> <p>9.00 9am Summertime (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten Morning News</p> <p>11.30 Video Hits Presents: The Veronicas (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Totally Wild</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Bold And Beautiful (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Friends (PG) Double episode.</p> <p>7.30 Video Hits Presents: Abba (PG)</p> <p>8.30 New Years Eve 2008 – Family Fireworks (PG) live from Sydney.</p> <p>9.30 Movie: The Full Monty (M) Stars Robert Carlyle, Tom Wilkinson.</p> <p>11.30 New Years Eve 2008 – Midnight Fireworks (PG) live from Sydney.</p> <p>12.30 Video Hits New Years Eve Celebrations 2008 (M)</p> <p>2.30 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne Summer Series (PG)</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Untold Wealth and Danoz (G)</p> <p>12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The View (PG) talk show.</p> <p>2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Entertainment Tonight (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Malcolm In The Middle (PG)</p> <p>4.00 The Shak</p> <p>4.30 Antiques Roadshow (G) Westonbrit</p> <p>5.30 Temptation (G) quiz show</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 2008 The Year That Was.</p> <p>8.30 20 To 1 (PG)</p> <p>8.45 Lotto</p> <p>9.30 New Years Eve Party Zone (M)</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Can't Stop The Music (PG,s,du,cl, 1980) Stars Steve Guttenberg, Paul Sand, Bruce Jenner.</p> <p>2.20 David Campbell (PG) Music.</p> <p>2.30 Danoz</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America.</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>
	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Cricket In The 60s (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Surfing The Menu (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parkinson (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.05 Planet Earth: Great Plains (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Still Croaking (G) golden bell frog.</p> <p>8.30 The Story Of 1 (G*) our modern numbers.</p> <p>9.30 Destiny In Alice (PG*) Alice Springs.</p> <p>10.00 Happy News Year Repeat.</p> <p>11.00 ABC News</p> <p>11.15 Live From Abbey Road: Stereophonics, Colbie Caillat, Joan Armatrading</p> <p>12.05 Wildside (M,cl,v) Repeat.</p> <p>12.55 Movie: The Ghost Goes West (G, 1936) Stars Robert Donat, Jean Parker.</p> <p>2.20 Movie: Pan-Americana (G, 1945) Stars Phillip Terry, Audrey Long, Eve Arden.</p> <p>3.55 The Glass House (M,sr,at) Repeat.</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 Asia Pacific News</p> <p>9.30 Australian Story (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 The Pinnaroo Surfer (G)</p> <p>4.40 Speed Machines (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Naked Science (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 Coach Trip (G) six week bus trip of Europe.</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G) Britain's largest zoos</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Creature Comforts (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Adam Hills Live (M,cl,sr) Repeat.</p> <p>9.35 Modern Toss (M, cl) cartoon books for adults.</p> <p>10.00 The Graham Norton Show (M)</p> <p>10.30 Ideal (MA*,du) Final.</p> <p>11.00 Kung Faux (M*,cl,v)</p> <p>11.20 The Book Group (M,s,cl) Repeat.</p> <p>11.50 Close</p>	<p>5.30 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Australian Biography: Donald Metcalf (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Shark Sex (G) Repeat doco.</p> <p>2.30 Lord Howe Island: Pacific Eden (G) Repeat doco from Germany.</p> <p>3.30 If Only (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial</p> <p>6.00 Global Village (G) Exccentriiiks.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Lunch With Madame Murat (G) food program.</p> <p>8.30 Elvis Lives In Parkes (PG) Repeat doco on the Elvis Festival.</p> <p>9.00 The Drummer Of Ravel's Bolero (G)</p> <p>9.15 New Year's Day Concert Vienna Philharmonic Concert 2009 special from Austria.</p> <p>11.50 Movie: Dead Man (MA,cl,s,v, 1995) Stars Johnny Depp, Gary Farmer, John Hurt, Robert Mitchum.</p> <p>1.50 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>11.00 Scrubs (G) Repeat.</p> <p>11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: The Great Escape (PG,v, 1963) Stars Steve McQueen, James Garner, Richard Attenborough.</p> <p>4.00 Go Go Stop</p> <p>4.30 Seven News</p> <p>5.00 Home Improvement (G)</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)</p> <p>6.00 Prime &amp; Seven News</p> <p>7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG,s) Repeat</p> <p>7.30 Ugly Betty (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Eli Stone (M) legal drama series.</p> <p>9.30 The Unit (G) double episode.</p> <p>11.20 Man's Work (M) opal miner.</p> <p>12.00 Room For Improvement (G)</p> <p>12.20 Danoz, Expo and Guthy-Renker</p>	<p>6.00 Totally Australia: Working Below Zero (G)</p> <p>7.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am Summertime (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>11.30 Video Hits Presents: Coldplay In Concert (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG)</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventure (G)</p> <p>4.00 Totally Wild</p> <p>4.30 Judge Judy (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Bold And Beautiful (G)</p> <p>6.30 Friends (PG) Repeat. Double episode</p> <p>7.30 Don't Forget The Lyrics (G)</p> <p>8.30 Law &amp; Order: Criminal Intent (M) double episode.</p> <p>10.30 Out Of The Blue (PG,at)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News with Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.45 Late Show with David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.30 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am.</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne Summer Series (PG)</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Danoz and Guthy-Renker</p> <p>12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>1.00 The View (PG) talk show.</p> <p>2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)</p> <p>3.00 Entertainment Tonight (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Malcolm In The Middle (PG)</p> <p>4.00 The Shak</p> <p>4.30 Antiques Roadshow Gateshead</p> <p>5.30 Temptation (G)</p> <p>6.00 Evening News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Emergency (PG)</p> <p>8.00 The Waiting Room (G)</p> <p>8.30 Cold Case.</p> <p>9.30 Secret Millionaire (PG)</p> <p>10.30 True CSI (AV)</p> <p>11.30 Seinfeld (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Liquid Bridge (M,s,cl,v 2003) Stars Ryan Kwanten, Simone Kessell, Tony Bonner.</p> <p>2.00 Guthy-Renker Australia</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>
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5.00 rage (PG)  
8.00 rage Special: rage goes Retro (G)  
9.00 rage (G)  
11.00 Outback House (PG) Repeat.  
12.00 Dynasties: The Aarons Family (G)  
12.30 Tennis: The Hopman Cup XXI – France vs Asian Hopman Cup Winner Live.  
6.30 Best Of Gardening Australia (G)  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 Rain Shadow (PG) Repeat.  
8.25 ABC News  
8.30 The Bill (PG)  
10.05 ABC News  
10.10 Last Detective (M,v,at) Repeat.  
11.20 rage (M)

7.00 Kids' Programs  
3.00 rage (G) Repeat.  
5.00 rage: Special: rage goes Retro (G) Repeat.  
6.05 Black Books: The Big Lock Out (PG) Repeat.  
6.35 Robin Hood (PG, v) Repeat.  
7.20 Rex The Runt (PG) Animated.  
7.30 Classic Albums: Bob Marley: Catch A Fire (G) Repeat.  
8.20 A Little Later: Portishead (G) Music. Repeat.  
8.35 Movie: The Fugitive (PG, 1947) Stars Henry Fonda, Dolores Del Rio.  
10.15 Movie: The Scarlet Pimpernel (PG, 1935) Stars Leslie Howard, Merle Oberon, Raymond Massey.  
11.55 Close

[s] = Sex [cl] = Coarse language  
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[n] = Nudity [mp] = Medical procedures  
[du] = Drug use [st] = Supernatural themes  
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[v] = Violence [ie] = Issues about euthanasia  
[\*] = Could offend [h] = Horror

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

5.20 World News in various languages.  
1.00 Nureyev: From Russia With Love  
2.40 A Russian Resurrection (G) musical journey.  
3.10 Two Pieces For Het (G) a dancing masterpiece from Germany.  
3.25 Looking For An Icon (PG) press photography from the Netherlands.  
4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer  
5.30 A Fork In The Mediterranean: France – St Tropez (PG) Repeat.  
6.00 Classical Destinations: Budapest  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Mythbusters (PG) doco series.  
8.30 Iron Chef (G) Repeat.  
9.20 Rockwiz (PG) entertainment.  
10.10 Movie: Junebug (M,c,l,s,a, 2005) Stars Embeth Davidtz, David Kuhn.  
12.00 SOS (M)  
1.00 Classic Albums: Cream – Disraeli Gears (PG) Repeat.  
1.55 The Insiders Guide To Love (M,s,cl) Repeat.  
2.45 WeatherWatch Overnight

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

6.00 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse (G)  
6.30 Kids' Programs  
12.00 Eclipse (PG)  
1.00 According To Jim (G) repeat.  
1.20 Movie: The Gods Must Be Crazy II (PG,v,cl, 1980) Stars Marius Weyers, Sandra Prinsloo, Nixau.  
3.40 George Of The Jungle 2 (PG,v, 2003) Stars Christopher Showerman, Julie Benz, John Cleese, Kristie Hutton.  
5.30 Border Patrol (PG,d)  
6.00 Seven News  
6.30 Movie: Garfield (G, 2003) Stars (G, 2003) Stars Bill Murray, Debra Messing, Jennifer Love Hewitt.  
8.10 Movie: Miracle (PG,cl, 2004) Stars Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson.  
11.05 Movie: Porky's II – The Next Day (M,c,l,n,s, 1983) Stars Dan Monahan, Wyatt Knight, Mark Herrier.  
12.55 Movie: Just Another Story (M,d,cl, 2003) Stars Jaclyn Desantis, Fay Wolf.  
2.20 Home Shopping

Prime HD program same as above except:  
12.00 Toons At Noon 2.00 Movie: Whispers; An Elephant's Tale (PG,a, 2000) 3.30 Thrill Zone: Demolition Derbies 4.30 Gear 5.00 Better Homes And Gardens Summer

Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)

6.00 Kids' Programs  
8.30 Video Hits First (G)  
10.00 Video Hits (PG)  
12.00 Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG)  
12.30 Pat Callinan's 4X4 Adventures (G)  
1.00 Infomercials (PG) Repeat.  
2.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (PG) Repeat.  
2.30 The Sunny Cowgirls So Far (G)  
3.00 The Family (PG)  
4.00 Escape With ET (G)  
5.00 Ten News with Sports Tonight  
6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.  
6.30 Movie: Hating Alison Ashley (PG,cl, 2005) Stars Delta Goodrem, Tracy Mann, Richard Carter.  
8.35 30 Best And Worst Bodies (PG)  
10.30 Orange Roughies (M,cl)  
11.30 Movie: Patch Adams (M,at, 1998) Stars Robin Williams, Monica Potter  
1.40 Infomercials  
4.00 Religion (G)

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

6.00 Infomercials  
7.30 Kids' Programs  
10.00 Third Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 1 – Live.  
12.30 The Cricket Show (G)  
1.00 Third Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 1 – Live.  
6.00 Evening News  
6.30 Funniest Home Video Show – Summer Series (G)  
7.30 Movie: Big Momma's House (PG,v, 2000) Stars Martin Lawrence Nia Long, Paul Giamatti.  
9.30 McLeod's Daughters (M) double episode.  
8.40 Saturday Lotto  
11.30 Movie: Cahill US Marshall (M,v,cl, 1973) Stars John Wayne, Gary Grimes.  
1.20 Movie: Hot To Trot (PG,cl,s,v, 1988) Stars Bobcat Goldthwaite, Dabney Coleman, Virginia Madsen.  
3.00 Spyforce (PG)  
4.00 Danoz And Guthy-Renker

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5.00 rage  
6.30 Kids' Programs  
9.00 Q&A debating the big issues. Rpt.  
10.00 Shacks: Future Shack (G) Final.  
10.30 Opus Dei And The Da Vinci Code (G) Repeat.  
11.30 Songs Of Praise (G) Repeat.  
12.00 Message Stick (G\*)  
12.30 Tennis: The Hopman Cup XXI – Russia vs Italy Live.  
6.30 Elephant Diaries (G) Repeat.  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 Nigel Marven's Ugly Animals  
8.25 ABC News  
9.30 Magnificent 7 (PG) family drama.  
9.55 Compass: The Quiet Revolution – New Prophets (G) Part 1 of 3.  
10.25 Primo (G) Repeat.  
11.55 Movie: None Shall Escape (M, 1943) Stars Alexander Knox, Marsha Hunt.  
1.20 Movie: Dark Mirror (PG, 1946) Stars Olivia de Havilland, Lew Ayres.  
2.55 Movie: Annabel Takes A Tour (G, 1938) Stars Lucille Ball, Jack Oakie.  
4.00 Songs Of Praise (G) Repeat

7.00 Planet Rock Profiles: The Thrills (G)  
7.25 Johnny Cash: Behind Prison Walls (G) Repeat.  
8.15 The Beach Boys: Live In Concert, Knebworth 1980 (G) Repeat.  
9.25 Ray Davies: The World From My Window (G) Repeat.  
10.15 Suzanne Vega: Live At Montreux 2004 (G) Repeat.  
11.10 Fatboy Slim And The Chemical Brothers (G) Repeat.  
11.55 London Live (G) Music. Repeat.  
12.30 Red Dwarf (PG) double episode.  
1.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Doves (PG)  
2.05 Stereo MCs: Live In Manchester (PG)  
2.50 A Little Later: David Bowie (G)  
3.05 Bjork: Live At Cambridge 1998 (G)  
4.05 Snow Patrol Live At Somersethouse (PG) Repeat.  
4.55 A Little Later: Radiohead (G)  
5.10 Classic Albums: Meat Loaf's Bat Out Of Hell (G) Repeat.  
6.00 21 Years Of Compass  
7.00 The Museum (PG) Repeat.  
7.30 Brideshead Revisited (G) double episode.  
9.15 Emma (G) Adaptation of the Jane Austen classic stars Kate Beckinsale.  
11.05 Montreux Jazz Festival 2003  
12.00 Close

6.25 World News in various languages.  
10.00 Insight Summer Season: Shifting The Climate Repeat.  
11.00 Iron Chef (G) Repeat.  
11.50 Cocktails (G) short.  
12.00 Fair Dinkum Majit (G) Repeat doco  
12.30 Dakar Rally Preview – South America Sport  
1.00 Speedweek  
3.00 Football Asia  
3.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial Sport.  
4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature  
5.00 The World Game football.  
6.00 Dakar Rally motorsport travel-throughout South America.  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Lost Worlds: The Germanic Tribes part 3 of 4 doco series.  
8.30 The Lobotomist (PG) Dr Walter J Freeman.  
9.35 Movie: Captain Alatriste (MA,v, 2006) Action adventure from Spain.  
12.05 Movie: The Zookeeper (M,c,l,v,a, 2002) Stars Sam Neill, Gina McKee Ulrich Thomsen.  
1.55 If The Dead Could Speak (M,v,cl) drama series from Argentina. Repeat  
2.50 Weatherwatch Overnight

6.00 Religion  
6.30 Creflo A Dollar  
7.00 Kids' Programs  
11.05 Movie: You Lucky Dog (G 1998) Stars Kirk Cameron, James Avery.  
1.00 Movie: The Gods Must Be Crazy II (PG,v,cl, 1989) Stars Lena Farugia, Hans Strydom, Nixau.  
3.00 Movie: The Beverly Hillbillies (G, 1993) Stars Jim Varney, Deidrich Dader, Erika Eleniak.  
5.00 Does My Bum Look Big? (PG) new series help all shapes and sizes.  
6.00 Seven News  
6.30 Outback Wildlife Rescue (G) all new  
7.00 Hot Property (G)  
7.30 The Rich List (G)  
8.30 Movie: Shallow Hal (M,c,l,s, 2001) Stars Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black.  
10.50 Holby Blue (M,v,s)  
12.00 The Benny Hill Show (PG)  
12.30 Home Shopping

6.00 Religion  
7.00 Totally Wild (G) Repeat.  
7.30 Animalia  
8.00 Video Hits First (G)  
10.00 Video Hits (PG)  
12.00 Australian Fishing Championship  
1.00 Infomercials (PG)  
2.00 Country Matters (G) rural Australia  
3.00 Movie: The Golden Child (PG, cl,v, 1986) Stars Eddie Murphy, Charles Dance, Charlotte Lewis.  
5.00 Ten News With Sports Tonight  
6.00 The Simpsons (PG) Repeat.  
6.30 America's New Top Model (PG)  
7.30 Don't Forget The Lyrics (G)  
8.30 Movie: Twisted (M,cl,s,v, 2004) Stars Ashley Rudd, Samuel L Jackson.  
10.30 The Office (PG)  
11.00 The Wedge (M)  
11.30 Cops (M,cl,sr) double episode.  
12.30 Infomercials  
4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)

6.00 Danoz And Guthy-Renker  
7.00 TVP Direct (G)  
8.00 Sunday News  
9.00 Wild Life Man Featuring David Ireland (G) Solomon Islands.  
10.00 Third Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 2 – Live.  
12.30 The Cricket Show (G)  
1.00 Third Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 2 – Live.  
6.00 Evening News  
6.30 20 To 1 (PG)  
7.30 Two And A Half Men (PG,sr,cl) Rpt.  
8.00 The Big Bang Theory (PG,sr) drama  
8.30 Movie: Around The World In 80 Days (PG,v,cl, 2004) Stars Jackie Chan, Steve Coogan, Robert Fyfe.  
10.55 Movie: City Hall (M,v,cl, 1996) Stars Al Pacino, John Cusack.  
1.10 WWE Afterburn (M) wrestling.  
2.05 Guthy Renker And Danoz  
4.00 Good Morning America  
5.00 Early Morning News

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4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.  
5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.  
6.00 Kids' Programs  
11.00 Best Of Landline Repeat.  
12.00 Midday Report  
12.30 Tennis: The Hopman Cup XXI – Australia vs Germany Live.  
6.30 Elephant Diaries (G) Repeat.  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 The 7.30 Report  
8.00 Choir Of Hark Knocks (G) Repeat.  
8.30 Gangland Graveland (M)  
9.30 Capturing The Friedmans (MA,cl) family drama.  
11.20 ABC News  
11.30 The Mafia: Going Global (M,v,du)  
12.20 MDA (M,at) drama.  
1.25 Movie: The Spy In Black (G, 1939) Stars Conrad Veidt, Sebastian Shaw.  
2.55 The Last Post (G) Repeat.  
3.25 Bowls: NSW Open 2008 - Women's Singles

6.00 ABC News Breakfast  
9.00 Asia Pacific News  
9.30 Business Today  
10.00 Kids' Programs  
4.30 Best Of Gardening Australia (G) Repeat.  
5.00 Message Stick (G\*) Repeat.  
5.35 Don't Drop The Coffin (G) Final.  
6.00 Walking With Beasts: Next Of Kin (G) Repeat.  
6.35 Coach Trip (G)  
7.00 Zoo Days (G)  
7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.  
8.00 Red Dwarf (G) Repeat.  
8.30 It's Adam And Shelley (M\*,sr) Final.  
9.00 Mind, Body And Kick Ass Moves (PG)  
9.30 Death Note (M\*,v) Final.  
10.00 Spaced (M,cl) Repeat.  
10.25 Happy News Year Repeat.  
11.25 Cowboy Bebop (PG) Repeat.  
11.45 Close

5.20 World News in various languages.  
1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat.  
1.30 Kidnapped (PG) doco on the North Korean abduction of Japanese citizens.  
2.30 The Mormons (PG) part 2 of 4 repeat.  
3.30 Calling All Aliens (G) Final.  
4.30 The Journal  
5.00 The Crew (G) student video production.  
5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy.  
6.00 Dakar Rally motorsport travel-throughout South America.  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Top Gear (PG)  
8.30 South Park (M,a) Double episode.  
9.30 World News Australia  
10.00 Pizza (M,a,d,cl,s) Comedy.  
10.30 Skins (MA,d,s,n) repeat drama series  
11.25 Movie: Chouchou (M,c,l,s, 2003) Comedy from France.  
1.15 Movie: Neon Genesis Evangelion – Death And Rebirth (PG, 1997) Animated feature.  
2.55 WeatherWatch Overnight

6.00 Sunrise  
9.00 Kids' Programs  
10.30 Scrubs (PG)  
11.00 Home Improvement (PG)  
11.30 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 Day 1 – Live.  
5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)  
6.00 Seven and Prime News  
7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG)  
7.30 The Rich List (G)  
8.30 Bones (M) double episode.  
10.30 Scrubs (PG) double episode.  
11.30 Kath & Kim The American Series (PG)  
12.00 Last Comic Standing (M)  
1.00 Home Shopping

6.00 Ten News  
7.00 Kids' Programs  
9.00 9am Summertime (PG)  
11.00 Ten News  
12.00 Dr Phil (PG) Repeat.  
1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.  
2.00 Ready Steady Cook (G)  
3.00 Infomercial (PG)  
3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)  
4.00 It's Me Or The Dog (G) Repeat.  
4.30 Judge Judy (G)  
5.00 Ten News  
6.00 The Bold And The Beautiful (G)  
6.30 Jamie At Home (G) Repeat.  
7.00 Friends (PG)  
7.30 America's Next Top Model (PG)  
8.30 Law & Order: Criminal Intent (M) Repeat.  
9.30 Army Wives (M,at) drama series.  
10.30 Out Of The Blue (PG, at,v) drama set in the beach resort of Manly.  
11.00 Late News With Sports Tonight  
11.45 Late Show With David Letterman  
12.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (G)  
1.00 Infomercials  
4.00 Religion to 6am.

5.30 Today  
7.00 Kids' Programs  
10.00 Third Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 3 – Live.  
12.30 The Cricket Show (G)  
1.00 Third Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 3 – Live.  
6.00 Evening News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 Two And A Half Men (PG,sr,cl)  
8.00 The Big Bang Theory (PG,sr)  
8.30 The Mentalist (M)  
8.45 Lotto  
9.30 Crime Investigation Australia (M)  
10.45 Monster House (PG)  
11.45 Temptation (PG) quiz show.  
12.10 Shipwrecked (PG)  
1.05 McLeod's Daughters (PG) Repeat.  
2.00 Guthy Renker and Danoz  
3.30 Good Morning America  
5.00 Early Morning News

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4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.  
5.30 Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat.  
6.00 Kids' Programs  
12.00 Midday Report  
12.30 Tennis: The Hopman Cup XXI – France Italy Live.  
6.30 Elephant Diaries (G) Repeat.  
7.00 ABC News  
7.30 The 7.30 Report  
8.00 The Museum (PG)  
8.35 Party Animals (M\*,cl) political drama  
9.30 Hustle (PG) Final.  
10.25 ABC News  
10.35 Shrink Rap: Stephen Fry (M,at,cl)  
11.25 Movie: The Harder They Fall (M, 1955) Stars Humphrey Bogart, Rod Steiger.  
1.10 Movie: The Lost Moment (PG, 1947) Stars Robert Cummings, Susan Hayward, Agnes Moorhead.  
2.35 Movie: The Great Gildersleeve (G, 1942) Stars Harold Peary, Jane Darwell.  
3.35 Island Life: Torres Strait Island (G) Final.

6.00 ABC News Breakfast  
9.00 Asia Pacific News  
9.30 Business Today  
10.00 Kids' Programs  
4.30 Little Angels (G) Repeat.  
5.00 Kylie Kwong (G) Repeat.  
5.30 Wagging School (G)  
5.35 Friends For Dinner (G) Repeat.  
6.05 Under The Hammer (G) Repeat.  
6.35 Coach Trip (G)  
7.00 Zoo Days (G)  
7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.  
8.05 Father Ted (PG) Repeat.  
8.30 Hamish Macbeth (PG) Repeat.  
9.20 The Bill (PG) Repeat.  
10.50 MDA (M\*c) Repeat.  
11.45 Close


5.20 World News in various languages  
1.00 The Storm Rages Twice (G) Repeat drama from Lebanon.  
1.55 Don Matteo (PG) Drama series from Italy.  
3.00 Here Comes The Neighbourhood (G) Repeat.  
3.30 Everybody Loves A Wedding (G)  
4.00 The Journal  
4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer  
5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy series.  
6.00 Dakar Rally motorsport travel-throughout South America.  
6.30 World News Australia  
7.30 Desperately Seeking Doctors (PG) Part 1 of 3 doco on the doctors' crisis in Australia.  
8.30 Blood And Guts: History of Surgery; Into The Brain (PG) Part 1 of 5 doco series from the UK.  
9.30 World News  
10.00 Guerrilla: The Taking Of Patty Hearst (M,cl,a) Repeat doco.  
11.35 Movie: Whisky Romeo Zulu (PG, 2004) Drama from Argentina.  
1.25 The Frankfurt Auschwitz Trial (M,a,) repeat doco..  
2.25 WeatherWatch Overnight

6.00 Sunrise  
9.00 Kids' Programs  
10.30 Scrubs (PG)  
11.00 Home Improvement (G)  
1.30 Tennis: Brisbane International 2009 Day 2 – Live.  
5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G)  
6.00 Seven and Prime News  
7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG) Rpt.  
7.30 Wild Vets (G)  
8.00 Coastwatch (PG) Maritime police.  
8.30 Eli Stone (M)  
9.30 Ghost Whisperer (PG)  
10.30 Prison Break (M,v,) Final.  
11.30 Dirty Sexy Money (M)  
12.30 Home Shopping

6.00 Ten News  
7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs  
8.30 Puzzle Play  
9.00 9am Summertime (PG)  
11.00 Ten Morning News  
12.00 Dr Phil (PG)  
1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.  
2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) Repeat.  
3.00 Infomercial (PG)  
3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)  
4.00 It's Me Or The Dog (G) Repeat.  
4.30 Judge Judy (G)  
5.00 Ten News  
6.00 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)  
6.30 Jamie At Home (G) Repeat.  
7.00 Friends (PG) Repeat.  
7.30 The Simpsons (PG) Repeat.  
8.00 Rules Of Engagement (PG) Repeat  
8.30 NCIS (M) double episode.  
9.30 In Plain Sight (M) legal drama series  
10.30 Out Of The Blue (PG) drama set in the beach resort of Manly.  
11.00 Late News With Sports Tonight  
11.45 Late Show With David Letterman  
12.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (PG)  
1.00 Infomercials (PG)  
4.00 Religion to 6am.

5.30 Today  
9.00 Kids' Programs  
10.00 Third Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 4 – Live.  
12.30 The Cricket Show (G)  
1.00 Third Cricket Test: Australia vs South Africa Day 4 – Live..  
6.00 Evening News  
7.00 A Current Affair  
7.30 Police Ten 7 (PG,cl)  
8.00 Sudden Impact (PG,cl) series on traffic accidents.  
8.30 Movie: Collateral Damage (M,v, 2002) Stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, John Turturro, Francesca Neri.  
10.50 Movie: Punch Drunk Love (M,cl,v,s, 2002) Stars Adam Sandler, Emily Watson.  
12.40 E R (M) Repeat.  
1.30 David Campbell (PG) Music.  
2.00 Temptation (G)  
2.30 Guthy-Renker  
3.00 Danoz (G)  
3.30 Good Morning America  
5.00 Early Morning News

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## Frost/Nixon

Few of us, if any, see the need to take into account our own actions when judging the moral conduct of others – not that Richard M Nixon, the USA's disgraced 37th President should be exonerated for his gross betrayal of public trust. Nor does Ron Howard attempt anything so spurious in his brilliant new movie, adapted by Peter Morgan

from his award winning stage production, which covers the marathon interviews given by Nixon to British journalist David Frost in 1977 (who had interviewed him in 1968; they were not total strangers to each other, which is deleted from the official record here. Disingenuousness is not unique to politics). A tidy prologue clarifies for generations not familiar with

it the details of Watergate and the sorry scandal that led to Nixon's 1974 resignation, then the story plunges into the backroom wheeling and dealing that allowed for the deal to be struck. Michael Sheen's Frost, single-minded in his ambition to make it in America, is presented as a playboy of the western world rather than a bona fide interrogator and, with the excitable eyebrows of a ventriloquist's dummy and persistent salesman's smile, Sheen often appears to be channelling the Tony Blair he played in *The Queen* (also written by Morgan). It's a portrayal that is at odds with recollections of Frost, but it works well as a counter to the brooding, mercenary interviewee. Frank Langella as Nixon is simply great. A facial resemblance is not strong, but that is soon of no consequence (though he does look uncannily like Tricky Dickie in later scenes featuring images on b/w TV monitors), for he really does become the man. The vilified schemer is humanised, but never is there any suggestion that we should feel pity for him – he has enough of that for himself anyway. Though poles apart in personality, a strange symbiosis is generated by the pair, both of them understanding that they go together like a horse and carriage as they strive to attain maximum benefit from the project, aware that their mutual back-scratching can ultimately satisfy only one itch. Frost is initially all at sea against the wily, loquacious old hand – even when he confronts him with images of the carnage in Cambodia and Vietnam, Nixon is able to stare him down. It is not until Frost hardens his line on Watergate that he gets his breakthrough. Nixon's realisation, on camera, of the gravity of his deceptions is demoralising for him – but he remains unbowed, a misanthropic character entirely unsuited to the career he pursued. Howard's unaffected approach as a director who has never discounted his obligation to entertain ensures that this probing film cruises at a level that is accessibly intellectual without being encumbered by self-importance or tendentiousness. Essential viewing.

~ John Campbell

## Quantum of Solace

*Quantum of Solace* opens with two gripping, back-to-back chases, as James Bond (Daniel Craig) tries to heed the orders of M (Judi Dench) and, at the same time, track down the people responsible for the death of his love, Vesper. Bond is still struggling with Vesper's death, displaying a new, ferocious violence in his work, and a recklessness that M would very much like to get under control. When Bond discovers a massive, secret organization called Quantum,



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he believes it might have been a part of the scheme that killed Vesper. He follows the clues to Haiti, where he knifes, shoots, and kick-boxes his way to the center of the sinister scheme. Director Marc Forster, *Stranger Than Fiction* has crafted some truly memorable fight scenes, setting them in the most elegant of locales. Everything is beautifully shot, from Bond racing across the rooftops of Italy, to his showdown at an Austrian opera house. As for Craig, he is once again all cold precision and steely blue eyes but he never lets us forget Bond's humanity. His 007 is positively riveting.

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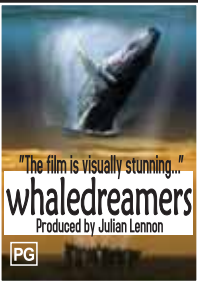
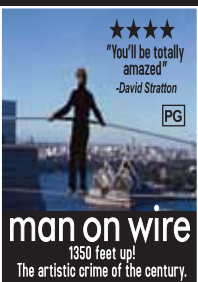
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6.15 Quantum Of Solace  
8.30 Body Of Lies

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John Campbell’s Top 10 and Joe Cockers of 2008

FAVE RAVE MOVIES OF 08

1. The Diving Bell and the Butterfly  
You wouldn’t credit that a film about a bed-ridden, paralysed Frenchman who can do



nothing but blink his left eye could be so engrossing. With dross the currency of all media, this is a reminder of how the best art can make your spirit soar. It’s about the power of imagination, the necessity of communication and the primacy of love.

2. Juno  
The simple story of a schoolgirl who finds herself up the duff and how she, her family and boyfriend cope with the pregnancy. Diablo Cody’s script is gossamer fine and director Jason Reitman keeps it real. Breezy, poignant and without histrionics, the moment when the entire audience goes to water is a beauty. Juno and Bleeker are winners and journeyman actor J K Simmons provides tremendous warmth as Dad.

3. The Savages  
A parent’s passing is a sombre subject and a guarantee of minimal box office returns, especially in an area as age-denying as ours. Which is too bad, for writer/director Tamara Jenkins’s treatment of the dying Lenny and his adult children, Jon and Wendy, is as delightful as it is sad, as confronting as it is comforting. Laura Linney and Philip Seymour Hoffman are superb as the siblings and its surprise last shot is the best of the year.

4. The Band’s Visit  
If ever you hoped for two people to jump in the sack together it’s Tawfiq and Dina in this Arab/Israeli production that is loaded with melancholy on a personal level, but charged with hope in its

promotion of cross-cultural understanding. The blokes in the Egyptian band wear the snazziest baby blue uniforms and Tawfiq winds it up with a song of exquisite longing.

5. The Black Balloon  
A beautiful boy-meets-girl story in the context of a family’s struggle to raise an autistic/ ADD son. It has deservedly been awarded numerous gongs, but there was no nomination for Gemma Ward, who makes the movie. Her performance is enchanting and naturalistic, but the knobs at the AFI, revealing only their narrowness and precious self-regard, passed her over – she being a model and not an actress.

6. Mongol  
An epic in the grand tradition, covering Temudjin’s life up until he’d established himself as the fearsome Genghis Khan on the verge of carving out his vast thirteenth century empire. Russian Sergei Bodrov’s richly textured, convincing recreation of the period has an unambiguous morality, sweeping landscapes, mighty horseback charges and, though it may be cutely anachronistic, an enduring love story at its core

7. Gone Baby Gone  
Casey Affleck followed his psychotic portrayal of Robert Ford in ‘The Assassination of Jesse James’ with an equally compelling effort as the down at heel private investigator seeking the whereabouts of an abducted child. The single



mother is a dope dealer in the grungy end of Boston and the question is posed: where does the kid’s best interests lie? Gritty and provocative, even if the reveal is a tad far fetched.

8. In the Shadow of the Moon  
Dealing with the Apollo program that ultimately saw Neil Armstrong take his giant

leap for mankind on the Moon, there are no tricks or dazzling CGI, just conventional use of archival footage and personal commentary from eleven of the astronauts involved (excepting, alas, Armstrong himself). Uplifting for the vanishing ideals the men personify and the candour and humanity with which they reflect on their deeds.

9. Charlie Wilson’s War  
Ever since ‘The Graduate’, director Mike Nichols has consistently shown himself to be an astute observer of America’s manners, mores and politics. This is an exposé of



how the road to the hellish mire of today’s Afghanistan was paved with good intentions. Sardonic, uncomplicated and honest, with quality input from Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts and Philip Seymour Hoffman as a chain smoking CIA agent.

10. The Bank Job  
A classic heist from Aussie director Roger Donaldson. Set in ‘sixties London and based on real events, it’s stylish and refreshingly old fashioned, staying true to the genre and not indulging in the tarty, parodic excesses of crime flicks such as ‘Rock’n’Rolla’, ‘In Bruges’ and their ilk. And oh, what a vixen that Princess Margaret was!

THE JOE COCKERS OF 2008

- Disaster Movie (by a country mile)
- Forgetting Sarah Marshall
- Hey Hey It’s Esther Blueburger
- What Happens In Vegas
- You Don’t Mess With The Zohan
- Then She Found Me
- Wanted
- 2 Days In Paris
- Sweeney Todd
- Never Back Down.

Never misunderstand the pong of punditry

John Campbell  
Of the 368 movies that I have reviewed for The Echo, only one has got the treatment without me actually seeing it.

There is no point in trying to defend the indefensible, but I did make every effort to get to the cinema for a screening, only to be repeatedly foiled by unforeseeable twists of fate. The movie in question was being heavily promoted and its star had that week been fawned over by media droogs at the Opera House, Oz being the latest stopover on his five-star global promotional tour. I was reluctant to let it pass without comment, so I checked out the reviewers I hold in highest esteem (i.e., the ones I agree with most often), Stephanie Zacharek (her scorning of No Country For Old Men made me feel that I was not alone in the world, just in Byron Shire) and Mick LaSalle. Based on their assessments and the extensive previews I’d seen, and fuelled by my loathing of the bloke in it, I gave it the rounds of the kitchen.

I’ll push a peanut to Bourke if there are not scores of other hacks, in desperate straits, who have been led to commit journalism’s cardinal sin – even Margaret, I reckon, might have fallen to the temptation, though probably not David – and, frankly, my piece was pretty convincing. Even I believed it.

Sure enough, the weekend after it was published, a very learned fellow bailed me up and commenced dissecting said movie.

‘I agree with your criticism of the mocking tone,’ he said. ‘It was so irritating, wasn’t it?’ I replied, winging it and wondering how I might get the conversation around to what the Bunnies’ chances were of producing a winning streak that would carry them through to the grand final (none, as it happened), how much his new car cost (he’d know I didn’t give a rat’s) or, everybody’s favourite, what a dick John Howard was.

In the end I feigned a desperate need to go to the dunny and hung around the latrine for as long as it took for me to absorb the fundamental lesson: never write or talk about that with which you are unacquainted. continued next page

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Frost/Nixon: 2.15pm, 4.40pm, 7pm	High School Musical: 9.45am, 1pm	The Curious Case of Benjamin Button: 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm
The Day The Earth Stood Still: 2pm, 5pm, 7.15pm	WEDNESDAY DEC 31	Frost/Nixon: 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 9pm
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007  
QUANTUM OF SOLACE

★ STARTS JAN 1ST ★ YES MAN ★ BOLT ★ MARLEY AND ME







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Now I'm not so sure, what with Pierre Bayard's *How To Talk About Books You Haven't Read* and Henry Hitchings's *How To Really Talk About Books You Haven't Read* making names for their authors.

The idea suggested by the titles, recalling Donald Rumsfeld's 'there are things we know we don't know' (I still don't understand why Rummy was so ridiculed for saying what to me makes perfect sense), starkly reflects today's growing irrelevance of reality in the face of glossy populist fantasy and second-hand insight.

I swallowed a major dose of the new pretend world's panacea

in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. I was living in Connecticut and had been to New York on the Sunday before that fateful Tuesday – I posed for a pic on the Staten Island Ferry with the WTC behind me.

Listening to analysis of the event on one of America's worthy Public Broadcasting Service stations, I heard an ivy league educated, level headed announcer say that they would shortly be crossing to Martin Sheen for comments – the Martin Sheen who played the President in *The West Wing*. He rabbitied on in much the same way that I did in my phantom review, and I lapped it up.

Other confessions; without having read *Pride And Prejudice*,

I brazenly converse with Jane Austen disciples about her timeless masterpiece of chick lit and am on record (in this paper, no less) as having stated unequivocally that Colin Firth was *the* Mister Darcy; I've never seen *2001: A Space Odyssey*, but am adamant that it is not Stanley Kubrick's best film (I go for *Spartacus*), while at the same time asserting that the choice of its unforgettable theme was a stroke of genius, 'Thus Spoke Tharathustra' being a lasting monument to its neglected composer, Richard Strauss (whose name I pronounce Rickard). It is a truth universally acknowledged that, if you are going to bullshit, bullshit big, with, as Hitchings

advises, fearlessness and charm.

Maybe I'll read his book one day.




'Jane Austen wishes she could just watch it on TV.'

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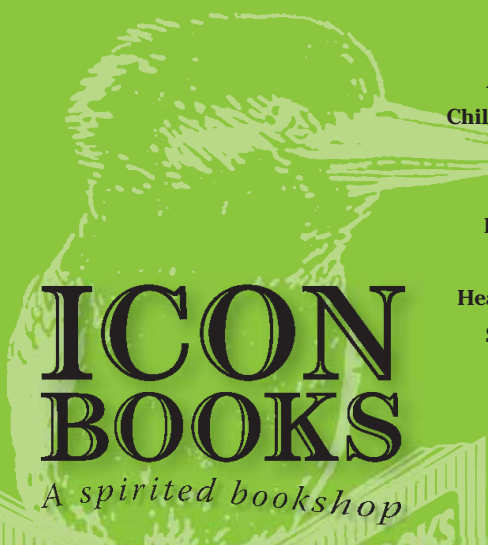
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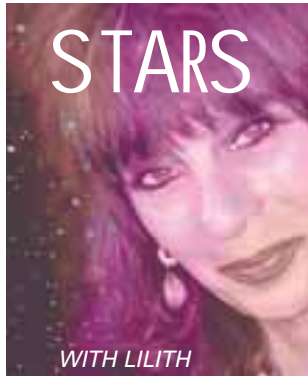
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**ARIES:** It's time to accept the fact that you're not going to accomplish absolutely everything you planned and to start easing into the season of universal goodwill. On Big Days, come what may, forget expectations, take people as they are, and may the festive merry go round take you where you want to go.

**TAURUS:** Taurans believe their actions speak louder than words, but this is a time for expressing affection and letting those you love know just how much. Balance social exposure with quiet time over the next fortnight to reconnect with core values: loved ones, community, supportive friendships. Feel the luurve, then take that feeling into your new year.

**GEMINI:** Fabulous aspects to your planetary ruler Mercury have you sparkling like this week's party lights through Xmas eve's good-time astral lineup. Whether you spend the year's end mixing with the masses or being elegantly elite, this week's stars draw unusual new people into your orbit. May your holiday cocktail be pleasantly effervescent...

**CANCER:** With life in the fast lane this week, cruise control's the go. Ignore traffic snarls, short tempers, angst, aggro and standard yuletide friction – don't take that trip to drama city. Stay buoyant and keep dropping minor aggravations you wouldn't want to take into the new year, because holiday stars are looking pretty flash.

**LEO:** Find ways to stay user-friendly during this volatile, patience-tester of a week, because when you finally put your furry feet up and adoring fans fill your glass with sparkly the

payoff's so worth it. Stride down the scarlet party carpet of 2008's grand finale into your new year with confidence and style – what else?

**VIRGO:** Distinguishing between honorable responsibilities and toxic obligations will definitely ease this week's angst. Your boss planet Mercury's in terrifically auspicious alignment for the festive period so forget headlines and deadlines – your personal stars couldn't be better and the holiday gods are smiling on you mightily.

**LIBRA:** On this week's Big Day you may have to stretch to encompass unexpected guests, so having a backup plan will impress others. Then it's time to stop micro-managing, blow yourself a kiss in the mirror, treat heavy agendas with your signature light touch, and make your holiday mantra: I adore divine disorder...

**SCORPIO:** As you lock in last minute countdown plans, preparations and arrangements some things won't go the way you wanted – but turn whatever presents itself to your advantage and they might be way better. Don't carry old baggage into a new era: bless it, let it go, then give the old year a jolly good send off...

**SAGITTARIUS:** With only a few more sleeps to the X-event, xmas eve moon in your own party

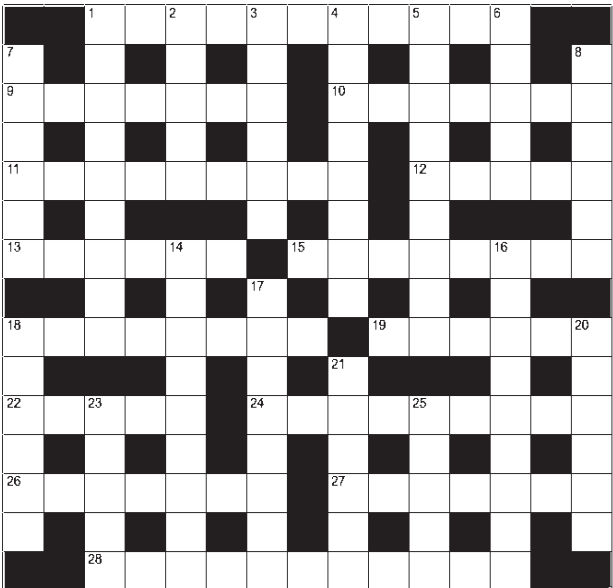
hearty sign promises lots of laughs, and new year holiday stars are harmonious. Take some time to review all you've achieved this year and the lessons learned. Let it settle during the week, lock it in then go party...

**CAPRICORN:** Happy Birthday Capricorns, as a gang of planets in Capricorn combine for your annual power surge which blesses you with confidence, resolve and a resurrection of inner resources. If anyone can make their dreams come true right now, it's you. And your new year stars are absolutely magic.

**AQUARIUS:** With time run out on xmas shopping, go ahead and order the Oxfam goat and be done with it. You've done the hard pre-xmas yards, now get with the festive celebrating, jolly holidaying, more the merrier, friends and family togetherness program. And the perky fringe benefits of new year's eve Aquarius Moon...

**PISCES:** Don't promise more than you can deliver right now. Instead, take a break from surfing waves of bad luck or bad news – put them all behind you. Lay the old year to rest and shake it out of your system so you can start the new one with awareness and gratitude for all your many blessings.

## Crossword by Ken Porter



### Quick Clues

- ACROSS
- Collector of driftwood. (11)
  - Style of shorts. (7)
  - Planetary interception of light. (7)
  - Without pride. (9)
  - Receives pay. (5)
  - Dishing out. (6)
  - Bread roll. (8)
  - Volcano. (8)
  - Strong alcohol. (6)
  - Idiom. (5)
  - Practise. (9)
  - Deserve. (7)
  - Lion-like. (7)
  - Naming. (11)
- DOWN
- Things that grip rocks or bottom of boats. (9)
  - Rant. (5)
  - Moved in a direction. (6)
  - Out of the country. (8)
  - Equipment used to remove water from ship. (9)
  - More mature. (5)
  - Humiliated. (6)
  - Tenant. (6)
  - Person who plots course. (9)
  - Beating soundly. (9)
  - Fractions. (8)
  - Container. (6)
  - Steering implement. (6)
  - Put aside. (6)
  - Action, perhaps comic. (5)
  - Garlic dressing. (5)

### Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS
- No learner to bleach hair stylist, picks up driftwood. (11)
  - Triangle shorts. (7)
  - Sounds like he cuts hair, intercepting light. (7)
  - Not as much ham in the quarter and no pride. (9)
  - Corn for bridge partners receiving pay. (5)
  - Dishing it out after partner was in a prang. (6)
  - Beat guest losing direction for roll. (8)
  - European victory sees you twice in ship around six. Blow your top. (8)
  - Holy gin or whiskey. (6)
  - South of famous Brisbane football field in the idiom. (5)
  - Shear real animals for practice. (9)
  - Deserve ten lite mixed alcohol. (7)
  - The girl is moving in the direction of being lion-like. (7)
  - No start to kitchen rings jumbled for naming. (11)
- DOWN
- Shed top cards with learner, they'll slow your sailing down. (9)
  - Catch some public transport east and vent. (5)
  - Direction you passed the soccer ball. (6)
  - Politician's junket, large one. (8)
  - Give a leg up to cross dressing member of parliament and use to get rid of water. (9)
  - Ripper! Softer and more ready. (5)
  - Humiliated with nowhere to live in these times. (6)
  - Tenant doesn't have as much as Cummings. (6)
  - Looks like a sea monster could help you get to your destination. (9)
  - Littering heavily could be a sound beating. (9)
  - Divisions of AFL cut oranges thusly. (8)
  - Useless evening returned for receptacle. (6)
  - Part of a Cat Stephens album title will help you steer. (6)
  - Store or put aside. (6)
  - Frantic priest leaves for bizarre action. (5)
  - Newcomer mixes vowels for garlic dressing. (5)

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When Vladimir Smirnov arrived in Australia from Russia a decade ago, he soon acquired a reputation as a promising but inconsistent young player.

University work at ANU and later in Sydney occupied most of Smirnov's time but when his son Anton showed promise – he was Australia's representative at the world U/8 Championships – Vladimir's interest in chess was revived.

In the 2008 NSW Championship Smirnov narrowly missed scoring an International Master result but he more than remedied that failing with a surprise win of the Australian Masters title this week.

Olympian Stephen Solomon was an unbackable favourite for his umpteenth Masters title but losses to the other International Masters in the field, Mirko Rujevic and Guy West, left Rujevic, West and Smirnov battling for first place.

In a dramatic final round, Rujevic had Smirnov down and out but the final blow never came

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and Smirnov (Black) fought back to reach the position below.

(Diagram 1)  
Despite Black's extra knight, this endgame is a well-known theoretical draw, but Rujevic carelessly played **63.Rh2??** and after **63... Nf6+** White was forced to resign, handing Smirnov the title, \$1,000 first prize and his first International Master result. Smirnov's lucky break in the last round was, however, only fair given the torment the chess Gods had inflicted on him in his earlier Masters games. In the first round, Smirnov's game against West was headed for a draw when the veteran IM reached the second diagrammed position.

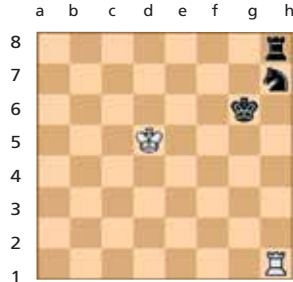


Diagram 1

(Diagram 2)  
Black could hold comfortably with **27...Bb7**. **28.Rd1+** Ke7 **29.Rc1** Rc8 but instead tried to hurry matters along with **27...Ra8??** Now Smirnov could win a piece and the game with the trivial **28.gxf3** but instead had a similar blind spot and played **28.Rxa8 Bxa8** **29.Bxg7** after which a draw was inevitable. Worse was to follow three rounds later against 1960s and 70s legend Doug Hamilton.

(Diagram 3)  
Does Smirnov (Black) really have two extra queens? I hear you cry. Indeed, and Black could also have forced an early checkmate had he played **63...Qb1**. Instead, Smirnov decided to simplify to a position he was sure he could win

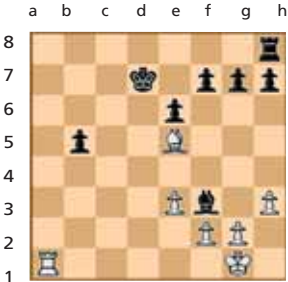


Diagram 2

easily: **63...Qa1+!?** **64.Kxa1 Qxb3** **65.Ra2 b5** Now, tied in knots, Hamilton tried a last throw of the dice... **66.a4! bxa4??** ...and Smirnov fell for it! **66...b4** would have won easily, but now followed **67.Rg2+!!** when Smirnov realised the horrible truth – any capture of the rook leads to stalemate. The game concluded **67...Kf1** **68.Rf2+!** **Ke1** **69.Re2+!** **Kd1** **70.Rd2+!** **Kc1** **71.Rc2+!** **Kxc2** **Draw!** A terrible twist of fate, but Smirnov recovered, won his final four games, and thereby became 2008 Australian Masters Champion.

■ 2008 Australian Masters final scores (Vic unless stated): 1.Smironov (Rus) 7; 2.West 6.5; 3.Solomon (Qld) 6; =4.Hamilton and Rujevic 5; 6.Gorka (Eng) 4; =7.Cheng (NZ), Dizdarevic (Bos) 3.5; 9.Levi 2.5 10.Hacche 2.

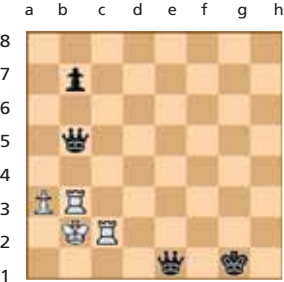


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- LENNOX POINT HOTEL 8PM **ANDREW HIGGS**

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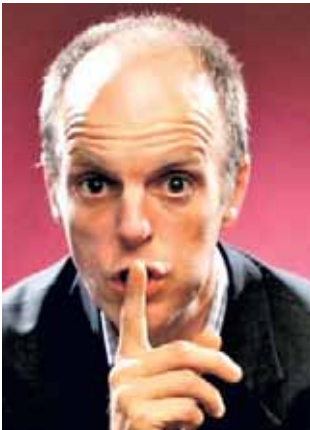
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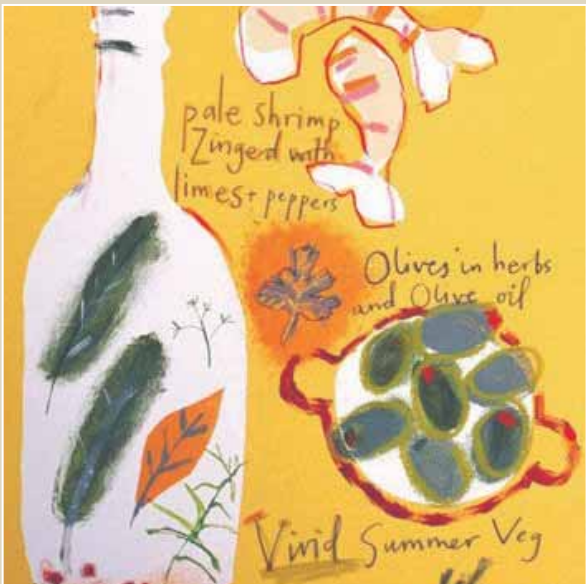
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## GLUTEN-FREE DESSERTS

Victoria Cosford



My sister rings me about her pre-Christmas dinner party, panicking because she has just remembered that one of the guests is gluten-intolerant. 'There goes my easy chocolate cheesecake that everyone raves about,' she wails into the telephone.

Gluten-intolerance is on the rise. US statistics cite that in 2003 those Americans who had been diagnosed with Coeliac disease (the best-defined and most severe form of the intolerance) numbered 40,000 whereas today the figure is 110,000. It has become positively fashionable.

Aside from the fad aspect and the rather many self-diagnosed sufferers who naturally begin to feel better once they give up fast and processed foods (so many of which contain gluten), another explanation for this enormous increase in victims is that true gluten-intolerance, once thought rare, is finally receiving attention which is long overdue. Gluten is the protein found in wheat, rye and barley and it is gluten in patients with Coeliac disease which damages the lining of the small bowel, affecting the absorption of food and leading to symptoms which include diarrhoea, bloating, rashes, weight loss and iron and folic acid deficiency. And so a gluten-free diet will rule out all ordinary breads, pastas, convenience foods as well as gravies, custards, soups and sauces which have been thickened with wheat, rye, barley or any other gluten-containing flour. Rather worryingly, there are still many countries not required by law to mention gluten on the labelling of their products although in Australia and the European Union new product-labelling standards are enforcing this. What this 'fad' has given rise to is an increase in gluten-free versions of foods the truly intolerant would be forced to renounce – with mixed results, to be sure, and a tendency toward glugginess, heaviness and stodginess of texture in my experience.

However, the challenge lay before me, to come up with a handful of sweet ideas with which my sister could play. And really, there was nothing difficult about it at all; the more I thought about it the more I saw the sense for everyone, not only gluten-intolerants, to end their meal lightly. Here is a handful, then, of those ideas – my sole advice being to very carefully check all labelling for 'hidden' gluten (examples being cornflour, malt, some custard powders and icing sugar mixture.)

• **Creme Brulees** – preheat oven to 160°C and grease 6 ramekins. Heat 600 mls cream to just below boiling point. Whisk 6 egg yolks with 1/3 cup sugar and gradually stir in hot cream and vanilla. Strain custard into a jug, pour into ramekins then baked, foil-covered, in a bain marie for 50 – 60 mins or until set. Chill overnight and just before serving sprinkle thickly with extra caster sugar and place under hot grill until caramelised.

• **Poach fruit** – peeled and halved pears in a syrup of fresh ginger, sugar and water; or red wine, cinnamon sticks, cloves, caster sugar, black peppercorns and bay leaves; plums in red wine, star anise, cinnamon sticks, cloves and lemon juice.

• **Roast stone fruits** like peaches and nectarines and serve with icecream and meringues – or serve meringues with lemon curd and strawberries.

• **Make a fruit fool** – rhubarb is gorgeous – puree cooked rhubarb, add rosewater and sugar to sweeten, chill then serve in glasses swirled through layers of thick whipped cream.

• **Make panna cotta**, home-made ice cream, jellies and semifreddo.

• Or, because we live where we live, serve everyone a **mango**, a lime wedge and a spoonful of mascarpone.

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8 yellow fine beans (butter beans)	16 mazanillo olives (pitted)
2 heads small fennel	100ml good local olive oil
12 cherry truss tomatoes	30ml good red wine vinegar
	sea salt and pepper.

#### Method

Boil or steam potatoes and slice (as thin or thick as you like)  
Place tomatoes on a tray, drizzle with olive oil and bake until soft.  
Slice fennel as thin as possible and pick herbs.

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To cook the fish – heat a pan with some olive oil and place fish (presentation side down) seal nicely and finish in a hot oven

#### To serve

Place potatoes, olives, fennel, herbs (keep some for garnish) and beans in a bowl and dress with the olive oil and red wine vinegar. Divide amongst 4 plates and put the seared fish on top. Garnish with the softened tomatoes and extra herbs – and extra dressing too if you like!

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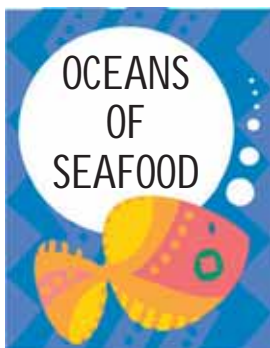
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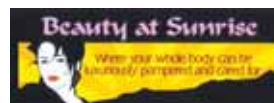
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# The three Graces snookered by the sons of Mohammed

John Campbell

Here's something I bet you didn't know.

The bloke who wrote 'Wild Thing,' one of the most covered hits from the Sixties (nobody comes near the Troggs), is Chip Taylor, who happens to be a brother of Jon Voight, the midnight cowboy (and therefore Angelina Jolie's uncle).

Don't you just love finding out stuff like that? I do. In fact ... it makes my heart sing.

I wonder if it will be he or Jon who'll retain bragging rights (a third brother is a prominent vulcanologist, i.e., just a scientist) when the family sits down to slice up its dead Christmas turkey on Thursday?

As trivia goes, the revelation is twenty-four carat gold, but hardly the sort of thing to warrant a place in the sports pages, notwithstanding Chip's renown as a professional punter with an uncanny winning ratio at the gallops.

The siblings' achievements, though, would seem to rack one up for nature over nurture in the great debate over what influences a child most, inadvertently begging the question: are sports champions – cricketers specifically, it being the season of flannelled fools – made in the womb or at the coaching clinics?

Australia has a laudable list of brothers who have padded up for the nation's honour. There have been the Giffens, Gregorys, Archers, Harveys,



Bred in the bone; Chappelli, GS and Trev waiting to take the field. Digital bastardry by John Campbell and the Tree Faerie.

Benauds, Chappells, Waughs and, in ODIs, the Husseys.

Of our mob, the Trott boys of Victoria were stalked by tragedy. Mercurial Albert impressed in three Tests against the 1894/5 Poms but was not included in the team, led by older brother George, that toured England in 1896. So he packed his bags, made his own way there and soon found himself playing as a professional with Middlesex. In 1898/9, he was a member of Lord Hawke's side when it traveled to South Africa, where (like Samuel Woods two years

earlier) he was accorded the rare distinction of representing both Australia and England in Tests. Albert went off the rails at some point and blew his brains out at Willesden Green in 1914 and George didn't fare much better, his retirement being 'marred by mental breakdowns.'

Elsewhere, the mighty Pollocks brutalised South Africa's opponents, the Crowes and Hadlees lifted New Zealand to heights beyond the Shaky Isles' expectations and the Amarnaths were jewels in India's

crown. But it is Pakistan's Mohammeds who take the cake. Four brothers – Hanif, Sadiq, Wazir and Mushtaq – climbed cricket's Everest, with Mush-taq making his debut in 1959 against the West Indies at the tender age of 15 years and 124 days. The mind boggles.

Preceding all of these were the Graces of Gloucestershire. The legendary Dr WG, EM (also a doctor) and GF, none of whom would have looked out of place at Rorkes Drift, played in the first test match on English soil, at the Oval in 1880.

William got a ton and George a pair. Which is another fascinating hook for the wretched trainspotter – the frequency with which one brother's efforts have earned him a place in Wisden whilst the other is forever doomed to have his light hidden under a bushel.

Charles Bannerman frinstance, who every school-boy once upon a time could have told you scored the first Test century by rattling off 165 not out at Melbourne in 1877 against James Lillywhite's Englishmen. His brother Alex, though playing in twenty-six more Tests matches, never gets a look-in.

Hugh Trumble, not content with doing the hat trick at Melbourne in 1901, turned around and did it again a couple of years later. His less stellar brother John is praised in the annals as 'a useful all-rounder.'

And Richie Benaud. Acknowledged as one of Australia's greatest captains and for a long time its leading wicket taker, Benaud was at the helm against Frank Worral's West Indians at the Gabba in 1961 for the first ever tied Test. Younger brother John was fleetingly in the limelight for wearing shoes disapproved of by the ACB.

Less well known are the South Africans, Sibley and Stanley Snooke. (Should they be household names or what?) Sibley's distinguished twenty-

year career included three tours of England and one to Australia where, in Adelaide during the summer of 1910/11, he scored 103 in South Africa's first ever defeat of their hosts. Stan appeared in one Test and picked up a duck. There aren't many players with a Test average of naught, but that's another Aladdin's Cave that we haven't the time to explore at present.

Being the unremembered one is probably a bit like being the other Nazarene. Totally clueless when it came to walking on water, raising the dead and feeding the hordes with a handful of bread and fish, Jesus's brother James, like Stanley Snooke, didn't exactly set the world on fire. He would undoubtedly have been his father's favourite, being a bona fide chip off the old block, but, to be fair, one saviour of suffering humanity is enough in any family.

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## Getting ripped is a summer bummer

In light of the recent drowning tragedy at Mollymook, Surf Life Saving Australia has issued some timely advice on 'how to avoid' and 'what to do' if caught in rip and reminds all beach goers to only swim at patrolled beaches this summer.

While the majority of the 38 swimming related coastal fatalities last summer were due to people being caught in rips, a Surf Safety Survey found that only 19 per cent of Australians know how to recognise a rip and if caught in one, less than half know how to get out of trouble.

The survey found that of the 625 respondents, 72 per cent rely on beach signs or advice from lifesavers to identify rips, and if they find themselves in strong currents, most people rely on lifesavers to rescue them with only 43 per cent knowing how to get out of trouble by themselves.

The following are Surf Life Saving Australia's 'Tips for Rips'. One or more of the following features might alert you to the presence of a rip;

- darker colour, indicating deeper water
- murky brown water caused by sand stirred up off the bottom
- smoother surface with much



A Lifeguard keeps watch on Main Beach Byron Bay last Friday as the warmer weather draws crowds to the surf. Photo Tree Faerie.

smaller waves, alongside white water, (broken waves)

- waves breaking further out to sea on both sides of the rip
- debris floating out to sea
- a rippled look, when the water around is generally calm

If you do happen to get caught in a rip there are actions you can take for self preservation:

- Don't panic – stay calm and conserve your energy

- Float with the current, don't fight it; and signal for assistance. If you are a confident swimmer, swim parallel to the shore until you reach the breaking wave zone, then try and swim back to shore.
- If you don't think you can swim parallel to the shore away from the rip, stay calm, float with the rip and signal for help.
- Remember to stay calm and

conserve your energy.

'Last summer there were 40,000 active surf lifesavers and paid lifeguards conducting more than 13,600 rescues. Our vision is to reduce drowning deaths in Australia by 50 per cent by 2020 and educating people on how to identify and get out of a rip will play a large role in achieving this goal,' said Brett Williamson, Chief Exec-

utive Officer Surf Life Saving Australia.

Local life savers have had a workout already with several rescues clocked up. 'All our rips flow out to sea and we have a permanent rip on the south wall,' says Brunswick SLSC president Craig Reid. 'A lot of beach goers swim next to the wall as it is a shelter from the wind. It's important to look for discoloration in the water, that is a good clue to what's happening under the surface.'

'We have had to pull a couple of people out of the rip already this year. That's why we have the flags so people know where it is safe to swim and where we have patrollers watching the water.'

It is important to swim near SLSC patrollers and NSW Lifeguards at all times and children should be supervised at all times no matter how high their level of swimming ability.

Life Saving services will be provided on the following Byron Shire beaches during the 2008-2009 summer season: Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay Main Beach, First Sun Caravan Park, Broken Head Beach, Suffolk Park, South Golden Beach, Watego's, Tallow Beach and The Pass.

### TIDE TIMES

#### PHASES OF THE MOON

New Moon	8th Jan	11.37 pm
First Quarter	16th Jan	7.48 am
Aquarius Full Moon	21st Feb	3.32 pm
Last Quarter	14th Feb	3.36 pm

WED	High	4.26 am 1.3	Sunrise	5.51 am
2nd	Low	4.31 pm 1.1	Sunset	7.47 pm
		10.52 am 0.6	Moonrise	12.57 am
		10.30 pm 0.5	Moonset	12.25 pm
THU	High	5.18 am 1.4	Sunrise	5.52 am
3rd	Low	5.36 pm 1.0	Sunset	7.47 pm
		11.19 pm 0.5	Moonrise	1.28 am
FRI	High	6.07 am 1.4	Sunrise	5.53 am
4th	Low	6.36 pm 1.0	Sunset	7.47 pm
		12.57 pm 0.5	Moonrise	2.02 am
			Moonset	4.16 pm
SAT	High	6.52 am 1.5	Sunrise	5.53 am
5th	Low	7.27 pm 1.0	Sunset	7.47 pm
		12.08 am 0.5	Moonrise	2.41 am
		1.45 pm 0.4	Moonset	5.13 pm
SUN	High	7.34 am 1.5	Sunrise	5.54 am
6th	Low	8.12 pm 1.1	Sunset	7.48 pm
		12.54 am 0.5	Moonrise	3.26 am
		2.26 pm 0.3	Moonset	6.08 pm
MON	High	8.14 am 1.6	Sunrise	5.55 am
7th	Low	8.53 pm 1.1	Sunset	7.48 pm
		1.36 am 0.5	Moonrise	4.17 am
		3.04 pm 0.3	Moonset	7.01 pm
TUE	High	8.52 am 1.6	Sunrise	5.56 am
8th	Low	9.32 pm 1.1	Sunset	7.48 pm
		2.17 am 0.4	Moonrise	5.13 am
		3.41 pm 0.2	Moonset	7.49 pm

Eastern Standard Time. Heights in metres.

Courtesy of NSW Tide Charts, Manly Hydraulics Laboratory, NSW Dept of Commerce – Brunswick Heads

+6 min; Byron Bay -9 min; Billinudgel, Marshalls Creek +3 hr 55 min; Mullumbimby +1 hr 10 min

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## Michael represents Byron in state bowls



Michael Anderson has been a member of Byron Bay bowling club for 14 years and in that time has won the club singles 9 times and the district singles 4 times.

Michael has a history of great bowling, he won NSW champ of champ pairs with his father John, in 2003 and has represented the North Coast and has played in NSW

country bowls team on many occasions.

After a great performance when Country played City last month in Sydney, Michael was was selected to represent NSW against Victoria and the ACT in February 2009.

Michael is following in very large footsteps as the only other bowler in the club's 85 year history to grace the green at

this level was Roy Wynter, a famous Byron Bay bowler who played for NSW in 1956-57.

Michael has been a wonderful ambassador for bowls. He is a great sport and excelled in both soccer and golf as well. He is very popular as a player and gives his best at all times.

The club is very proud of their state bowler and wish him all the best in 2009.

## Exercise safely in the summer heat

With summer here, anybody who is active needs to prepare for the hot conditions or run the risk of heat injury.

Exercising or playing sport in hot or humid conditions can lead to dehydration, heat illness and sometimes the serious consequence of heat stroke.

Children may also be at a greater risk due to their bodies

responding less efficiently to heat, feeling hotter and having greater difficulty getting rid of heat from their body.

Fo active children and adults Sports Medicine Australia offers these timely tips:

- Stay hydrated by drinking water before, during and after exercise.
- Schedule your activity to

avoid the hottest part of the day.

- Take rest breaks, in the shade if possible.
- Wear light clothes that allow easy evaporation of sweat from the skin. Wear sunglasses, 30+ sunscreen and a hat.

For further advice on how to exercise safely this summer visit: [www.sma.org.au](http://www.sma.org.au).

## SPORTS RESULTS BOWLS

**Brunswick Heads Men**  
17/12 S/S Triples: S Hogan, S Bre-card, R Barnes (Ham winners); r/up C Jensen, V Caldwell, B Montgomery; K Boorman, N Sharp, M Jeffreys. 19/12 S/S Jackpot Pairs: I McRae, B Montgomery; Blossom, G Rendell. Jackpots not won. 20/12 Club/S Pairs/Triples: F Parkes, B Montgomery; r/up T Pollard, S Brecard, R Barnes; Lucky losers M Caldwell, J Phypers. 21/12 2 bowl pairs: P Brassington, M Petrou; r/up T Pollard, E Boyter; Louies prize J Winter, B Danswan. This week: Wed S/S Triples 1pm (If washed out; on Thurs); Fri S/S Jackpot Pairs (Men Women or Mixed) 3pm. Sat Club/S pairs/triples 1pm; Sun Bantams mufti bowls b'fast 8.30 \$8. Noms for District and Club 4s now open. Noms for Fish and Chips 2 bowl triples on 10/1 and Versatile 4s on 24/1 now being taken.

**Byron Bay Men**  
20/12 2008 Club C'ship Presentations: Open Singles; M Anderson; r/up D Aldridge; Open Pairs; M Barry, P Lofts; r/up M Banfield, D Aldridge; Open Triples; P Anderson, B Birks, C Johnson; r/up M Banfield, M Ayo, B Burton; Open 4s; B Lamont, J Brooker, B Burton, B Vella; r/up G Schwartz, G Donnelly, G McGrath, J Anderson; Minor Singles; B Burton; r/up P Darby; Minor Pairs; P Anderson, R Evans; r/up G Donnelly, B Burton. Congrats to Michael An-

derson, selected for NSW State team. Winners for 13/12 and 17/12: P Darby, R Breckenridge, J Brooker, R Orth.

**Byron Bay Women**  
16/12 Christmas bowls and lunch: great to see Patrons and Life Members, a great fellowship was had by all and lots of fun in bowls. Club C'ship Presentations: Singles; J Wright; r/up L Earea; Pairs; T Hillard, J Wright; r/up C Rose, L Earea; Minor Singles; T Hillard; r/up M Carruthers. Christmas Hamper Raffle prizes: 1st Toots; 2nd Greta; 3rd Jean Milne.

**Lennox Head Men**  
16/9 Triples: F Allcoat, B Taylor, G Lightfoot (w) 22 d D Meaney, B Earle, G Carter 11; D Cullen, J Dudgeon, J Turner (r/up) 30 d A Fletcher, R Orme, B Martin (cons) 8. 17/12 Twilight: B Conmey, B Saric 9 (w) 20 d P Blair, L Martin 20 (on ends); B McRae, J Moore, (r/up) 15 d J Robinson, G Reynolds 10. 19/12 Mixed Pairs: R/G Heffernan (w) 27 d J Raeburn, G Hayes 13; S Skennar, G Martin, G Grady (r/up) 23 d G Reid, M Gregor, R Reid 16; D Papas, M Battese 20 d J Fogarty, J Turner (cons) 19. 20/12 Social: P Clark, G Reynolds, G Maloney (w) 21 d B Gregory, D Hambly, P Blair 17; F Allcoat, M Daley (r/up) 20 d F Bauer, G Lightfoot 17. 21/12 Two Bowl Triples: G Reynolds, M Hanaway, W Abraham (w) 28 d G Hayes, J Bowen, K McGuire 11; E Burgess, J Burrows, D Higham (r/up) 23 d C Gibson, N Gregor, R Reid (cons) 14.

**Lennox Head Women**  
17/12 Social: S Skennar, J Fogarty, M Gregor 24 d L Quinn, D Lynch, T Harrington 13; r/up E Reid, J Raeburn, D Martin, W Abraham 23 d N Cotter, E Steele, D Papas, M Battese 20; M Arandale, C Lawless, G Moore 22 d N Harwood, K Philp, G Martin 21; R Heffernan, F McCarthy, F Somerville 26 d A Dunger, B Turner, O Stobart 17. Social bowls resume 7/1.

**Mullumbimby Ex Services Men**  
17/12 Social Pairs: B Rose, R Day 2w+24; B Coleman, B Gibson 2w+9; A Bartlett, R Philps 2w+6; T Batson, P McDonald 1w+9; T Henry, L Henry 1w+6; R Kidby, B McClymont 1w-4; N James, J Estreich 0-2; J Canabou, S Purdie 0-5; A Pyzer, J McKay 0-12; T Riches, F Buckley 0-29. Cock o'Walk: J Canabou d L Henry. 20/12 Social: R Kidby, J Canabou, M Thorne 22 d M Jacobi, N James, A Bartlett 15; H McKenna, C McClymont 24 d P Gower, J Estreich 17; R Ford, P Jones 23 d T Fenwick, S Purdie 21.

**Mullum Ex Services Women**  
16/12 Fun Game: B Reglin, R Thompson, G Henry 19 (Rink W) v J Morrow, H Robb, J Towner 7; S Brown, J Graham, J Beaumont 20 v S Brown, M Bertoli, B Croft 15. Raffle: J Towner. Bowls resume 13/1.

**Ocean Shores Men**  
15/12 Paddle Pop Triples/Pairs: G Wall, R Tonkin, P Earl; r/up E Boyter, M Haines.

**BRIDGE**

## Nikki Hoskin lets rip at GromSearch

Lennox Head surfer Nikki Hoskin found an excellent 7.8 ride in the final minute of his Boys 16 division round three heat at the Rip Curl GromSearch last week at Seaway Spit.

Although he didn't win the event, he is now in an enviable 6th position on the ladder in the leadup to the Cronulla event, the last before the final to be held at Bells Beach just before the Rip Curl Pro at Easter.

Also jockeying for a good place is Byron's Boys 14 division Soli Bailey who is 9th on the ladder after the round. Both boys will be hoping to bring



home a win in Australia's most prestigious young surfer series. Pictured is Nikki Hoskin during his heat at the Gold Coast last Wednesday in the quest for a finals place.

Photo Steve Robertson  
Surfing Australia

## Mullum mixes it up for Christmas



The Mullumbimby Golf Club held its annual Christmas Mixed event last Sunday at the Mullum course. The event was sponsored by The Wilson's Creek Mob which hosted 36 couples vying for the coveted Chrissy hampers which were won by Byron Echo office receptionist Wendy Ward and her golfing partner Stuart Carey. Photo Bob Woolnough.

**Byron Bay**  
19/12: North/South; B Sundstrom, F Bogg; r/up K Milne, J Pierce; Mr/Ms Anon. East/West; D Dare, C Johnson; r/up M Fleming, M Clark; P Ellis, K Nelmes.

**Ocean Shores**  
17/12: 1st gross P Sullivan/Partners; 2nd gross P Hems/L Baldwin; 1st net J Hughes/C Chidlow; 2nd net M Clark/C Blacker. Bridge resumes 7/1.

**DARTS**  
**Brunswick Valley**  
The Dart Club AGM for 2009 will be held on 19/1 at Mullum Ex Services Club starting 7.15pm, everybody welcome.

**GOLF**  
**Mullumbimby Men**  
17/12 Stab: R Dann 44 pts; r/up I Ormiston 42 pts. Ball Rounddown: R Dann, I Ormiston, L Mills, E Mitchell, G Smith, W Gregg, C Ridgewell, A Berry, D Crow, K James, W King, K Lawler, P DeFina. 20/12 4 BBB Aggregate: S Steen, G Bewes 80 pts c/b; r/up W Coen, P Towner 80 pts. NTP: 5th S Carey, 9th T Williams, 12th B Griffin, 17th C James. Ball Rounddown: S Steen, G Bewes, W Coen, P Towner, G DeLaGard, S Carey, S Birney, H Guest, L Mills, D Mills, M Mohler, R McBurney, A J Brown, G Brown, G Childs, T Williams, A Berry.

**Ocean Shores Men**  
15/12 Stab: B O'Donnell 39pts; r/up R Conway 38pts; B Cuming 37pts. NTP: 3rd R Cameron, 17th I Smith. 17/12 4BBB Stab: G Bourke, G Rowland 47pts; r/up V Turner, G Watts 47pts c/b; M Smith, W Blair 46pts

c/b. 20/12 Stab: W Ferrier 45pts; r/up J Hulyer 44pts; S Moon 44pts c/b.

**Ocean Shores Ladies**  
16/12 Christmas Party: P Keenan, K Brenton, B Thompson, C Chidlow 121; r/up L McGowran, M Ianison, K King, D Copeland 117 c/b. NTP: Div 1 L McPherson; Div 2 JM Quirke; Div 3 B Thompson; vouchers to 105. 18/12 Stab: D Devir; r/up G O'Hagan; vouchers to 36. 20/12 Stab: M Ianison 38; r/up L McGowran 37; NTP: C Coates; vouchers to 34. 21/12 4BBB Stab: K Kennedy, F Crowder 48; r/up R Conroy, D Lonergan 47; M Smith, M Broughton 46; NTP: B Holt and B Allan; Balls to 41.

**Ocean Shores Vets**  
18/12 Single Stab: 67 Starters; T Dahl 43 pts; r/up J Roberts 40 c/b; M Kelly 40; B Neate 38 c/b; B O'Donnell. NTP: 3rd H/C 0 to 19 B Roe; H/C 20+ P Thorley; 6th M Kelly; Pat's Pin 8th D Bailey; V/President's Pin 12th J Roberts; 15th G Henry; 17th H/C 0 to 19 C Godsmark; H/C 20+ T Lowndes. Club Cash Run to 24 pts; Balls to 34. Scrubbers Ball: B Nichols.

**SURF LIFE SAVING Brunswick**  
Volunteers still needed for Help Appeal on Boxing Day. Meet at Club House at 8.30am.

**TENNIS**  
**Mullumbimby**  
Mixed Comp: Adrian F, John D, Jenny F, Myron B, Zac F. New comp starts end of Jan. For info ring Greg. Sat Mixed Social Tennis: new time for the summer holidays 3pm till 6.30pm, everyone welcome. Membership not required. Tennis enquiries ring Greg on 0427 788 773.

## SLSC PATROLS



**Brunswick**  
Fri 26/12; No.1 J Spinks, A Arthur, S Anderton, R Sigley, J Anderton, M Morris, S Rixon, R Sigley.  
Sat 27/12; No.5 G Carey, G White, S Condie, W Carey, N Carey, L Frazier, G Carey, B Martin.  
Sun 28/12 No.6 K Southwell, M Quinn, M Quinn, M Quinn, I Heiniger, B Love, Z Heiniger, B McHugh.  
Thur 1/1/2009 No.4 K Smith, G Arthur, T Currie, A Russell, C Rogan, R Rogan, V McRae, R Smith, J Arthur.  
Sat 3/1 No.2 G Condie, T Martin, C Reid, W King, D Kyle Robinson, B Martin, B Condie, M McRae, J Costa.  
Sun 4th No.3 M Went, B East, S White, L Funnell, S Dennis, M Laurence, T Richardson  
**The Echo would like to take the opportunity to remind all beach users to swim between the flags and to thank all of the SLSC volunteers who patrol the shire's beaches in an effort to keep us safe. during the summer season.**

Have a great Christmas patrollers!  
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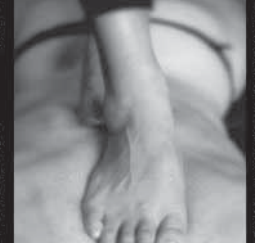
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**HOUSE SIT**

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**BYRON** room in town, quiet friendly house, huge deck, female preferred, \$150pw incl bills. Ph 0424976513

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**STUDIO** 1br, verandahs & c'port, 15 min Mullum ph/b'band suit quiet sgl, long term, avail now \$160pw incl power. 66845237

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**OCEAN SHORES** house in quiet street, large room BIR, n/s, share with male. \$140/wk + bills. Phone 66802283

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• 3br rural house, verandahs, close to coast, garage, (incl lawn mowing), no pets, \$430pw

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• 2br house, parking under, no pets, \$220pw

• 2br 1st floor excutive apartment + office, 2 bathrm, north facing verandah, carport, no pets, \$450pw

##### OCEAN SHORES

• Studio (incl elect) share laundry, no pets, \$150pw

##### MYOCUM

• 3br rural house, enclosed verandah, garage, no pets \$330pw

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**SEEKING** mature quiet home, room to suit writing/painting, meditator (Falun Gong) appreciate nice garden, internet, conscious living, to 15km Byron. Phone Bernard 66858585 or 0432477299

**MATURE**, n/s, veg, financially secure, fem seeks small rural house, Mullum or Bangalow. 66871280, 0410588048

**BUILDER**/carpenter will work in exchange for rent. Mullum area. Want s-c studio, also prepared to restore. 0401389778

**WOODEN HOUSE/STUDIO**, close to Byron, for spiritual veg, n/s. 0412317421

### TO LEASE

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### BIRTHDAYS



**HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY TO OUR DARLING YARA**  
24 December, Love Mummy & Daddy

### MARRIAGES

## A 'CHRISTMAS WEDDING'



will be enjoyed by family and friends when local Doctor Marc Heyning and university lecturer and local primary school music teacher, Lyndell Bussa, celebrate their wedding at St. Martins Anglican Church, Mullumbimby on December 27th at 4pm.

*Congratulations to them both.*

## To Wendy, Mandy, Matt and David

FROM ALL THE ECHO DRUDGES

WHO CAME FROM FAR AND WIDE

TO ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS SHINDIG

AND REVEAL THEIR OTHER SIDE...

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LABOURS,

THE VENUE, WINE AND BEER

MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE MERRY



## DEATH NOTICES

### NARAYANI COLOURS MITCHELL 'YANI'

Died in London 12th November, 2008  
Aged 34 years.  
A celebration of Yani's life will be held at Bondi for her Australian friends and family on Sunday, 4th January. If attending, please RSVP to Elayne by 28th December on 96835041

## IN MEMORIAM

### IN MEMORY OF BRIAN WRIGHT 10/2/1952 - 29/12/1988

Now with his precious son Liam Wright 20/3/1985-23/4/2005. You are in our hearts forever with love, Kerri, Rodney, Joel, Rochelle and all your loving family.  
**Miss you always**

## LOST & FOUND

**FOUND:** 2 female peacocks Coopers Lane, Main Arm. Ph 66845404

**FOUND:** ladder on Bangalow Lismore Rd Please call 66884410

**LOST: MISSING CAT - TEENY** is a black tortoiseshell cat that lives in Argyle St and has been missing for 7 days. Very much loved and any information would be appreciated, missing her very much. Would like her home for Christmas. Ph 66843409

**LOST:** Silver rosary cross on Amethyst beads in the Mullum area on Sun 14th. Sentimental value. Ph 0401328355

**LOST: GALAH** young, very tame from Mullum Sat 20th. Reward. 0439490908

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in the ♥ of God

The legend of Byron Bay, Maggie-May has passed away today, Thursday, December 18, 2008.  
Born 24/05/92



May you rest in peace, **ANGEL GIRL**, Maggie-May whose light and love continues to shine through OUR LIVES, namely your Toby-Boy, Sandra and Mama and from everyone who loved and cared for our Maggie.

*Maggie, Maggie, Deine Welt sind die Berge, Maggie, Maggie, denn bei ihnen bist Du zu Haus, Maggie, Maggie...*

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## Measles on way?

In the wake of the current pertussis crisis and with the real threat of similar outbreaks of measles and mumps, Northern Rivers General Practice Network is warning parents to have themselves and their children fully vaccinated as peak tourist season approaches.

There has been a significant upsurge of measles in Europe the USA and the UK. The UK has also experienced a sharp rise in mumps.

'It takes only one tourist carrying a disease to cause an outbreak,' said Dr Dan Ewald, GP Manager for Northern Rivers General Practice Network.

'The Northern Rivers region is especially at risk as our herd immunity is very low. Ideally, vaccination rates should be 95 per cent – the national average sits at around 90 per cent.

'However, according to the most recent figures (released November 2008), the 2482 postcode area (Mullumbimby) has the lowest rate of immunisation in the country at just 49 per cent. 2481 (Byron Bay) has a slightly higher vaccination

rate of 64 per cent.

'Further, the Northern Rivers is the home of the next two lowest postcodes for vaccination rates, and the region has the highest ratio of conscientious objectors, exposing our population to great risk.

'Parents need only look at how quickly pertussis spread around the region to gain some insight into how important vaccination is.

'We've seen 780 cases so far, with 13 babies hospitalised with the illness. While these infants were too young to receive the vaccine, if their siblings and other children they had contact with had received the shots, these infants may never have contracted the disease.'

Dr Ewald also warned that people need to consult their GP to be sure that their vaccinations are up-to-date.

'It's a common misconception that being vaccinated against or becoming otherwise immune to pertussis as a child provides lifelong protection.

'However, the effectiveness of pertussis immunity wanes over time.'

## WET WEATHER ECHOS

In rainy weather, bulk drops are made throughout the Shire to supermarkets, hotels, cafés and general stores. You may get your wet-weather Echo at:

**Bangalow** Service station.  
**Brunswick Heads** 5-Star, KC's Foodbar, Hotel Brunswick, Brunswick Cellars, Video Shop, Ferry Reserve caravan park. Kebab Shop, Village Greens, Bruns Community Centre, Tourist Info Centre.

**Byron Bay & Area** Byron Bay: Byron Echo Office, Visitor Office, Public Library, Community Centre, LJ Hooker RE, hotels, motels, backpackers, cafés & takeaways, video stores, caravan parks, bottle shops, 5-Star, RSL Club, Mac's, Bay Store, Life's a Beech,

Ozigo and takeaway at Arts & Industry Estate.

**Main Arm** Main Arm Store.  
**Mullumbimby** The Echo office, Mallams, Mullum Cellars, Mullum Ex-Services Club and most cafés.

**Ocean Shores & Northern Area** Ocean Shores Shopping Centre, Hot Bread Shop, Tavern, Country Club, New Brighton Store, South Golden Beach Store, Billinudgel General Store, Humble Pies. Elders Real Estate

**Suffolk Park** Suffolk Park Store, Tavern, Suffolk Service Station. Broken Head Caravan Park.

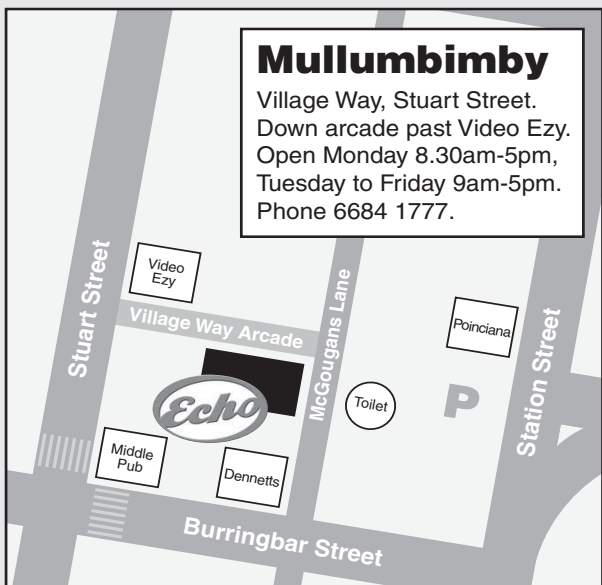
**Other Bulk Drops** at Lennox Head Liquor Store, Newrybar Store, Clunes Store, Federal Store, Rosebank Store and Tyagarah Service Station.

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Mullumbimby .....	6684 2144
Byron Bay .....	6685 9499
Bangalow .....	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding.....	6684 3444
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## Echo office locations

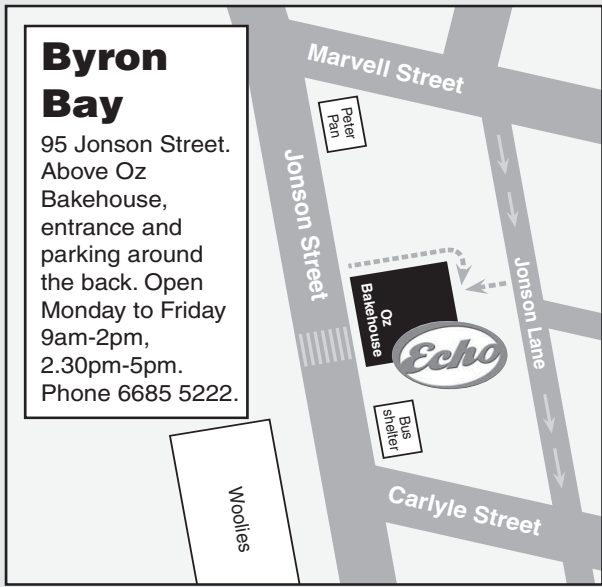


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## DA Watch

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

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

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<b>80-84 Bangalow Rd Byron Bay</b> 10.2008.262.2	G F Smith s96 modifications to boarding house development	close 14/1/09
<b>25 Childe St Byron Bay</b> 10.2008.710.1	Belongil Village P/L 2 storey building of 6 one bedroom units	close 14/1/09
<b>40 Mullumbimbi St Brunswick Heads</b> 10.2008.719.1	M Rosée Change of use to motel and construction of two storey residence	close 14/1/09
<b>6 Matong Dve Ocean Shores</b> 10.2008.724.1	K M Histon Dwelling	close 14/1/09



## Shearwater supports African Leaf



The Shearwater Steiner school recently presented African Leaf, a humanitarian aid organisation, with a cheque for over \$2,700. The money was part of the funds raised from Shearwater's recent Threads of Life Spring Carnival.

African Leaf sponsors orphans and supports a group of children in Nairobi to attend the Steiner school there.

'There has been and continues to be a lovely connection between these two schools and

while culturally very different and located on opposite sides of the world children are inspired by each other and have established pen pal relationships to maintain contact.

Pictured are students, Celeste, Bella, Sita, Paul Kelly Board member for African Leaf, Shearwater School coordinator Allan Coman, Ailsa Innes for African Leaf, Director of Development at Shearwater Stan Stevens and student Max.

## Discover summer fun

What better way to enjoy your local National Park and great natural places than to take a guided tour with a Discovery Ranger. The Summer Discovery Program is offering a range of fun activities for you to enjoy.

The Ranger led Discovery activities start on January 5, 2009, with an array of activities across the Northern Rivers Region.

Discovery Coordinator Kate Adams said, 'With twelve different activities to choose from, getting out into a National Park and having some fun has never been easier.'

'The summer Discovery program runs from the 5th to the 22nd of January and whether you are looking for something energetic, or more sedate you will find something in our program.'

2009 is the International Year of Astronomy and so astronomy activities feature highly this summer with activities including Indigenous Astronomy at New Brighton as detailed below as well as Starry Night Sky Dome at Tweed Bicentennial Park and Astronomy in the Park at Tucki Tucki Nature Reserve in the second week of the program.

Some of the activities include: Indigenous Astronomy – New Brighton Soccer Club,

Monday January 5, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Meet 7.15pm at the car park at the New Brighton Soccer Club.

Wildlife Care and Conservation – Victoria Park Nature Reserve, Tuesday January 6, 10am to 12pm. Meet at Victoria Park Picnic Area, Alstonville.

Walking in Githabul Country – Border Ranges National Park, Thursday January 8, 9.30am to 12pm. Meet 9.15am at Sheep Station Creek Camp Ground.

Cudgen Creek Canoe – Cudgen Nature Reserve, Friday January 9, 9am to 12pm. Meet at 8.45am at Cudgen Lake Picnic Area.

Reptiles and Frogs – Victoria Park Nature Reserve, Monday January 12, 9.30am to 11.30pm. Meet 9.15am at Victoria Park Picnic Area, Alstonville.

Bushtucker Walk and Traditional Games – Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve, Wednesday January 14, 10am to 12pm. Meet at 9.45am in carpark at end of North Head Road, Ocean Shores.

For more information about the full Summer Discovery program, visit [www.environment.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au) or call Northern Rivers Region NPWS on (02) 6627 0200.

Bookings for all activities are essential.

## Lifeguards launch Beachsafe

Northern NSW lifeguards launched their summer safety campaign last Saturday.

More than 120 lifeguards commenced patrols on 41 beaches along the north coast and these will continue until Monday January 26.

The Australian Lifeguard Service, in partnership with local councils, will provide safe swimming areas as well as undertake rescues, undertake first aid treatment and provide surf and beach safety advice.

'Lifeguard services play an important part in ensuring the northern NSW coast remains one of Australia's top summer destinations,' said Stephen Leahy, Northern NSW Lifeguard Coordinator.

'People know they can go to a beach close to where they are visiting and there will be a life-saving service there on any day of the summer holidays.'

Operation Beachsafe is an extensive campaign that seeks to reduce the number of preventable drownings in northern NSW during the summer holidays.

A recent nationwide study that reviewed coastal drownings over the last four years clearly indicated that males up to 30 years old were most likely to drown and that drownings occurred in rips near patrolled locations between 12pm and 6pm. Most drownings occurred in the first months of the year, on weekdays.

Part of the campaign focuses on community education but lifeguards will play an important part in Operation Beachsafe. Lifeguards will be maintaining a high level of visibility – beachgoers should be able to quickly identify their lifeguard (not just the safe swimming area and the flags) when they arrive at the

beach. Preventative actions will remain constant and lifeguards are expected to communicate informally and regularly with people on their beach.

Lifeguard Services have been extended with all beaches in the Tweed Shire and Byron Bay's Main Beach now being patrolled to 6pm on weekdays. Ballina's Lennox Head and Shelly Beach will be patrolled to 7pm on weekdays. Two new beaches are being patrolled for the first time this summer – Mooball at South Pottsville (Tweed Shire) and The Wreck at Byron Bay.

Two 4WD trucks and three rescue jet skis will back up lifeguard services in the event of a major incident.

'Safety information cards will be given to visitors to our beaches and we are placing them in as many hotels, motels, caravan parks and backpacker hostels as possible,' said Mr Leahy.

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## Fire permits still required

The Rural Fire Service has reminded all residents and landholders that fire permits are still required on the Far North Coast and Northern Rivers this Bush Fire Danger Period.

Far North Coast Community Safety Officer Inspector Laurence McCoy said the recent rain is unlikely to stave off fire danger making fire permits a timely requirement.

'Fire activity has increased recently with strong winds fanning fires even in green grass. There is no room for complacency this summer,' said McCoy.

'We don't want to completely stop people from doing hazard reduction burning or using fire for other activities, but it must be done safely and with a permit.'

It is an offence to allow a fire to escape from your property and it is the land owner

or manager's responsibility to ensure that fires are not left unattended.

'Unfortunately there have been recent examples of people lighting fires without a permit and the fire has escaped causing damage to boundary fences and the adjoining property,' said McCoy.

'Sanctions, including fines, apply for lighting fires without a permit, so contact your local brigade and use their expertise to assist you in carrying out safe and successful hazard reductions.'

Fire permits are available for free from the RFS and NSW Fire Brigades. Call the RFS on 6684 3662 or go to [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or contact your local fire station for further information.

Supervise the fire at all times and call triple zero (000) immediately if fire escapes.

## Pin This Up

### Uniting Church News

The Uniting Church is hosting a Soup Kitchen on Wednesday December 31 (New Years Eve) at the Uniting Church Hall, Dalley Street Mullumbimby from 5pm. All January Uniting Church Worship will be a 9am Combined Service at Brunswick Heads. For more information contact the Brunswick Valley Multicentre of The Uniting Church, Phone/fax 6680 1511.

### Family Drug Support

Stepping Stones To Success Workshop for people coping with a family member/loved one with a drug problem. Workshops on January 10/11 and 17/18 at the Guide Hall, Carlyle St Byron Bay from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Telephone 4782 9222 or email: [admin@fds.ngo.org.au](mailto:admin@fds.ngo.org.au) or website: [www.fds.org.au](http://www.fds.org.au)

### Byron Bay Market

Byron Bay Community Market is on again at the Butler St Reserve, Sunday January 4. Chill out to the cool vibes of Soulman O'Gaia. While you're there, enjoy hundreds of craft stalls as well as fresh local produce and delicious food and drink. There will be plenty for the kids to do with pony rides, candle making, face painting and tie dying. Our charities, the Fatherhood Project and Byron Emergency Accommodation Project, will be grateful for your support. Everyone is welcome, but please remember to leave your dogs at home.

### Neighbourhood Centre News

The Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre will reopen on Monday January 5 at 10am. The Mullumbimby

Soup Kitchen at the Neighbourhood Centre, 55 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby will reopen on Wednesday January 14 at 5pm.

### Upper Main Arm Fundraiser

Sparkle and Shine for 2009 at Upper Main Arm Community Association's fundraising Koh-inur Hall New Year's Eve Party. This is a wholly local affair, with live music by two exciting, popular seven piece bands. The Utopians and Groove Foundation and sets by DJ Phunk Phantatik. Tickets \$20 at the door; children welcome; food and refreshments available. Support your local community and celebrate the New Year at beautiful Kohinur Hall at 8pm on Wednesday December 31.

### Lion's Raffle Results

The Lion's Club Brunswick Mullumbimby would like to thank the community for their great support of the Christmas Stocking Trolley raffle, all proceeds spent locally. Winners: 1726 J Hartley; 2nd 1452 L Smith.

### Cat and 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 North Coast Branch may be able to help you. Please ring 6684 4070.

### Christmas Lunch

The Uniting Church at Mullumbimby has a Christmas Lunch for the lonely at 12noon on Thursday December 25. The lunch is at the Uniting Church Hall, Dalley Street, Mullumbimby. Please bring food to share and stay for company. The lunch is an alcohol free zone. For more information call 6684 1899.



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Application packages are available from Danika Tonna, email: [Dtonna@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Dtonna@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

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NEW LISTING

WHAT A HOT SPOT

The ideal building platform that boasts the very best of in town positions. With a variety of opportunities, this site has been approved for a substantial commercial / residential complex or could quite simply make a fantastic home or dual home site.

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FOR SALE \$1,100,000

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NEW LISTING

SMART RURAL BUYING

This wonderfully positioned ridge top retreat will appeal to position buyers who value stunning ocean views, private location and tranquil surroundings. The spacious home features 3 bedrooms plus study, 2 full bathrooms, high ceilings, brushbox timber floors, east aspect, entertaining & BBQ area, double garage and a double entry parking all set on just the right size block of 1 acre.

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NEW LISTING

FORTHCOMING AUCTION

Two residential properties to be sold separately or as one at Auction (unless sold prior)

- Renovated family home with 4beds & 3.5 baths on 636.14sqm
- 307.73sqm land parcel with double storey garage & studio
- Total land size of 1,100sqm

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AUCTION Saturday 7th February '09 at 11am

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POISED FOR PERFECTION

This vacant block is an ideal building platform that boasts sweeping ocean views in an elevated position. Plans for a substantial dual level home available. Outstanding opportunity to build.

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MAGNIFICENT OLD HOMESTEAD CIRCA 1917

Original well maintained homestead located in a quiet country lane. Surrounded by 17 acres & bordering the Wilsons River with 3 beds + study, 2 baths, tennis court & in ground pool with gazebo. 15 mins to Byron Bay.

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FOR SALE \$1,750,000

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NEW LISTING

SPACIOUS TOWNHOUSE, MINS TO BEACH

Low maintenance 3 bed townhouse that is only 3 mins to the heart of town & main beach. Dual level & set amongst a secluded garden. Perfectly suited to an investor or owner occupier.

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RARE EWINGSDALE LAND

Prime 2,906sqm parcel of land offering endless potential. Elevated & mostly cleared with D.A. approved plans for a large home. Already existing is a 2 bay shed with power & town water connected.

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LOCATION SHOT

INCREDIBLE POSITION, MAGNIFICENT VIEWS

Within walking distance to Tygarah beach, this park like 1.35acre property enjoys a fantastic elevated position with excellent ocean & hinterland views. Renovate using the existing DA approved plans or alternatively begin fresh and build your own home.

- Town water, established fruit trees, abundance of wildlife
- Sought after lifestyle only 10 minutes drive from Byron Bay
- Less than a 40 minute drive to Gold Coast airport

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- Continuous wrap-around verandah with numerous access points from open plan living areas & bedrooms
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- Versatile undercover entertaining area, ideal for parties or simply relaxing in peaceful & private leafy surrounds
- 3 car parking, 2 lock-up multi-purpose rooms, boat shed
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## SPECTACULAR MOUNT CHINCOGAN FOR SALE!



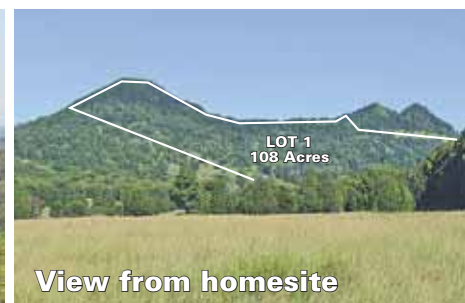
This magnificent 106 acre property takes in the north face and the north half of the summit of beautiful Mt Chincogan.

Mt Chincogan is a major landmark in the Byron Shire, and dominates the skyline of the Brunswick Valley. Only the second time offered for sale in over forty years, the property lies at the end of a quiet country lane. There are several potential homesites that have spectacular views to Byron Bay, Julian Rocks, the Brunswick River and the Pacific Ocean.

Located just five minutes north of Mullumbimby, ten minutes to beautiful South Golden Beach, and only twenty minutes to Byron Bay itself, the property boasts privacy while still being within close proximity of the beautiful beaches and townships of the Byron Shire.

Huge development potential for future tourism / eco resort / mountain hiking / B&B etc. Call owner on 0437683533 to arrange an inspection.

\$1.7m. Go to [www.mountchincogan.vox.com](http://www.mountchincogan.vox.com) for more information.



View from homesite

15 Lawson Street, Byron Bay

Phone: (02) 6685 8466



#### Exceptional value!

Modern home in beautiful Baywood Chase  
Open living/dining + contemporary kitchen  
High ceilings and timber floors  
Covered outdoor area & private backyard  
Established trees and easy maintenance gardens surround the home

\$599,000



#### Beachfront home – 2 titles

Fabulous two storey home  
Set on 2 titled beachfront blocks – 1454sqm in total  
Huge verandahs offering outdoor living space  
Beautiful garden & sandy path to Tallow Beach  
Located on the beachside of Alcorn Street in sought after Suffolk Park

\$3,795,000



#### Spacious entertainer – fantastic layout

High quality, architecturally designed home  
High ceilings, 2 living/lounge areas, 2 dining areas  
Spacious kitchen with gas cook-top and electric oven  
Covered courtyard area overlooking the pool  
801.9sqm block close to Tallow Beach, shops and tavern

\$785,000



#### Stylish Lilli Pilli home

Contemporary home set in bush surrounds  
Brush box timber floors & soaring ceilings  
Quality kitchen with stone bench tops  
Open plan living/dining area, north east yard  
Private master bedroom upstairs with an ensuite & extra storage space

\$579,000



#### Family home – Sunrise Beach

Spacious and light filled living spaces  
Generous kitchen, dining + separate lounge  
Enclosed courtyard leads through to the yard  
Main bedroom has a walk-in robe + ensuite  
Set on a level 600sqm block in Sunrise Beach, walk to the shops & Belongil Beach

\$585,000



#### Contemporary family home

Immaculate, ultra-contemporary home  
Blackbutt timber flooring & high ceilings  
Wide, north facing, covered timber deck  
Large main with a walk-in robe & ensuite  
Views over the lake and hinterland all the way to the Cape Byron lighthouse

\$860,000



#### Character home – lighthouse views

Elevated home with a N/E aspect  
High ceilings, polished timber floors  
Private, level yard  
1.2kms to Tallow Beach, shops and tavern  
2/3 living rooms including large separate guest space + office + bathroom

\$850,000



#### In-town home + separate studio

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**Price:** \$710,000  
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**Brunswick Heads**  
**Brunswick Charmer**

- Timber floors, timber kitchen with granite tops
- Private tranquil gardens, decks & verandahs
- 2 generous bedrooms in the main house, large separate granny flat
- DLUG, rear lane access on corner position

**Price:** \$779,000  
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**The Pocket**  
**Below Bank Valuation**

- Owner Needs It SOLD Today
- Easy care flood free, creek front, 10 mins to beach
- Immaculate traditional timber 3 bedroom home
- New large shed
- Magnificent wide rural views, 1850sqm block

**Price:** \$499,000  
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**Mullumbimby**  
**Natural Retreat**

- 1/12 share multiple occupancy
- Approx 5 acre private site with usable land
- Romantic timber/iron cottage
- Large bedroom, spacious open living, verandah
- 5km to Mullumbimby

**Price:** \$318,000  
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**South Golden Beach**  
**The Best Value In Town**

- Nothing to spend, brick duplex, no body corp fees
- 3 large bedrooms, covered verandah
- Fully fenced private sunny yard
- 50 metres from the council approved foot bridge
- Walk to the beach, school, river and cafes

**Price:** \$339,950  
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**Ocean Shores**  
**Ocean, Golf Course & Estate Views**

- Check this timber house with decks & views!
- Perfect aspect N/E elevation, no traffic, no noise
- Timber floors, split level, high ceilings, 3 bedrms
- Parking underneath, quiet cul de sac & a large block with potential for a dual occupancy subject to DA.

**Price:** \$459,000  
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**36 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads**  
**Brunswick Lifestyle**

- Charming 1950's, 2 storey house
- 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sunroom
- Stroll to cafes, shops, river & beach
- Leafy 670sqm fenced block

**Price:** \$549,000  
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**Ocean Shores**  
**Park Side**

- 3 bedroom house located in a cul de sac
- Open plan kitchen/dining
- SLUG, only a short stroll to Water Lily Park
- 702sqm block with easy care gardens

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Mullumbimby – Bangalow

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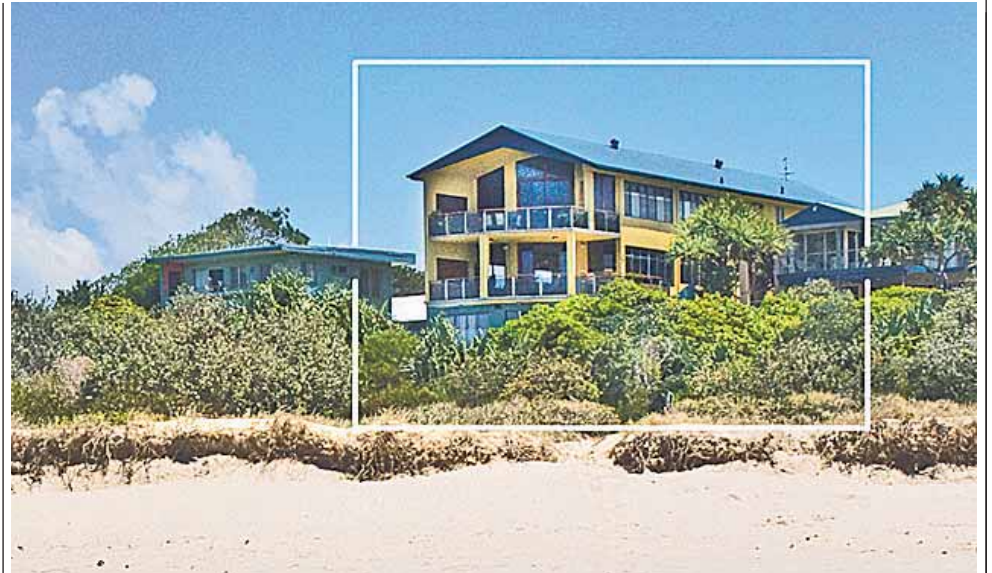
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**Pottsville Beach \$475-649,000**  
**'PAVILIONS' ESTUARY FRONTAGE**

- 11 waterside townhomes
- Intimate views of the river, coastal dunes and Border Ranges.
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, high ceilings
- Timber floors, deep verandahs
- Covered patio & grassed courtyard

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**Pottsville Beach \$259,000**  
**FIRST HOME OWNERS DREAM**

- Beachside unit, 2 bedrms, 1 bathrms, 1 car
- 2 minutes to school & beach
- Body corporate of \$25 p/w
- Entertain in the sunroom
- Only 10 mins walk/2min drive to shops

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**Black Rocks \$695,000**  
**NATURE RESERVE – MODERN HOME**

- Backs onto nature reserve
- 4 bed, 2 bath, open plan living
- Study, large backyard & pool
- Located on extra large block
- 500m to Black Rocks beach
- 2 min drive to shops

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**Koala Beach Estate \$435,000**  
**LOOKING FOR A GREAT BUY!**

- Overlooking a nature reserve
- Near new 4 bed, ensuite, walk in robe
- 2 bath, 2 car, covered entertaining area
- Granite benches, stainless appliances
- Not a home of this quality, size and price
- on the market in Pottsville Beach!

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**Pottsville Beach \$647,000**  
**ENTERTAINER'S DREAM HOME**

- Absolute class – spacious design
- Bali inspired theme, free flowing rooms
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bath(ensuite), 2 garage
- Inground pool, beautiful established gardens
- Top range appliances, superior fittings
- Only 2 min drive to Pottsville village

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**Pottsville Beach \$590,000**  
**WATERFRONT HOME ON DUPLEX LAND**

- 1675sqm of development land in-town!
- 40m of absolute creek frontage with views
- 4 bed, 2 bath, double garage, fireplace
- Backs onto environmental leisure gardens
- Internally renovated, new paint, carpet
- Tiles & timber floorboards, air-conditioned

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**Hastings Point \$315,000**  
**50M TO ESTUARY & 100M TO BEACH!**

- Situated in 'Hastings Cove'
- 2 bed, 1 bath, air conditioned
- Fully furnished unit
- Ground pool and BBQ area in complex
- Perfect place to live, invest or have as your own holiday home!

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**Hastings Point \$3.5M-\$3.75M**  
**ABSOLUTE BEACH FRONT**

- 3 apartments, plus home at back
- Full panoramic beach views
- One home per level, 3 bed, 2 bath
- Large entertaining beachfront deck
- Built in BBQ & spa, landscaping
- Holiday let existing house!! Try then buy!

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**Nunderi nr Cabarita \$759,000**  
**A LITTLE BIT OF PARADISE**

- PRESTIGE EXECUTIVE HOME, 1.5 acres
- 12 mins from Cabarita Beach
- 4 bed (main w spa), 3 bath, rumpus/office
- Wine cellar/ cold room, large garden sheds
- 50+ fruit & nut trees plus vegie garden
- Air-con, sprinklers & bore water to trees

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**Cudgera Creek \$1,200,000**  
**SPACIOUS COASTAL RETREAT**

- 5 mins drive to Pottsville village & beach
- 2.77ha, great for horses or hobby farm
- 4 bed, 2 bath (ensuite), 2 car & 6 garage
- Large dam, bore, 10,000 gal water tank
- Large country kitchen, open plan design
- Wrap around verandahs with views

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## Lighthouse views Bay Vista Drive Ewingsdale

5 mins drive to the Bay



\$1,250,000

**Ewingsdale** - The view from this marvellous rambling Victorian style 5 bdrm family home surpasses most with wide sweeping verandahs on all sides, set on 3 acres of land. Town water, triple garage, bird aviary and 120m<sup>2</sup> shed for the home handyman.

NEW LISTING

## Perfect for starters Home with income

\$525,000

**Mullumbimby** - Restyled 3 bdrm, 2 bthrm timber home. Luxurious new bathroom and kitchen, timber floors, wrap around decks plus a self-contained flat with large bdrm, study, living room opening onto its own leafy deck & private garden.

## Hear the ocean 3 bdrm townhouse

\$300,000

**Ocean Shores** - A terrific purchase for first home buyers wishing to escape the rental treadmill. Decks off bedrooms+ground floor outdoor courtyard, sep. laundry, sep. lock-up garage or fourth bedroom. 1 min walk to shops. Keenly priced for urgent sale.

## Overlooking 100 acres of national park land 5 mins to Brunswick Heads & beach

\$655,000

**Mullumbimby** - Comfortable timber home on an acre of rambling gardens. High set with tandem garage, workshop, extra bthrm. Full length timber decks overlook national park. 6x9 metre colorbond shed, bore 3x25,000 litre water tank.

## Possum creek 8 mins to the Bay, 5 mins to Bangalow

\$749,000

Architect-designed quality home on 2 acres. Plus 12th share of 113 acres of rainforest, primary producing and recreational land, swimming hole, hall, stables, dairy bails. Centrally located. Five minutes to Bangalow and ten minutes to Byron Bay.

950m to  
Main Beach

## Double brick in Ruskin Street

\$845,000

**Byron Bay** - Immaculate double brick 3 bdrm+small study, 2 bthrms and lock-up garage. Free standing home on strata block. Private rear garden. Trussed roof allows multiple redesign options. Original fireplace. Priced to sell now. Capitalise on the position.

## 9.7km to Brunswick Heads 1 acre surrounded by large acreages High privacy, low upkeep

\$549,000

**Middle Pocket** - Circa 1966 needing some TLC, partly renovated. Timber floors, added rumpus room, good kitchen. On one high level useable acre surrounded by large acreages and quality homes in a quiet cul-de-sac country lane.

## Two blocks - 1,000m<sup>2</sup> 2 road frontage

\$629,000

**Mullumbimby** - A very large home, 4 bdrms, 2 bthrms, 2 living areas, outdoor courtyards & decks. Large block, huge shed, an 11m above ground pool. Space to build another home.

## Breakfast with the birds 10 mins walk to town & beach

\$539,000

**Lilli Pilli** - Private, 2 storey timber home. 3 bdrms, cathedral ceilings, timber floors, superb kitchen. Open-plan living opening onto timber decks. Tucked away and very private. Room to expand.

## Short walk to shops and beach

\$519,000

**Byron Bay** - Two storey townhouse. High ceilings. Walking tracks to beach & restaurants. Permanent residence or letting. Polished timber floors. 2 large living areas, pool. 5 mins to Byron Bay.

## Over 55s Cape Byron Village unit

\$340,000

**Byron Bay** - 2 bdrm open-plan spacious unit. N/E facing, summer breezes and winter sun. On-site manager, recreation room, heated indoor pool. Excellent position, walk to beach & town.

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- 95sqm floor + 85sqm Mezz
- Shower and kitchenette
- Caretakers approval
- Solar power installed
- Complex of only 10
- Outstanding investment

**PRICE** \$360,000  
**CONTACT** Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672

## Quiet Rural Lifestyle – Only Minutes From Byron

- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom
- 1 acre allotment – NE aspect
- Wide covered deck
- Picturesque rural views
- Ideal location minutes to town
- The quintessential lifestyle

**PRICE:** \$680,000

## Beachfront – Byron Bay Luxury

- Excellent rental returns and capital growth
- 4 large bedrooms
- 2 master en-suites + 1 bathroom
- BBQ deck area & plunge pool
- Fully airconditioned, DLUG
- Modern kitchen & dining area

**PRICE:** \$3,100,000

## Beautiful Fowlers Lane

- Fantastic rural property
- Set on 5 usable acres
- 2 bedroom plus loft, 1 bathroom cottage
- Horse stable, free flowing creek
- Great feel – tranquil natural lifestyle
- 10 minutes to Byron Bay

**PRICE:** \$730,000

## Tea Tree Place – Coogera Circuit, Suffolk

- New and exciting homes
- Designed by award winning architects
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Purchase off the plan now

**PRICE** By Negotiation

## Giaour Street

- At exclusive Belongil Beach
- 3 bed, 3 bath home + separate 1 bed studio
- Estuary + hinterland views
- Large 1,084sqm block
- Fantastic entertaining areas
- Perfect for the family or investor

**PRICE** \$1,600,000

## 4 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay

- Nicely positioned 3 bedroom home
- Neat & tidy throughout
- Ample room for expansion
- Quiet leafy area
- Well established gardens
- A great investment opportunity

**PRICE:** \$599,000

## 347 St Helena Road, St Helena

- Create your own future
- Land 4047sqm
- The views tell the story
- D.A approved for large residence

**PRICE** \$1,800,000

## Great Home – Great Location

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick and tile home
- Spacious open plan living
- Corner position, quiet st
- Private covered entertaining area
- Reserve across the road

**PRICE** \$535,000

## Dengha Place

- 4 bed, 2 bath, study, 4 car garage
- Modern, stylish and spacious
- Beautiful north aspect
- Peaceful and private location
- Large 805sqm allotment
- Lighthouse and lake views

**PRICE** \$860,000

## Central Apartment

- 3 bed, 2 bath apartment
- Top floor – arch. designed
- Front and rear verandahs
- Large open plan living/ dining area
- Aircon, slug + car space
- Well positioned, live in or holiday let

**PRICE:** \$935,000

## Cottage – Upper Wilson's Creek

- Fresh mountain air
- Right by the creek
- The perfect retreat
- 3 bedrooms
- Totally private and peaceful
- Country style cottage

**PRICE** \$560,000

## 'Seagrove' Stage 2

- 3 bed, 2 bath townhouses
- Stylish and contemporary interiors
- S/S appliances, polished stone benchtops
- Pool and BBQ area
- Close to town, beach and shops
- Purchase off the plan today

**PRICE** \$648,000

## Fantastic Industrial Unit

- Located in the Arts And Industry Estate
- 119sqm total floor space
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**PRICE:** \$250,000

## 6 Orchid Place, Suffolk Park

- 4 good sized bedrooms
- Elevated 1054sqm block
- Pool at your back door
- Designed for all seasons
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- Well worth a look

**PRICE** \$719,000

## ECO Beach Resort

- Dual key apartment
- Studio and 1 bedroom apartment
- Offers pool, spa and bbq area
- Walk to town and beach
- Gross rental approx. \$71,598pa 2007-2008

**PRICE:** \$599,000

## Unit 7 'Beaches'

- Fabulous 1 bed, 1 bath apartment
- Fully furnished
- In-ground pool, BBQ area
- Secure undercover carpark
- Easy walk to town and main beach

**PRICE** \$330,000

## Ideal Investment Opportunity

- Walk to town & main beach
- AAA tenant in place
- 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom
- North facing rear yard
- Large nth facing balcony
- Perfect addition to portfolio

**PRICE:** \$429,000

## Exceptional Hinterland Views On 1054sqm

- 3 bedrms, 1 bathrm, SLUG
- Elevated 1054sqm block
- Charming timber cottage loaded with character
- Breathtaking views
- Walk to town & private
- Renovators there's plenty of room for improvement

**\$ POA**

## Lifestyles Of Byron

- Situated just footsteps to Tallow Beach
- 2 bed, 2 bath, storage
- Open plan kitchen, living areas, large verandah
- Leafy outlook, close to town
- Pool, gym, spa, tennis facilities

**PRICE** \$429,000

## Ewingsdale's Finest

- 2½ acres of amazing tropical gardens
- Private and peaceful location
- A one off property
- Pavilion style home and separate studio
- First time offered for sale
- A must to see!

**PRICE:** OFFERS OVER \$2,000,000

## Beech Drive

- Large 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- Plus freehold grocery store
- Land area of 1,375sqm
- Services 700 homes in the area
- Adjacent to sports field
- Easy walk to Tavern and beach

**PRICE:** \$920,000 + SAV

## Scott Street

- Fabulous 3-4 bedroom home
- With in-town elevation/ private
- Stylishly refurbished / 13ft ceilings
- Expansive open plan living
- Beautiful landscaped gardens
- Beach access from end of street

**PRICE:** \$729,000

## St Helena Road

- Private, secluded & tranquil
- Breathtaking panoramic views
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- High ceilings, timber floors
- Situated on 1 amazing acre
- Offers a lifestyle like no other

**PRICE:** Sale By Private Treaty

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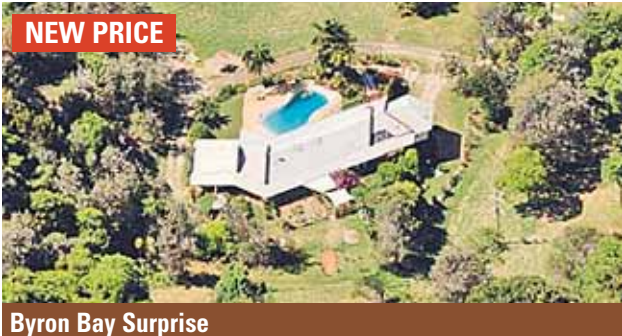
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# ON THE MARKET

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## NEW PRICE



### Byron Bay Surprise

Have you ever wanted to escape to your own paradise? Here's your chance. This 40 acre property has ocean to Cape Byron Lighthouse views and is within 5 kilometres of Byron Bay. This sea side acreage is complimented with an architect designed home spread over 36.5 squares plus 17 squares of covered verandahs. The home features a gourmet kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms plus a self contained guest retreat. The oak parquet floors lead to the library and lounge/dining room that

opens up with cathedral ceilings and exposed beams. Every room has a view, including the spa room that looks over the 15m in-ground pool or looking out onto the sub tropical landscaped gardens while entertaining friends. "Lothlorien" is a sea change with country charm and only 500 metres to beautiful Tallow Beach. **Asking price is \$3,600,000.** Contact Liam Annesley on 0417 780 795.



### 'Breeze' At Brunswick Heads

These ten two storey homes 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 in design with light filled balconies. A combination of modern materials has 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. Contact Jon Luton on 0422 794 384 or Glen Irwin on 0418 604 080. LJ Hooker Byron Bay (02) 6685 7300.



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- ✓ Self contained studio & huge shed
- ✓ Stunning pool with entertaining cabana
- ✓ Beautiful gardens, creek frontage
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### Nashua

- ✓ 10 cleared fenced acres
- ✓ Minutes to Bangalow village
- ✓ 3 bedroom air conditioned home
- ✓ East facing pool & secluded gardens
- ✓ Rural views, dam & 2 ample sheds
- ✓ Ideal to build your ideal home
- ✓ Run cattle or horses or plant an orchard
- ✓ Peace & privacy

**Price: \$695,000**  
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### Brand New Home In Springfield Lakes, Brisbane

Invest in a spotless 4 bedroom house close to lake, parks, schools and shopping centre. For further information please contact Cas Gray from Delfin Realty on 07 3280 2255 or 0409 040 140.

**\$469,000**



### Renovated And Ready To Go...

**MARYBOROUGH, QLD.** This lovingly restored home has nothing further to do. Built on a gently sloping 1017sqm block, this neat home has been internally repainted throughout. Features include 2 bedrooms, modern kitchen with dishwasher, modern bathroom, combined dining /lounge and a covered rear deck. All this and its close to the town centre. If you are looking for an addition to your portfolio or a first home then it would be well worth your while to view this home.

- ✓ 2 bedrooms, fully repainted internally
  - ✓ Modern kitchen and bathroom
  - ✓ Reverse cycle air conditioner (lounge)
  - ✓ New under covered rear deck
  - ✓ 1017sqm allotment, 2 car accomm
  - ✓ Currently rented @ \$220/wk
- For more info call owner 0409 974 877.

**\$219,000**

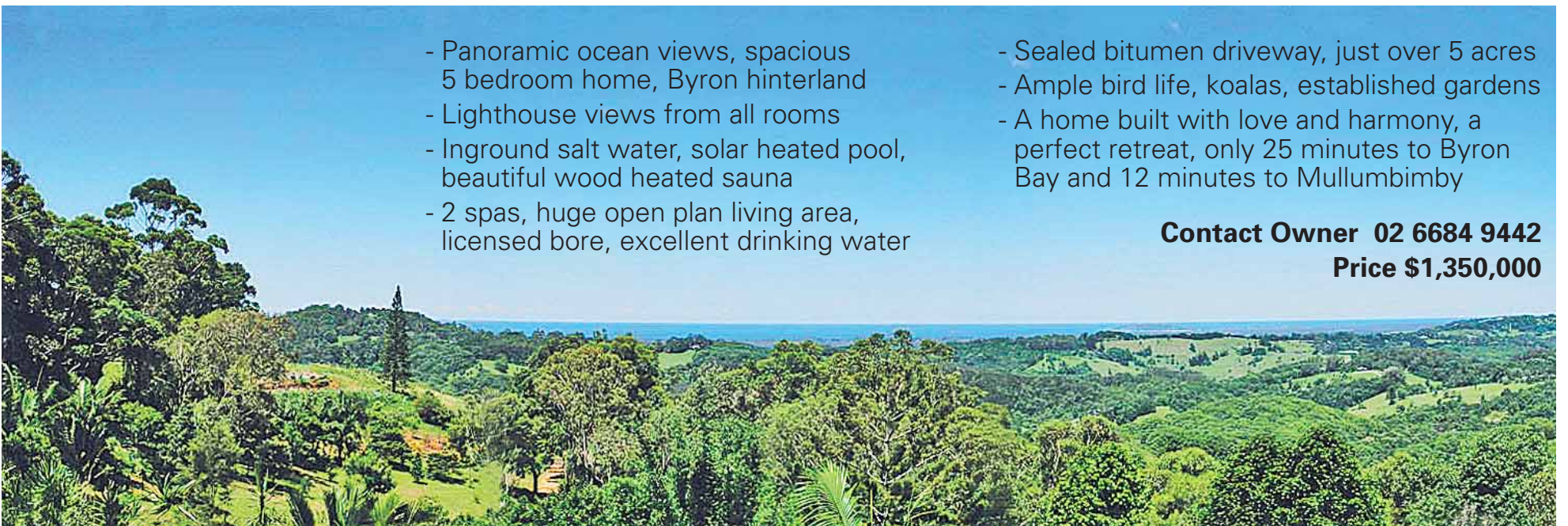


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**Contact Owner 02 6684 9442**  
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# ON THE MARKET

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday 1-1.30pm



## Private Hidden Valley – Great Views

**Lot 2 Taylors Rd, Nashua (end of road).** Nestled at the end of a little country lane and less than 10 minutes from the village of Bangalow you will find the ideal rural lifestyle property. All the hard work has been done here. Very rarely do properties of this calibre become available.

The property features 39.71 hectares of mostly improved pasture, Wilson River frontage, an internal creek, good fencing

and a very comfortable 2 bedroom barn style dwelling. Perfect if you want to build your own place.

**Auction on site Saturday 30th January 2009**

Contact Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001  
Lois Buckett Real Estate

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**OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday 4-4.30pm



## What Everyone Has Been Waiting For

**Lots 10, 11, 12 & 13 Thomas Street, Bangalow**

Undoubtedly one of Bangalow's best addresses. Located just behind Readings shops, there are four fully serviced blocks to choose from. This will be the last time in history where vacant blocks in this location with pleasant rural views and a real easy stroll to the village will ever be available again. To be auctioned

post council final approval. Land size is approximately 600sqm.

Offered subject to registration. Long settlement. Call Mark today.

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**OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday 11-11.30am



## Views As Far As The Eye Can See!

**45 Bougainvillea Drive, Federal.**

- ✓ Superior quality - newly built 4 bedroom home
- ✓ Separate media room
- ✓ Open plan living combined dining and kitchen
- ✓ Easy care 4.75 acres
- ✓ Only the best fixtures and fittings throughout

✓ Landscaped grounds

✓ Designed by local architect Frank Stewart

✓ Luxury master suite

**Price \$1,575,000**

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## The Perfect Lifestyle Property

**491 Friday Hut Road, Brooklet**

A very nice package indeed! It is all about the location here! This property features a dual occupancy four bedroom home with a detached fully self contained 1 bedroom flat.

Set on a very easy care 1.4 billiard table like hectare. Other features include a large 4 bay shed with 3 phase power and in ground pool. What the owners

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## Spectacular Ocean And Hinterland Views

**141 Piccadilly Hill Road, Coopers Shoot.**

A very special property – few places offer such inspiration and beauty.

✓ Spring fed dam, watercourse and rainforest area

✓ Unique home with plenty of character and charm

✓ Amazing sense of space both inside and out

✓ Close to airports: Ballina (15mins), Coolangatta (45mins)

✓ 100yr old figs & views to the mountains

✓ 106 easily accessible acres, high on Coopers Shoot

✓ Less than 10 min drive to Lennox Head, Broken Head, Byron Bay and Bangalow

**Auction in New Year 2009.**

View by appointment 7 days  
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**AUCTION**



## 'Vista' Sensational Views to The Nightcap Ranges!

**811 Coolamon Scenic Dr, Coorabell.**

There is no doubt it is all about the views here. You will look for a long time to find an easy small acreage property like this one (1.777 ha). The home itself has 4 spacious bedrooms with 3 bathrooms and double garage. One bedroom is separate from the house which would be ideal for a home office. Do not delay as this property represents exceptional buying. The ideal life style property awaits your inspection.

Genuine interest in the combined two lots being 809 & 811 Coolamon Scenic will be considered prior to 14th March 2009.

**Auction 4th April 2009**

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**AUCTION**



## Rarest Opportunity So Close To Byron!

**809 Coolamon Scenic Dr, Coorabell.**

The property comprises of the main residence, a 3 bedroom country cottage, recording studio, inground pool and two other substantial outbuildings.

The property has existing rights and approvals for various uses. The recording studio is built from teak and rosewood timbers sourced from the surrounding area.

The property features the most amazing grounds with access to spring and underground water.

Only an inspection can do the property justice if you are a serious buyer looking to move to the Byron Bay area and would like to enjoy everything that this vibrant locality has to offer.

**Auction 4th April 2009**

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## Are You Looking For Blue Chip Mullumbimby Real Estate?

**Gordon Street Mullumbimby** is location, location, location.

✓ Located opposite Heritage Park and the Brunswick River

✓ Short drive to Steiner school

✓ Beautiful 1920s home could be one of the most desirable properties in town

✓ This impressive home has an attractive ambience

✓ Separate office or artists studio with blissful garden view setting

This property has it all with front and rear verandahs, timber floors, high ceilings, rosewood timber doors and lush tropical gardens with rear lane access.

**Price \$838,000**

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## Live, Work And Play In Paradise

- ✓ Fantastic proven franchise business
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- ✓ Located in the heart of Byron Bay CBD
- ✓ Currently run with fulltime manager or choose to work in business
- ✓ Good wholesale aspect to business that current owners have built up
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Further details are available at Ray White Byron Bay.

Sophie Christou 0419 399 222.

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## Ocean Shores

**42 Tongarra Drive.** Protected from all bad weather, the north aspect here is just perfect.

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After producing this mammoth edition we'll be taking our annual nervous breakdown and putting out our next paper on Tuesday January 6. Thanks for keeping us company, and special thanks to those readers who so appreciated our work that they dropped off fermented beverages for the staff to share. Cheers!

And while most of us are sleeping off the Christmas pudding, the developments keep rolling in to Council. Among the latest is a 13 lot subbie off Citriadora Drive, Ewingsdale, lodged by Melbourne mob 'Sustainable Urban Communities Pty Ltd' - don't you love those friendly names? Residents get 14 days to respond, the latest being Christmas Eve! We'd be demanding an extension on that one.

If people are still getting fines from the camera at St Helena despite being told that it is accurate now, a resident suggests it is still a good idea to report it to Don Page's office with a copy of the fine 'as the records are still being kept and being added to. Despite RTA not budging from their stance the office files on this issue may be useful legally in the future. The main point being that locals who are familiar with the road would not go over the limit as many times as they are being fined for. It is not over yet.'

Speaking of fines, the State Debt Recovery Office advises a 'computer systems error' that the wrong number of demerit points has been recorded on some fine notices. Check how many demerit points you actually have at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 138 118 if you think you might be affected.

A reader reports: 'There is a tallish long-haired European man, usually bare chested, who gets around town giving flowers to the girls in the shops - while

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he is there he helps himself to whatever he wants. Watch out for the flower giving hippy - he is a thief. Ah, the skills of prestidigitational distraction.

Harsha Prabhu of the Beggars Banquet crew tells us that Grannies 4 Peace were also at the recent Banquet. On behalf of shire grandmothers, local granny Norma Forest released a 'peace missile' aimed at world leaders. You can see a clip of the action at <http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=YsLOPM6Mugk>

Speaking of missiles: having watched the hurling of shoes at George W Bush, who demonstrated remarkably good reflexes, and the hurling of shoes at an effigy of our Kevin, we reckon it has potential as a sport. Standard shoe weights and method of hurling could be introduced and any unpopular figure of the day could be used as the Little Athletics or Olympics effigy. In the adult division it would be compulsory to be drunk as well as peeved and the judges may award extra points for particularly inventive invective.

The search to find 'the great-

est guitarist in Australia who never played' is on once again. See [www.airguitaraustralia.com](http://www.airguitaraustralia.com) for details. The prizes are pretty good, and it's a chance to behave like a nerd in front of a crowd.

The National Archives' records of the HMAS Sydney disaster include 'most secret' documents: see [www.naa.gov.au/whats-on/online/showcases/hmas-sydney/index.aspx](http://www.naa.gov.au/whats-on/online/showcases/hmas-sydney/index.aspx).

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