

Kids crack them up at Big Joke



Catherine, 11, bravely opens the signature Funny Kids show at Bangalow's Big Joke Comedy Festival on Saturday. Funny kids they were, with Catherine refuting her mother's claim that one day she would enjoy coffee, 'I'll probably like coffee around the same time as I will find bald men handsome!'

Story & photo Lou Beaumont

Along with the internationally renowned comedians, local children starred at the Big Joke Comedy Festival in Bangalow on the weekend. The jokes of course centred on coping with adults.

There was the ten year old who be-moaned having Paris Hilton as a role model, another kid who prayed that her Sunday school scripture teacher would 'disappear' in a freak bible exploding accident and another who was jealous of babies as they wore nappies and could poo when and where they chose. Other funny kids bagged men

in suits, Jesus, school and, of course, their parents.

Festival director Mandy Nolan said festival days ran smoothly. 'We've had sellout shows previously but this was the first year we sold out three shows. Tim Minchin, Arj Barker and the Cracked Eggs Breakfast were all packed gigs which is fantastic given the current economic climate. The international standard of the headline acts was evident, everyone was blown away and the feedback has been great. I'm already looking forward to next year's show but for now I can get on with having a baby.'

Associate director of the Melbourne

Comedy Festival, Toby Sullivan, told *The Echo* how much he enjoyed the shows, 'The Bangalow festival is unique with its setting and the community owned feeling. I am used to the Melbourne Festival with over 330 shows, more than 140 venues right across Melbourne and 400,000 tickets, so to go to a little hall in the middle of nowhere with 400 people was very different but no less delightful. A good gig is a good gig and that was really good fun.'

Our editor managed to catch Tim Minchin's act: 'It's hard to say anything bad about Tim Minchin's act, especially when you witness him ex-

coriating a *Guardian* critic in one of his songs. Minchin has a ready-made career as an accomplished singer and pianist but puts his act into overdrive with extremely intelligent comedy.

'It is brave comedy, too. In a shire not noted for its scientific approach to life, Minchin launched into a ten minute "Beat" poem about his encounter at a dinner party with a woman called Storm, who felt the mystery of life outweighed the progress of empirical evidence. Any sacred cows in the room were thoroughly massacred but Minchin's satire was greeted by tumultuous applause.

'Noel Coward with bite'

Lands board under fire

Byron Shire Councillor Patrick Morrissey plans to move a Notice of Motion requesting Council formally lodge an objection to the new LHPA rating system.

'The Rural Lands Protection Board (RLPB) may have changed its name but not its draconian rating system,' said Cr Morrissey in a press release.

Landholders with more than ten hectares of land have just received their rate notices from the Livestock Health & Pest Authorities (LHPA), formally RLPB, with an increase in rates.

'The only good news is that those landholders with less than ten hectares of land will no longer have to pay rates,' said Cr. Morrissey. 'But those with more than ten hectares will pay more rates but get no increase in services, and for many no service at all.

'Again the angst for many is the Notional Carrying Capacity. Landholders pay a rate based on how many livestock the authority consider their property can carry.

Unfair system

'It doesn't matter whether you run livestock or manage your land for nature conservation or orchards, if you own more than ten hectares you have to pay, regardless of whether you receive a service or not.

'I've again been receiving calls from irate landholders, people with conservation covenants on their land, complaining about the increase in rates for no service at all. These people feel penalised for managing their land for nature conservation.

'The NSW Government needs to be consistent in their policies towards managing the natural environment. They can't have one department saying they support nature conservation and another penalising them by rating their land for how many cows they can run, when in fact their land is forested. It is simply unfair and the fight will continue.'

Landholders can contact Cr Morrissey to register objections on cr.patrick.morrissey@byron.nsw.gov.au.

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Bluesfest to help young musicians

The Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF) and Byron Bay Bluesfest have joined forces to help young local musicians with the launch of the Bluesfest Fund. This new NRCF fund has been set up with the Bluesfest organisers to raise money to encourage and develop young talent in the local music industry.

An initial donation by the Bluesfest kicked off the fund and all Bluesfest goers are asked to make an extra donation when purchasing their tickets. Contributions are encouraged from established musicians, promoters and anyone who's already made it in the music industry.

NRCF is an independent philanthropic foundation which works to gather funds to provide sustainable, long term benefits to the Northern Rivers community.

Monies invested in The Bluesfest Fund will be distributed to individuals and local organisations working to support and develop the young musical talent of the region. Scholarships and grants will be available through the NRCF's annual giving program.

NRCF Chair Christopher Dean says, 'Given the international fame of the Bluesfest and the wealth of musical talent it brings to the region, it's important we remember to support and encourage the very talented



Gopi Lev, Tennyson and Holden Nobel with Blues Festival director Peter Noble, left, and NRCF chair Christopher Dean. Photo Jeff Dawson.

young musicians in our area.'

A VIP 5-day pass to the Bluesfest is up for grabs to the highest bidder, the money going to the Bluesfest Fund. To place your bid email info@nrcf.org.au or visit the website www.nrcf.org.au

Byron Shire Mayor Jan Barham has called the Bluesfest

a 'significant economic generator for our region and it attracts people from around the world. It's our chance to showcase our wonderful lifestyle in a creative and fun atmosphere. I urge all locals to buy a ticket and be part of the Byron event.'

Byron Shire Council's acting director of planning Wayne

Bertram said behind the scenes Council has a team of staff dedicated to supporting and assisting the with the safety of the event.

'Council has provided a town planner to oversee the coordination of onsite Council environmental health officers, building inspectors, on and off site sewerage and water operators, a traffic engineer and an ecologist,' Mr Bertram said.

'Additional ranger hours have been allocated to assist with the monitoring of parking and help manage illegal campers.'

Bluesfest says it has to date sold tickets for this year's festival through its Venue net ticket outlet to festival goers in 24 countries. Highest number of individual ticket buyers to date come from New Zealand followed by the USA with 77 people attending, the UK with 56 and New Caledonia with 18.

Almost 6,000 individual tickets have been bought by residents of the north coast, and festival director Peter Noble said it looks as if last year's record of almost 6,500 will be beaten this year.

'There will once again be a disproportionate attendance of Northern Territorians based on gross population - they seem to come in ever larger numbers yearly, with over 150 coming so far.'

Youth to make waves at Mullumbimby pool

Make Waves is an event for young people to celebrate Youth Week 2009 and will take place at Mullumbimby Pool on Saturday April 4. Byron Shire Council's youth development officer Rita Youssef-Price said she had teamed up with a group of young people from the Shire to organise the event.

'The group has been working nonstop to make this year's event, Make Waves, a fun night,' Ms Youssef-Price said.

'The night will include a fabulous line up of local youth bands including Half Nelson and Alice

Blue, an open mic session and two hours on the pool's inflatable obstacle course.

'Young people aged between 12 and 18 years are invited to come along, enjoy the free food, entertainment and have a say about how the Byron Shire can be made even more youth friendly. The event has been organised as a free event for young people who can't always afford music and tickets to entertainment events.'

'Transport is often the main obstacle for young people to attend an event so we have organ-



Organisers Zoey Hopkins, Elia Hauge and Finell McEwen.

ised free Batbus transport. The bus will leave from Billinudgel and Suffolk Park at 5.30pm making their way through to the Mullumbimby pool.'

The two buses will leave at Mullumbimby pool at 10pm and return people to the various pickup points.

'We've had fabulous support

from local businesses across the Shire, so there are great prizes to be won on the night,' Ms Youssef-Price said. 'With a limit of only 200 places, young people will need to be on time. Entry is on a first in basis.'

For more information on the event contact Rita Youssef-Price on 6685 9342.

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Council to grow food on public land

Story & photo Lou Beaumont

This Saturday April 4 sees the launch of a Byron Shire Council initiative to begin food production on public land.

The existing garden beds outside council chambers will be transformed into a pilot area for the growing of food plants, including bush foods. It will be a study into how public space can be utilised to best buck some of the current global trends. Globally we are facing resource constraints with the current food production system reliant on peak oil. From growth to transportation to consumption, the entire process is greenhouse intensive.

Byron Shire Council's Sustainability Officer, Graeme Williams, told *The Echo*, 'This project is in response to some of the more alarming global trends.'

'While this is a small trial project, something like it on a larger scale could have large economic implications by re-localising our food production systems.'

'We currently have such a disconnection with the food we consume. Hopefully walking past publicly grown food will encourage interaction and maybe motivate people to emulate the system in their backyards.'

'Growing our own food is a lost art somewhat and one we



Local gardening expert Diane Hart and Byron Shire Council's Sustainability Officer Graeme Williams get among the site for public food plants outside Council chambers.

should regain given our economic and climatic situation.

'The project will address all four arms of sustainability: environmental (food miles, resource dependency), social (bringing the community together and educating people), economic (with agriculture and farming both growth industries) and lastly, governance, with our council as a local government forerunner in this area, devoting council land to develop food security projects.'

The food on public land project will be a co-managed

model between the community and Council. There will be monthly working bees and educational components built into the gardens. The project will be reviewed in six months so as Graeme Williams said, 'It is up to the community now to choose to embrace this concept.'

The launch will begin at 9:30am this Saturday with a community planting outside council chambers in Mullumbimby. At 11am, special guest presenter Jerry Coleby-Williams from ABC TV's *Gardening Australia* will be

speaking about his family's experiences during WWII when backyards were commandeered to reduce pressure on public food supplies due to the war, drawing parallels to possible future scenarios post peak oil.

A seed exchange with Byron Hinterland Seed Savers will follow. Bring along seeds and envelopes to join in the swap, and local gardening guru Diane Hart will be running an informal gardening Q&A. Mullumbimby Community Garden folk will be running a fundraising BBQ.

Cohen loses out, defamation case result overturned

Greens MP Ian Cohen has lost out in a defamation case brought by north coast developer Jerry Bennette after the NSW Court of Appeal overturned an earlier judgement in Mr Cohen's favour.

Mr Cohen has been ordered to pay \$15,000 in defamation damages as well as legal costs

which could run as high as \$1 million.

The appeal judges concluded that Justice Ian Harrison had erred in 2007 when he ruled that two defences applied to defamatory comments made by Mr Cohen during public meetings in Suffolk Park in 2001.

Justice Harrison had ordered Mr Bennette to pay Mr Cohen's costs.

Mr Bennette issued a press release summarising the court decision and saying he was very pleased with the result which he said vindicated his decision to bring the proceedings against Mr Cohen in 2001.

Mr Cohen told *The Echo*, 'I'd like to note the absurdity of a long and expensive legal battle as a consequence of a music night supporting a friend being sued.'

'My lawyers have sought second opinion and we are seeking leave to appeal to the High Court.'

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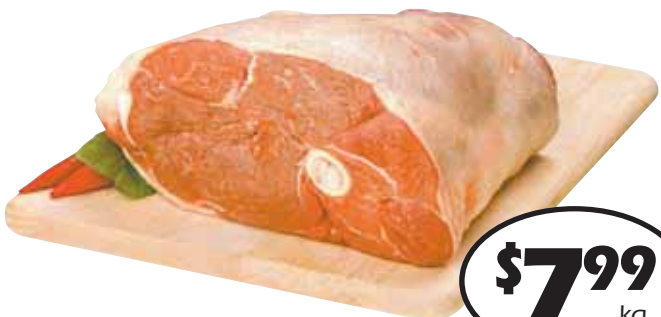
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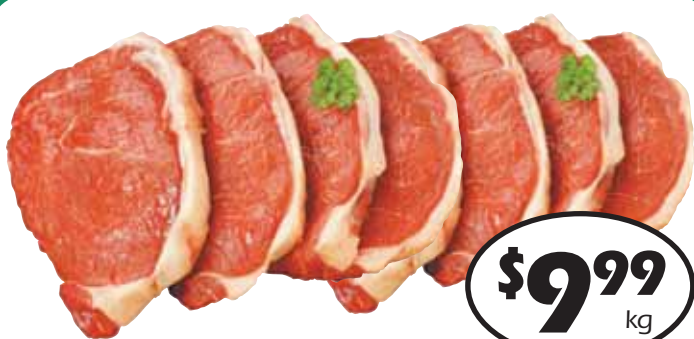
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\$31,000 goes to bushfire appeal

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

What started as a generous donation from the Hotel Brunswick has grown into a gift of over \$31,000 from the people of the Brunswick Valley to the people of fire-stricken Victoria. Just four weeks ago the Bruns pub kicked off their fundraiser, donating a whopping \$25,000 for the pot and the tally steadily grew. With a last push over Kites and Bikes weekend, Trish McCulloch from the Bruns was able to hand over a total of \$31,128 to Marj Storer from the Red Cross.

'I was astounded by the generosity of the public,' said Trish. 'An ex-staff member who lives in Melbourne was up here for a visit and said she was amazed at how much money actually came from the Brunswick Valley.' Trish said that it was not only the public who donated cash but the local businesses who donated in kind. 'We had Print Rescue and Brunswick Valley Signs helping out, Les Evans donated a beautiful painting and Beach Suites donated accommodation for a raffle prize.' 'Other clubs like Quota, the Bruns SLSC and the Woodchop committee donated some



Trish McCulloch from the Hotel Brunswick delivers a colourful cocktail of fundraising cash to Marj Storer from the Red Cross.

of their own valuable funds to fire victims and we had cash given to us by Eagle Insurance, KC's Take Away and the staff at the hotel who donated their tips to the cause.' Marj Storer, who is the treasurer for the local branch of the Red Cross, said that before the

Red Cross started to organise their appeal, people were approaching them to find out how they could help. 'I am so pleased at how well the public has responded to this appeal, said Marj. 'Red Cross has also recognised this generosity and has at this stage

cancelled the doorknock appeal as they feel people have already given so much. 'Red Cross will distribute this money where they feel it is most needed. The money will be well used in Victoria. We hope this will help people rebuild their lives.'

Splendour festival back at Belongil Fields for 09

The Splendour in the Grass music festival will return to Belongil Fields this year for its ninth festival on Saturday July 25 and Sunday July 26. 'Due to time constraints caused by the Land and Environment Court process and the time required to

prepare the North Byron Shire Parklands site should a positive outcome be achieved, Splendour organisers have moved ahead with their planning for 2009,' said General Manager of North Byron Shire Parklands Mat Morris. 'We hope to be

able to host the festival as a trial event at North Byron Shire Parklands in 2010.' In July 2008 Byron Shire Council granted consent to conduct a one off trial event at the North Byron Shire Parklands site at Yelgun. Council's

decision was then challenged in the Land and Environment Court by Conservation of North Ocean Shores Inc (CONOS). A judgement from the Land and Environment Court has not been handed down yet.

Development for Federal

A proposal has been put forward for an apartment and shop development in the middle of Federal village next to the community park on the corner of Albert Street and Roses Road, diagonally opposite the Federal shop. No DA has been lodged with Council yet. The Echo hears the applicant

is planning to meet locals to talk about the proposal and listen to community opinions on Wednesday April 15 around 6pm at the Federal Hall. At the time of going to press, details of the meeting time have not been confirmed, so those interested in attending should check locally in Federal this week.

Astronomy goes off

One of the major cornerstone events of the UN-designated International Year of Astronomy, 100 Hours of Astronomy, will take place over April 2 to 5. In Byron Bay, the Starry Night Planetarium is hosting a telescope viewing and night sky tour at Main Beach Reserve from 6pm, Friday April 3.

The following night, the Planetarium will set up telescopes at the Terrace Reserve, Brunswick Heads, allowing members of the public to see Saturn and the Moon and view nearby craters, mountain ranges and the Apollo landing spots. For further information see www.astronomy2009.org.au.

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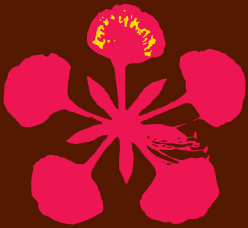
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Local group opposed to Intervention

Victoria Cosford

Leading Northern Territory activist Barb Shaw was in the Byron Shire recently, giving firsthand accounts of how intervention policies are affecting Aboriginal communities across the Northern Territory. In a series of talks in places such as the Byron Community and Cultural Centre, Byron High School, Mullumbimby Civic Centre and SCU, she spoke about such issues as the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act, the loss of self-determination, income management and the Basics Card, the failure to consult with elders and the violation of Australia's obligation to recognise and respect Aboriginal culture as an enrichment of Australian culture.

Since the implementation of the Government's Northern Territory Intervention in 2007 – in response to the NT Report into sexual abuse – this exceedingly complex issue has met with a wide range of differing opinions as to its effectiveness. Despite the subsequent change in government, there are many Aboriginal community leaders across the Northern Terri-



Barbara Shaw, centre, member of the Tangentyere Council Executive and leading campaigner in the Intervention Rollback Action Group.

tory who are concerned at the perpetuation of the intervention policies which they see as widening the gulf between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and making life more difficult for already struggling communities.

Local woman Karen Hodder has established a support group called the NT Intervention Mullumbimby Working Group, and invites all those

concerned about this issue to join.

Various ways to help include writing letters to the Prime Minister, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Jenny Macklin, local MPs and senators as well as to all local, regional and national newspapers and raising awareness through events and fundraising. Barb Shaw says, 'The intervention...is not the way to work with our people to

solve the problems affecting us' and cannot emphasise strongly enough the need for support by mainstream Australians 'to help get the government to listen.'

For more information on joining the Mullumbimby Working Group contact Karen on 6684 6407 or, for a broader picture, go to www.rollback-theintervention.wordpress.com.

'Groundswell of community discussion' planned

The Will of the People Project, to be launched this Sunday, 'provides a broad, open platform upon which the community of the Byron Shire may come together to create and project a collective voice on issues of concern,' according to organisers. The launch occurs at the Project's inaugural Byron Shire Symposium on April 5 from 3pm to 7pm at the Byron Bay Community and Cultural Centre.

The Symposium's keynote speaker Cr Simon Richardson says, 'This is an opportunity to generate a groundswell of community discussion on energy, transport, home design, water, food and community resilience – [a discussion] that actually results in clear decisions.'

The second Symposium



The project group in front of the Will of the People Project display at the recent Harmony Day. Photo Hilary Tyler.

will be held on April 18 at the Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall and will be followed by two symposiums held each month through to the end of the year.

The Symposiums' first three hours will present varied programs for meaningful community participation, including collective tours of the information displays. The final hour (6pm-7pm in Byron and 2pm-3pm in Mullumbimby) will begin with the keynote speakers, followed by a community forum.

Not-for-profit community groups are welcome to set up information displays free of charge and provide representatives for the forum panels. Contact Kate Kirkwood on 6684 1099, 0411 345 834 or willofthepeopleproject@gmail.com.

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Wearable Arts event launched

WAVE, the Wearable Arts Vision in Education event created by Shearwater Steiner School, had its 2009 media and sponsors launch at the Still at the Centre Gallery in the Byron Arts and Industry Park last week.

This year's theme song 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon' written and composed by Ross Nobel, head of Music at Shearwater, was performed by HSC students Holden Nobel and Mariah Piesse.

Also shown on the night was a three minute promotional DVD made by Year 11 student Joseph Lynch and the first screening of last year's show on DVD edited by Jamie Kendall, also a year 11 student at Shearwater.

School Coordinator Alan Coman spoke of the importance of community support and patronage and thanked everyone for their continued dedication to WAVE.

Performance dates are May 20 to 23, once again under the big top at Shearwater and there's still plenty of time to put an entry in to the competition part of the event.

Entry forms can be downloaded at www.wave-event.com.



At the WAVE launch, clockwise from Storm Smith-Peterson wearing red, are Bianca Strebl, Nataraj Jordan Turner, Djuan Cockatoo, Greg Parkes (Teacher) Piper Packshaw in black and white dress and Maddy Morgan, centre. Photo Jeff 'It's Only Frock n Roll' Dawson.

Reconnecting to Country at Bangalow Pool

Residents of Bangalow and surrounds have teamed up to develop a local Reconnecting to Country project beside Bangalow Pool on Byron Creek. They formed a working group following a community workshop held last November, where participants identified the natural and cultural values of the Wilsons River catchment near Bangalow.

'The Bangalow Park Wetland Project aims to develop a great asset for the Bangalow community, complement the existing swimming pool, treat the town's storm water and improve water quality and the environment,' says Mitchell Peters, a student at Woodlawn College, Bangalow resident and local working group member. 'The finished project will look like a wetland, full of native wetland plants with a series of ponds providing habitat for frogs.'

Other members of the working group include residents of Bangalow and the surrounding area, a staff member from By-



Members of the Reconnecting to Country local working group inspect the project site adjacent to the Bangalow Pool.

ron Shire Council, a member of Groundforce and a wetland specialist.

The Bangalow project is one of four local environmental and cultural projects in the Wilsons River catchment that are eligible to receive support as part of the Reconnecting to Country project funded by the NSW Environmental Trust.

The project is seeking support from other community members and the Reconnecting

to Country Steering Committee (made up of project partners Rous Water, Sustainable Futures Australia and Widjabul custodians). If it gains this support, the project will receive about \$45,000 for on-the-ground works including materials and technical support from Rous Water staff and specialist environmental consultants; plus project facilitation by Sustainable Futures Australia.

The Bangalow group invites

you to their community workshop at the Bangalow RSL Hall on Tuesday April 7 at 6pm, with registrations starting at 5.30pm. The group will present their plans for the Bangalow Park Wetland, get community feedback on the plan and invite people to form a project team of local residents who are interested in getting involved in the project on the ground. The workshop will be facilitated by Sustainable Futures Australia.

To register for the workshop or to find out more, contact Emily at Sustainable Futures Australia on 6685 7198 or email wilsonsriversustainablefutures.com.au. Information about the project is also available on the Rous Water website www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au

'Living homes' network proposed

Local woman Francesca Lauria wants to start a 'Living Homes Network'. According to Ms Lauria, 'Living Homes Network helps locate and select family members among strangers, or shall we say friends we haven't met yet, to join together in a Living Home.'

'It presents doorways through which likeminded

people can join together in an openhearted, ethical manner. Living Homes present opportunities for those prepared to share their individual resources, skills and qualities in a manner that engenders friendship, companionship, love and support.

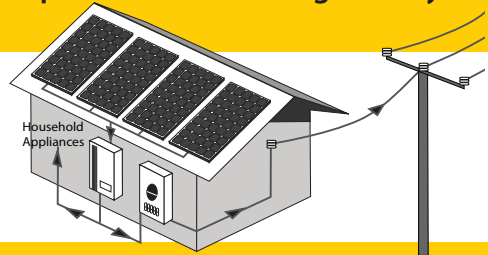
'It is important that it be understood that Living Homes

are not about renting a room in a house or temporarily "crashing" somewhere. LHN presents an avenue only for those interested in co-creating a Living Home in a true spirit of family.'

Those interested in the proposal can visit www.centreoflife.net or email centreoflife@gmail.com.

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After working closely with Byron Shire Council and Byron Bay Police, our consultants have formulated a traffic management plan to manage and minimise traffic in proximity to the Bluesfest site at Belongil Fields, Ewingsdale Road to Byron Bay. We wish to inform you that the following changes will take place from Wednesday 8th April through to Tuesday 14th April 2009.

TRAFFIC

Temporary Sheltered Right Turn Intersections will be constructed at Ewingsdale Rd/Belongil Fields main entrance and Ewingsdale Rd/Melaleuca Drive. They have been designed to assist the steady flow of traffic and will be managed by RTA accredited traffic controllers. However, please be prepared for a possible delay.

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The patron car park is accessible from Melaleuca Drive:

- Temporary "No Stopping" signs will be installed in Ewingsdale Road in front of the site
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- Council Parking Rangers will be on patrol throughout the weekend

DISABLED PERSONS PICK OFF/DROP OFF

There will be a drop off area for disabled persons adjacent to the front festival gate. An area of the Day Parking Area will be set aside for disabled parking. Please call the Bluesfest Hotline (02) 6685 7920 to clarify these arrangements.

LOCAL BUS SERVICES

Blanch's Bus Company will be running buses from Ballina, Lennox Head, Suffolk Park, Sunrise Beach & Mullumbimby. Ph: 02 6686 2144 or visit www.blanchs.com.au. Brunswick Valley Coaches will be running buses from Ocean Shores, New Brighton and Brunswick Heads. Ph: 02 6680 1566 or visit www.brunswickvalleycoaches.com.au

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WASTE WISE

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BLUESFEST HOTLINE: (02) 6685 7920

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

We also ask all festival goers to be mindful when travelling to and from the festival. Do so quietly and when you reach your accommodation please respect the citizens of our town and to keep good order through peace and quiet of our neighbourhoods.

Orphanage fundraiser at Mac Castle

A kids' fashion parade will be held at the Macadamia Castle on Friday April 3 to raise funds for an orphanage in Luang Prabang in Laos. Displaying a selection of children's clothing from Echidna Place in Bangalow, the show will feature all local kids as the models and will take place in the Macadamia Castle Park from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

Co-owner of the Castle, Rie Gilding, visited the orphanage several times in 2008 so was able to experience at first hand the desperate need for assistance in operating a school struggling to feed and educate its 700 students on a miniscule budget.

Proceeds from the fashion show will be used directly to improve the educational experience for the children. Rie will visit the orphanage and ensure that the funds raised are used to directly benefit for the children.

Says Rie: 'Tourism in Luang Prabang in Laos is booming



Inside the orphanage in Luang Prabang. Photo Ms Koyo Asai.

rapidly. The famous luxury hotel group Aman has just opened a resort there, attracting lots of wealthy tourists from around the world. However, the local community does not seem to be gaining much except for a huge wave of mate-

rialistic culture pouring in. 'There are lots of poor people left out and forgotten in society behind the scenes of the tourist boom. I especially felt for those kids who have lost their parents and have nowhere to go.' Cost of tickets for adults is

\$30, for children from 6 to 16 \$10 and for children 2 to 5 \$5. They are available at the Castle in person or by phone with credit card on 6687 8432. Comedian Mandy Nolan will compere the event if she's not busy having a baby.

Trivia night raises money for playground upgrade

The Ocean Shores Public School P & C committee is raising funds for a desperate upgrade of the school's playground equipment. The equipment has been deemed out-of-bounds to students for some

years now, due to its hazardous state and lack of funds to bring it back to a safe standard. The new principal Chris Hauritz, along with the P&C, has been working hard to put together a momentous Trivia

Night at the Ocean Shores Country Club on Saturday April 4 at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 a head, and if you would like to book a seat or table for a team, you can contact the school office on

6680 2766. There will be many prizes and vouchers to be won with more than 50 local businesses contributing. The courtesy bus from the Country Club will also be running - to book call 6680 1008.

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Note: **THURSDAY NIGHT** return to Lennox Head & Ballina at 12.30am only.

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The Scouring of the Shire

At a time when Byron Shire Council has acknowledged the lack of affordable housing and the problem of homelessness, does it not seem strange that it has embarked on a 'very high priority' hunt for 'unlawful rural housing'? Especially given the fact that Byron Bay is a hotbed of non-compliant activity which has far more impact on social amenity than a rented shed in the hinterland.

The issue has been given more oxygen in *The Echo* in a couple of opinion pieces by activist Fast Buck\$. Now those tenants who might be subject to a turfing-out and their supporters have joined the fray – see letters on page 11. In relation to complaints procedure, Council's general manager Graeme Faulkner responds to Fast Buck\$ on page 13.

The 'very high priority' campaign is not just a zealous approach by Council's compliance team. Staff sought councillor endorsement for the priority. While our elected councillors have so far shown no public interest in the debate, it is they who endorsed Council's hunting out of 'unlawful rural housing' as a very high priority on the 2009 compliance program. It is not as if the program was slipped through at Council's December 18 meeting last year despite the very large agenda one week before Christmas. The staff recommendation was voted upon following a motion by Cr Patrick Morrissey, seconded by Mayor Jan Barham, and no votes against were recorded in the minutes.

Perhaps the councillors did not understand the consequences of the vote, though it is their job to do so. Perhaps they did not envisage the extent to which compliance officers would carry out their duties.

Council by law has many concerns towards public liability, safety and environmental impact, and not too many would disagree with Graeme Faulkner's position in a recent letter to *The Echo*: 'Byron Shire Council has a duty of care to inspect properties in which there is a need to ascertain the validity of any complaint. If the complaint is found to be *not* placing people, property or environment at risk, and they have the appropriate development approvals, then no further action is required.'

But are threats of demolition or exposure to the Tax Office necessary or even within Council's powers? In some cases it seems an intolerable provocation to both landlord and tenant who have come to a mutual agreement, the 'unlawful' nature of which harms none.

The times have not yet come to the situation described last Thursday on ABC TV in the fascinating documentary *Bombora: The Story of Australian Surfing*: during the Great Depression homeless people set up temporary humpies along the cliff face from South Bondi to Tamarama, their illegal building largely ignored by civil authorities. But surely Council can see the need not to displace longterm tenants, creating further social upheaval, for the sake of compliance outcomes.

Given that councillors voted for a 'very high priority' hunt for 'unlawful rural housing', it seems appropriate that they – and especially Mayor Jan Barham – now explain publicly the need to support such a priority. If they have changed their minds, then let's see a vote for a change in priorities.

– Michael McDonald, editor

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A good spy story livens up Canberra

Malcolm Turnbull is very, very upset, and not just by the opinion polls indicating that voters want him for Prime Minister like they want a Hell's Angel for a neighbour.

No, he's not interested in the polls, he's concentrating on jobs and the economy. Well, that's what he's concentrating on deep down. What he's actually talking about up front is the Chinese connection with Kevin Rudd's government.

This does not mean he is trying to revive memories of Reds under the Bed or the Yellow Peril, let alone to combine them into a present day Orange Menace – any such suggestion is contemptible. No, it's a matter of the national interest that Rudd had a meeting with a Chinese official which the Chinese media knew about but the Australian media didn't, and that Defence Minister Joel Fitzgibbon had two trips to China paid for by his friend Helen Liu and forgot to declare them on his parliamentary register.

To the normal mind all this proves is that Fitzgibbon was a bit sloppy (Tony Abbott's term) in his accounting. The Minister has rightly been reprimanded and is now on a warning, which is as it should be; in spite of what Abbott claims, his offence was never a hanging one, even in John Howard's first term when he actually dismissed junior (not senior) ministers for breaches of his code of conduct – later, of course, Howard abandoned standards altogether.

And Rudd's desire for occasional confidentiality may annoy the press gallery, but given their collective reaction to the current hiccup in a hurricane, who can blame him? Sections of the media have tried to turn Liu into some kind of Mata

Hari figure, a sinister if inscrutable Oriental infiltrating the very heart of the Australian government.

The fact that she was also photographed with John Howard is only further proof. And Rudd says he can't even remember meeting her – was she in some kind of fiendish disguise? These are questions that must be answered. Well, they certainly must be asked,

Sections of the media have tried to turn Liu into some kind of Mata Hari figure, a sinister if inscrutable Oriental infiltrating the Australian government.

by Mungo MacCallum



according to the rules of the Australian media, which sees a good spy story as only slightly less jeans-creaming than a good leadership story.

In the conspiratorial forefront, as always, was *The Australian's* foreign editor Greg Sheridan, who sees Rudd as being drawn inexorably into Beijing's sphere of influence. Our Prime Minister may not have become Australia's Manchurian candidate – at least not yet. But his increasing willingness to act as an advocate for the People's Republic is a cause for alarm, and not only in Australia. Sheridan has his sources. He knows.

Well, he certainly knows about free trips, being an Olympic standard junketeer, and can claim to be something of an expert on agents of influence; during the previous administration of George W Bush, Washington regarded him as an asset second only to John Howard himself and spent quite a lot in money and

resources duchessing him in the role. Perhaps he is projecting his own experience onto Rudd.

Or perhaps it is simply Murdoch Press paranoia; after all it was Sheridan's own editor-in-chief, Chris Mitchell, who originally outed the mild mannered Manning Clark as a Russian agent. Next week: Julia Gillard is the secret mistress of Kim Jong-Il. Watch this space.

confrontation between the two groups, with Rudd, Obama and Brown in the former and the Europeans, led by Germany, France and Spain, in the latter.

It is unfair to characterise them as the good guys versus the bad guys, because no-one can be sure which method will work, or indeed if there is any solution at all; the problem is simply unprecedented. But according to the IMF, which is probably the nearest thing to an informed and impartial judge, the various stimulus packages already implemented by some individual nations have had some beneficial effect and more needs to be done urgently, especially if the developing third world economies are to be rescued from financial disaster.

The worst possible result would be for the rich nations to pull up the shutters and retreat behind restrictive trade barriers. This is unlikely to happen, at least immediately, but a concerted international stimulus of the kind envisaged by Rudd and his fellow enlargers looks equally improbable. The best we can hope for is an agreement in principle that while some additional regulation is desirable, a serious program of punishing and straitening is not on the agenda.

This outcome would not please the demonstrators; while nothing the G20 does will ever satisfy them, they at least want to see bankers hanging from the lampposts and their assets distributed to the poor. But nor would it please Malcolm Turnbull, as it would allow the media to portray Rudd as leading the forces of righteousness, loved and applauded by everyone but a few Frogs, Krauts and Dagoes. And not even Greg Sheridan likes them much.

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Fears of illegal dwelling crackdown

■ I am a lucky woman to live in this so called 'illegal dwelling'. I am surrounded by beauty and peacefulness. This cabin is safely built and sanitary. Should Council flex its overbuilt, steroid inflated muscles and force eviction, I enter a housing crisis nightmare where many queue up for expensive slums or 'battery hen' style accommodation where we are forced into cohabitation.

The low income housing market for single pensioners is nonexistent. The Housing Commission is a joke. I have served my community for over 50 years, I'm retired and in very poor health. To be evicted, living on the roadside, would cost me my life.

Then I will have put on my gravestone 'Strangled to death by council red tape'. So I wish to say that landlords who put safe and sanitary dwellings on their large and lovely properties and rent them to good people who are unable to rent in suburbia for health and/or financial reasons should be

exempt from council torment under the 'Compassion and Kindness Act of 2009' until the problem is fixed.

Name and address withheld

■ If it were not for the gracious kindness of my friend of 35 years I would be homeless.

I live in his charming, self contained, carpenter built, one room cabin on the 27 acre property that he has lived on for 30 years.

The cabin is properly wired, catches its own water and has a septic tank and a smoke detector.

I am 60 years old, single, an artist and I subsist on the dole. Every penny I receive is spent in this shire. For many years, up until my 40s, I employed many people and paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax and brought a great deal of business to Australia.

But I now find myself in difficult times and am indebted to my dear friend and his illegal dwelling.

Name and address withheld

■ As a long suffering ratepayer, I cannot endorse the council using my rate money to pursue complaints about 'non-compliant' rural dwellings (which are too often filed by malicious ex-partners and other disgruntled sorts with a personal agenda, in my experience).

This Shire's past and future is tied up with the invaluable contribution made by alternative types – artists, musicians, the young, the old, and the lowly paid – who are often sorely pressed to pay their rent.

Wouldn't Council do better putting their resources into investing in more affordable housing, rather than less?

They should place a moratorium on fines and forced evictions until they can come up with a workable solution that benefits everyone – the rate-payers and the obvious, growing need for simple, clean, affordable housing.

Victor Marsh
Ocean Shores

■ We have been running the

Mullum Soup Kitchen every week for five years. And every week we get 40-50 people from the Mullum area to eat the free food we prepare, cook and serve.

We estimate that for every person that comes another two cannot afford to come; either no car, no money for petrol or would hitchhike if they knew they could get back home. Some live in their cars. That makes 150 people in the Mullum area who need help to eat.

Any person on the dole or the age or health pension can barely afford to live and commercial rents are out of the reach of most of them. The council's push to eliminate people in 'non compliant' dwellings will see literally thousands of people on the streets.

We don't have the money or the resources to feed and house a thousand people, so we suggest the council rethinks its current strategy.

Ian & Kris Campbell
Yelgun

Poo-lution

I will keep this short, sharp and to the point. I would like to congratulate dog owners who use the 'poo bags' provided free of charge at South Golden Beach. To the (insert your preferred expletive here) dog owners who pick up their dog's faeces using the provided bags, only to leave the steaming parcel on the beach: you suck!

Katherine Angus
Ocean Shores

Death of a fig tree

A huge hundred-year-old fig tree used to grace Jubilee Avenue, Mullumbimby, just outside the car park of the Bowling Club. Last October it suddenly began to shed its leaves. Eventually it was just a skeleton. Council hired an arborist to see if it could be rescued. Sadly it could not. Nor could the arborist explain its sudden death. Because of the danger of dropping limbs Council removed it.

In February this year Council replaced it with fairly mature fig tree of about two metres, planted several metres away from the original. It thrived for a period, then suddenly it too lost its leaves, and died.

What is going on? If you go and have a look at it you will see that the grass around the tree has also died. Surely no one would be so miserable as to poison it?

John Bailey
Mullumbimby

Rapunzel's fate

Congratulations to Christine Vadasz for putting the record

straight (Letters, March 24).

Rapunzel Towers was a project that was never needed in the first place; but at least initially it had some design appeal, and as described by Christine it could have provided some interesting public spaces. However we should have all known that 'apartment rooms' and 'open space' do not excite developers' investors; and by what must be the biggest stretch of a Section 96, we got a backpackers (bunk beds were surely designed to satisfy developer concern for 'dead space' near ceilings!) and a supermarket (desperately needed).

This building is not a tribute to architectural design; it probably had no chance of ever being that. Once Rapunzel's hair has finally rotted away, maybe it should be replaced by a plaque identifying those responsible.

Nick Buckley
Byron Bay

■ Edited for legal reasons.

Shame, Rudd, shame

After such a wonderful apology to the first Australians last year, along with a promise to close the gap, I would have expected better from our present government. Racial genocide is still alive and well in Australia. Valerie Martin said she considers The Intervention is another invasion.

On Wednesday March 18 I attended a forum in the Civic Hall in Mullumbimby where two women from central Australia – Barbara Shaw and Val-

erie Martin – were explaining the awful consequences of The Intervention within their communities of homelands and suburban Alice Springs.

'It's really sad' was a chorus from Valerie Martin after each heart rending story, such as police terrorist tactics, home invasion, confiscation of legally obtained goods, old people being confused and unable to comprehend the new card system, the indignity of being able to shop only at expensive government stores or Woolworths, of having constantly to check with Centrelink how much money you have before being able to shop and not being able to send money to family or friends in need.

Constant surveillance by a white overseer without any communication or friendliness results in a situation where lack of consultation on how the government money allocated to the people is spent, so that costly and unimportant projects, such as an oversized fence around the rubbish tip, robs them of community projects which they could really use.

Then there is the land grab- or should I say further land grab, where homes are not repaired to encourage people to capitulate and give up sacred sites and songlines, to usurp these tragically small allocations of land and crowd the people out.

Again, there is the language program in schools being supplanted by all English lessons, which in some cases is a foreign language and robs the children of their rightful heritage.

Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.

– John Howard Payne

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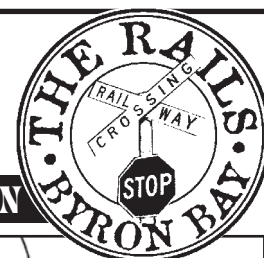
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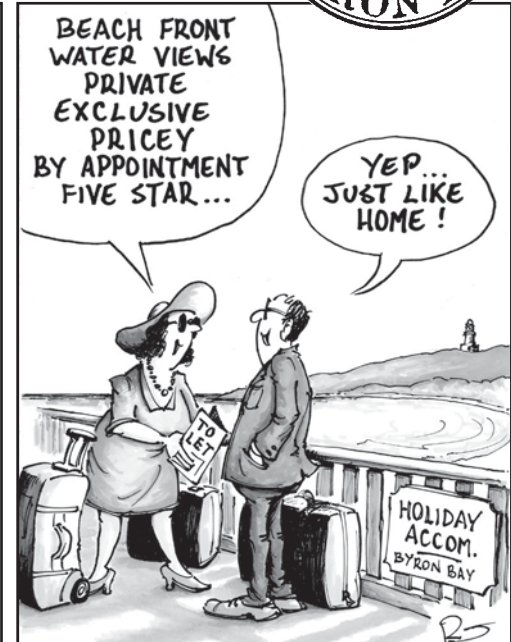
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day afternoon heading towards Uncle Tom's. As I came around the corner into the 80km zone there was a lady with a baby riding in the middle of the left hand lane. I know there are not too many places cyclists can safely use the roads in this Shire but acts like that are not only dumb but really fucking stupid. I could have killed you both.

G Chambers
Mullumbimby

Troublesome times

As a youngster I lived through the 1930s great depression and through every recession since and having had these experiences, linked with over sixty years of youth work, have found that vandalism, house break-ins, car theft, personal assault and robbery etc always increase when the economic system fails and results in the inevitable higher unemployment rates and personal hardships. Particularly vulnerable are teenagers and twenty year olds who have little or no workplace skills training.

A number of politicians and economists endeavour to 'talk up' economic recovery by preaching recovery within two years. This is impossible, the

world is stockpiled with goods which must be consumed (or dumped) before more can be manufactured. Think more in terms of eight or nine years before full recovery, because the depth of this crisis is similar in pattern to the 1930s great depression rather than a minor recession.

More than four years ago people in other countries were being sacked in large numbers, particularly in the USA, and this led to evictions and foreclosures on housing and the setting up of 'illegal shanty towns' (which are expanding in the USA at an alarming rate). Simply put, it was mainly these sackings that led to less spending and the accelerated stockpiling of goods and subsequent housing foreclosures and the current financial world crisis, so hang in for a long period of recovery.

Ocean Shores and other communities north of the Brunswick River have particular problems in that there is nowhere for young people to 'hang out' together and expend energy, a need which has been proved many times over, lessens the incidence of above criminal behavior patterns. Consequently, in this economic crisis the need for basketball

courts and other sports facilities becomes more urgent.

It is most disturbing that Byron Shire Council staff find so many reasons to stall rather than proceed with work north of the Brunswick River as approved by Councillors, eg outdoor exercise equipment and basketball/netball courts at Waterlily Park.

Ray Ellis
Ocean Shores

Echo rebuked

I'm sure that Howard Furner is alarmed at the predicament he finds himself in with Council re his unapproved buildings in Goonengerry (Comment, March 24). However, it is insensitive, disrespectful and utterly unfair of *The Echo* to publish Fast Buck's comment which relies on Mr Furner's opinion about his 'ex's' alleged use of Council as a blunt weapon in their custody battle.

I assume that people do sool Council onto those they want to annoy but this issue should have been written about without identifying either party. I know Mr Furner's 'ex' and as the Goonengerry/Mullumbimby area is so well connected, so do many others. By naming Mr Furner and describing this particular dispute, you have

invaded this person's privacy and made insinuations about her that are totally unfair and damaging. Mr Furner is entitled to believe whatever he chooses about who reported his property to Council but to publish these musings in this way is unfair, unethical and pretty poor journalism.

Claire Lehmann
Myocum

■ *It was certainly not The Echo's intention to involve a third party in the dispute with Council and we made no allegations one way or another to the value of any information passed on to Council. - Ed*

Smith crisped

'Israel Condemned' rants Gareth Smith's headline in *The Echo* March 24. Smith who loses no opportunity to vilify Israel, Israelis and Jews in his all too frequent letters to *The Echo*, shows again his blatant prejudice in his use of intemperate words in his condemnation of 'Israeli's illegal demolition of Palestinian homes'. Calling these actions 'horrendous, evil and malicious' while he deliberately omits the reasons for these actions.

He then goes on to describe the Nazis as being 'famous

for making victims (who were mainly Jews), dig their own graves (before shooting them) an act that he conveniently omits before going on to call the Israelis action a 'barbarity'.

It's not that Mr Smith does not understand the meaning of the words that he uses and I am sure that he would possess a dictionary to enable him to look up the precise meaning of these words and that is why he uses them labelling the Nazis famous which my dictionary says means renowned, excellent, splendid while he regards the Israeli action, targeting money, not life, as evil, malicious and horrendous.

I suggest that Mr Smith use his dictionary to look up the meanings of the words anti-Semite and Holocaust-denier.

Klaus Schwarz
Suffolk Park

■ *Edited for legal reasons.*

■ Gareth Smith, whose letters often grace your newspaper with their poisonous messages, is to be congratulated for his (as always) unilateral thinking.

While the world looks on in wonder at middle-east excesses and without doubt puts most of the blame on Hamas, he carries on with his blame of Israel.

Nor does he deprive us of his usual 'worse than the Nazis' story. Perhaps he is a follower of Bishop Williams?

One thing may be said in his favour: he is consistent, confirming that 'the leopard does not change his spots'. Somehow, for his own reasons, Mr Smith failed to mention the years of rocketeering in which Hamas found solace. Or did he approve heartily of it?

George Franco
North Ocean Shores

Overturning beliefs

To A Wood (Letters, March 24), the vaccination issue has two sides, as you point out. However, I was wondering how much scientific research you have actually read? I ask this because it's difficult to ignore the myriad articles and books (written by immunologists, doctors, medical researchers and scientists) that reach quite different conclusions to those you suggest.

My children are now adults. But thirty years ago (when they were babies) there was already mounting scientific evidence which cast serious doubts on the efficacy of vaccinations. Today there is a vast body of knowledge that can be accessed - both for and against.

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How Council checks out complaints

Re comment from Mr John Anderson (Fast Buck\$) (*Echo*, March 24).

Council logs all complaints regardless of whether the complainant chooses to state their name or remain anonymous.

It's not how or who makes a complaint to Council, it is the validity or substance of the complaint. The only way Council can assess the validity of a complaint is through on-site inspection. The same principle applies when information is sent to Crime Stoppers. Police investigate the information received regardless of the source.

Structures without building development consent are unlawful and have not been approved against building safety standards. The standards have been set to ensure environmental and public safety. It is not appropriate to have two development standards – one for people who go through the correct development process and another for people who choose not to. It is inequitable.

Byron Shire Council staff do not intentionally enter property when an inspection notice has been refused or when the owner is absent. Council's document system can take a day or two to reach the correct

officer and can result in staff not being aware of the inspection refusal prior to arrival at the property. When this occurs, as soon as it is established the owner is not present or the inspection has been refused, staff end the inspection and leave the property.

Correspondence sent to property owners, when the property has been assessed as unlawful or unsafe, includes both the minimum and maximum penalty notices. The \$1.1 million is universal on all notices because this is the maximum penalty. All notices then go onto to state the following under "notes for assistance":

"These penalties are the maximum that the relevant Court can impose, and the Court has significant discretion in deciding the amount of any penalty below that maximum. However as a guide, the relevant Penalty Infringement Notice for failure to comply with this Order provides for a penalty amount of ONE Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500)."

According to our compliance priority program, advertising signs are a low priority. Presently Council staff only attended to complaints where signs appear to be recently installed, have been placed on a

road reserve or council land, or where there is likely to be a safety issue with line-of-site for traffic. Signs on arterial roads, in this case the Pacific Highway, require approval from Council and the Road Traffic Authority due to safety.

Mr Anderson's allegation that Freedom of Information (FOI) requests are treated differently is also incorrect. Council does not take audio recording of its telephone calls or discussions between staff and complainants. Therefore, there will not be an audio recording, or a transcript of an audio recording.

The customer will receive an extract of Council's Customer Action Request database. The Customer Action Request database is where staff record information received from verbal complaints. The record also tracks what action is taken in response to the complaints.

In the instance of a written complaint being received, a person will receive a copy of complaint as received by Council. In both scenarios the person requesting the FOI is not entitled to receive any personal information which might identify the complainant.

As is clearly demonstrated by the two attached Customer

Action Requests of verbal complaints [received by *The Echo - Ed*], the reporting format and process is identical. The only differing points are the subject matter of the complaint and the removal of the property address and descriptions due to privacy requirements. In both instances, the complaint validity cannot be assessed unless the property is inspected.

In the past 18 months, there have been people within rural areas of Byron Shire who have been willing to work with Council and have been successful in achieving full compliance and legal authorisation of previously unlawful dwellings.

All of Council's processes are open and transparent and information can be obtained on comparable action taken under the Freedom of Information Act.

For interested community members, a fact sheet on complaints and how information is recorded can be viewed on Council's website www.byron.gov.nsw.au.

Byron Shire Council is open, transparent and accountable and welcomes enquires.

Graeme Faulkner
General Manager
Byron Shire Council

One thing's for sure, the issue is not about lack of information, rather it is our reluctance to read it.

I noticed you cited breast feeding. When I was born, science convinced my mother that formula fed babies were the healthiest. You might recall also that in 1961 thalidomide was withdrawn after it was found that, if taken during pregnancy, it caused malformation of the foetus. Don't misunderstand me, I think science is amazing. I cite these examples only to remind you that what we believe one day can be overturned the next.

Diana Sweeney
Federal

Thanks to library staff
Seniors Week – I want to express thanks to the Mullumbimby Library staff for conducting a morning session on computer skills for a group of seniors. Dianne was very patient and helpful and we thoroughly enjoyed learning the 'hands on' experience, so worthwhile. I find the Library staff always always cheerful and helpful. Thanks so much, girls!

Maureen Allan
Mullumbimby

Strategy dismay
Late last year I published a complaint that after ten years Council still hadn't reviewed the Rural Settlement Strategy, that indeed it had voted to further defer the matter pending

something called a 'Growth Management Strategy'.

I've since come to the conclusion that the councillors, all being suitably housed themselves, don't actually want any more dwellings in rural areas, which presumably should be reserved as estates for the privileged wealthy who are steadily taking over. What is it that rednecks say? 'A greenie is someone who's already got their subdivision through.'

The Rural Settlement Strategy envisaged 500 new dwellings in identified and limited localities over ten years. My understanding is that only 50 new lots were actually created and only about a dozen new houses constructed via Community Title over that period. In other words David Kanaley's awarded-winning strategy is either a complete dud or a resounding success, depending on how you feel about more people living in rural areas. (Before deciding your answer you'd of course have to consider that prohibition – ie severe limits on subdivision – has had the usual effect of creating demand for illicit dwellings, resulting in the compliance crisis we face today.)

In my published letter I also complained about an anomaly where my property was excluded from the strategy for no identifiable reason. Three months ago I wrote to Council asking what were the criteria Mr Kanaley used to assess individual properties. I have had

no reply, which is somewhat in contrast to the cooperative staff attitude before I went public over the compliance issue. This doesn't surprise me, but I was rather angry to find out recently that someone inside Council who was making enquiries on my behalf was told by staff that my property was too close to the Coorabell Piggery and excluded for that reason.

Really? Now why haven't they put in writing to me? Obviously the fact that the piggery closed in 1996 two years before the strategy was finalised, and that the Casuarina Resort was well under construction by then, might have something to do with it. The fact that neighbouring properties lying well within the 1km piggery zone were included in the strategy might be thought by some to be significant also.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

■ edited for legal reasons – Ed

Awesome youth event

To all young people – or adults that know young people – there is an awesome youth event happening this Saturday April 4. It is called 'Make Waves', and it will be held at the Mullumbimby pool from 6pm till 10pm.

There will be an array of local young musicians playing, including the bands Half-Nelson and Alice Blue. I will also be performing some poetic rap.

A more casual part will be the 'chalkboard' period on the night where any youth with musical/performance skills who feel a whimsical desire to perform can do so. The idea of this event is that young people can have fun, and also voice any opinions of local issues to the council staff that will be there.

For any youth that are interested in becoming a part of the presently forming Youth Council, which is a formal structure being set up for young people to influence local decision-making, there will be a chance on Saturday to give Council your name and details. I encourage people to come along, and to have a fantastical time.

Finell McEwen
Mullumbimby

Calling all Finns

I wish to alert all descendants of Finnish settlers in the district to the visit of Professor Olavi Koivukangas, Director, Institute of Migration, Turku, Finland, who will be at the Brunswick Valley Historical Museum on Wednesday April 1.

Prof Koivukangas has written two books about Finnish migration to Australia, which feature the Finns of the district. Prof Koivukangas is making a quick visit to our district and would be delighted to meet the descendants of the many Finns who settled in the Shire.

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ers in the early 1900s. By the 1940s there was a large commune (the largest enclave of Finns in NSW at that time) at the upper end of Main Arm, colloquially known as 'Finn Village'. They were engaged in banana farming.

The occasion begins at 1pm with lunch. Please ring 6648 1188 if you would like to attend.

Sarah Newsome
Secretary, BVHS

Geckos on the rise

In response to David Gilet's letter last week regarding the spread of this northern gecko, it is already established at Coffs Harbour and according to at least one local reptile boffin is probably in every caravan park on the east coast due to steady movement of our great caravan fleet. Its presence in urban areas does not appear to be a bad thing. They eat their weight in cockroaches every night and have not displaced any local gecko species which prefer bushland habitat rather than buildings.

It is a different story on Norfolk Island however where they have been blamed for the demise of the endemic gecko species there.

If they make their way to Lord Howe Island the endemic gecko there may also suffer the same fate. Utmost care should be taken when travelling to island or inland habitats to en-

sure no squeaky hitchhikers are lurking in equipment or on marine vessels and aircraft.

Kevin Taylor
Brunswick Heads

Loving holiday letting

One of my few remaining near neighbours and I were chatting the other day. We noted that in my street, where 30 people used to live, there are now three. Great huh! 'Round his way, the situation is much the same. I just love holiday letting.

Isn't it fabulous! All those local jobs so people can drive from Clunes to clean toilets for tourists.

Just yesterday I had the delight of being grabbed by a well-dressed, drunken idiot at 5.45pm - another benefit of tourism. Great, hey!

Some years back the people of Byron Shire discussed their visions for the future. I don't recall 'Soulless Unsmiling Piss-head Central' being top of the wishlist.

Keine Nombre
Belongil

Supermarket invasion

As a sideline participant I have increasingly felt that the chances of Woolworths being barred from their hideous development in Mullumbimby are slim indeed.

As another escapee from city life across Australia I have avoided large shopping centres and their supermarkets and love shopping for food in Mullum. The special nature of our retailers and their willingness to stock local produce and pack and carry to my car is a source of endless delight. Thank you all!

On a recent trip to the north island of New Zealand I was struck by the similarities we found in communities there. Visiting small towns and villages where the folk were helpful and friendly, living healthy lives in beautiful locations we felt very much at home.

However, several small town residents had terrible stories to tell of decimated main streets, loss of local employment and that fragile component 'character'. In New Zealand there has emerged the local form of BIG BOX retailing (partly owned by Woolworths) called 'The Warehouse'. These dominate the landscape and are surrounded by carparks and usually are adjacent to rows of empty small shops.

Everyone we spoke to had a story about these monsters and we failed to find a supporter wherever we went. Apparently they sprang up like mushrooms without any community consultation in most places but incredibly at a B&B that we stayed the owner had a huge dossier on MCAN's efforts in Mullumbimby that he was using as a template for their battle to prevent the building of a Warehouse in their town.

He was appalled to hear that at this stage the b**** thing

RTA ruination



In response to RTA's T2E Environmental Assessment one of many issues to which Bangalow objected was the ruination of the visual environment around the town.

In particular, we cited the proposed cutting through Arundel Hill as perhaps the greatest eyesore that would result from a T2E route so close to Bangalow.

The latest earthworks around Ross Lane now give Bangalow citizens some idea of what the RTA really intends in its despoilation of our countryside. The attached photo taken on the existing highway at the top of Tintenbar Hill gives a clear indication of how the T2E will cut through the countryside with no consideration of existing undulations, vegetation, drainage, views or anything

else that gets in the way of the road builder.

Mentally overlay the Ross Lane cutting on RTA's foreshadowed Arundel cutting on our southern ridge and consider that it is about a sixth of the depth and about a third of the width of the Arundel Hill cutting. Everyone in Bangalow is doomed to look at this gross construction for decades to come until the cutting is bereft of petrol driven vehicles.

Gone will be our southern ridge, captive to the B-doubles as they grind up a gradient that is contrary to RTA standards. We await hopefully Planning's rejection of the RTA's project plans for the so-called T2E preferred route. Preferred by whom, one may ask?

Tony Hart
Bangalow

is going ahead as he had gathered from the objections that it couldn't possibly be continuing! This man had been taking an interest in Byron Shire as a shining example of community activity being successful in stopping (so far) the unwelcome intrusion of the big rubbish food purveyors and safeguarding our healthy lifestyle and food supplies.

So, please keep up the agitation for all the best reasons. Protect our town, the retailers, the local producers, the employment opportunities and the chance to say 'no' to a very greedy big business that is making enormous profits from people's expectation that they deliver fresh and cheap.

It just isn't true and the real cost is much too high.

Carole Gamble
Mullumbimby Creek

Follow the money

Sydney Airport is normally a high security area with comprehensive police and camera coverage. However, at the moment of violence (15 minutes of it), there are no security personnel and no CCTV. Where have we seen that before?

It's common knowledge that the gang violence is a turf war related to drug marketing, mostly amphetamines. The authorities would have us believe that supply of amphetamines, Ice etc, is difficult to police. The precursors for amphetamines are only available from 'Big Chemical'

and, therefore, supply should be relatively easy to control, if that was the intention.

Next month at Mardi Grass, where violence is rare, there will be a larger police presence than Sydney Airport during a Papal visit. The police pressure on Nimbin has been intense over the last couple of years and the result has been inevitable. Less cannabis on the streets; more ice on the streets.

'Big Chemical' has had a huge windfall profit due to police activity in Nimbin and elsewhere. Do you think they've noticed or is it just a serendipitous coincidence, like the massive wealth the Cheney's, Bushes and Bin Ladens have made out of the war on terror?

Here's another coincidence; this lot all support zero tolerance which has resulted in the second largest industry on the planet: illicit drugs. It's an industry more than large enough to buy all governments and police, whether they know it or not.

All wars are thrown by people who profit from them and the war on drugs is another war for profit. It's the same people.

Robin Harrison
Coorabell

■ Letters received from Rod Tyson, Myocum, Peter Kunzli, Federal, Paulina Heart, Ocean Shores, Christo Warner, Byron Bay, Jim Inness, Mullumbimby, Thomas G Hayes, Coolangatta. Some of these letters are on our website www.echo.net.au.

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The Tree of Life spreads its leaves by the car park

Story & photo Mary Gardner

Here, between the concrete car park and the Main Beach, are two Pandanus trees. Exposed and vulnerable, they straddle three zones. Their roots reach down under the concrete, rocks and sand. The trunks are buttressed by thick growths, aerial roots which grow down to the ground. Above, the tough green leaves, in tufts at the ends of branches, have long veins running parallel down each prickly strap.

The wind is freshening. People walk past, carrying take-away boxes. There is the smell of hot chips. No-one seems to notice anything special about these two trees. There is no hint of their enormous significance. But across our vast Pacific region, many cultures recognise the Pandanus as both the mythic and practical Tree of Life.

These trees offer leaves for weaving. From fish traps, nets and sails, to mats, hats and household goods, these leaves have been a major resource for centuries. Nowadays, such things are often plastic. I wish I had at least a hat! I remember that in Hawaii they were called 'lauhala' hats ('hala' being Hawaiian for pandanus).

The leaves are good for cooking. You can bundle sev-

eral of them to stew in your coconut sauces, removing them before serving. You can wrap up a fish in leaves for a barbecue.

I wonder if these public trees can bear with a bit of harvesting. Perhaps I need to find some private ones. Would a local grocer sell some leaves? What about at the farmers' market?

One of the trees is female and has a number of large green fruits. These will take months to ripen, becoming deep yellow or red. They will break up into segments known as keys. They will litter the concrete and decompose in the sand. But these are valuable foodstuffs.

The keys of some varieties can be eaten fresh. Other are prepared and dried, becoming a staple which can be kept for months, added to coconut and other foods. They are an excellent source of vitamin A and other nutrients. They help balance blood sugars. There are recommendations in many reports urging islanders to eat some keys every day. As any member of this island continent would, I want to eat local too. How can I do this?

There are some 500 different Pandanus species or varieties. This family of plants is considered to be Paleotropic.



Their origin is in a tropic era of Gondwanaland some 150 million years ago.

Pandanus trees were spread as the land masses of Africa, Asia, Australia and India separated. The keys can travel through oceans and still grow on new shores. And the seafarers of the Pacific carried

them from island to island in their mighty and deliberate migrations.

The ways of tropical vegetation are not well understood. Queensland has 18 different Pandanus species. Some might be fertilised by insects or birds or bats or the wind itself. Or by none – some are special 'fe-

males' with no need for male pollen. Others grow from cuttings and aerial roots alone, sprouting into new plants.

Bats eat keys, spreading the big seeds. But bats find it hard when thick forests are reduced to patches amid grassy paddocks. There are reports that fewer find the Pandanus. They don't carry the keys far enough away before eating them. This means there aren't stands of young Pandanus seedlings.

I look again at this isolated pair of trees. How are they here? In the Northern Rivers region, there is only one naturally occurring species, *Pandanus tectorius*. In 2006, 5,180 individuals were mapped. In Byron, there were 3,085, with 1,531 in the Broken Head Reserve. This work was done by a special working group searching for trees infested by an insect planthopper (*Jamella australiae*).

The insects suck the sap and secrete their own 'honeydew' on the leaves. This in turn grows a thick mould, yellows the leaves and weakens the tree. A heavily infested mature tree can be killed within six months.

The insect can fly to neighbouring trees. With a life cycle of eight weeks and encouraged by warmer weather, the planthopper can spread die-

back quickly throughout the region.

The planthopper comes from Queensland and its natural control, a parasitic wasp, has not made it here yet. Hoping to avert local extinctions, the working group treats infested trees with chemicals and alerted gardeners.

Up high on the tree to the west, there are bracts of white flowers. This tree is the male and the blossoms are the source of pollen. Although the flowers only last for a day or so, they are harvested to make kewra, both a perfume and a flavouring used much as is vanilla.

I can't reach these flowers. I can't smell them on the wind. In Hawaii, women carry it as a token to entrance their men. Legend has it that the very first Disenchanted Wife, refreshed by a sojourn in the Underworld, returned with this flower from the original Tree of Life.

The two lone trees of the car park, cut off from forest and culture, endure. Immigrant that I am, I respect that. The trees can live for 50 years or more. Maybe their fruits will nourish some stray rats or water dragons. Maybe their seed will travel and grow somewhere else. In this moment, their leaves whisper to me of paradise.

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Timor Leste: a new nation under pressure

Story & photo Richard Staples

Before you actually go to a place, walk its streets and pathways and live it, it really only exists in your imagination or perhaps as a collage of media clips and bits of information. So it was with me and East Timor (in Portuguese, Timor Leste). I knew something of TL's sad and violent recent history. I was aware that it is the poorest country in Asia, has a population of just on a million, that 12 per cent of kids die by the age of 5, and that it takes little more than an hour to fly from Darwin to Dili.

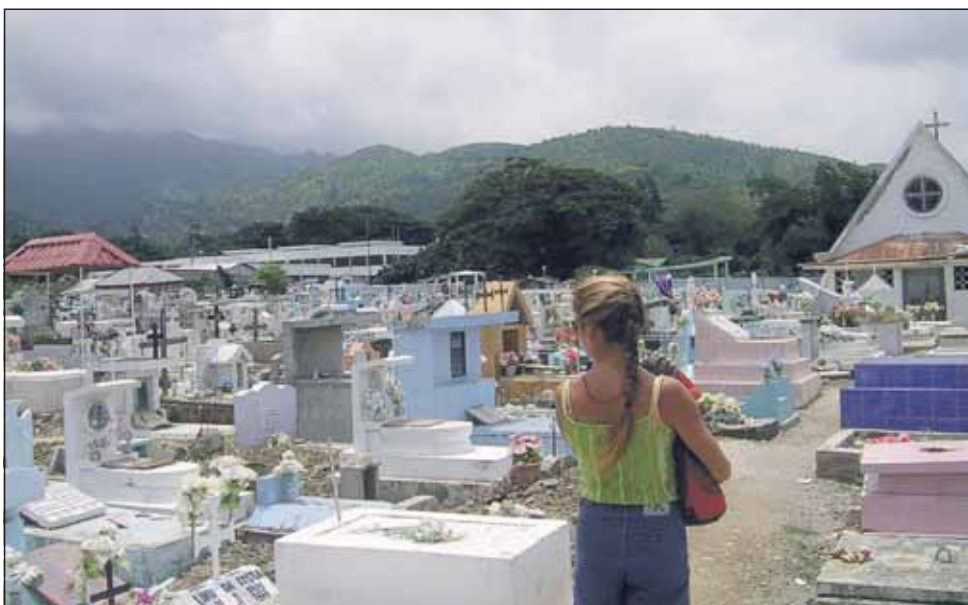
So in late January I took the opportunity of spend a couple of weeks as a visitor to TL.

The small turbo-prop from Darwin had one other passenger (besides myself) who I construed might *not* be working

for the military, the UN or an NGO. It is clear that TL is far from being overrun by tourists – things are not much different in that department from when an 8-seater Dove flew the route in the 70s.

My first impression of Dili was 'Logoland' – not just government, foreign delegations and the UN and its agencies but hundreds of NGOs, their presence announced by the logo on the 4WD. No doubt some are more effective than others and hey, measurement of achievement is an imprecise science.

The development of a sustainable local economy is something else. Dili has a few bars and restaurants that survive on trade from expats, and a lot of street traders try to get by selling a few bananas or phone credits or bottled water. There



Santa Cruz Cemetery, Dili, where graves recall the violence of the past.

is even some hopeful putting out a slate for a 'Backpackers Lodge'. But just about all of the meagre dollars changing hands are buying imported goods.

Oil revenue is allowing the TL government to put resources into schools, health services, roads and communications. Hopefully some predictable expenditure follies can be averted.

Meanwhile hire of a 4WD allowed me to explore the hinterland.

Slash and burn

The scale of exploitative land use ranks with that of the Northern Rivers. A couple of hundred years' clearing and burning and goat and buffalo grazing of steep country has left many bald grassy slopes, and in extreme cases the sides of the mountains run red or orange where the old stumps all fall out and perhaps a metre or two depth of soil heads off downhill. There are a lot of steeply dipping strata that can become unstable and create landslides. The most concerted attempt to stabilise soils I saw involved use of *Leucaena* as a pioneer crop – it was doing well around a village that had suffered a landslide. Some *Acacias* have been planted and living hedges are common.

There is great scope for improving the lot of the poorest

Timorese by achieving self-sufficiency in firewood. You never see dead timber lying around as in Australia – people are carrying firewood on their backs, often for long distances. Hardwood is cut and split with great difficulty using no more than a machete or cane knife and sold in bundles. Often the wood is cut from living trees. They have clearly been eating into their capital for a long time. A domestic planting program to provide firewood would have huge economic and environmental outcomes. They will have to control the goats, though.

Food scarcity

Rice culture is well developed, but war, population explosion and pressure on suitable land means the island is not feeding itself. At present a number of ships fully loaded with rice are waiting to unload in Dili Harbour, victims of an insurance row and limits to the port's capacity. Heavily loaded flat-top trucks keep a lifeline of rice flowing out to the districts, where it is sold under controlled price.

Where ecosystems are intact, there is splendid diversity and productivity. The grand old coffee trees flanking many mountain tracks with high cover of *Casuarina* are companion planting at its organic best (and the coffee is excellent). However here, hundreds of kilometres east of the Wallace line, one sees a limited range of the legendary Asian fruits – sadly durian, mangosteen and rambutan are missing although there are some good jackfruit, passionfruit and soursop in the markets. Quality temperate vegetables like cabbages and carrots are grown in the highlands.

Water conservation and use is in a diabolical state. Simple measures to preserve the purity of surface and spring waters are lacking. Collection of roofwater from the traditional thatched roof is almost unheard of. It is probably unwise to collect water off roofs made of the cheap Indonesian corrugated iron now being imported, since it is

said to be high in lead. Reticulated supplies run for absurd distances through ancient Portuguese plumbing, often just lying beside the road. Token effort is made to fix the numerous leaks – usually employing inner-tube and wire – which may not stop the leak, but will make it less obvious. The supply is commonly off for hours each day so any leaks below the water table can become regular sources of infiltrated water allowing dirty water from outside to pollute the reticulated supply. There is no metering and no incentive to fix leaks.

Meanwhile battlers are paying US\$50c litre for bottled water from Java when their daily income might be US\$3. Transport of water and firewood is costly and a poor use of labour.

The price of war

While dealing with these daily challenges, the sight of burnt-out and stripped buildings throughout the island remind us of the price war has extracted from the Timorese. In 'advanced' countries like Australia we make a point of sending in the chainsaws, woodchippers and bulldozers to 'clean up' soon after any natural disaster. It's as if erasure brings closure. Ten years on from the 1999 destruction, many restorable buildings remain derelict and a constant reminder of the ghosts that lurk. Often sound masonry walls and floors survive and await rebirth. There are still a number of displaced persons camps in Dili and elsewhere – where people crowd under fading blue UNHCR plastic tarps waiting for a better future.

Cemeteries and graves all over the island bear witness to the hundreds of thousands killed during the Indonesian occupation. In contrast to the current prosecution of war criminals in Cambodia and possibly Rwanda, no such action is proposed against those responsible for crimes during the occupation of TL. Whether true national healing can occur without these legal steps is an

open question. My initial impression is most Timorese just want peace. Meanwhile Bahasa Indonesia, the language of the brutal invader, now saturates the airwaves coming over the border and is a useful lingua franca for those like me who speak it a little but no Tetum nor Portuguese.

Assuming TL comes to terms with its past, what about a sustainable future?

A stunningly beautiful tropical island, a bit worse for wear, but certainly with potential for prosperity. The dangers of Balinisation (or Byronisation) are real, if some way off yet. Any economic activity that harnesses the energy of and puts money into the pockets of the poorest Timorese has to be good, provided the food, water and fuel crises can be overcome. As mentioned, coffee is a useful cash crop and of high quality. The traditional tais woven cotton cloth is up there with the best ikat from Indonesia and demonstrates elegant vertical integration of an industry.

Stopgap revenue

At present the government is able to harness oil royalties to provide basic nation-building; they may be a stopgap but won't be the basis of a sustainable economy. It is worth remembering that although Nauru once had a per-capita income comparable to Saudi Arabia based on short-term resource extraction (in their case phosphate rock), the wealth was squandered and that island is now a basket case.

Neat new schools and local health care facilities indicate some of the basic priorities may be right. This year establishment of local government will begin in earnest with four municipalities being established. However they may come to regret some of the critical investment decisions now being made – plans include US\$105m over three years for two heavy oil power generators of 120 and 60 megawatts from China. Although this seems like a very low price for installed capacity, critics point out that the technology involves an extremely dirty fuel adding significantly to greenhouse gas production. In addition US\$285m has to be provided for a national electricity distribution system. In a decentralised situation like rural TL photovoltaics are being overlooked for meeting the basic needs of lighting and electronics. No doubt the government is embarking upon other white elephants, like these power stations, than it should reconsider.

I hope to return.

■ Richard Staples is a green activist and Byron Shire Councillor since 1995 with a background in agriculture.

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Teachings of the spiritual mistress now revealed

Her name is Jane Smith. Once she was pretty much like most people. She was the PA to the CEO of a company called IOU Solutions – a financial concern registered in the Cayman Islands.

She drove a 1974 Subaru and lived in an apartment next to the airport – and off the wrong end of the runway. Her place was tiny, yet somehow could still get pretty untidy. Maybe that was why she claims never to have had any friends.

Jane Smith is the nom de plume of Southern Cross University Bachelor of Arts graduate Belle Buttrose whose first book about her life experiences and insights has just been published by New Holland Publishers. Formerly of Lismore and Byron Bay and now living in the Blue Mountains, Jane will graduate this year with a Writing double major.

'I didn't have a boyfriend, but at weekends would go out to bars and haul back a man with all the personality of a clubbed seal,' Jane writes of herself. 'In other words, I was in a mess and going nowhere.'

'So I did what any sensible girl would. I maxed my credit



card and took off overseas. I went to India to see if I could find out what was missing.

'My life was saved when I entered the ashram of a great

holy man called Kea. The key to Kea's teaching was what he called "the inner shelf"... in his seven CD deluxe boxed set manifesto titled *I, Kea*, he

says if we properly organise the outer world in which we live, then our spiritual inner world will take care of itself – an unusually practical worldview for a guru, I think you'll agree.'

Jane's adventures in India as a self-confessed 'spiritual mistress' are catalogued in her new book, *Finding the Shelf Within – Spiritual Development through Home Improvement*, created with her partner in fiction, Larry Buttrose, a former SCU Creative Writing tutor, lecturer, and successful author.

Jane is not the only SCU writing student achieving success. *Re-Placement*, a recent anthology featuring the work of some of Australia's top emerging creative writers, showcased the work of four SCU past and present Writing students, Dr Nell Cook, Lainie Jones, Sally Goldstein, Dove Rengger-Thorp and Mary-Ellen Stringer. The executive editor was Writing course coordinator and senior lecturer Dr Janie Conway-Herron, with assistance from Writing lecturers Dr Moya Costello and Dr Victor Marsh.

Other Bachelor of Arts graduates and PhD students who have also enjoyed success as published writers include Dr Maria Simms, with *The Dead House*, Katherine Howell, with *Frantic and Panic*, Dove Rengger-Thorp, who has three times won the lucrative USA-based international poetry competition, the Dorothy

Sargent Rosenberg Memorial Poetry Prize and Jessica Cole, one of several Southern Cross University students to win a Varuna writer's support residency to work on their novels with HarperCollins editors.

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Byron Bird Buddies will be surveying Valances Road on 24 April from 3:00pm. For more information contact: Jan Olley janolley@people.net.au 6680 3279. Also you can visit Byron Bird Buddies Website at www.byronbirdbuddies.com.au

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Environmental Trust. The NSW government has new funding opportunities available for community groups who wish to restore and rehabilitate their natural environment. Applications close on 29 May 2009. If you have ideas for projects contact your local Landcare group. For further advice contact BVL Project officer Judy MacDonald 6684 5390 Wednesdays & Thursdays or Wendy Gibney 6626 7028. There is also information available online: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm>

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For further information about participating in local Landcare, NRCMA programs or other issues relating to natural resource management please contact: Wendy Gibney - Community Support Officer (Byron Shire) – 6626 7028 Mondays and Wednesdays. Email: Wendy.Gibney@byron.nsw.gov.au



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OPERATION ART

Operation Art commences at Grafton Regional Gallery on 18 March with an official opening at 4.30pm on Friday 27 March.

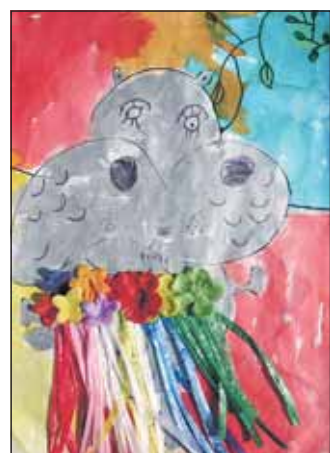
The public are invited to attend this free event to enjoy afternoon tea and a special performance by the South Grafton Public School Choir.

Operation Art is a project that encourages students from Kindergarten to Year 10 in all NSW schools to create artworks for children in hospital.

It is an important state wide visual arts exhibition that focuses on creating a positive environment to aid the healing and recovery process of young patients.



Ellee Munro, Age: 5, South Grafton Public School, Ellee Eating Lunch



The touring exhibition generated through Operation Art is travelling to Grafton from the Art Gallery of NSW where it was exhibited in 2008. The 50 artworks that comprise the exhibition will become part of the permanent collection of the Children's Hospital at Westmead where they will be hung on the walls alongside other artists of renown. The exhibition features two artworks from students at South Grafton Public School.

Operation Art is a way of involving young people in the special work of The Children's Hospital at Westmead – a total healing environment where design, decoration, facilities, gardens and art combine with the best possible medical care to help comfort and heal young patients.

Using the exhibition as inspiration, specialist visual arts workshops will be held for both students and teachers while the tour is at the Grafton Regional Gallery. The workshops can include paper clay or wire sculpture, mixed media, printmaking, drawing and painting. This is always a great photo opportunity for children to have fun creating their own artworks. Bookings are through individual schools and will be run at the gallery by Clarence Valley teacher and artist Deborah Holbrook.

This is the premier children's art exhibition for students from Kindergarten to Year 10. It is an important project that recognises the creative talents and the community spirit of students. Participation and support from schools is highly appreciated.

Operation Art is a partnership between the New South Wales Department of Education and Training, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, the Nelson Meers Foundation and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

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AVITAL SHEFFER

In less than five years, Durrumbul potter, Avital Sheffer, has assembled a prestigious body of work.

Perhaps best known locally for her superb winning entry in last year's Border Art prize, her work has appeared across Australia and also overseas in cities that include Sante Fe, Chicago, Florida and Icheon, Korea.

As well as her exhibition, Deep Earth, at Tweed River Art Gallery, she has current exhibitions in both Melbourne and Brisbane. And the remainder of her year is already hectic with solo exhibitions at both the Robin Gibson and Manly Galleries in Sydney, and at the Cervini Hass Gallery in Scottsdale Arizona.

Although Sheffer's life as a potter only began when she enrolled in Lismore TAFE's ceramics course in the late 1990s, she was already well experienced in a broad range of arts in her native Israel. From the beginning she was passionate about the direction she wanted her pottery to take. 'As a potter, you make vessels. You make containers and you work from within, not from without. Sculpting is working from the outside in.

Some sculptural practices come into my work, but not in a major way. The heart of my work is making vessels; and they have their internal space.

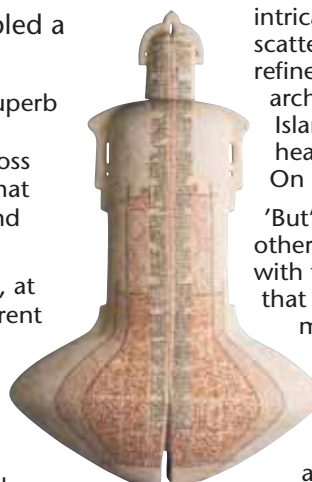
When you make vessels, you're a potter, you build from the inside. So being a potter is very different from being a sculptor.'

Sheffer is happy to be called a potter. 'That's when I'm most in my element: when I work with clay. And I build my vessels in the most traditional method – by coils.

Although on my web site it says "ceramic artist", I'm not entirely comfortable with that.'



Print making is also integral to Sheffer's art. First, over a period of two months, she makes a group of vessels which she dry glazes and fires several times. Then, she cleans up her studio and readies it for print making. While she describes her pottery as coming 'from the belly' the print work is much more precise and intellectual.



'It's a completely different mind set. It's like two different personalities.'

Critical descriptions of Sheffer's pottery – of her intricately decorated, almost haunting vessels – are scattered with contradictory terms like strong and refined, ancient and modern, anthropomorphic and architectural, emotional and cerebral, Hebrew and Islamic. Contradiction, she thinks, is probably at the heart of the Jewish-Israeli dilemma.

On the one hand, because you're Jewish, you belong.

'But', she says, 'all the time there's that shadow of the other. Enemies, enemies all around and you grow up with this. But living in contemporary Israel I never felt that Arab people were enemies. In fact, I was a lot more drawn to their culture than to my own'.

Sheffer describes her work as a way of reconciling her dual existence: of having two homes, Israel and Australia, and having no home. 'I rejected something that I miss terribly and I embraced something that I don't fully understand. That's part of the migrant experience.

'For me, pottery was a purely self indulgent healing experience that I wasn't expecting anyone to understand, share or appreciate. To be able to exhibit and have other people enjoy my work is very surprising.'

Surprising perhaps for Sheffer but not for ever increasing numbers of gallery goers, here and abroad.

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Although Australian artists from anywhere in the land may enter, they must present work that 'evokes a subject found in NSW and painted outdoors'.

The winner, announced at Parliament House Sydney on 15 May, will receive \$20,000 and the work will become part of the permanent collection of NSW Parliament. Whoever wins, and indeed all who enter, will be painting in a grand tradition that in Europe dates back to the seventeenth century with artists like Salvator Rosa and Claude Lorraine.

The term, which literally means 'in the open air' refers to the practice of painting outdoors and, in particular, trying to capture the transitions of natural light. Local En Plein Air artists are surely spoilt for choice.

Entry forms: www.pleinair.com.au/images/downloads/PleinAir-EntryForm.pdf or from the office of Member for Lismore, Thomas George.

SPORTS CENTRE MURAL

On Saturday 4 April, Lismore Mayor, Cr Jenny Dowell, will officially open the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre. The opening of a sports centre in Arts News? It's entirely appropriate.

A highlight of the sports centre is a huge, 26x9 metres, mural by Byron Shire artist, Turiya Bruce.



While Bruce has a long career of gallery exhibiting, she's perhaps more widely known for her art in local community spaces – everything from mural work with Durrumbul Primary School, to the Federal park naming badge and roundabout mosaics in Byron.

PRINT MAKERS

Soft Landing, the fabric printing exhibition at the Community Print Makers Gallery, Bray Park, closes soon, on Sunday April 5.

It has all the diversity of any group exhibition – from Rhonda Ellem's arresting inkblock on cotton, Skulls 1, to Carolyn Dodd's delicate etching on silk and Anne Stadler's big, three dimensional Snake Appliqué, in purples, oranges and earth colours.

Opening Hours: Friday to Sunday 11am to 3 pm, at 33-35 Kyogle Road Bray Park via Murwillumbah.

ARTS SCAMMERS

The recently active Australia Council arts grant scammers have been spectacularly unsuccessful.

'None of the grant applicants has been caught out. They're not very good scammers,' said Victoria McClelland, Communications Advisor at the Australia Council for the Arts.

Nevertheless, the scammers are still at large so Australia Council arts grant applicants should be alert. If you have applied for a grant and you get a phone call congratulating you on your success and requesting that you deposit money in a particular account – don't.

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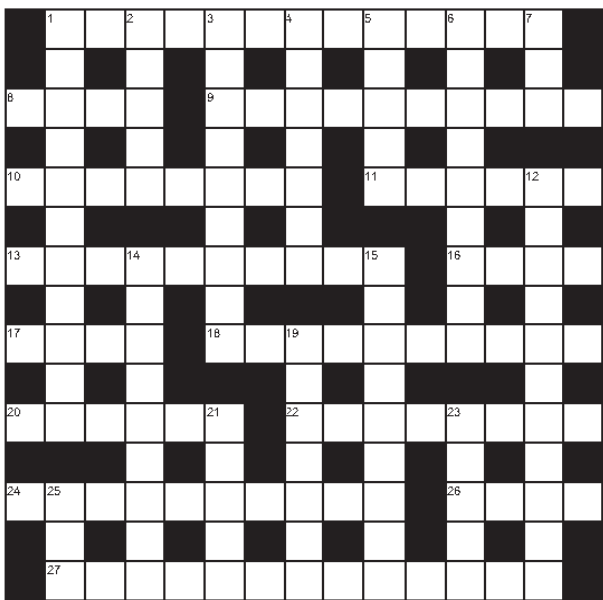
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Mungo's Crossword



Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Upright, vertical (13)
- Volcano in Sicily (4)
- Board game (10)
- Unmarried man (9)
- Thin out, especially of gas (6)
- Characteristic of some spectacles (10)
- Belt, ribbon (4)
- Half (prefix) (4)
- Wildly exaggerated. (10)
- Imperial units of length (6)
- Quarrelling over trifles, annoying (8)
- Undermine, deprive of courage (10)
- Unruly crowds (4)
- The perimeter of a circle (13)

DOWN

- Relating to an ancient Greek philosopher and mathematician (11)
- Attain, arrive at (5)
- Decorate, adorn (9)
- Appropriate behaviour, etiquette (7)
- Big smoke (5)
- Type of sweet Italian red wine (9)
- Australian marsupial (abbrev) (3)
- Trendy, up-to-date (11)
- The man next door (9)
- French phrase meaning essential, strictly necessary (2,6)
- Pope (7)
- Army slang for bungle (5)
- Citrus fruit (5)
- And so forth (abbrev) (3)

Last week's solution

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Upright? Right, hang surrounded by peculiar characters (13)
- Stake back mount (4)
- Rear ham for game (10)
- Composer reverses part of A Single Man (8)
- Thin Charles grabs the judge (6)
- Some spectacles: the cape, confined within borders! (10)
- Belt the croweaters and shut up (4)
- Half times head off back (4)
- Greatly exaggerated nature of branched conic section (10)
- Edges forward in endless board game (6)
22. Furtive laughter loses initial gravity for normal nagging. (8)
- Deprive of all conscience, or simply frighten? (10)
- Literary work about alumnus brings the crowds (4)
- Knight reported with Latin to put the queen in an enclosure – a circular boundary! (13)

DOWN

- Pagan theory about number triplets like 5, 12, and 13 (11)
- Stretch right over everyone (5)
- Decorate our Bob taking minor British honour – hot! (9)
- Good behaviour of French firm shows spirit (7)
- Smoke 101 fish (5)
- Roam clubs in search of drink (9)
- Express regret for the animal ... (3)
- ... in story about Fraxinus overcharge (11)
- One nearby sounds like a negative, tiresome person (9)
- We hear diurnal dogman is strictly correct (2,7)
19. The pope feels pressure over a 22 across quarrel (7)
21. A Chinaman comes under two directions – what an old-fashioned mess! (5)
23. Rotten melon is a dud fruit (5)
25. European community takes time, and so on and on. (3)

Mungo's Crossword first published in *The Week*.

STARS

WITH LILITH

WITH A FINANCIALLY INTENSE FUTURE LOOMING AHEAD, THIS WEEK'S GLASS HALF FULL ASTROVIBES REMIND US TO ENJOY THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE WHILE WE CAN AND APPRECIATE THE REAL VALUE OF ALL WE HAVE...

ARIES: Use this week's Sun, Venus and Mercury in Aries energy like the superhero you are rather than let it use you. During the driven intensity of Vincent Van Gogh's birthday week you can either make life difficult for yourself, or benefit tremendously from your year's most brilliantly creative week.

TAURUS: Turning adverse circumstances to your advantage looks like luck but it's actually a learned skill and the more you practice, the luckier you get. You couldn't

find a better week than this to start ferreting out silver linings and learning how to benefit from the inevitable.



GEMINI: Watch the body/mind split that happens when you've got too much on your plate and trying to be in too

many places at once, because this week accidents can happen. You wouldn't want to be so preoccupied you miss a window of opportunity with your name on it.



CANCER: If this week's confrontational attitude has you feeling threatened or pressured, it's definitely not worth getting defensive or taking it personally. Focus on what's essential: something you could make easier by letting go a few of those non-essentials you're hanging on to.



LEO: Your flamboyant majesty may encounter some tough reality checks which call for patience this week, when small things can detonate unexpectedly. The answer's to channel calm and charm (even if it's through gritted teeth) till the fake-it-till-you-make-it principle kicks in.

VIRGO: If this week of economic complications feels



like damage control then your call is to be the cool and resourceful Virgo you are. Take whatever solo time you need, but use it productively – not just for aerobic worrying. Especially about OPB: other peoples business...



LIBRA: With this week's forthright Arian emphasis making Libran decisions so much simpler and easier, let others rabbit on about the tragic state of the nation while you just go ahead and do what you do best – make the world a more charming and beautiful place.



SCORPIO: One of the year's sexiest weeks for Scorps. And with the long running theme of change versus security playing on in the cosmic cinema, it pays to stay flexible. Look around: old ways of operating are becoming obsolete by the day. Loosen your grip.



SAGITTARIUS: There's not a lot of tolerance for mistakes this week, so don't be too quick to make judgments and assumptions. If circumstances beyond your control put the brakes on a

current project just go back to the drawing board – because are you ever short of new ideas?



CAPRICORN: Don't be so determinedly one-directional you miss what's happening on the sidelines, which this week could be more important than what you're expending so much energy on. You may have to consider what's expedient even if it temporarily affects your beloved long range plan.



AQUARIUS: Your democratic strategies come into their own this week getting funds working in new and beneficial ways. Right now people want practical solutions and a direct approach, but reassurance is also important. Show others you care – they'll really appreciate having it spelled out.



PISCES: Been bottling things up? This emotionally charged week could pop the cork. If others are controlling and bossy, use that as your cue to communicate clearly what you want and what you're not prepared to accept. Expressing strong feelings honestly clears your roadblocks to forward progress.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7-10pm

engage in manoeuvring where you had no idea what your opponent was trying for until it was too late to do anything about it.

Suttles' star burned out quickly as the GM gave up professional chess in the late 1970s to pursue a career in computer programming, yet he left many followers who tried, and usually failed, to play in Suttles style.

The legend of Suttles is due for a revival after the publication last year of the outstanding trilogy *Chess on the Edge*, Volumes 1-3.

Authors Yasser Seirawan and Bruce Harper have collected almost all of Suttles' games and explained them in a manner understandable even to a classically trained chess player.

The first volume contains 100 of Suttles' most original efforts, sorted by theme (King Walks, Weird Manoeuvres) and even includes a section on Opening Disasters, where Suttles' penchant

for originality missed the mark.

Volumes 2 and 3, which include the two Jamieson games, contain 500 more annotated games and show in great detail how Suttles' unique style developed.

The authors consider the game below one of Suttles' greatest and most typical – a weird manoeuvring battle which suddenly explodes into life. Don't try this at home, but it is worth remembering Suttles' dictum that the number of reasonable moves in any given position is often greater than conventional wisdom would have you believe.

Venice 1974

White: I Bilek

Black: D Suttles

Opening: English

1.c4 g6

Suttles' invariable choice on move one; in his hands known as the feared 'Rat Defence'.

2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3 Nh6!?

A typical Suttles move, with the knight usually rerouting to f7 later in the game.

6.e3 Bd7 7.Nge2 Qc8 8.h3 a6 9.b3 b5

10.Rb1 Rb8 11.Bb2 f6!? 12.Qd2 Nf7 13.Rc1 bxc4 14.dxc4 Nb4 15.f4 c5 16.Rd1 h5 17.Nd5 Nxg5 18.Qxd5 a5 19.Qd3 Rh7! This is chess, but not as we know it. Now 20.Qxg6 loses to 20...Bf5.

20.Bc3 a4 21.Qc2 Kf8 22.Rb1 axb3 23.axb3 f5! 24.Bxg7+ Kxg7 25.Kf2?! h4! Despite apparently passive pieces, Suttles now begins his counter-attack.

26.gxh4 Rxh4 27.Ng1 Bc6 28.Rh2 e5 29.Kg3 g5 30.fxg5 (See diagram) Re4!! 31.Kf2 Qh8! 32.Nf3 Nxg5 33.Nxg5?

33.Rg1 was necessary.

33...Qh4+ 34.Kg1?! Qxg5 35.Kh1 Qxe3 36.Rg1 Kf6 37.Qb1 Qd4 38.Qc1 Rxb3 39.Qh6+ Ke7 40.Qg7+ Kd8 0-1

A demoralised decision by Bilek, but after 41.Qg5+ Kc7 42.Qxh5 Qxc4, Black must prevail.

■ For more about *Chess on the Edge*, see www.suttlesbook.com



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GIVE AWAY

There's a double pass for Nano Stern and Greg Sheehan at Mullumbimby, Civic Hall 4 April. Email 'Nano Nano' to gigs@echo.net.au



on the road with Nano Stern

Nano Stern is a 23 year old world citizen hailing from Chile. This singer/songwriter has found himself treading the path of a global gypsy ever since his powerful talent was spotted at Woodford Festival last year. He is currently on his second tour of Australia receiving a bounty of media and audience accolade for his intense and passionate performance.

The Age raved: '...he utilises dynamic range to create drama and emotional intensity, and every phrase, whether sweetly resonant or vigorously propulsive exudes authenticity and the sheer love of making music.'

For Nano it's been a remarkable experience.

'This year, performing in Australia for me has been totally different to the last tour. It's been a total joy - especially in the case of meeting different people - I have been privileged to share

the stage with lots of Australian musicians which gives me a huge happiness...'

One of the highlights for Nano was a few weekends ago performing at a South Australian winery with Shane Howard.

'I found him a very inspiring man. He is someone whose music and presence makes you want to be a better person. It's his connection with his own heart, it's a very powerful energy.'

Nano hints that this spirit connection is in fact the secret to that X factor, where some performers take the stage and have that uncanny ability of resonating with the room from the first sound, the first shuffle in the seat, even before a vocal is even uttered.

'I think it's not just an audience that can pick this up, but in life in general, when you get a good feeling off someone you know in an instant that

what they say and how they communicate is true. On stage you are vulnerable - so an audience will realise this even faster. That is why pop music always seems so fake. It is a fake product, there is not truth in it. I find it to be like fast food, with very little nourishment.'

Nano admits that he could never have taken the pop path, and acknowledges that before mass commercialisation and marketing, it was once a genre with its own creative integrity.

'The pop process came from something beautiful as well, I wouldn't want to generalise, but sadly most of the time they are looking at the money rather than the craft of the music.'

It's no surprise that Nano became a musician. As one of four children in a Chilean family, at just three years of age he picked up the fiddle and started playing. When asked what he was going

to be when he grew up, the toddler answered 'musician'. Singing mainly in Spanish, it has become part of Stern's extraordinary skill to connect with his crowd.

'Singing in another language is a two sided thing. It can make it difficult of course, but it's more about how you connect with people for an hour and a half in a language they don't get... I have been doing this now to non-Spanish speaking countries for four and a half years, and I have come to understand that there is a lot of understanding that goes beyond literal language. There can be a lot that is lost if you focus on meaning, rather than the sound or the feel of the way words shape with the music. It's not just the meaning, it's the way it feels, and it's amazing how you can connect on stage, like a pantomime performer without ever saying a word. Performing overseas has helped me

develop this.'

Right now, Nano is living the life of a musical traveller.

'It's amazing being on the road, the experience goes far beyond music, it's a lesson in that you have the need to be extremely flexible, waking up every day somewhere else, adapting to what is put in front of you. It's also amazing recognising how much hospitality is out there. Hotels get very depressing and boring, it's great to be received into peoples homes. The best part of travelling is meeting all these people... I am building an audience, fan by fan every day!'

Nano Stern is presented by the **Mullum Music Festival** at the **Mullum Civic Hall** on **Saturday at 8pm**. Tickets are \$22 and are available through the website on www.mullummusicfestival.com.au or can be bought directly at All Music & Vision Stores and Mullum Bookshop.

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SOAP BOX

Mandy Nolan



a little Manilow in the CD rack, you never know when unwelcome guests might pop in and need a little gentle musical persuasion to leave.) Perhaps Barry could even curb the violence of bikie



gangs. I don't imagine the crazed murderous seige that happened at Sydney airport last weekend would have taken hold if Barry had been crooning 'I've seen it through

the rain....' Like a long nosed Jesus, Manilow has become an unexpected peacemaker – the Nelson Mandela of mall clearing. A housing estate in the UK has come up with an even crueller way of deterring their disadvantaged youth. The area had a significant problem with drug dealing, under age drinking and antisocial behaviour, so they came up with a novel idea: installing pink lights that show up teenage blemishes. That's right, pimples have driven kids back indoors. No amount of drink or drugs imbibed can hide the shame of a face full of zits. Acne plagued kids have been driven back into their homes, quite possibly the sources of their original abuse in shame and self repulsion. What a top idea! Rather than recognising that the problem exists and needs to be dealt with, we

come up with ways of driving aberrant teens underground. Back to the old school emotional healing techniques of 'suppress, repress and oppress'. Ooh, I can smell a cancer cluster coming on! Why are we just targeting the young – it seems hideously unfair. Perhaps we should start using those kind of ideas to deter adults from anti-social behaviour, god knows, it's our antisocial behaviour that is the inspiration for our kids. Like for problem gamblers we could have live footage of their kids flash up on the screen of the pokie machine. So instead of three lemons, they get three sad looking kids, crying in the car outside. Heavy drinkers could be supplied with personal footage of their slurring and staggering highlights, culminating with a youtube posting of their vomiting victories. It's a

winner. I live on the Mullum High School route and apart from hearing the odd kid go 'that's Mandy Nolan's house, I hate her' which I personally find quite charming, I do have some problem with adolescent behaviour. The little scoundrels keep putting rubbish in my letter box and dropping drink containers and chip packets up and down the footpath. I have taken on the English ideas and have installed pink lights and now when you touch my box, Manilow croons 'Oh Mandy.' It also happens when you go near my letterbox. (Girl's gotta try some contraception!) I did have one thought that might be less aggressive though. What about a public bin? There is not one public bin the entire stretch from Mullum High until town. I know, pretty outrageous concept... but worth a shot. In the meantime, it's Manilow.

Manilow, Pink Lights and Letterbox Abuse



Tone and Morgane from Mission Ignition fundraiser

Liquid are running special fundraiser for Tone and Morgane from Mission Ignition. For those that don't know, they were a fixture on the entertainment circuit in Byron for many years, and a year ago they moved to France with their baby Niah to continue with their music. Last week however Morgane had a horrific car crash and is in a coma. Liquid is teaming up with a few other heads from around the town to raise some much needed money to help the guys out. Liquid will be donating all proceeds from the door and a percentage of

the profit from the bar. Tone said in a press release: 'As far as the accident goes – Morgane Keresit Nunns was on her way to Hip Hop dancing in Quimper (Bretagne – North West France) when her car unexplainably (as yet) left the road and smashed into a brick garage on her driver's side. She was trapped unconscious in the car for 20 minutes until the firemen cut her out and she was airlifted to Brest Hospital where she remains in a coma with serious head trauma and a myriad of other injuries. There's not much else to say on this front, other than it is a living nightmare at present, even though it's incredible that she survived in the first place.' The fundraiser is **Thursday April 2** at Liquid

Abby Dobson

The voice of Leonardo's Bride Abby Dobson will release her new single, *Horses* on March 13. In support of this release Abby will head out on an East Coast tour throughout March



ABBY DOBSON
SUNDAY GREAT NORTHERN

and April, and will be in our Shire **Sunday**. Lifted from her solo album *Rise Up, Horses* won second place in the 2008 International Songwriting Competition. *Rise Up* has received fantastic reviews from media with *The Courier Mail* describing Abby's voice as 'a rich, warm bear hug of a thing long missing from Australian radio'. Not to be out

done, *Rolling Stone* proclaim it to be 'a luminously beautiful album'. **Thursday** at the **Sound Lounge**, Gold Coast. Tickets 07 5534 7999. **Sunday** at the **Great Northern Hotel**, Byron Bay. Tickets 02 6685 6454.

At The Rails

Wednesday Kym Campbell, **Thursday** Brian Fraser Duo, **Friday** Groove Foundation,

Saturday Pacha Mamma, **Sunday** Hillbilly Blues Bandits, **Monday** Cody Butler, **Tuesday** Nathan Kaye

Mr Speaker

After having the Rails punters yelling for more last Saturday night, local funk/blues/swing outfit **Mr Speaker** are set to do it all again, this time at the top pub. So if you missed out last time, or had so much fun you want to do it all again, or are just not sure what to do with your stimulus package payments, then come to **Beach Hotel** in Byron this **Thursday**.

At The Northern Hotel

Wednesday Brian Watt, **Thursday** Evan Dando, **Friday** Dan Auerbach, **Saturday** Very Unique Existence, **Sunday** Abby Dobson, **Monday** Supercheese, **Tuesday** Harry Healy.

Dan Auerbach

Better known as the hairy half of The Black Keys, **Dan Auerbach** heads to Australia

for his first solo tour. The tour will see him perform at both Boogie and East Coast Blues and Roots festivals and exclusive club dates in Byron Bay, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. Developing a huge connection with Australian audiences over the years with their critically acclaimed albums and live performances, the **Black Keys** dirty rock and soul sound has seen them grow into one of our favourite touring bands. Dan Auerbach promises to keep the tradition with his first solo offering while stretching the sounds even further with a four piece backing band. **Friday** at **Great Northern**, Byron Bay.

At The Beach Hotel

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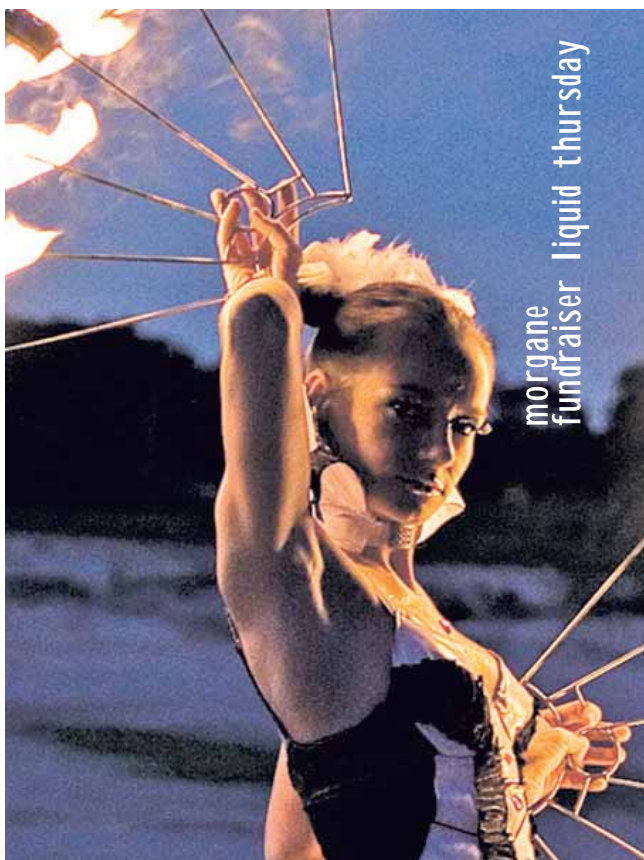
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Fyah Walk

Roots Reggae group **Fyah Walk** return to home turf after a huge tour of Melbourne and Tasmania. Down in Melbourne they recorded 14 tracks for their new upcoming album which is due out in June. Recorded by King Charlie of Red Eyes fame this new CD is certain to be a special one. Come enjoy two sets of blazing original reggae and dub with lots of new tracks, phat horns and good vibes starting at the **Beach Hotel, Sunday** at **4.30pm** after the Byron Markets.

At Buddha Bar

Thursday is open mic night, **Friday** Invisible Friend, **Saturday**, The Living Daylights, **Sunday** Leigh James, **Monday** Matt Hanley and the Mechanics.

The Living Daylights

The **Living Daylights** is a relatively new band hailing from the Byron Bay area. They are a five piece and their influences range from blues and Afro Latin to rock and swing. Drummer Chris Lonergan has played in The Dynaflores, Swamp Fever and the Los Bobos Cosmos

and recently toured Europe. **Saturday** at the **Buddha Bar**.

Is Jam Art? Maybe...

The **Mullumberry Jam** team, in conjunction with our hosts the Mullum Ex-Services club, proudly announce the start of our special guest artist format. Every fortnight will showcase a special talent commencing this **Thursday** with local R&B legend **Pete C** (most recently of SoulShakers fame). Pete and his mates are guaranteed to get you on the floor and are just the start of an exciting lineup to follow in coming weeks. Honestly folks, you wont find better free music this side of the great divide or other far flung places. **7pm**.

Way Out West

The Blue Birdy is a jazz night run by Natalie and Mitch Carey. After a bit of a holiday, they are back and are presenting one off special events starting with an explosive first gig here next week! **Way Out West** are an acclaimed world-jazz group from Melbourne, featuring Peter Knight (trumpet), Dung Nguyen (dan tranh, dan bau, modified electric guitar), Ray Pereira (percussion), Paul Williamson (saxophones),

Fyahwalk beachy sunday



Howard Cairns (bass) and Dave Beck (drums, percussion). Way Out West have developed a unique and alluring sound, which blends Vietnamese and African influences with jazz in a surprising and vibrant manner. Have a listen at www.myspace.com/wayoutwestmelbourne. **Wednesday April 1 at 7pm** \$15. **Dolorescupcake Studio and Gallery**, 17 Tasman Way Byron Bay.

World/Celtic Guitarist Pierre Bensusan

French guitar virtuoso **Pierre Bensusan** makes his first visit to Australia around his headlining appearance at the National Folk festival in Canberra. Pierre has long been acknowledged as one of the finest guitarists on the planet, a fearless improviser who constantly explores the depth of his own voice in a way that transcends his instrument. After decades at the forefront of innovation on his instrument, Pierre continues to go from strength to strength. Special guest will be Australian fingerstyle guitarist Peter Miller. **Friday** at the **Sound Lounge** Currumbin. This is Pierre's only Queensland performance. Tickets www.thesoundlounge.com.au.

Bluesfest

The next round of artists to perform at the **20th Anniversary Bluesfest** has today been announced. Read on to see why it's going to be a joyous musical celebration to remember when Easter hits Belongil Fields. The huge name here is American Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter **Jason Mraz**, a genuine super star in the making who has been near the top of the

Australian charts for 35 weeks, and like Jack Johnson and Ben Harper before him, was discovered and introduced to Australian audiences last year via Bluesfest. This entire artist announcement is a cross section of big stars and cult heroes; a quality-rich 'something for everyone' affair – with roots folk and country-rock, one or two soul legends, some exciting contemporary songwriters, hip-hop party boys, world music and much more.

The Bluesfest announcement for 2009 includes: Jason Mraz, Xavier Rudd, Paul Kelly, Drive-By Truckers, Booker T Jones, James Hunter, Blues Traveller, CW Stoneking, Ash Grunwald, AYO, Rodney Crowell, Dallas Frasca, Spectrum, Pete Cornelius & the De Villes, Hot Club of Cow Town, Resin Dogs, Tijuana Cartel, Veneno, Mic Conway's National Junk Band, and *Morning Of The Earth* – Cult Surf Movie and Concert featuring Brian Cadd, Lior, Old Man River, Mike Rudd and Tim Gaze.

The new names join those announced in late 2008 which included: Ben Harper and Relentless7, John Butler Trio, Missy Higgins, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Lucinda Williams, Zappa Plays Zappa, Angelique Kidjo, Seasick Steve, Tony Joe White, Ruthie Foster, Blind Boys Of Alabama, Toni Childs, Luka Bloom, Alpha Blondy, Alabama 3, Special Beat, Augie March, Blue King Brown, Saltwater Band featuring Gurrumul, Sonny Landreth, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Benny Gallagher, Bob Log III, Eugene Hideaway Bridges, The Bamboos, Watussi, Lowrider, Nu Yorican Nights.

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Les Taylor caught up with festival director, Peter Noble to chat about the history of the Bluesfest. Catch the interview on **Thursday night 7-9pm April 2**, or hear a re-broadcast on **Saturday afternoon 12-2 April 4**. Tune into BayFM 99.9 as we feature Bluesfest artists and you may even catch surprise drop-ins.

PS:

Tune into 'The Juke Joint' with Tony Parker, Thursday 12-2pm April 2 to hear Tony reflect on how important pirate radios were to the world of music in England in the 1960s. 'The Boat that Rocked' is a comedy film about this era, opening at the Dendy Wednesday 8 as a BayFM fundraiser.

PPS:

Catch Marshall & The Fro perform a live acoustic set prior to their Bluesfest gig on 'Rollin' with Mel, Tuesday 4-6pm April 7.

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CULTURE

Court House Comedy treads the Boreds!

Comedy kicked off to a smashing start last month when the newly refurbished **Court House** Hotel in Mullumbimby was host to the first open mic standup comedy night. Wannabee comedians came from far and wide to enjoy their five minutes of fame and entertain the eager crowd. John Edwards, the last cab off the rank, and one of the local boys to be chosen to represent North Coast Comedy in Brisbane at the Raw finals won himself a whole new audience with his disturbing and inspired onstage routine. This region has some sensational talent, and it's coming out of the woodwork every month for this new regular free gig! Mandy Nolan hosts the comedy spectacular, and this could be her last performance

for some time, as by this stage she'll be just two weeks off giving birth. Who knows, being the attention seeker that she is, she could just go for the ultimate gag and deliver on stage. God knows she's been trying to deliver on stage for the last two decades. So if you want to enjoy some great free live and local entertainment, roll up **Thursday April 2 at 8.30pm**. If you'd like to register for a spot at the open mic night, call Mandy on 6684 3443. Also don't miss **Virgin Sacrifice** at the same place on **Wednesday**.

Art Trinity at Art Piece Gallery Art Piece Gallery in Mullumbimby is pleased to present Trinity, a group exhibition of three paintings each by gallery artists including Stephen Phibbs, Cornelia Burless, Leigh Pearson, Ken Delzoppo and Hillary Hermann. The exhibiting artists were asked to respond to the idea of trinity. They were at liberty to take the word at face value and simply play with the number three, at the most basic level by

providing three works of equal size, which can be looked at independently of each other, or together as one. Or they were free to explore notions of unity and division and thereby aim – glorious aim – to tap into the power of art to reveal blessed moments of wholeness, harmony and radiance and so fulfil art's ultimate possibility – to transcend, to transform, to enlighten. Trinity is showing at the Art Piece Gallery, 105 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby from **Friday April 3** until Friday April 10. All enquiries: Nadine Abensur nadineabensur@artpiecegallery.com.au or by calling 6684 3446.

Just Treasure Fundraising Art Auction

Do you have any previously loved artworks or treasures that you would like to donate for auction? The Friends of the **Tweed River Art Gallery** are staging a fundraising auction, so why not donate to a good cause? All monies raised will be used for the acquisition of artworks for the Gallery's Collection and the promotion of artists through exhibitions and competitions. Donated items should be brought to the gallery, 2 Mistral Rd, Murwillumbah on Wednesday 15 or Thursday 16 April between 10am and 12 noon.

Theatre The Lucky Dip

A new show featuring the crème de la crème of Circus Arts performers along with a bevy of local talent is planned for the first Friday night of every month at the **Byron Entertainment Centre**. Beginning **Friday April 3**, The Lucky Dip will kick off a frenzied feast of talent hosted by the inimitable Mae Wilde – that devilishly hilarious offspring of Mae West and Oscar Wilde. At The Lucky Dip, you'll never know what you're getting, but you can be assured that entertainment is at the top of the list. Each month, the lineup will change, but at each show you can count on a colourful carnival

mix that could include some of our area's funniest comedians, craftiest cabaret artists, enthralling dancers and soulful singers. But the sky is the limit – it's anyone's guess what we'll next pull out of the bag. There are drinks available and a tempting supper menu on offer. Tickets are limited at the unbelievable price of only \$10. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm show. Limited tickets available at the Byron Entertainment Centre. Phone 6685 6566.

BCCC brings 'Brilliant' theatre to town

The **Byron Community and Cultural Centre** is set to present the first class theatrical production 'Brilliant Monkey'. The BCCC secured the show early in 2008 and is now set to present the production in the heart of Byron Bay. 'Too often Byron residents seem to miss the opportunity to attend really good theatre,' says BCCC Venue Coordinator Moira Leonard. 'Local residents more often than not have to travel to Lismore or beyond to have the depth of theatre experience that a production like 'Brilliant Monkey' presents.' The show is written by and stars Al Dukes along with Warwick Young, both of whom have years of stage, screen and television experience. Jeremy Sims, another well-known Australian actor and director is the man behind the production company, Pork Chop Productions, presenting the production in association with Riverside Productions, the BCCC and Arts NSW. Brilliant Monkey tells the story of two brothers; 'Gerard' has returned, with Traumatic Brain Injury, from active service in Afghanistan. 'Danny' has been self-medicating an injury of a different kind for most of his life; two brothers searching for a peace to ease both these war wounds? This is a story about brothers. A very funny story. A sad story. A love story. Brilliant Monkey plays at the BCCC **Saturday April 5 at 8pm**.

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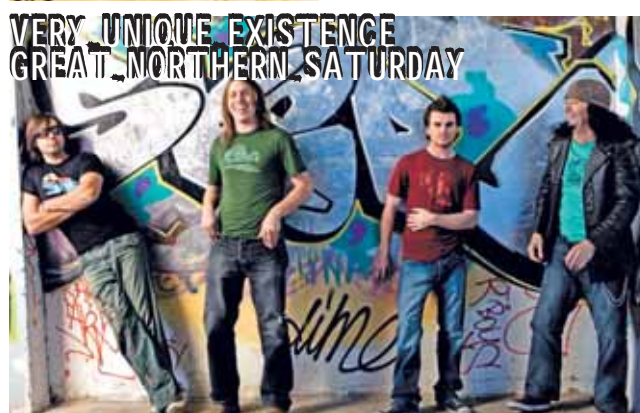
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MUSICAL EXPLORER

Mike Cooper, the universal musical explorer comes to the warm acoustics of **Bangalow Catholic Church Hall** playing his 'Future folk electronic exotica old school euro improv exotic electronica bent blues acoustic surreal slack key Hawaiian hip hop avant drum and bass Boroughs inspired cut up songs and politically meaningful lo-fi post digital pixelations'. What a mouth full and possibly an ear full, 'expect jackhammers and concrete mixers, metaphorically that is' says the organiser of Sound Crucible. A long way from home in Rome, Mike will be performing his multi faceted style at Sound Crucible's third instalment along with a quirky bunch of musicians with odd names such as Heil Spirits, Dracopede, Cye Wood, co.polymer, Smagaha, Muttboy, On, Crab Smasher (New Castle) and Professor Blix who impressed the crowd at Decolletage with his box of tricks. With a line up like this Sound Crucible 2009 'Small Time Concrete' promises to be every bit as exploratory as previous years, continuing to showcase local and international experimental music. Initially a folk-blues guitarist, singer and songwriter, Mike Cooper has transferred his electronic shenanigans onto various media including film, radio, sound installations, vinyl and in writing as a music journalist with Pacific Music. His video clip *Detained Angel*, his collaboration with

Chris Abrahams and a short documentary on Cooper featuring his music to a silent film called *Tabu* on youtube, are exemplary of his musical scope from Hawaiian guitar and blues vocals to avant-garde electronica.

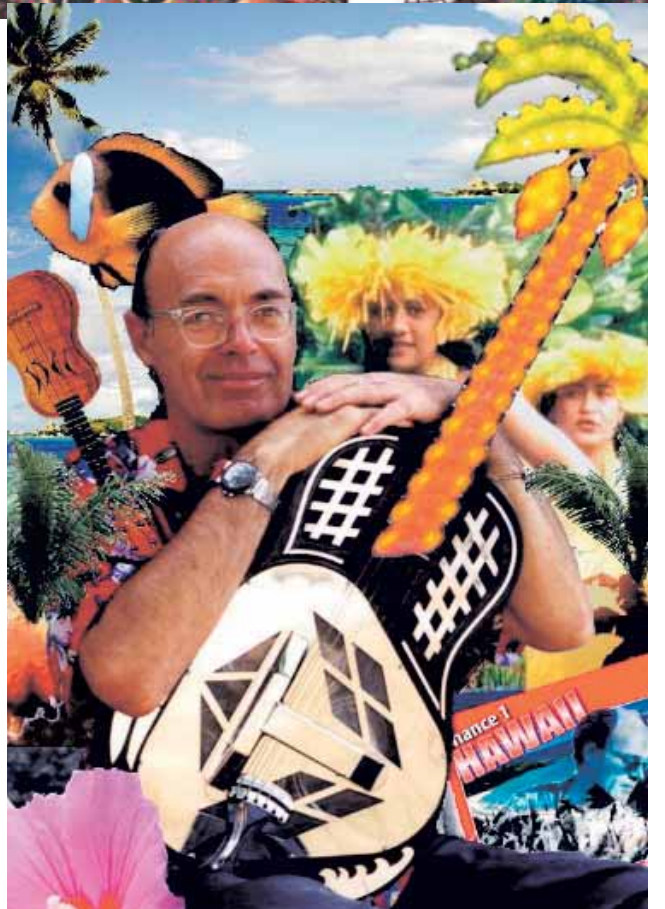
Q: Where did your journey take you after your song writing debut?

A: 'I made six albums between 1968 and 1974 that dealt with songs which started out as simple acoustic guitar and voice works and became increasingly more involved with larger groups of musicians, but centred around improvised arrangements and improvisation in general, something I still pursue now in fact. In the earlier work I was still concerned with traditional melody, harmony and rhythm. This was slowly expanded to include more jazz and eventually timbrel and sound gestures/noise elements. My text was originally personal, these days I use a variety of writing methods including cut up William Boroughs collage type to arrive at text. These days I am interested in improvising settings for songs or text, not simply writing stuff to endlessly sing the same. I do this solo and in a group I have called 'Spirit Songs'. The backing is improvised the text remains more or less fixed but can be changed in its form.'

Q: Why Pacific Music in particular?

A: 'The pacific thing is only part of my many interests, I'm interested in the area from a political/spiritual and artistic point of view and the music is bound up with those three subjects. Maybe because I come from a colonial occupying system, I'm drawn to the subject as well as being interested in the fact that my main instrument, Lap Steel guitar, is a Hawaiian invention.'

Q: Music being your red



thread, you are working with different media, could you tell us about the different projects?

A: 'I have done live music for silent films for more than 15 years and quite recently started making super eight films, recently up graded to lo-fi video. Initially they were just travel documents which were then worked on later, i.e. by hand processing and editing. I was interested in the early sixties surf movie makers who made cheap films and presented them live with spoken dialogue and pre-recorded music as a gig, *Endless Summer*, one of the most famous of these was presented this way by Bruce Brown. I did some similar things with films which in turn led me to doing radio projects of music and text. I have a piece on ABC radio, 'The Night Air' that was broadcast March 15 called 'Beach Crossings-Pacific Footprints' that is like

this. My video work is diverse – I don't have a theme or particular subject. You can see them on my website and on youtube. Search for Cooparia!' Join in for a bit of noisy fun at a Catholic Church Hall (it just doesn't get naughtier) and get juiced up by stranger other worlds.

LIQUID

Morgane and Tone Broker, a fixture on the entertainment circuit in Byron for many years, moved to France a year ago to pursue their careers. Last week Morgane had a horrific car crash and is in a coma. Liquid is teaming up with a few other heads around town to raise some much needed funds to help out. This Thursday 2nd April shows for a massive support and lineup of local DJs and performers and all proceeds from the door and a percentage of the profit from the Bar will be donated.

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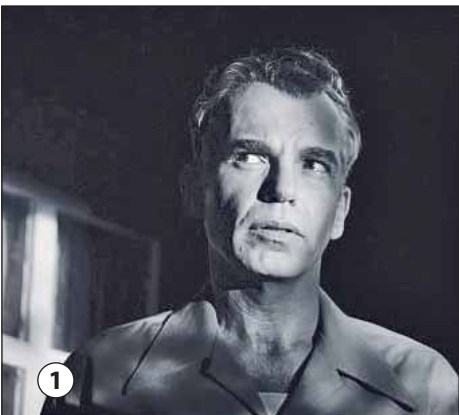
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Television Guide

1. Billy Bob Thornton stars in **The Man Who Wasn't There** (Prime, Friday midnight). Pity that its lustrous black and white photography relegates it to a late spot where only discerning insomniacs can be trusted not to bang their television sets because the colour's missing. It's actually a fascinating thriller by the Coen brothers in full flight.
2. David Bloomberg and Uma Turman share a moment in the undemanding comedy **Prime** (NBN, Saturday 9.30pm). Their characters are aged 23 and 37 respectively, and he's the son of her psychiatrist. Electra complex anxieties ensue.
3. Old British actors don't get any better than Judi Dench and Jim Broadbent, and they effortlessly sustain the biofic **Iris** (Prime, Tuesday midday).



	ABC 1	ABC 2	SBS	PRIME	ten	NBN
WEDNESDAY 1	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Program</p> <p>11.00 Three Men In A Boat (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 National Press Club Address</p> <p>1.30 Talking Heads (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parkinson (G)</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.00 The Queen's Cavalry (G) Repeat.</p> <p>9.00 The Cook and the Chef (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 The New Inventors (G)</p> <p>8.30 Spicks And Specks (PG)</p> <p>9.00 The Gruen Transfer</p> <p>9.30 Lawrence Leung's Choose Your Own Adventure (M)</p> <p>10.00 At the Movies</p> <p>10.30 Lateline And Lateline Business</p> <p>11.35 Midsomer Murders (M) Repeat.</p> <p>1.05 Movie: Journey Into Fear (G 1942) Stars Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten.</p> <p>2.15 Movie: Flight From Glory (G 1937) Stars Chester Morris, Whitney Bourne, Onslow Stevens, Van Heflin.</p> <p>3.25 National Press Club Address 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 A Place in Greece (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.55 Speed Machines (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.45 Time Team (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 The Re-Inventors (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Body Hits (G)</p> <p>8.30 Medicine Men Go Wild (M)</p> <p>9.25 Ideal World (PG)</p> <p>10.20 My Teen's A Nightmare: I'm Moving Out - Chrystal Manning (M)</p> <p>11.05 Dust To Dust: Never Say Die (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Movie: A Silent Love (M) Comedy from Brazil. Stars Vanessa Bauche, Noel Burton.</p> <p>2.45 Bus (G)</p> <p>3.00 Salam Cafe (PG) Comedy. Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Football Stars Of Tomorrow</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour with Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy.</p> <p>6.00 Global Village: The Warrior Guru (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Feast India (G)</p> <p>8.00 Trawlermen (G) Doco from UK.</p> <p>8.35 Long Way Round (PG) Doco from UK.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: I Saw Ben Barka Get Killed (M 2005) Drama from France. Stars Charles Berling, Simon Abkarian, Josiane Balasco, Jean-Pierre Leaud.</p> <p>11.50 Movie: The Samsara (MA 2001) Drama from Germany. Stars Neelasha BaVora, Christy Chung</p> <p>2.15 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 The Morning Show (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Rain (M 2000) Stars Susan Dey, Scott Cooper, Mark Kiely.</p> <p>2.00 All Saints (M)</p> <p>3.00 Coromandel Med (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Larry The Lawnmower kids' show.</p> <p>4.00 It's Academic</p> <p>4.30 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G)</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Australia's Got Talent Semi-final.</p> <p>8.30 Criminal Minds (M)</p> <p>9.30 Beyond The Darklands (M)</p> <p>10.30 Lost (M)</p> <p>11.30 Disorderly Conduct Caught On Tape (M)</p> <p>12.30 Guthy Renker & Danoz</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Movie: The Falcon In Mexico (PG 1944) 1.10 Blue Heelers (M) 2.05 My Restaurant Rules (PG) → 12.30 Louis Theroux And Michael Jackson (MA) 1.30 A Country Practice (G)</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Everyone Loves Raymond (G)</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G)</p> <p>7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)</p> <p>8.00 Guerrilla Gardeners (PG)</p> <p>8.30 House (M)</p> <p>9.30 Life (M)</p> <p>10.30 Ten News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.15 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Cops (PG) All new episodes.</p> <p>12.30 Infomercials</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG)</p> <p>11.00 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 Alive And Cooking (G)</p> <p>3.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 NBN News</p> <p>5.00 Antiques Roadshow (G).</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 The Farmer Wants A Wife (PG)</p> <p>8.30 The Mentalist (M)</p> <p>8.45 Lotto</p> <p>9.30 Cold Case (M) New.</p> <p>10.30 Cold Case (M) Repeat.</p> <p>11.30 The Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>12.30 The Baron (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Guthy Renker And Danoz</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>
THURSDAY 2	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 The War</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Pilot Guides (G) Repeat.</p> <p>1.30 Collectors (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Parkinson (G)</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.10 Grand Designs (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 The 7.30 Report</p> <p>8.00 Catalyst (G)</p> <p>8.30 Bombora: The Story Of Australian Surfing (G)</p> <p>9.30 Q&A With Tony Jones</p> <p>10.30 Lateline And Lateline Business</p> <p>11.30 Spectacle: Elvis Costello With Bill Clinton (PG)</p> <p>12.20 Wildside (M)</p> <p>1.10 Movie: Flying Leathernecks (G 1951) Stars John Wayne, Robert Ryan, Don Taylor, William Harrigan.</p> <p>3.00 Terrors Of Tasmania (G)</p> <p>3.55 The Glass House (M) 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>4.35 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.05 The Cook and the Chef (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.35 ABC Fora</p> <p>6.35 The Re-Inventors (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Spicks And Specks (PG) Final.</p> <p>8.30 The Gruen Transfer</p> <p>9.00 Lawrence Leung's Choose Your Own Adventure (M)</p> <p>9.30 The Graham Norton Show</p> <p>10.00 Pulling (M,I,s) Comedy.</p> <p>10.25 The Kevin Bishop Show (M) Comedy.</p> <p>10.55 Phoenix Nights (PG)</p> <p>11.20 Ideal: The Seduction (MA) Repeat.</p> <p>11.50 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>2.30 Dateline</p> <p>3.30 Parent Rescue: Double Trouble (G)</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: Lago di Orta (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.35 Inspector Rex (PG) Austria Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 This Is Civilisation: Uncertainty (PG) Doco from UK. Explores the history of religious art.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: Or (MA 2006) Drama from Israel. Stars Ronit Elkabetz, Dana Ivgy.</p> <p>10.00 Pulling (M,I,s) Comedy.</p> <p>11.45 Queer As Folk (MA,s,I,a) Repeat.</p> <p>1.00 Movie: Drive (M 2001) Comedy from Japan. Stars Shinichi Tsutsumi, Ren Osugi, Masanobu Ando.</p> <p>2.30 Weatherwatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 The Morning Show (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Seven News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: High Heels And Low Lives (M 2001) Stars Minnie Driver, Mary McCormack, Kevin McNally.</p> <p>2.00 All Saints (M)</p> <p>3.00 Coromandel Med (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Larry The Lawnmower kids' show.</p> <p>4.00 It's Academic</p> <p>4.30 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G)</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show.</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Ghost Whisperer (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Grey's Anatomy (M)</p> <p>9.30 Private Practice (M)</p> <p>10.30 Scrubs (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Beauty And The Geek (PG)</p> <p>12.30 Danoz & Guthy-Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Movie: The Saints Vacation (PG 1943) 2.00 My Restaurant Rules → 12.30 Movie: Bubble Boy (M 1991) 2.00 Guthy Renker</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</p> <p>12.00 Dr Phil (PG)</p> <p>1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Infomercial (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Everyone Loves Raymond (G)</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G)</p> <p>7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)</p> <p>8.00 Bondi Vet (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Law & Order: S.V.U. (M)</p> <p>9.30 Life On Mars (M)</p> <p>10.30 Ten News With Sports Tonight</p> <p>11.15 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Cops (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 (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Danoz and Guthy Renker (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 Alive And Cooking (G)</p> <p>3.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 NBN News</p> <p>5.00 Antiques Roadshow</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Getaway (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Adults Only 20 To 1 (M)</p> <p>9.30 The Footy Show (M)</p> <p>11.00 The AFL Footy Show (M)</p> <p>1.00 Seinfeld (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Entertainment Tonight (G)</p> <p>2.00 Guthy Renker Australia</p> <p>3.30 Good Morning America</p> <p>5.00 Early Morning News</p>
FRIDAY 3	<p>4.30 GP (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Wildlife In A Warzone (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Midday Report</p> <p>12.30 Darling Buds Of May (PG)</p> <p>1.30 Spicks And Specks (G) Repeat.</p> <p>2.00 Monarch Of The Glen (G) Repeat.</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.00 Message Stick (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Can We Help? (G)</p> <p>7.00 ABC News</p> <p>7.30 Stateline</p> <p>8.00 Collectors (G)</p> <p>8.30 Rebus (M)</p> <p>9.40 Vincent (M)</p> <p>10.50 Lateline</p> <p>11.50 triple j tv With The Doctor Repeat</p> <p>11.55 Good Game Repeat.</p> <p>12.25 rage (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.</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 The New Inventors Repeat.</p> <p>5.00 7.30 Select</p> <p>5.30 Catalyst (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Compass: The Atheists (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.35 The Re-Inventors (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat.</p> <p>8.00 Father Ted (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Spectacle: Elvis Costello With... Tony Bennett (G)</p> <p>9.15 A Little Later: Moby (G)</p> <p>9.30 No Heroics (M,I,s)</p> <p>10.00 Soundtrack To My Life: The B-52s (G)</p> <p>10.25 Fatboy Slim And The Chemical Brothers (G)</p> <p>11.20 London Live (PG) From London's KOKO music venue.</p> <p>11.50 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 Insight</p> <p>2.30 Nuclear Nightmares (PG) Doco from UK. Repeat.</p> <p>3.30 Living Black</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Risking It All: Zone (PG) Doco.</p> <p>6.00 Global Village: Haute-Savoie (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Professor Regan's Beauty Parlour (G) Doco from UK.</p> <p>8.35 Churchill's Bodyguard (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Maverick Mother (M,s,n,a) Doco.</p> <p>11.00 Movie: AV (MA,s,a 2005) Comedy from Hong Kong. Stars You-Nam Wong, Lawrence Chou, Kwok Cheung Tsang, Ting Yau Tsui.</p> <p>12.55 Movie: Nicotina (MA 2003) Action drama from Mexico. Stars Diego Luna, Lucas Crespi, Marta Belaustegui.</p> <p>2.30 WeatherWatch Overnight</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise</p> <p>9.00 Morning Show (PG)</p> <p>11.30 Seven Morning News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Captain Corelli's Mandolin (M 2001) Stars Nicholas Cage, Penelope Cruz, John Hurt, Christian Bale, Irene Papas.</p> <p>3.00 Coromandel Med (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Larry The Lawnmower</p> <p>4.00 It's Academic</p> <p>4.30 Seven News</p> <p>5.00 M*A*S*H (G) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Deal Or No Deal</p> <p>6.00 Seven and Prime News</p> <p>7.00 Home And Away (PG)</p> <p>7.30 2009 AFL Premiership Season Adelaide v St Kilda.</p> <p>10.30 Better Homes And Gardens (G)</p> <p>11.30 Scrubs (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Movie: The Man Who Wasn't There (MA 2001) Stars Billy Bob Thornton.</p> <p>2.30 Danoz And Guthy-Renker</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Movie: Easy Living (PG 1949) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) 2.00 My Restaurant Rules (PG) → 7.30 Better Home & Gardens 8.30 Movie: TBA 10.30 2009 AFL Premiership 1.30 Guthy Renker</p>	<p>6.00 Ten Early News</p> <p>7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs</p> <p>9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG)</p> <p>11.00 Ten News</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 Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Every Loves Raymond (G)</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat.</p> <p>7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG)</p> <p>7.30 The Simpsons (G)</p> <p>8.30 Medium (M)</p> <p>9.30 Medium (MA15+)</p> <p>10.30 Law & Order (M)</p> <p>11.20 Ten Late News</p> <p>11.50 Sports Tonight</p> <p>12.20 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)</p> <p>12.30 Infomercials (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Queer Eye For The Straight Guy (PG)</p> <p>5.00 Religion to 6am (PG).</p>	<p>5.30 Today</p> <p>9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne (PG)</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 Alive And Cooking (G)</p> <p>3.30 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 NBN News</p> <p>5.00 Antiques Roadshow (G)</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Friday Night Football Brisbane Broncos v St George Illawarra Dragons.</p> <p>9.30 Friday Night Football Sydney Roosters v Parramatta Eels.</p> <p>11.30 Movie: Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (MA15+ 2005) Stars Robert Downey Jr, Val Kilmer, Michelle Monaghan.</p> <p>1.40 The Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)</p> <p>2.35 MADTV (M)</p> <p>3.30 Entertainment Tonight</p> <p>4.00 Guthy Renker Australia (G)</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>

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5.00 rage (PG) 6.00 rage (G) 10.00 rage (PG) 11.00 Executive Stress (G) Repeat. 11.30 The Cook And The Chef Repeat. 12.00 Stataline Repeat. 12.30 Australian Story Repeat. 1.00 Foreign Correspondent Repeat. 1.30 Can We Help (G) Repeat. 2.00 Rugby In The Seventies (G) 3.00 Rugby Union: Shute Shield 2009 5.00 Bowls: PBA World Championships: Semifinal 2 5.58 ABC News Up-Date 6.00 Totally Frank (PG) Repeat. 6.25 Minuscule: Horse Fly (G) 6.30 Gardening Australia (G) 7.00 ABC News 7.30 New Tricks (PG) Repeat. 8.25 ABC News 8.30 The Bill (PG) 10.00 ABC News 10.05 Silent Witness (M) Repeat. 11.50 rage (M)	7.00 Kids' Programs 3.00 rage (G) 5.00 rage (PG) 6.05 The New Inventors Repeat. 6.35 Robin Hood (PG) Repeat. 7.20 Rex The Runt (PG) Repeat. 7.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat. 8.00 At The Movies Repeat. 8.30 Movie: The Pumpkin Eater (M 1964) Stars Anne Bancroft, Peter Finch. 10.15 Movie: Secret Beyond The Door (PG 1948) Stars Joan Bennett. 11.50 Close DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR	5.20 World News in various languages. 1.00 Jimi Hendrix: Live At Woodstock (PG) Doco from UK. 2.05 The Chopin Etudes (G) Doco from UK. 2.15 The Understudy (PG) Doco from UK. 3.25 The Victory Of Cezanne (G) Doco from France. 4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer 5.30 The Colony (G) 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Prototype This (G) 8.30 Iron Chef (G) 9.20 Rockwiz (PG) Entertainment. 10.10 Movie: Cronicas (Ms,I,a 2004) Thriller from Mexico. Stars Damian Alcazar, Leonor Watling. 11.55 SOS (PG) 12.55 Bro' Town (M) Comedy. NZ. Repeat. 1.20 Weatherwatch Overnight DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR	6.00 Kids' Programs 12.00 Eclipse (PG) 1.00 V8 Extra (G) 1.30 Motorsport (G) 2.30 According To Jim (PG) 3.00 Movie: Cocoon – The Return (PG 1988) Stars Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley, Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy. 5.30 Sydney Weekender (PG) 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Inside Super Carrier (PG) 7.30 Kath & Kim (PG) Repeat. 8.00 The Vicar Of Dibley (PG) Repeat. 8.40 Movie: Flightplan (M 2005) Stars Jodie Foster, Peter Sarsgaard. 10.40 Movie: 48 Hours (M 1982) Stars Nick Nolte, Edie Murphy, Annette O'Toole. 12.25 The Young Adventurers (G) 1.30 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Saturday Disney Movie: Kim Possible (G) 1.30 Movie: Kid Cop (PG) 3.00 Movie: The Beverly Hillbillies (G) 4.30 Deal Or No Deal 5.00 Better Homes And Gardens → 12.25 Movie: A Line In The Sand (M) 2.00 Movie: Double Take (M) 3.30 Guthy Renker	6.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs 10.00 Video Hits (PG) 12.30 Infomercial 1.00 River To Reef (PG) 1.30 Hook Line & Sinker (PG) 2.00 AFL Premiership 2009 Collingwood v Melbourne. 5.00 Ten News 5.30 The Simpsons (PG) 6.00 Futurama (PG) 6.30 The Simpsons (PG) 7.00 The Simpsons (PG) 7.30 AFL Premiership Season Sydney v Hawthorn. 11.00 Angel (M) 12.00 Angel (M) 1.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion to 6am (PG) DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR	6.00 Infomercials 7.30 Kids' Programs 12.00 My Boys (PG) 12.30 The Hills (PG) 1.00 Horse Racing Golden Slipper. 4.30 The Gurus Explore Ireland (G) 5.00 David Attenborough: Tiger-Spy In The Jungle (PG) 6.00 Evening News 6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos (G) 7.30 Movie: Just Friends (PG) Stars Ryan Reynolds, Amy Smart, Anna Faris 8.40 Saturday Lotto 9.30 Movie: Prime (M 2005) Stars Uma Thurman, Meryls Streep, David Bloomberg. 11.40 Movie: Fallen (M 1998) Stars Denzel Washington, John Goodman, Embeth Davidtz. 2.10 Movie: Ruby's Bucket Of Blood (M 2001) Stars Angela Bassett. DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
Programs are correct at the time of going to press but beware – all stations like tinkering with things at the last minute.	[s] = Sex [cl] = Coarse language [a] = Adult themes [sr] = Sexual references [n] = Nudity [mp] = Medical procedures [du] = Drug use [st] = Supernatural themes [dr] = Drug references [v] = Violence [*] = Could offend [ie] = Issues about euthanasia [h] = Horror	SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)	Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)	All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)	

5.00 rage (PG) 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 Insiders And Inside Business 10.30 Offsiders 11.00 Asia Pacific Focus 11.30 Songs Of Praise (G) 12.00 Landline (G) 1.00 Gardening Australia 1.30 Message Stick (G) 2.00 Samuel Johnson: The Dictionary Man (G) 3.00 She Stoops To Conquer (G) 3.30 An Obsession With Hamlet (G) 4.25 Flickerfest (G) 5.00 Sunday Arts 6.00 At The Movies 6.30 The Einstein Factor 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The Story Of India (G) 8.30 Agatha Christie: Poirot (M) 10.05 Compass: The Hidden Story Of Jesus (G) 10.55 In Search Of Mozart (PG) 11.40 Movie: Sailor Beware! (G 1956) Stars Peggy Mount, Ronald Lewis. 1.00 Movie: I Am A Camera (PG 1955) Stars Laurence Harvey. 2.35 Movie: A Woman's Secret (PG 1949) Stars Maureen O'Hara. 4.00 Eagle And Evans (M) Comedy.	7.00 Montreux Jazz Festival 2003: Black Superstars Of Music (G) 7.55 Ray Davies: The World From My Window (G) 8.45 James Brown: Live In Montreux 1981 (G) 10.00 The Doors: Live In Europe (G) 11.00 Beautiful Noise: Kathleen Edwards (G) 11.55 London Live (PG) Music. Repeat. 12.30 Red Dwarf (PG) 1.30 Planet Rock Profiles: Manic Street Preachers (PG) 2.05 Cat Stevens: Majikat Live (G) 2.55 The Doves: Live At Eden (G) 3.00 Nina Simone: Live At Montreux Jazz Festival 1976 (G) 3.55 Jewel: Live At Humphreys By The Bay (G) 4.55 A Little Later: Portishead (G) 5.10 Classic Albums: Metallica (G) 6.00 ABC For Hosted by Tony Jones. 7.00 Artscape (PG) 7.30 Sunday Arts (G) 8.30 She Stoops To Conquer (G) 9.00 Working With Pinter (M) 10.00 Artists At Work: Roadkill (M) 10.30 Wild At Heart (PG) 11.15 Close	6.25 World News in various languages. 10.00 Mythbusters (PG) 11.00 Themes Variations & Fusions: The Music Of Spain (G) 12.00 Cycling from Italy. 1.00 Speedweek 3.00 Football Asia 3.30 UEFA Champions League Magazine 4.00 Les Murray's Football Feature 5.00 The World Game 6.00 Thalassa: Village On Ice (G) Doco from France. 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Lost Worlds: Walking The Bible (G) Doco from US. 8.30 Dateline current affairs. 9.30 Movie: Kurt Wallander – The Secret (MA 2006) Crime story from Sweden. Stars Krister Henriksson, Johanna Sallstrom. 11.10 Film: Oasis (Ma,I,s 2002) Romance from South Korea. Stars Sol Kyung-gu, Moon So-ri. 1.30 Speaking In Tongues (PG) Comedy. 2.00 Weatherwatch Overnight	6.00 Religion 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 10.00 AFL Game Day (PG) 11.00 2009 Whereis Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 1.00 World's Most Stupid Criminals (PG) 2.00 2009 AFL Premiership Season Western Bulldogs v North Melbourne 5.00 Destination New Zealand (G) 5.30 Mercurio's Menu (G) 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Sunday Night 7.30 Border Security (PG) 8.00 Coastwatch (PG) 8.30 Bones (M) 9.30 Crimes That Shook The World (M) 10.30 Infamous Assassinations: Lord Louis Mountbatten (M) 11.00 24 (M) 12.00 Hot Auctions 12.30 Brand Developers 3.00 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker 5.30 Seven Early News Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Dateline NBC 1.00 Final 24 (MA) 2.00 Gear (G) 2.30 Deal Or No Deal	6.00 Religion 7.00 Totally Wild (G) Repeat. 7.30 Animalia 8.00 Meet The Press 8.30 State Focus 9.00 Video Hits (PG) 11.00 Video Hits Presents (PG) 12.00 Oprah's Big Give 1.00 Video Hits (PG) 1.30 Australian Rally Championship 2.30 Netball: ANZ Championship 2009 Firebirds v Thunderbirds 4.30 Meerkat Manor (G) 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Out Of The Blue (PG) 6.00 The Simpsons (PG) 6.30 The Biggest Loser (G) 7.30 So You Think You Can Dance Australia (PG) 9.00 Rove (M) 10.10 Dexter (MA) 11.10 Formula One Grand Prix: Malaysia 1.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)	6.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker 7.00 Today On Sunday 10.00 Wide World Of Sports (G) 11.00 The Sunday Footy Show (G) 12.00 Sunday Roast (PG) 1.00 WWE Afterburn Live. 2.00 Super League Harlequins RL v Hull FC 4.00 Sunday Football Newcastle Knights v Manly Sea Eagles. 6.00 Evening News 6.30 20 to 1 (PG) 7.30 60 Minutes 8.30 Movie: The Shawshank Redemption (M 1994) Stars Morgan Freeman, Tim Robbins. 11.30 Movie: The Little Drummer Girl (M 1984) Stars Dianne Keaton, Yorgo Voyagis, Klaus Kinski, Sami Frey. 2.00 Girl Friends (M) 2.30 Guthy Renker Australia 3.30 Religion 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 Landline Repeat. 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Poirot (PG) 1.30 The Cook And The Chef (G) Repeat. 2.00 Parkinson (G) 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 Landline Extra (G) Repeat. 6.30 Talking Heads 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Australian Story (PG) 8.30 Four Corners 9.20 Media Watch 9.35 Spooks (M) 10.30 Lateline and Lateline Business 11.35 The Last Valley (M) Documents the boom/bust cycle of the East Gibb'sland timber industry. 12.30 MDA (M) Repeat. 1.30 Movie: The Sugarland Express (M 1974) Stars Goldie Hawn, Ben Johnson. 3.25 Bowls: PBA World Championships: Semifinal 2	6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.00 Asia Pacific News 9.30 Business Today 10.00 Kids' Programs 4.30 Gardening Australia (G) Rpt 5.00 Message Stick (G) Repeat. 5.30 Can We Help? (G) Repeat. 6.00 Collectors (G) Repeat. 6.35 The Re-inventors (G) 7.00 Zoo Days (G) 7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat. 8.00 Red Dwarf (PG) Repeat. 8.30 Good Game (PG) Repeat. 9.00 triple j tv With The Doctor 9.30 Code Geass (M) 10.00 jtv live: The Cat Empire Go AWOL (G) 10.55 Fangin It (PG) 11.30 Cowboy Bebop: My Funny Valentine (M) Repeat. 11.55 Close	5.20 World News in various languages. 1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat. 1.30 Indonesia – A Reporter's Journey (M) 2.30 Dateline 3.30 Insight 4.30 The Journal 5.00 The Crew (G) 5.30 Corner Gas (G) 6.00 Living Black 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Top Gear (PG) 8.30 Swift And Shift Couriers (M,I,s,n) 9.00 Bogan Pride: The Maths Olympiad (M) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Shameless (M) Comedy from UK. 10.55 Skins (M) Repeat. 11.50 Movie: The Nameless (MA 1999) Horror from Spain. Stars Emma Vilarasau, Jessica Del Pozo. 1.30 Dying To Be Anorexic (M) 2.35 WeatherWatch Overnight	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Seven News 12.00 Movie: Seduced By A Thief (M 2001) Stars Sean Young, Rick Peters. 2.00 All Saints (M) 3.00 Coromandel Med (PG) 3.30 Larry The Lawnmower 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 Seven News 5.00 M*A*S*H (G) 5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) 6.00 Seven and Prime News 7.00 Home And Away (PG) 7.30 How I Met Your Mother (PG) 8.00 Scrubs (PG) 8.30 Movie: Father Of The Bride pt2 (G) Stars Steve Martine, Diane Keaton, Martin Short, Kieren Kulkin. 9.30 Brothers And Sisters (M) 10.40 Boston Legal (M) 11.40 30 Rock (PG) 12.05 Medical Incredible (PG) 1.00 Danoz Direct 2.00 Guthy Renker 5.30 Seven Early News Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Movie: Trail Street (G 1947) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal 2.00 My Restaurant Rules → 12.00 Dateline NBC 1.00 Urban Legends (M) 1.30 Australia's Best Backyards	6.00 Ten Early News 7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs 9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG) 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil (M) 1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) 2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) 3.00 Infomercial (PG) 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G) 4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (G) Rpt. 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G) 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat. 6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat. 7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG) 7.30 So You Think You Can Dance Australia (PG) 8.30 Good News Weeks (M) 9.30 NCIS (M) 10.30 Late News With Sports Tonight 11.15 Late Show with David Letterman (PG) 12.00 Cops (M) 12.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (G) 1.00 Infomercials (PG) 4.00 Religion to 6am (PG).	5.30 Today 9.00 Mornings with Kerri-Anne (PG) 11.00 Time/Life (G) 11.30 Danoz (G) 12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG) 1.00 The View (PG) 2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG) 3.00 Alive And Cooking (G) 3.30 The Kingdom Of Paramithi 4.00 Lab Rats Challenge 4.30 Afternoon News 5.00 Antique Roadshow (G) 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Two And A Half Men (PG) 8.00 Customs (PG) 8.30 Underbelly: A Tale Of Two Cities (M) 8.45 Lotto 9.30 Underbelly: A Tale Of Two Cities (M) 10.40 CSI: NY (M) 11.20 The Ellen Degeneres Show (PG) 1.30 Guthy Renker Australia 3.00 Religion 3.30 Good Morning America 5.00 Early Morning News
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4.30 GP (PG) Repeat. 5.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat. 6.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 Parkinson (PG) Repeat. 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 The Einstein Factor (G) Repeat. 1.00 The New Inventors (G) Repeat. 1.30 Catalyst (G) Repeat. 2.00 Parkinson (PG) 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.05 Time Team (G) 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Lead Balloon (PG) 8.30 Lost Cities Of The Ancients 9.30 Foreign Correspondent 10.05 Artscape: The Art Life 10.35 Lateline and Lateline Business 11.35 Four Corners Repeat. 12.25 Media Watch Repeat. 12.40 Parkinson (G) 1.45 Movie: At Sword's Point (PG 1951) Stars Maureen O'Hara, Robert Douglas, Cornel Wilde. 3.25 triple j tv With The Doctor (G) Repeat	6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.00 Asia Pacific News 9.30 Business Today 10.00 Kids' Programs 4.35 Little Angels (G) Repeat. 5.05 Talking Heads (G) Repeat. 5.35 Sun, Sea And Bargain Spotting 6.35 The Re-Inventors (G) 7.00 Zoo Days (G) 7.30 Something In The Air (G) Repeat. 8.00 Australian Story (PG) Repeat. 8.30 Teachers (M) Repeat. 9.20 The Bill (PG) Repeat. 10.50 Fireflies (PG) Repeat. 12.40 Close	5.20 World News in various languages 1.00 The Storm Rages Twice (G) Repeat drama from Lebanon. 1.50 A Film About Us (G) 2.00 Don Matteo (PG) Drama. Italy. Repeat. 3.00 Here Comes The Neighbourhood (G) Repeat. 3.30 Living Black 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer 5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy. 6.00 Global Village: Rollers Pt. 2 (G) 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Insight 8.30 Cutting Edge: Darfur – Between The Lines (G) Doco from the UK. 9.30 World News 10.00 Hot Docs: The Miscreants (MA) Doco. 11.40 Movie: Sunflower (M 2005) Drama from Netherlands & China. Stars Sun Halying, Joan Chen, Zhang Fan, Gao Ge, Wang Haidi. 1.55 WeatherWatch Overnight	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show (PG) 11.30 Seven News 12.00 Movie: Iris (Ms,n,I,a 2001) Stars Kate Winslett, Judi Dench, Jim Broadbent. 2.00 All Saints (M) 3.00 Coromandel Med (PG) 3.30 Larry The Lawnmower 4.00 It's All Academic 4.30 Seven and Prime News 5.00 M*A*S*H (G) Repeat. 5.30 Deal Or No Deal (G) games show. 6.00 Seven and Prime News 7.00 Home And Away (PG) 7.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue (G) 8.00 Find My Family (PG) 8.30 Movie: Hope Springs (G 1995) Stars Colin Firth, Mimi Driver. 10.30 Eli Stone (M) 11.30 Carpoolers (PG) New series. 12.00 Legends Of The South Pacific (G) 1.00 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker 5.30 Seven Early News Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Movie: Vigil In The Night (PG 1940) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal 2.00 My Restaurant Rules → 12.00 This Is Your Laugh (M) 1.00 Urban Legends (M) 1.30 A Country Practice (G)	6.00 Ten Early News 7.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs 9.00 9am With David And Kim (PG) 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil (M) 1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) 2.00 Ready Steady Cook (PG) 3.00 Infomercial (PG) 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G) 4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (G) Rpt. 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G) 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat. 6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat. 7.00 The Biggest Loser (PG) 8.00 Bondi Rescue (PG) 8.30 NCIS (M) 9.30 NCIS (M) 10.30 Late News With Sports Tonight 11.15 Late Show With David Letterman (PG) 12.00 Cops (M) 12.30 State Focus 1.00 Infomercials (PG) 4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)	5.30 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne (PG) 11.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker (G) 12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG) 1.00 The View (PG) talk show. 2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG) 3.00 Alive And Cooking (G) 3.30 The Kingdom Of Paramithi 4.00 Lab Rats Challenge 4.30 Afternoon News 5.00 Antique Roadshow (G) 6.00 Evening News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 World's Funniest Videos (PG) 8.00 Commercial Breakdown (PG) 8.30 Two And A Half Men (M) 9.00 Two And A Half Men (M) 9.30 Hell's Kitchen (MA) 10.30 Bridezillas (M) 11.30 The Ellen Degeneres Show (PG) 12.10 20/20 (M) 1.30 Guthy Renker 3.00 Religion 3.30 Good Morning America 5.00 Early Morning News
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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **BILL JACOBI**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **KYM CAMPBELL**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **BRIAN WATT**
- BAYSIDE THAI, BYRON 7PM **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **LADIES NIGHT**
- DOLORES CUPCAKE STUDIO+GALLERY, BYRON A+I ESTATE 7PM **WAY OUT WEST FROM MELBOURNE (WORLD-JAZZ)**
- THE COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 8.30PM **VIRGIN SACRIFICE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, 8PM **OCCULT DJS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **PERUVIAN BATTLESHIP DJS**

THURSDAY 2

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **MR SPEAKER**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **BRIAN FRASER DUO**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **EVAN DANDO**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **SOUND MACHINE TOUR AJAX & MINX + DANIEL WEBBER**
- LIQUID, BYRON DJ'S UNITE **TONE AND MORGANE FUNDRAISER**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **REQUEST FEST**
- RICE RESTAURANT, BRUNS 6PM **SHADOW SUNDA**
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL 7PM **JAM NIGHT WITH PETE C**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 8.30PM **OPEN MIC STANDUP COMEDY NIGHT**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 3

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **CDB DUB PROJECT**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **GROOVE FOUNDATION**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **DAN AUERBACH**
- BYRON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, 7.30PM **THE LUCKY DIP (A VARIETY SHOW)**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **INVISIBLE FRIEND**
- SATORI ON BELONGIL, 5PM **FLOW POETRY RADIO PRESENT GROOVE DROP W. MR LINK**
- BO'S RESTAURANT, BYRON 6PM **LISA ON PIANO**
- LIQUID, BYRON **NEON, DJ D'ARCY, DJ FOXXY, DJ DEEDEE**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ QUALITY CONTROL & DJ KRISTIN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **PURPLE STONE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **THE PERCOLATORS**
- COURT HOUSE, MULLUM 8PM **CAROLA CHRISTIAN & THE DIRTY FUNK AFFAIR**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **A PINT OF PINTER**
- ART PIECE GALLERY, 105 STUART STREET, MULLUM **TRINITY ART EXHIBITION**
- BURRENBAR SPORTS CLUB 8PM **MARSHALL AND THE FRO**
- UKI HALL, 8PM **GLO DANCE WITH OKA**

SATURDAY 4

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **DIRTY LAUNDRY WITH DJ NOWAK**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **PACHA MAMMA**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **VERY UNIQUE EXISTENCE**

- RAILWAY PARK, BYRON **ARTISAN NIGHT MARKET**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS**
- SATORI ON BELONGIL, 5PM **SELECTA DJ**
- BO'S, BYRON 6PM **JIMMY & JOHNNY B GOOD**
- LIQUID, BYRON **HOUSE OF NOW DJ ADAM, DJ DR BRAIN, CAPTAIN KATIE, STRAWBERRY SYME**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **LADIES NIGHT**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ QUALITY CONTROL, FOXXY**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON, 8PM **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK, 7.30PM **WEAR THE FOX HAT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL, 8PM **WAITING FOR BRIAN**
- LULU'S CAFE MULLUM, 11AM **MOONSTONE TRIO**
- COURT HOUSE, MULLUM 8PM **DAVID WRIGHT**
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL, 8.15PM **DEEP CREEK**
- MULLUM SHOWGROUNDS 5PM **SPAGHETTI CIRCUS - YOUTH CABARET**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL, **NANO STERN AND GREG SHEEHAN**
- HENRY ROUS TAVERN, BALLINA 8.30PM **SOULMAN O'GAIA**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD **BILL JACOBI**

SUNDAY 5

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **FYAH WALK 8PM DJ CAPTAIN KATIE**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6PM **HILLBILLY BLUES BANDITS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **ABBY DOBSON**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BYRON MARKET **ROMANIACS**

- BYRON BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE 8PM **BRILLIANT MONKEY (THEATRICAL PRODUCTION)**
- SATORI ON BELONGIL 4PM **CODY BUTLER**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 3PM **SUPERFREAKS 7PM BIG MUSIC**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUM 6PM **A PINT OF PINTER**
- SPHYNX ROCK CAFE 1PM **THE ORANGE TREE**

MONDAY 6

- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **CODY BUTLER**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **SUPERCHEESE**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **MATT HANLEY & THE MAINTENANCE MEN**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BACKPACKER NIGHT**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **MEXICAN MADNESS**

TUESDAY 7

- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **HARRY HEALY**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **TABLE TENNIS COMP**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **RETRO PARTY**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **COYOTE UGLY**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS JAM NIGHT**



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Nicholas Cage is a lecturer at MIT – but don't worry, it's in astrophysics, not drama. He is also a single parent – which is de rigeur on screen at present – whose little boy Caleb comes home from school one day with a weird cipher left by a student in a time capsule fifty years earlier. It only takes Nick one night and a bottle of whisky to work out that the coded message foretold every major disaster that would befall the planet in the following five decades. He also discovers that it prophesizes more to come – starting tomorrow! Not bothering to inform the appropriate powers, he opts instead to go haring off on

his frenzied ownsome. Apart from meeting the lovely Rose Byrne – another single parent – he doesn't have much luck and, as things go from bad to worse, he arrives at the point where, in utter frustration and terror at a looming apocalypse, he says to a rather doxy Ben Mendelsohn 'how am I going to save the world by Thursday?' How he managed to speak the line and keep a straight face is a more pertinent question. It turns out that Rose's and Nick's kids, like the child seer who wrote the cipher, are both clairvoyant and in communication with 'the whisperers'. Inevitably, state of the art SFX come into play, and they are awesome to behold: a plane crashes to earth, disintegrating and bursting into flames, its passengers incinerated as we watch; a subway train runs off the rails and careers onto a crowded platform; a semi trailer pulverizes a car at full speed (a literally shocking moment). The realism is

phenomenal and I am not sure how much more of it I can take. To think ... the sight of human beings (or any living creatures) being pulped, burnt and torn apart is now considered a commonplace *entertainment*... There are a few spooky scenes to make the blood run cold and the speechless suited skinny dude who always appears in the nocturnal misty forest (he reminded me of David Bowie in his pale thin duke period) certainly knows how to put the frighteners on. The spaceship, all blinding lights and shiny gizmos, is regulation gobsmaacking (remember when they were just pointy things with three tail fins? I blame Steven Spielberg for the blow-out), and Marco Beltrami's bombastic score, which never leaves you in peace, is about as subtle as Cage's performance. There are undertones of *Village of the Damned* (1960) and *The Sixth Sense* (1999), but this is nowhere near as good as those mindbenders, being okay mainly for its comic awfulness.

~ John Campbell

The Boat That Rocked

In 1966 – British pop music's finest era – the BBC played just two hours of rock and roll every week. But pirate radio played rock and pop from the high seas 24 hours a day. And 25 million people – over half the population of Britain – listened to the pirates every single day. *The Boat That Rocked*, the new comedy from Richard Curtis, creator of UK film hits *Love Actually*, *Notting Hill*, and *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, is the hilarious story of a band of DJs who captivated Britain, playing the music that defined a generation.

Byron Shire's own eclectic and much loved community radio station, Bay FM, will be the beneficiary of a special preview screening of the film on Wednesday April 8, 7pm, at Dendy Byron Bay Cinemas. Tickets are \$13, or \$10 for Bay FM subscribers and Club Dendy members, with \$5 from every ticket going toward supporting Bay FM.

Recently expelled from school, Carl has been sent by his



mother to find some direction in life by visiting his godfather Quentin, played by the fabulous Bill Nighy, arguably best known for his iconic performance as shameless, washed-up rocker Billy Mack in *Love Actually*. What Carl's mum doesn't know however, is that Quentin is now the boss of Radio Rock, a pirate radio station in the middle of the North Sea, populated by an eccentric crew of rock 'n' roll DJs.

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Life on the North Sea is eventful. Simon finds the woman of his dreams and is married on the boat... only to be left by his bride the next day. Gavin returns from his drug tour of America to take his rightful position as greatest DJ in Britain and in doing so, clashes with the Count. And Carl discovers the opposite sex and who his real father is.

Meanwhile, pirate stations have come to the attention of government minister Dormandy (Kenneth Branagh) who is out for the blood of these lawbreakers. In an era when the stuffy corridors of power stifle anything approaching youthful exuberance, Dormandy seizes the chance to score a political goal and The Marine Broadcasting Offences Act is passed in an effort to outlaw the pirates and remove their ghastly influence from the land once and for all.

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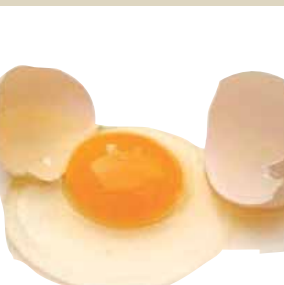
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Given a partner who surfs, I find myself spending a lot of time sitting in surfclubs. If the glass generally separating me from the outside world were to disappear I might almost touch the waves. In some cases there's not even a glass barrier, just a dizzyingly beautiful blue ocean smashing up against the very foundations of the building whose kitchen has yielded another indifferent Caesar Salad or a weak latte too hot to even sip. Couples dip fat potato wedges into small dishes of sour cream and sweet chilli sauce or share a tower of shrill orange calamari rings as big as bangles, crumbed then plunged into vats of tired oil. My disappointment seems churlish, as if life were always only about food, my sneering disapproval an ill-concealed form of arrogance.

Except it is so maddening! With these zillion dollar locations, imagine the sweetness of the experience were there to be glorious food as well! At places like Currumbin and Sunshine Beach and Coolum, or further down at Kingscliff the location is so grand by day and so romantic at night; these are, let's face it, venues most restaurateurs can only dream about.

The situation is similar for golf clubs. All that expanse of vivid velvety green, those gently rolling undulations, the sudden glimpse of little lakes – and there you are, addressed with so much beauty and so much poetry, faced with a leathery chicken burger and a hillock of flabby chips. Or a Smoked Salmon Caesar Salad, for heaven's sake – the mere notion!

One exception is the Flooded Gums restaurant at Bonville, just outside Coffs Harbour. The view you have as you sit back on the verandah of the gracious club building is of gums which seem to march ever onward uphill toward infinity in a rapturous landscape of manicured green hills and dales. The view is just the amuse-bouche, however, because the dishes which ensue are every bit as meltingly lovely.

Byron Bay may soon prove to offer yet another exception to the dismal rule of magnificent locations let down by ordinary food. Matthew and Brenda Wilson took a year off cooking after co-manning the kitchen of the Railway Friendly Hotel for six years; they have resurfaced at the Byron Bay Golf Club whose restaurant they have simply named

The Deck. Who doesn't love a deck? Even over pedestrian toasted sandwiches under previous managements of this venue I have so happily sat out on the deck of this club under a large umbrella and inhaled the vision beyond me, the trees and the ponds and the birdlife, that lushly green amplitude and the serenity which seems to attach itself to golf-courses, a slowed-down sense of time. I, personally, am thrilled about the advent of Matt and Brenda, a formidable partnership of palates and experience when it comes to hospitality. Bi-fold doors will separate the dining area - already relieved of its dour and conservative fittings and fixtures (carpet especially!) – from the deck, which will be stripped back to natural timber. Matt hopes for tiny lights to be placed in the gum trees and underwater in the ponds at night, so it will be romantic and evocative and atmospheric and a suitable framework for the sort of lusty gutsy Middle Eastern-inspired food for which Matt and Brenda became so popular at The Rails. Matt would like, above all, for locals and visitors to feel welcome here and to embrace it as another exciting dining option in the Shire – no signing in required! For now they are open for dinner from Wednesday to Saturday, from 5.30 p.m, offering not only location but also – the relief! – seriously good food.



NEW CHEF AT THE BEACH

The kitchen at the Byron Beach Cafe is now being manned by head chef Nathaniel Marshall – and is set to present some exciting new changes. Nathaniel, whose background includes stints at Nautilus in Port Douglas, his own restaurant in Sorrento, Victoria and Albert Park in Melbourne, plans to smarten up and condense the menu, so customers can expect more shared plate options along with a series of special themed dinners over the winter months.

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Byron's McCormack 'king of the kids' at Queensland titles



Three times the bridesmaid and now he's the bride, Tom McCormack from Byron Bay riding number 93, a Yamaha YZ250F, races to the lead and over the finish line at the Queensland Two-Day Enduro Championship held recently near Warwick.

Byron Bay dirt bike racer Tom McCormack finally snared a state enduro championship at the weekend after bad luck saw him finish as bridesmaid the last three years in a row.

The 16 year old who was born in Queensland and races in the QLD, NSW and national off-road motorcycle events, was the fastest of the Juniors at the Yamaha Queensland Two-Day Enduro Championship at the weekend, near Warwick.

Tom is one of the future stars of the growing sport, he finished second in the opening rounds earlier this month and aims to win Junior Outright in the Yamaha Australian Off-Road Championship (AORC).

'It was good to finally win a championship,' said Tom. 'I've had bike problems the last three years, last year I fried my clutch and had to push my bike through the last special test.'

Tom says the competition was pretty good during the weekend and the conditions were really tough. Even though it was very rocky and technical in parts of the trail Tom really

enjoyed the challenge.

'That's what I love about racing bikes. You never know what's going to be around the next corner and it's always different. The atmosphere during the event was great as well.'

Tom, who rides a Yamaha YZ250F, said the enduro championship at the weekend was run in time rally format: about six hours on the motorbike and six to eight timed special test phases each day.

Next on the calendar for the dedicated Year 10 student are the 3rd and 4th rounds of the NSW State Enduro Championships at Orange (NSW) next weekend.

His next Australian Championship event will be the 3rd and 4th rounds of the AORC at Blayney on May 16 and 17.

Tom's ultimate goal is to make the sport he loves his profession and race at the pinnacle of off-road competition in the United States.

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BOWLS

Brunswick Heads Men

25/3 S/S Triples: P Solomon, B Congdon, B McClelland; r/up B Collier, F Marks, T Cafarella; R Chapman, J McGuire, D Proudlock. 27/3 S/S Jackpot Pairs: I McRae, N Condon; r/up B/D Wyborn; Jackpot not won. 28/3 club/sel pairs/triples/Pennant trial: B Collier, J Rittway, B Bolland, J Phypers; r/up G Woods, M Hardy, E O'Donnell, D Wyborn; C Jensen, B Howell, D Croft, D Maundrell. 29/3 2 bowl pairs: E Beddoes, P Solomon; r/up T Pollard, J Woods; Louies prize N Condon, J Phypers. C'ship results: Major singles; G Rendell 31 v Caldwell 17; M Petrou 31 v L Wade 29; B Montgomery 31 v G Woods 4; B McClelland 31 v C Marshall 30. Pennants: Div 1 Bruns Heads 50 v OS 68; In House trial Bruns White 53 v Brunswick Black 50.

Brunswick Heads Women

24/3 District Pairs: B Croft, J Townner d D Hay, D Guest; play off on Wed v Cabarita. Social: J Lofts, N Stearman, S Iversen 26 d N Barnes, P Appel, B Boorman 13; M Parsons, E Marks 23 d M Darby, M Caldwell 19.

Byron Bay Men

Sat Triples C'ships: G Schwartz, M Banfield, R Evans by 1 shot (23/22) v P Anderson, P Darby, C Johnson; S Wallace, J Anderson, S Reid (19) d B Daniels, B Lamont, A Harrow (14). Check notice board for dates of play. 26/3 Social: P Lofts, J Brooker; r/up game draw B Macaulay, P Darby v D Aldridge, B Daniels. 28/3: B Macaulay, R Henderson, r/up S Hardwick, S Compton, L Earea. 25/3: R Orth, S Wallace, A Everingham; r/up P Anderson, B Lewis.

Byron Bay Women

24/3 Social: J Meinel, H Roberts, C Reid, K Quinell.

Lennox Head Men

28/3 Pennants Rnd 3: No 1's Ballina d Lennox Hd Points 6/0; No 2's Sth Lismore 60 d Lennox Hd 51 Points 5/1, No 5's Ballina d Lennox Hd Points 5/1; No 7's Lennox Hd 70 d Sth Lismore 58 Points 5/1. 24/3 Triples: C Skennar, B McRae, D Gregor (w) 31 d A Grant, P Cawley, T Kidd 7; J Turner, B Lawless, D Cullen (r/up) 29 d H Neill, I Whitehall, D Taylor (snr) 19; D Meaney, G Carter, B Earle 20 d F Allcoat, B Taylor, R Westworth (cons) 16. 25/3 Twilight: J Turner, C Ulrick (w) 12 tied R De Re, D Gregor (w) 12; P

Carter, G Brook (r/up) 15 d B Taylor, B Westworth 9. 27/3 Mixed: N Cotter, B Higgins, B Malcolm (w on ends) 25 d E/T Barr, J Bowen (cons) 25; J Dudgeon, M Daley (r/up) 19 d S/G Grady 13. 21/3 Social: J Pratten, F Allcoat, B Bowen 26 d G Hayes, T Hickey, G Bowden 9. 30/3 Club Singles C'ships: P Blair 31 d P Carter 14; G Brook 31 d R Reid 26; G Bowen 31 d S Prasad 26; K McGuire 31 d W Saric 30.

Lennox Head Women

25/3 Social: A Meagher, B Knott, F McCarthy, O Stobart 20 d F Patterson/B Orme, R Sparre, B Turner, T Harrington 11; r/up L Quinn, J McRae, M Hannaway 31 d C Lawless, S Skennar, E Barr 24; N Cotter, D Papas, P Brining 24 d N Harwood, R Heffernan, E Steele 18.

Mullumbimby Ex Services Men

25/3 Social: A Pyzer, J Estreich, B Moore 27 d D Henry, M Thorne, A Bartlett 7; T Riches, T Batson, S Brecard 22 d L Boyter, N James, L Henry 20; B Neate, D Ottery, R Philips 19 d M Johnston, G McKenzie, J McKay 15; F Cornale, S Purdie, F Buckley 17 d JC Canabou, P Jones, B Gibson 13; T Trivett, R Day 23 d B Coleman, P McDonald 15. 28/3 Pennant Trial v Ocean Shores at O S: O S No 3 d Mullum No 2; Mullum No 7 d O S No 7.

Mullumbimby Ex Services Women 24/3 Social: M Bertoli, R Mills, B Reglin 18 (Rink W) v K Johnstone, L Estreich, J Kidman 15; C Thorne, R Thompson, G Henry 14 v J Morrow, J Lee, J Beaumont 13.

Ocean Shores Women

25/3: J Kelly/S Iversen (W on Secret Margin) d B Paine/J Bartlett; K Farrell, A Hauser, L McGowran (R/Up) d M Oliver, S Woolford, G Johnston; M Moodie, E Hill, M Flesser d P Hems, N Russell, N Gartner; C Chidlow/D Grant d L Wright/J Lofts. 27/3 Club C'ship 4s Final: C Timewell, J Lofts, F Crowder, M McConville (also R/up on Secret Margin) d J Kelly, JM Quirke, L McGowran, M James; T Warr, J Bartlett, P Sullivan (W on Secret Margin) d T Warr, M Farquhar, J Williams; E Hill, L Wright, D Grant d M Moodie, M Hosie, G Johnston.

BRIDGE

Brunswick Valley

23/3: NS; 1st Gross and 2nd Nett D Gall, J Wright; 2nd Gross A Gray, P Baldwin; 1st Nett C Timewell, C Blacker. EW; 1st Gross and 2nd Nett P Hems, M Downey; 2nd Gross J Sellack, B Simons; 1st Nett R Pedicini, K Westall. 28/3: NS; 1st Gross P Hems,

E Sherry; 2nd Gross and 1st Nett S Easterbrook, B Powell. EW; 1st Gross and Nett P Sullivan, H Lewis; 2nd Gross and Nett D Grant, F Patterson. Visitors welcome, sessions Mon and Sat at Bruns Hds Community Centre, 12.45 pm.

Byron Bay

27/3: North/South; P Hems, E Sherry; r/up R/H Stanfield; B Sundstrom, G Askey. East/West; G Lynn, J Pierce; J Theakstone, J Kable; K Nelmes, P Ellis.

Ocean Shores

25/3: N/S; 1st gross P Quirke/P Sullivan; 2nd gross/1st net P Witts/B Simons; 2nd net R Pedicini/M Hosie. E/W; 1st gross J Elliott/L Baldwin; 2nd gross/1st net B Stephens/C Timewell; 2nd net J Gibson/R Heale.

DARTS

Brunswick Valley

25/3: Workers 4 v Fumbles 5; Ladies High Score R Redden 76; Ladies High Peg M Collinson 26; Mens High Score P Smith 140; Mens High Peg R Lawrence 90. Workaholics 6 v Off the Board 3; Ladies High Score J Garrett 100; Ladies High Peg C Denholm 32; Mens High Score T Garrett 100; Mens High Peg J Larson 47.

GOLF

Mullumbimby Ladies

21/3 Stroke: G Parsons 69 c/b; r/up D Cullen 69. 26/3 Single Stab: Div 1 N Carsburg 45; r/up J Neate 37; F Booth 35; Div 2 A Moser 37; r/up M Davey 34; R Wilson 34. WBC: F Gannell 35. 2/4 Monthly Medal Stroke seeded: 1st Tee (30 to 45); 9am L Walker, W Stenner, J Clarke; 9.06 K Thomson, R Wilson, A Moser; 9.12 T Robbins, J Beer, G Poynting; 9.18 G James, B Woolnough, M Davey; 9.24 L Froggett, E Leclere, H Hammond; 9.30 J Ball, F Brooker, G McDonald; 9.36 M Trivett, E Walker, J Hopper. 10th Tee (0 to 29); 9am N Carsburg, G Lynn, S Kosaka; 9.06 J Neate, F Booth, G Mackay; 9.12 M Crichton, M Essery, N Dwyer; 9.18 B Mules, G Redman, R Slogrove. Kitchen M Crichton/K Thomson; Table J Clarke/J Neate.

Ocean Shores Men

23/3 Medley Stab: S Kresojevic 40; r/up T Mitchell 37 c/b; C Byron 37; balls to 32. 25/3 S/Stab: R Skillen 38 c/b; r/up D Morgan 38/c/b; G Farquar 38; balls to 34. Hole in One: T Mitchell/M Gartner. 27/3 Blue Marker Challenge: M Hancock 70 nett; Div 1 M Hancock 70 nett; r/up R Carson 73 nett; Div 2 R Robran

72 nett; r/up D Woods 73 nett; Div 3 J Whitlock 75 nett; r/up B O'Neill 76 nett; balls to 79. 28/3 4BBB Stab: M McPherson/P Montgomery 49 c/b; r/up S Harris/F Williams 49; C Oakshoot/D Harris 48; balls to 38.

Ocean Shores Ladies

Autumn Leaf 2 day Event (Stab): 36 Hole; Div 1 C Chidlow 73 c/b; r/up C Killion 73; Div 2 M Clarke 70; r/up D Copeland 68. Day 1; Div 1 J Maddock 36; r/up R Moller 35 c/b; Div 2 J Jensen 37; r/up K Snook 33; Div 3 M Brady 34; r/up M Byron 33; Day 2; Div 1 V Marsh 37; r/up J Brown 35 c/b; Div 2 S Stephenson 39; r/up J Andrews 34; Div 3; M Firth 34; r/up A Tonkin 33. 26/3 Stab: C Blacker 37; r/up M Clarke 36 c/b; vouchers to 33. 28/3 4BBB Stab Aggregate: L McGowran, M Ianison 64; r/up R Moller, I Pinon 61; vouchers to 56 c/b.

HOCKEY

Tweed Border Hockey

Draw for April 3-4

Fri 3 Apr

7pm Turf D2W War_Wrens v Mullum - Waratahs D1W, Mullum D1W; 8:25pm Turf D1W Waratahs v Mullum - TBA, M Paron; Sat 4 Apr 1pm Turf D1M Mullum v Waratahs - G Scholes, N Chapman; 3:50pm BSF3 D3M Redbacks v Mullum - Pottsville D3M, Cas_Black D3M; 1pm BSF4 D2W United v Redbacks - Pottsville D3W, Mullum D3W; 2:25pm BSF4 D3W Pottsville v Mullum - Pottsville D2W, K Rochester;

NETBALL

Brunswick Byron

4/4 Draw: Table Duty Ocean Shores/ Duty Team Ocean Shores; 12.30pm Canteen Groovy Smoothies. Ct 1 Groovy Smoothies v Mighty Minkies; Ct 2 Bunnies v OS 1; Ct 3 OS3 v Dragons; Ct 4 Bangles v Bluebirds; Ct 6 OS 2 v Gummie Bears; Bye Breakers. 1.45pm Canteen Cocktails; Ct 1 Brats v Kelly's Cocktails/Taveners; Ct 2 Bellas v Bernies Blitz/Bombers; Ct 4 Classics v Boosh Sue H/Sue A; Ct 6 Giants v Mullum Michelle/Narelle. 3.15pm Canteen Kelly's; Ct 1 Cocktails v Mudslide Classics/Giants; Ct 2 Taveners v Babes Jodie/Boosh; Ct 4 Bombers v Blitz Classics/Giants; Ct 6 OS v Sue's Mullum X2; Duty Team Babes.

SQUASH

Brunswick Heads

1/4 Rnd 14 Cape Byron Med Centre Comp: OS Glass v Canty's Surveyors; M Underwood v S Thompson, G Hall v

Giants and Devils round one



The Devils beat the Ghosts in the 2008 final and Mullum take on the Ghosts in round one. Photo Tree Faerie.

Owing to the Easter holiday period, there have been some changes made to the dates of the opening round of this year's local rugby league season.

The Mullumbimby Giants will play thier first game against the Grafton Ghosts at home on the Les Donelly field

on Sunday April 5.

The Byron Bay Red Devils will play away the first weekend of their draw at Grafton when they take on the Rhinos two weeks later on April 19.

All here at *The Echo* wish the boys good luck in round one of the group one season.

C Pearce, A Li v J Gribble, N Dunn v C Johnston, S Truesdale v A Booth. Bruns Pharmacy v Bruns Smash Repairs; C Littlewood v G Elliott, L Clarke v W Ferrer, R James v R King, J Heers v J Smith, F King v D Fisher. Bruns Blinds v Byron Bay Trophies; G Davis v C Ashworth, C Walsh v P Hill, D Runciman v S moon, J Nicolson v Kijay, B Doran v P McQueen. OS Bakery Bye. Semi Finals next week, all teams play, new comp 22/4, 6685 1794. 6/4 Rnd 9 Byron Health Foods Comp: Div 1; 5pm B Trivett v D Bird, L Powell v C Littlewood, G Davis v M Underwood. Div 2; 5pm L Clarke v R King, C Walsh v R Hughes, L Tomasella v C Pearce, M Cassidy v J Gribble, A Li v T Dryden. Div 3; 5pm R Draper v C Johnston, J Heers v J Nicolson; 6pm S Moon v D Runciman, W Mahera Bye. Div 4; 5pm M Hazelwood Ross v T Ashworth, S Truesdale v Jeff Heers, F King v D Williams, D Fisher v B Doran, P McQueen Bye.

TABLE TENNIS

Mullumbimby

26/3: Singles; P Saro (-6); r/up C Strybos (-8); M Smith (-9). Doubles final:

C Strybos/M Smith 2-1 d P Saro/B Cawthorne.

TENNIS

Mullumbimby

23/3 Women: DIV 1: Diamonds 30 d Emeralds 23, Opals 29 d Pearls 24; DIV 2: Zinc 37 d Silver 31, Bronze 37 d Gold 24. 24/3 Men: Princes 55 d Wilsons 26, Heads 52 d Babolats 38. 26/3 Mixed: Billinudgel 9 d Brunswick 3, Burringbar 9 d Ocean Shores 3, Mullumbimby 8 d New Brighton 4. Sat Social: from 11/4 new starting time 1.30pm. Enquiries Greg on mob: 0427 788 773.

VOLLEYBALL

Brunswick Heads

31/3 Rnd 12 JV Towing Comp: 6pm Hit and Run v No Mercy, Lounge Lizards v Brewers, Duty Ballistic. 7pm Ballistic v Mixed Chickens, Flash Bye, Duty Brewers. 2/4 Rnd 14 OS True Value Hardware Comp: 6pm Tripods v Kaos.com, Cosmic Kittens v Volleys, Barefoot Bandits v Go Go Girls, Duty Snickers. 7pm X Factor v Snickers, Something Else v Red Frogs, Fusion v Chilli Twist, Duty Volleys.

Mullum pool's mermaid



Jen Wilson at the Mullum pool with her Noosa trophy, spends a lot of time in the water and can usually be found swimming, surfing or watching the pool as a lifeguard. Photo tree Faerie.

When AUSTSWIM teacher Jen Wilson is not in the water with her students, she is walking across it on her surfboard. Jen, who has been a swim teacher and lifeguard at the Mullumbimby pool for the last 5 years, recently competed in the Noosa Festival of Surfing where she came equal third in the Open Amateur Women's Longboard event.

Jen lives at Broken Head and has been surfing for 10 years. She rides both a long and a short board enjoyed her first foray into and competition outside the Byron Shire.

'The conditions were perfect for the whole comp,' said Jen. 'It was great my first time out of the area, there were people from all over the world – it was a fantastic event.'

Jen surfed a heat, a semi and then in the final won third with a 13.30 score, and though she loves to compete, she is currently studying for a Diploma of Children's Services so she is locked into focussing on that for the next two years.

Jen teaches private swimming lessons in between study, but always makes time for the surf. 'I love being in the water. It's like a meditation. On a day when everything else might feel like crap, surfing is great.'

A day in the Knight of Byron



Theodore Jolliffe from Casino CS played year 6 Shearwater student Avalon Harris-Pepper from Ocean Shores in the recent inter school round one.

Shearwater scored a clean sweep in the first round of the 2009 Northern Rivers Inter-schools Chess Competition recently, winning both the Primary and Secondary team competitions.

Year 6 student Avalon Harris-Pepper won the individual primary section with Yanis Newman-Pashe from year 4 coming second in the division.

The competition was a good warmup for the upcoming Knight of Byron Junior Chess Comp which will held at the Brunswick Heads Community Centre on April 23.

The Knight of Byron is an annual one day chess competition for chess players of all standards from 5-18yrs. The play format consists of 7-8 rounds using the Swiss Perfect computer program.

All competitors play every round as it is not a knockout competition. Clocks may be used on some boards.

Results of the event will be forwarded for the Queensland Junior rating list.

Prizes on the day include trophies, medals, books, and/or chess equipment in age group divisions plus random and encouragement prizes. The entry fee for the event is \$15 and numbers are limited so please register by e-mail or phone. Registration starts at 9am for the 9.30am competition. Prize giving is at 2.30pm.

Entry fee can be paid on the day. For registration or other enquiries phone the Brunswick Heads Community Centre on 6684 6281.

Crankin' what's happening surfside

Byron Bay Boardriders

The BBB had a great turn out this weekend with the waves pumping and the rain holding off for most of the day, all divisions except micro fleas, were run over the day.

The Open's were moved to The Wreck where some serious tube riding was witnessed with the likes of Danny Wills and Craig Warton blowing up with 10 point rides being scored almost every heat.

Results for the event were: Fleas: 1st Jacob Ogden, 2nd Cory Flannagan, 3rd Kian Shahar, 4th Kimeoh Cundith. Womens: 1st Kirsten Ogden, 2nd Bianca Cahill, 3rd Sally Miller, 4th Emma Williams, 5th Maddie King. Cadets: 1st Tai Naughton, 2nd Mackie Walker, 3rd Tommy Boucat, 4th Jordy Condon. Juniors: 1st Peter Jongenson, 2nd Wes Bannister, 3rd Curtis Senior, 4th Gene Cundith. Seniors: 1st Lee Miller, 2nd Loyd Lawton, 3rd Damian Murphy, 4th Adam Wesell. Masters: 1st Scotty Allen, 2nd Paul Sullivan, 3rd Hammo, 4th Eric, 5th Freddo, 6th Kraka. Opens: 1st Danny Wills, 2nd Bryce Cameron, 3rd Dominic Sullivan, 4th Torren Martyn.

The Boardriders would like to remind everyone to get their entries in for the Ben King Memorial Easter Classic to remind members that there is a meeting for committee members at the Suffolk Tavern this Thursday at 7.30pm.

Danny Wills Tribute

On April 18, all fellow surfers and friends are invited to the Great Northern Hotel Backroom in Byron Bay to help celebrate the end of a great professional surfing career for Byron Bay's Danny Wills.

Danny is wellknown and respected for his ability in the water and the type of person he is.

After 12 years on the World Professional Tour competing with some of the best surfers the world has ever seen, Danny has decided his time has come and announced his retirement from the tour.

In association with the Byron Bay Boardriders Danny would like to invite everybody to come along at 6.30pm for what will be a fun night.

Entertainment is by the Solid Gold DJ and food will be supplied. MC for the night is stand-up comedian and ABC Radio's Bruce McKenzie.

This will be a night not to be missed with a dress theme for the night being 'Byron Bathurst 1000'.

There will be lucky door prizes for best dressed male and female on the night. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (accompanied by an adult) and are available from the Great Northern Hotel in Byron Bay, Quiksilver in Jonson Street Byron Bay, All Above Board in Lennox Head, contact Jenny King on 0414 858 132 or Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672 for further information. Make sure you don't miss it, tickets are selling fast!

Easter Surfing Classic

Byron Bay is set to explode this Easter and not on land! The 34th annual Ben King Memorial Easter Surfing Classic will hit the water over three days the from Apri 10-12. Competition is set to be red hot in what is Australia's longest running amateur surfing event.

The open men division sponsored by the Hotel Great Northern and Corona will be highly contested with \$2,000 in cash up for grabs a new board plus loads of great prizes.

Danny Wills will be looking to claim his 2nd Easter Classic title with other in-form competitors ready to put their names next to some of the greats that have previously won the event.

Junior boys will also battle it out for \$500 cash and a new board plus loads of other prizes. Other divisions in the event will include U13 fleas girls, U13 fleas boys, U16 cadet girls, U16 cadet boys, U19 junior girls, U19 junior boys, open women, open men, O30 seniors, O40 masters, O50's legends plus an invitational event which will be fought out on pre-1970 single fin surfboards.

Across all divisions there will be outstanding prizes with a brand new board for almost every division and random cash prizes in the younger divisions.

This year is guaranteed to be a great event and with entries already flooding in make sure you don't miss out. Pick up your entry from event sponsor Quiksilver or contact Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672 for further questions or to have the entry form emailed to you.

Surfer's Survey

Surfing has the image of a healthy outdoor sport, but over time the toll on surfers' bodies can be high and a new national survey aims to identify the injuries experienced by surfers as the first step to making the sport kinder on surfing bodies.

Margaret Plag, a Masters student in the University of Western Sydney School of Biomedical and Health Sciences, will survey 150 surfers to determine the incidence, severity and outcomes of acute and chronic injuries from surfing.

Participants in the survey, the most detailed surfing injury study to be conducted in Australia, will complete a retrospective questionnaire about their surfing habits and health over the last 12 months.

'Most surfers don't know how to safely exercise and

prepare their bodies for their sport. In fact, many probably just go surfing. There's a great-physical and emotional satisfaction from surfing, but long term it's also potentially very damaging to your body,' says Ms Plag, who has been a keen surfer for five years.

Ms Plag's study will focus on identifying the most common chronic injuries as a critical first step to devising ways for surfers to avoid long term damage.

Those interested in participating in the study with three or more years surfing experience and aged 18 to 50 years should contact 0404 011 681 or email: 97406251@student.uws.edu.au.

Once recruited to the trial the survey can be completed online or via hardcopy in the mail.

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1st SAT	Bruns Heads	6684 4437
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1st SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	6687 0535
2nd SUN	Alstonville	6628 1568
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370
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3rd SUN	Uki	6679 9026
3rd SUN	Nimbin	6689 0000
3rd SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
3rd SUN	Ballina	6687 4328
4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911
5th SUN	Lennox Head	6687 0535
5th SUN	Nimbin	6689 0000
SATURDAYS		
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Each SAT 8am-1pm	Uki	6679 5530

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TIDE TIMES

PHASES OF THE MOON

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Full Moon	10th Apr	12.56 am
Last Quarter	17th Apr	11.37 pm
New Moon	25th Apr	1.23 pm

WED 1st	High 12.51 am 1.7	Sunrise 6.55 am
	Low 1.40 pm 1.2	Sunset 6.43 pm
	High 7.45 am 0.4	Moonrise 12.33 am
	Low 7.09 pm 0.6	Moonsset 10.49 pm
THU 2nd	High 1.53 am 1.7	Sunrise 6.56 am
	Low 2.57 pm 1.1	Sunset 6.42 pm
	High 8.58 am 0.4	Moonrise 1.32 pm
	Low 8.22 pm 0.6	Moonsset 11.55 pm
FRI 3rd	High 3.04 am 1.6	Sunrise 6.57 am
	Low 4.18 pm 1.1	Sunset 6.41 pm
	High 10.14 am 0.4	Moonrise 2.24 am
	Low 9.43 pm 0.6	Moonsset
SAT 4th	High 4.20 am 1.6	Sunrise 6.57 am
	Low 5.27 pm 1.2	Sunset 6.40 pm
	High 11.21 am 0.4	Moonrise 3.09 pm
	Low 11.00 pm 0.5	Moonsset 1.02 am
SUN 5th	High 4.27 am 1.6	Sunrise 6.58 am
	Low 5.23 pm 1.3	Sunset 6.39 pm
	High 11.15 am 0.3	Moonrise 3.49 pm
	Low 11.07 pm 0.5	Moonsset 2.09 am
MON 6th	High 5.26 am 1.6	Sunrise 6.58 am
	Low 6.24 pm 1.4	Sunset 6.38 pm
	High 12.02 pm 0.2	Moonrise 4.24 pm
	Low 12.02 pm 0.2	Moonsset 3.14 am
TUE 7th	High 6.18 am 1.6	Sunrise 6.59 am
	Low 6.56 pm 1.5	Sunset 6.37 pm
	High 12.06 am 0.4	Moonrise 4.57 pm
	Low 12.44 pm 0.2	Moonsset 4.17 am

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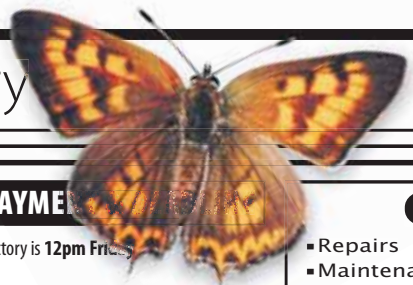
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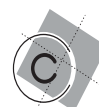
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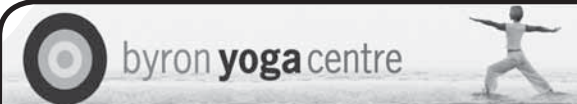
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Diet for a healthy planet – a case for vegetarianism

Tony Heath

The diet eaten by the average Australian is killing the planet. The wholesale destruction of our oceans and the clearing of rainforests and many other precious habitats currently under threat is inextricably linked with their exploitation for fish and meat production.

I stopped eating slaughter products nearly three decades ago. My main reason for doing so then was ethical. I could see no good reason for animals needing to suffer the abuse of intensive farming or having their lives terminated so that I could eat them when I could live more humanely (and more healthily) on a vegetarian diet. In addition to the ethical and health reasons for adopting a vegetarian diet there are compelling environmental issues that are particularly pertinent given the current crisis our planet faces but which get little or no coverage or support in the mainstream media

Oceans in decline

Our oceans are in rapid, possibly even terminal decline. The cause at this stage at least, is not global warming but the relentless and insensitive operation of commercial fishing as it is practised throughout the world. There has been an abject failure internationally to limit commercial fishing to levels that would make it anything like sustainable. Indeed there are no internationally agreed quotas or limitations placed upon fishing that occurs outside of national territorial waters. The result is that two-thirds of the world's major edible species have now been hunted to commercial extinction, or face this prospect over the coming years. Areas of the ocean that were once teeming with marine life are now bereft and the biodiversity of the oceans have been catastrophically undermined. The findings of the Living Planet Index published in May of last year showed that there was a 28% loss in the number of ocean creatures in the ten years from 1995 to 2005.

The methods used in commercial fishing, each in their uniquely destructive way, ac-

count for this. Long lining involves the baiting of hundred of hooks from a single line, several kilometres in length, in the hope of attracting the desired species to the hook. The hooks of course are indiscriminate and attract many other unwanted species of fish, birds, turtles and dolphins. This unintended harvest is known as by-catch and is usually dumped back dead into the sea.

By-catch problem

By-catch is a major problem with most forms of commercial fishing, perhaps most notably with the horrendous practice of drift netting. This involve the placing of nets, many kilometres long, that simply trap everything that is too big to swim through its mesh. Unscrupulous fisherman simply cut these nets loose when they have finished with them producing the phenomena of 'ghost nets', which continue to reap their grim harvest for years to come until such time as they break up or sink to the ocean depths, producing zero benefit for anyone.

By-catch accounts for up to 90% of the haul of commercial fishermen, that is 9kg of marine life destroyed for each kilo that ends up feeding people.

Then there is sea bed trawling. This involves the dragging of huge nets across the floor of the ocean and requires the use of large weights and steel lines scouring the seabed. In the process the undersea vegetation is destroyed including for example the forests of kelp that may grow there. Needless to say the seabed vegetation is there for a purpose supporting multiple forms of life by offering both food and shelter and is as essential to the marine ecosystem as rainforest is for the land. In addition to this, the process stirs up clouds of sediment in the water that are so large they can be seen from space. This covers surviving surrounding areas of vegetation in a blanket of sediment choking life and further compromising the ecosystem.

The destruction of our oceans goes largely unseen and therefore largely unrecognised by most of us.



Burden of meat

A meat based diet places a burden on the natural environment with a magnitude of up to ten times that of a meat free one. Quite simply it takes 10kg of grain (and other foodstuffs, such as soya beans) to produce 1kg of beef, for example. Animals are inefficient users of our increasingly stretched available food sources. Put another way, the foodstuffs we use to feed animals could be used directly to feed ten times as many people. As world population continues to grow and in particular as the increasingly affluent proportion of the populations of Asian countries increase, the demand for animal protein products is rising rapidly. This is pushing up the price of grains and increasing the rates of land clearance to produce them. This land clearance is taking place in all manner of sensitive and vital habitats such as rainforest, wetlands and other areas of valuable biodiversity.

The problem is not just the land required to raise and graze sheep and cattle but the need for taking over vast quantities of arable land to grow food for livestock. Our land usage for agriculture and the intensity in which it is farmed could be greatly reduced if we collectively adopted a vegetarian or vegan diet.

Recently published figures have indicated that the pace of deforestation in the Amazon is once again increasing with about 7,000 kilometres being cleared in late 2007. Of the three types of activity responsible for this, two are directly the result of meat production, that is cattle ranching and soya bean and grain production for animal foodstuffs (the third being biofuel production).

Warming burden

Then there is the effect of a slaughter-based diet on global warming. Go to www.footprintnetwork.org and see just how much your use of meat is adding to climate change. It does this in a number of ways; by the clearing of forests and

other good land to raise cattle and grow food for animals; through the carbon and energy costs in producing the grain to feed them, and not least from the methane production resulting from the animals digestion. Animal agriculture produces more than 100 million tons of methane each year.

Although methane makes up only a small proportion of the total of green house gases its effects are far worse as it is 22 times more potent than CO₂ and it is estimated that methane emissions are causing nearly half of the earth's human induced warming.

It is hardly surprising then that the world's agricultural sector is responsible for nearly a fifth of the total greenhouse gas emissions. That is as much as the entire transport sector. And yet the issue has been largely sidelined in international climate talks and carbon trading arrangements as it is seen as too complex an issue to tackle. Which politicians from any party would be brave enough to suggest a carbon tax on meat? And yet this is exactly what is called for as the price paid at the supermarket in no way reflects the true cost to the environment or the global climate.

So what can you do? There are strong ethical and health arguments for eliminating (or even greatly reducing) slaughter-based products from your diet. The environmental argument is equally compelling but less frequently articulated.

Consumer choice

As consumers we have a choice. The act of making a purchase in a food store or restaurant links directly to the demands that you place on this planet despite the attempts of the vendor to persuade you with alluring packaging and elegant sauces. The fact is that by adopting a vegetarian or vegan diet you can tread much more lightly on the earth by reducing your contribution to the earth's destruction and your demand on its resources.

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The pavilions have 2 bedrooms, an array of lighting, state of the art fixtures and are vogue style furnished. Location 1 ½ minutes walk to the river and 3 minutes to boutique shops and the famous Brunswick Hotel. Pavilion 1 since completion has been in high demand for holiday letting and is showing a very healthy return. Live a luxurious lifestyle with a walk-in price of \$1,100,000.
Contact Peter Browning on 0411 801 795.

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LUXURY EXECUTIVE HOME

- 4 beds, 2 baths, 3 toilets
 - Private and secure tri level home
 - Raked ceilings, gourmet kitchen, timber floors
 - Views Tallows to Broken
 - DA approval for pool/decks
 - Observation deck with 360 degree vista
 - 1 minute walk to CBD
- \$ 1,850,000**



Byron Bay
LIGHT BRIGHT AND BREEZY

- 2 spacious bedrooms, 1 bathroom
 - Lock up garage
 - Well presented townhouse
 - Central location – close to beach, town and shops
- \$ 395,000**



1/66 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay
FIRST HOME OR INVESTMENT

- Centrally located – minutes to Byron Bay CBD
 - Sunny, private garden courtyard
 - Generously proportioned double bedrooms
 - Undercover parking with internal access
 - Great opportunity for first home buyer or investor
- \$ 375,000**



3/19 Marvell Street, Byron Bay
1 MINUTE WALK TO CBD

- 1 minute walk into town & beaches
 - Spacious, light and quiet town house.
 - 3 well sized bedrooms, main with ensuite
 - At the back of the complex, overlooking reserve
- \$ 775,000**



19 Granuaille Road, Bangalow
POLISHED BANGALOW ANTIQUE

- Beautiful renovated 3 bedroom chamferboard home
 - Stunning fretwork, open fireplace and period features
 - 6 inch polished teak floorboards, 11 foot ceilings
 - Large rear deck with easterly village views
- \$ 650,000**



Byron Bay
TROPICAL SANCTUARY

- Renovated classic Queenslander
 - Established tropical gardens
 - Light filled living spaces
 - 3 bedroom 1 bathroom with DA approved for SLUG and extra bathroom
 - Walk to beach and cycle to town
- \$ 589,000**



Byron Bay
DA APPROVED LAND

- In town position
 - Three blocks available
 - Driveway and insurance only on strata
 - Can buy existing house at extra cost
- \$ 750,000**



Rosebank
AN ABSOLUTE BEAUTY

- 1905 timber homestead
 - 34 acres and 20 metre pool
 - Beautiful garden setting and old stone walls
 - Four bedrooms and two bathrooms
- \$ 1,480,000**

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Sunday 11-11.30am

440 Bangalow Road, Talofa

- 360 degree stunning ocean, hinterland & mountain views
- Existing 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- D.A. approved plans for a new residence & pool
- 10.88 picturesque hectares
- 5 minutes drive to either Byron Bay or Bangalow
- Secure a real blue chip investment

Price \$2,595,000

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38 Robin Street, South Golden Beach
1920s Elegance
• By the beach, 3 large bedrooms all with picture rails, main with ensuite and claw foot bath
• Timber windows, verandahs overlooking gardens & canal
• A short stroll to the beach located at the end of the street
• Need a little elegance and love the beach? Call now!
Contact: Peter Browning on 0411 801 795



Ocean Shores
No Work Here Just Good Living
• Sit back & relax enjoy the shade in the private back yard
• Tasteful reno, granite bench tops, s/s appliances
• Tiled floor, carpet in 3 bedrooms, new bathroom
• Rendered, roof shield & painted. Ready to start living
Price: \$429,000
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7 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores
Need A Big House?
• Got a growing family and outgrown your current house
• Need room for the kids and/or for storage. Run a business from home. 3 large queen size rooms with built-ins
• Large main bedroom & parents retreat, air-con, balcony, downstairs games/rumpus room, garage, entertaining area
Price: \$595,000
Contact: Peter Browning on 0411 801 795



1 Kumbellin Glen, Ocean Shores
Speculators Dream With Views
• DA HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR DUAL OCCUPANCY AND A NEW 5 BEDROOM HOUSE that's right, this freshly renovated 3 bed, 2 storey house with views
• Ample storage under and a large patio at the rear
View: Saturday 12-12.30pm
Contact: Peter Browning on 0411 801 795



Henderson's Lane
You Just Can't Beat These Views!
• 5 bed, 1 bath d/brick house, separate toilet
• Huge kitchen, sep. lounge & dining rooms
• Extensive 360° views, 1¼ acres with orchid
• Huge workshop toilet & shower, town water
• 3km to Brunswick, 3km to Mullumbimby
Price: \$1,850,000
Contact: Peter Browning on 0411 801 795



Myocum
The Queenslander Of All Queenslanders
• Dreaming of living on a hill overlooking paddocks & water
• Original high ceilings, timber kitchen & open plan dining
• 3 bedrooms with french doors, study, 3 bathrooms
• Has an approved fully self-contained flat
Price: \$1,475,000
Contact: Peter Browning on 0411 801 795

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AUCTION
Quick Sale Wanted
141 Hart Court, Ocean Shores
• Level cul de sac 814.5sqm block
• Duplex compliant (STCA)
• Within minutes of school & beach
• Suit first home buyer
TO BE AUCTIONED
12.30PM ON SITE
SATURDAY
18TH APRIL 2009
Contact Sean Kenny
on 0419 624 024



Open House Saturday 10.30-11am
AUCTION
Second Time At Auction
12 Marvell St, Byron Bay
• Location fringe of CBD
• Suit home office, professional rooms
• Timber 3 bed + sleepout on 589sqm
• Vendor is highly motivated to sell!
TO BE AUCTIONED
11AM ON SITE
SATURDAY
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Quick Outright Sale Is Sought
Lot 22 Raywards Lane, via Skinners Shoot, Byron Bay
• 123 acres on Byron fringe
• Huge 30m x 13m x 6m shed with mezzanine floor
• Beautiful fig tree & stunning home sites
• Very motivated vendor
Expressions Of Interest Now
Contact Sean Kenny
on 0419 624 024



Open House Saturday 11.30am-12pm
AUCTION
A Crown Jewel
110 The Saddle Rd, Mullumbimby
• Superb rural family home
• Four bedrooms & sewing/ study
• Large double garage (11mx10m)
• Centrally located between Mullumbimby & Brunswick
TO BE AUCTIONED
11AM ON SITE
SATURDAY
2ND MAY 2009
Contact Sean Kenny
on 0419 624 024
PRICE GUIDE \$800,000 PLUS

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Coorabell

213 Coorabell Road
Agent on site Saturday 2 - 3pm
Rare Vacant Land in Coorabell
These rolling green parcels exemplify all that is Byron Hinterland, with various building sites offering everything from expansive rural and mountain vistas to secluded parcels with towering rainforest giants & secluded swimming holes.
Greg Price 0412 871 500
Web Id 300767

Auction 2nd May



Federal

3 Bougainvillea Drive
Open house Saturday 1 - 1.30pm & Wednesday 4 - 4.30pm
Enough is Enough – Let's Meet the Market!
We've tested the market, we now want a result! Serious vendors are prepared to meet today's market. If you're looking for magical views with a stunning, contemporary style home, you can't go past this property - it has the lot. Convenient to Byron Bay, Bangalow and Mullumbimby.
Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412 & Janice Maple 0401 026 359
Web Id 369923

Auction 2nd May



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543 Cross Road
Open house Saturday 11 - 11.30am & Wednesday 4pm - 4.30pm
Interstate Owner Liquidating Asset
Wonderful opportunity to acquire 40 Hectares (approx 100 acres) of superb land & cute country style cottage. Our Vendor wants to liquidate this property now! Property consists of stunning level land suitable for horticultural use, undulating grazing plus old growth forest with meandering creek.
Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412 & Janice Maple 0401 026 359
New Listing

Auction 2nd May



Bangalow

8 Granuaille Road
Open house Saturday 12.00 - 12.30pm
Vendor Committed Elsewhere
This timber cottage is situated a stone's throw from Bangalow town centre. No need to drive into town – you are almost there. It is a classic country cottage and would lend itself to a renovation. It is 10 kilometers from Byron Bay and beaches.
Rob Nedwich 0411 285 533
Web Id 366894

Auction 2nd May

HOW'S THE MARKET?
2 MONTHS & 20+ SALES
AT OVER \$14,000,000 =
GREAT!!

SOLD Dunoon **SOLD** Tuckombil **SOLD** Rosebank **SOLD** Clunes **SOLD** Bangalow

SOLD Possum Creek **SOLD** Talofa **SOLD** The Channon **SOLD** Newrybar **SOLD** Mullumbimby

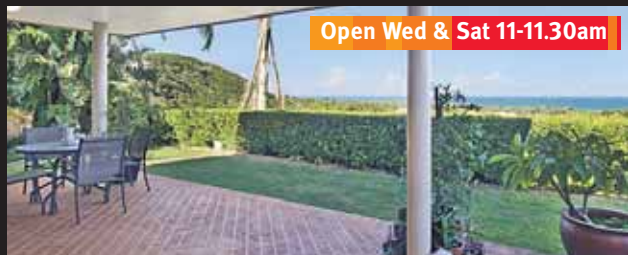
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8 DAYS TO AUCTION DAY!

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AUCTION ON THE BAY

6.30PM WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL AT THE BYRON BAY SURF CLUB

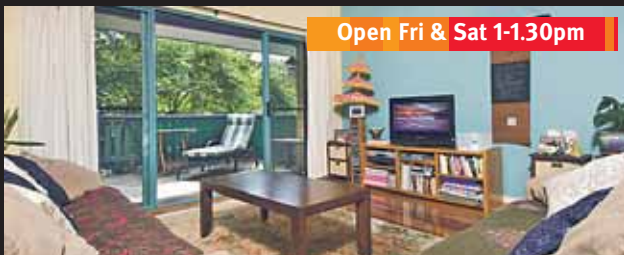


Open Wed & Sat 11-11.30am

1A South Pacific Court, Byron Bay

- Views, views, views
- Located at the end of a quiet cul de sac
- Never to be built out
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- You be the judge, what will you pay?
- Agency declares interest

CONTACT: Peter Yopp 0411 837 330
pyopp.byronbay@ljh.com.au



Open Fri & Sat 1-1.30pm

2/78 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park

- 3 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Spacious living areas
- Private fenced well landscaped yard
- Individually titled 446sqm lot
- Double lock up garage
- Pet friendly
- Low maintenance
- Time to downsize, owner wants out

CONTACT: Bryce Cameron 0412 057 672
bcameron.byronbay@ljh.com.au
Peter Yopp 0411 837 330
pyopp.byronbay@ljh.com.au



Open Thu & Sat 12-12.30pm

1/7 Cooper Street, Byron Bay

- First Home Buyers - must to inspect
- Smart 3 bedroom townhouse
- Great outdoor patio and garden
- Open plan living/dining areas
- Owner is keen to sell

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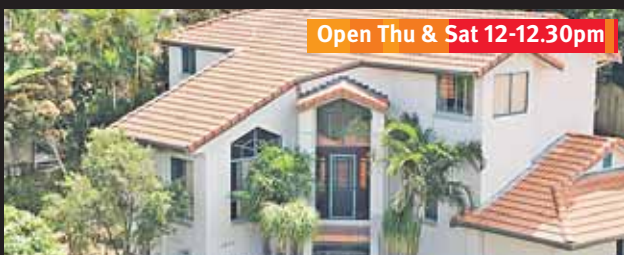


Rep onsite Thu & Sat 3-3.30pm

4 Wattle Place, Bangalow

- Situation change - Owner says Sell!
- Gently sloped 635sqm block
- Short walk to Bangalow's CBD
- Very close to sports fields
- Quiet residential street
- Create your dream home
- Will be exceptional value
- What price would you pay?

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Open Thu & Sat 12-12.30pm

2/2 Osprey Court, Byron Bay

- Our seller is genuinely motivated
- Walking distance to the beach
- Elevated with ocean glimpses
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Vendor is aware of current market

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Rep onsite Saturday 11-11.30am

12 Shirley Lane, Byron Bay

- 1,379.45sqm with 3 bedroom home & separate garage
- Fully approved for 4 townhouses
- Developers say sell now
- 5 minutes walk to Byron's CBD & Main Beach
- Great opportunity for the investor - potential, position, profit

CONTACT: Liam Annesley 0417 780 795
lannesley.byronbay@ljh.com.au



Open Wed & Sat 11-11.30am

68 Massinger Street, Byron Bay

- Ready to meet the market
- 3 light filled bedrooms, 3 bathrooms
- Walk to Main Beach & town
- Good size living areas
- Double lock up garage
- Low maintenance property
- Invest in your future
- Agency declares interest

CONTACT: Bryce Cameron 0412 057 672
bcameron.byronbay@ljh.com.au



Open Thu & Sat 2-2.30pm

3/21-23 Tasman Way, Byron Bay

- Modern industrial unit
- 95sqm floor, 85 sqm mezzanine
- Caretaker's approval - can live on premises
- Shower & kitchenette
- Solar power installed
- Complex of only 10
- Outstanding investment

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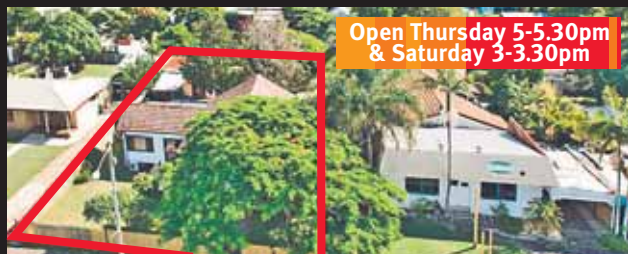


Open Saturday 2-2.30pm

6 Orchid Place, Suffolk Park

- Showroom presentation
- House designed to suit all conditions
- 4 light filled bedrooms
- Sparkling inground saltwater pool
- Owners are willing to listen to the market

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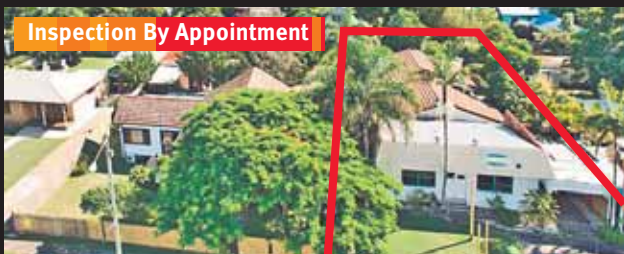


Open Thursday 5-5.30pm & Saturday 3-3.30pm

71 Shirley Street, Byron Bay

- 4 bedroom house with rear lane access
- Large block of 1,160sqm
- 100 metres to Belongil Beach
- Close to Byron's CBD
- This property must be sold
- Purchase separately or in conjunction with 69 Shirley Street

CONTACT: Neil Cameron 0419 274 798
ncameron.byronbay@ljh.com.au



Inspection By Appointment

69 Shirley Street, Byron Bay

- 1 Freehold shop & 2x 2 bedroom units
- Land size of 863sqm
- 100 metres to Belongil Beach
- Easy walk to Byron's CBD
- Vendor wants it sold
- Purchase separately or in conjunction with 71 Shirley Street

CONTACT: Neil Cameron 0419 274 798
ncameron.byronbay@ljh.com.au

OPEN FOR INSPECTION

- 170B Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay
Saturday 11-11.30am
Contact Erin on 0434 007 227
- 1,3,5/84 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay
Saturday 11-11.30am
Contact Andrew on 0421 914 054
- Unit 15/5-9 Somerset Street, Byron Bay
Thursday 12-12.30pm
Contact Sharon on 0408 659 649
- Unit 16/5-9 Somerset Street, Byron Bay
Friday 12-12.30pm
Contact Sharon on 0408 659 649
- 1/45 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay
Saturday 12-12.30pm
Contact Liam on 0417 780 795
- 116 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay
Saturday 12-12.30pm
Contact Erin on 0434 007 227
- 440 Bangalow Road, Talofa
Saturday 1-1.30pm
Contact Jon on 0422 794 384 or Glen on 0418 604 080
- 128 Grays Lane, Tyagarah.
Saturday 3-3.30pm
Contact Peter Yopp on 0411 837 330 or Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672

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21st Century Classic

Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek

- ✓ Spacious four bedroom home
- ✓ Modern renovation, old world atmosphere
- ✓ New style gourmet kitchen
- ✓ Inside outside living
- ✓ Verandahs with views
- ✓ Five acres

- ✓ Caretakers cottage
 - ✓ Privacy assured
- Offers Over \$1.4**
Inspection by appointment
SALES AGENT
Denise Burch
0408 193 415
Web ID: 318414

Elders
Bangalow



Fiji – Rare Freehold Land Opportunity

Maui Bay Estate, located on the beautiful Coral Coast of the main island of Fiji, offers an ideal lifestyle change/holiday home destination and unique investment opportunity. A peaceful and relaxed living environment located on a white sand beach overlooking the ocean provides an idyllic living atmosphere close to resorts and world class surfing, diving and fishing reefs. Maui Bay Estate features electricity, telephone, broadband internet access and Beach Clubhouse which

makes for convenient living from your island paradise home. The best ocean view lots (over ½ acre) are selling fast from \$125,000 (available on 10% deposit vendor finance). Taveuni Development Company (Australia Office) on 07 5572 4415 or 0404 448 430. www.mauiestate.com

From \$95,000



Burringbar 1.803ha With North Aspect

Reduced To \$650,000

- ✓ Brick & timber 2 level home
- ✓ Private
- ✓ Rumpus & work room at pool level
- ✓ Timber features throughout
- ✓ 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms
- ✓ Spacious open plan living onto wide decks with views to mountains overlooking pebble pool and canopy of native & rainforest plantings

- ✓ Fenced, bitumen driveway
 - ✓ Significantly reduced market price
 - ✓ Keen vendor. Lots lots more.....
- For appointment to view contact Stuart Cahill 02 6677 1699. Ah: 02 6677 1155 or 0402 031 680.

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Lovely Family Home At Ewingsdale



- ✓ 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
 - ✓ Double garage
 - ✓ Three quarters of an acre
 - ✓ Large saltwater pool surrounded by decks
 - ✓ Gigantic shed – dual occupancy plans drawn up
- Call Matt 0428 847 482

\$895,000



Lifestyle & Location

7/10 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores.
Freestanding sunny, spacious and secure villa with views of golf course. Well maintained complex with pool, BBQ area & access to course. Lovely feel throughout with breezes & natural light from its east facing aspect. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3rd room an addition to the villa & large so could be 2nd living area. Courtyard, scenic setting & pretty surrounds.

Buyer enquiry range \$300,000 to \$360,000
For more info contact us at 02 6680 4400
7/84 Rajah Rd. Ocean Shores.
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Burringbar 3.657ha Extensive Infrastructure Reduced to \$775,000

- ✓ Weatherboard & colourbond
- ✓ 3 bedrooms + study
- ✓ Family bathroom, ensuite + spa
- ✓ Timber kitchen & floors
- ✓ Voluminous storage
- ✓ Wide deck, views
- ✓ Large lock up shed with bathroom
- ✓ Other sheds

- ✓ 160 mangoes, 14 custard apples, other exotic fruits & citrus, 300+ natives & others, tanks & clear fresh water bore
 - ✓ Lots lots more...
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ON THE MARKET



Owner Purchased Elsewhere – Sell!

LOCATION, LOCATION. Here it is, your chance to live only 50 metres from the beach. This is a quality 4 bedroom home with large living areas and high ceilings. The large covered courtyard area is ideal for entertaining friends and outdoor cooking. Make no mistake, real estate in this location represents a

quality lifestyle and solid investment. For Sale By Negotiation. Please contact Neil Cameron on 0419 274 798 or 6685 7300 at L J Hooker Byron Bay.



NEW PRICE

**Rep On Site
Saturday 3-3.30pm**

128 Grays Lane, Tyagarah

A rare opportunity to acquire elevated vacant land in Grays Lane - 9,070sqm (approx 2 acres). The house block has a big beautiful stand of Tuckeroo trees protecting its western side and there is council approval for a beautiful residence and ancillary buildings, designed by an award winning architect. The property has town water, weekly garbage collection and boasts beautiful rural views to Mount Warning and south to the St Helena Ridge. It is less than 10 minutes drive to Byron Bay,

Brunswick Heads and Bangalow and is only 2,000 metres along Grays Lane to the beachfront. The property shares a further 7.5 Ha (approx) rural land fronting Simpsons Creek, between just 3 others (Under Community Title).

\$650,000.

Contact Peter Yopp on 0411 837 330 or Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672 or 6685 7300 at L J Hooker Byron Bay.



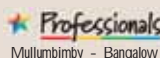
Tree Change Anyone?

Fabulous two acres close to Mullumbimby with magnificent gardens including tropical fruit trees, vegie garden, a rainforest patch and a dam. The 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms rendered brick home is spacious, light filled and airy and is in immaculate condition. Adjacent to the house is a double garage plus extra workshop space and a carport.

The property is very private and only minutes away from town. Come and see for yourself this beautiful oasis.

Price \$765,000

Contact Ernst Reisch on 0428 842 387.



**OPEN HOUSE
Thu & Sat 1-2pm**

The Temple House

63 Caniaba Cres, Baywood Chase.

This magnificent Asian inspired pavilion style home with ocean views is perfectly positioned and set in a truly wonderful location.

Set on a level ½ acre block it is bordered by Byron Bay Golf Course and nature reserve on three sides.

Features include 3 bedrooms (plus office), 2.5 bathrooms, stunning 14m lap pool

and cabana with spa, the finest quality fittings throughout and wonderful tropical gardens.

Auction 11am onsite Saturday May 9.

Contact David Gordon
0418 856 222 or
6685 6222.



**OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 3-3.30pm**

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.

Contact Mark Kinneally on 0429 868 001
Lois Buckett Real Estate 6687 4399

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**OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 9am**

**AUCTION THIS
SATURDAY AT 10AM**

809 & 811 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell

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809 & 811 to be offered together only if 811 has not been exchanged prior to auction. If this is the case 809 will be offered.

809 Has the main residence and the original country cottage with three substantial outbuilding with existing rights and approvals for various uses. Set on 4.496 ha with amazing grounds and pool and large fig trees.

811 No doubt it is all about the views to the mountain here. It has a comfortable 4 bedroom home set on an easy maintenance 1.777ha. Visit Today!

Auction This Saturday At 10am.

Contact: Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001

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Unique Privacy In The Newrybar Valley

Lot 6 Martins Lane, Newrybar Valley. Rarely do you find an easy to maintain property of this calibre in this highly sought after location east of the highway. The property has big ocean views from Broken Head to Lennox Head Point. It is well watered and fenced. Capacity – run approximately 40 breeders under full pasture. You will be impressed from the moment you enter the drive way to when

you arrive at the approved building site. Existing management arrangements can continue if required. 42.6 hectares.

Don't miss out on this one!

Auction to be advised.

Contact Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001

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**OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 4-4.30pm**

Being Sold To Finalise Estate

4 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar.

This property has a solid double brick 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home on 1 1/2 flat easy care acres (approx) with town water. The property is situated in Old Byron Bay Road (What a great address) which is centrally located between Byron Bay, Bangalow and Lennox Head.

Other features include amazing established fig tree and big high roof

shed ideal for the recreation vehicle (RV). With the price of food today you could be self sufficient here!

Central to Bangalow and Byron Bay.

Auction 1pm onsite 18th April.

View by appointment 7 days. Contact Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001.

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**OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 11-11.30am**

Unique House, Unique Location

Located in the heart of Possum Creek you will find a home designed to take full advantage of the land and its position.

This is a home for those looking to escape the city life most dream about.

Open plan design inside opens onto big decks with lots of space where the current owner and friends spend most of their time living and enjoying the great Aussie/Byron lifestyle.

Set on a private 3.012ha (7.44 acres) with a little creek and a large comfortable spacious workshop with views which could serve as artist space for the creative person. Inspection recommended.

Auction May TBA.

Contact Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001

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OPEN FOR INSPECTION

Byron Bay Professionals p50

- 1/66 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 3/19 Marvell Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-1pm
- 19 Granuaille Road, Bangalow. Sat 1.30-2pm

LJ Hooker Byron Bay 51

- 440 Bangalow Road Talofa. Sat 1-1.30pm

Byron Bay First National p51

- 440 Bangalow Road Talofa. Sun 11-11.30am

LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads p51

- 1/45 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1 Kumbellin Glen, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm

Elders Bangalow p52

- 1 Elkhorn Place, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 5 Rankin Drive, Bangalow. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 778 Binna Burra Road, Federal. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 193 Goremans Road, Eureka. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 704 Tuntable Creek Road, Tuntable Creek. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 9 Campbell Street, Bangalow. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 11 Campbell Street, Bangalow. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 251 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot. Wed 1-1.30pm
- 30 Buckleys Road, Tyagarah. Wed 2-2.30pm

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- 170B Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1,3,5/84 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- Unit 15/5-9 Somerset Street, Byron Bay. Thu 12-12.30pm
- Unit 16/5-9 Somerset Street, Byron Bay. Fri 12-12.30pm
- 1/45 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 116 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 440 Bangalow Road, Talofa. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 128 Grays Lane, Tyagarah. Sat 3-3.30pm

PRD Nationwide p55

- 7/10 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.45am

Elders New Brighton

- 5 Ocean Ave, New Brighton. Sat 10-10.45am
- 8/5 Newberry Pde, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11am-12pm
- 14 North Head Rd, New Brighton. Sat 11am-12pm
- 4 Gilba Ave, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30-1.30pm

Byron Bay First National

- 25 Caniaba Crescent Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30-11am
- 85 Corkwood Crescent Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30-11am
- 19 Heritage Court Suffolk Park. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 48-50 Redgum Place Suffolk Park. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 10/17-19 'Cavanabah' Mahogany Dr, Byron Bay. Sat 12.03-1pm
- 16 Blackbutt Place Suffolk Park. Sat 12.30-1pm
- Unit 3/64-70 'The Links' Broken Head Road Suffolk Park. Sat 12.30-1pm

AUCTIONS

Sean Kenny Real Estate p51

- 141 Hart Crt, Ocean Shores. Auction 12.30pm onsite Sat Apr 18
- 12 Marvell Street, Byron Bay. Auction 11am onsite Sat Apr 18
- Inspect Sat 10.30-11am
- 110 The Saddle Road, Mullumbimby. Auction 11am onsite Sat May 2. Inspect Sat 11.30am-12pm

Elders Bangalow p52

- Auctions 9.30am May 2 at Richmond Room, Ballina
- 8 Granuaille Road, Bangalow. Inspect Sat 12-12.30pm
- 3 Bougainvillea Dr, Federal. Inspect Sat 1-1.30pm & Wed 4-4.30pm
- 5 George Street, Bangalow. Inspect 12-12.30pm
- 543 Cross Rd, Numulgi. Inspect Sat 11-11.30am & Wed 4-4.30pm
- Lot 12 Coorabell Rd, Coorabell. Rep onsite Sat 2-3pm
- 70 Cowlong Road, McLeans Ridges. Inspect Sat 11-11.30am

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- Auction 6.30pm April 8 at the Byron Bay Surf Club
- 71 Shirley St, Byron Bay. Inspect Thu 5-5.30pm & Sat 3-3.30pm
- 69 Shirley Street, Byron Bay.
- 3/21-23 Tasman Way, Byron Bay. Inspect Thu & Sat 2-2.30pm
- 12 Shirley Lane, Byron Bay. Rep onsite Sat 11-11.30am
- 6 Orchid Place, Suffolk Park. Inspect Sat 2-2.30pm
- 68 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Wed & Sat 11-11.30am
- 1/7 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Inspect Thu & Sat 12-12.30pm
- 1A South Pacific Crt, Byron Bay. Inspect Wed & Sat 11-11.30am
- 2/2 Osprey Court, Byron Bay. Inspect Thu & Sat 12-12.30pm
- 2/78 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk Park. Inspect Fri & Sat 1-1.30pm
- 4 Wattle Place, Bangalow. Rep onsite Thu & Sat 3-3.30pm

Lois Buckett Real Estate p54

- 141 Piccadilly Hill Road, Coopers Shoot. Auction 2009. Inspect Sat 3-3.30pm
- 809 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Auction 10am this Saturday. Inspect from 9am.
- 811 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Auction 10am this Saturday. Inspect from 9am.
- Unique House Unique Location. Auction May. Inspect Sat 11-11.30am
- Lot 6 Martins Lane, Newrybar Valley. Auction TBA.
- 4 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar. Auction 1pm onsite Apr 18. Inspect Sat 4-4.30pm

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- 63 Caniaba Cres, Baywood Chase. Auction 11am onsite Sat May 8. Inspect Thu & Sat 1-2pm



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Ratepayers will be happy to note that Byron Shire Council's strategic planning committee (SPC) is recommending to Council that 'Council not apply for a Special Rate Variation for the Financial Year 2009/10'. Since the SPC also contains the councillors who'll vote at the ordinary meeting, it's almost a dead cert there won't be a rate hike above the state government's pegged limit in the new financial year.

The caravan park on Broken Head Road, which has had approval since 1972, is about to undergo a transformation: the plan is to replace tent sites with 84 serviced sites and to replace the old buildings with three new buildings. The DA is on exhibition until April 24 if you're interested in checking it out.

Greens MP Ian Cohen has just copped a hiding in the NSW Court of Appeal (see news pages) but he remains sanguine nevertheless. He tells us he is concentrating on his project to make cane toads into fashion and has even suggested a workshop: 'Skinning The Cane Toad - The Search For Innard Meaning'.

Tourism NSW's website www.visitnsw.com is hopelessly out of date when it comes to its brief description of Mullumbimby events: 'The Mullumbimby Chincogan Fiesta in September is a New Age carnival that has as a highlight a foot race from the post office to the top of Mt Chincogan and back'. How the now-defunct event could ever be described as 'New Age' is a mystery to us.

Yamba tops magazine *The Australian Traveller's* 100 Best Towns in Australia list. Byron Bay rates seventh. See more at www.australiantraveller.com. According to Mapsack.com, Luang Prabang in the Lao People's Democratic Republic



What a beauty! Byron Shire Council's capital works environmental officer Michael Bingham found this half a kilo of cane toad on the banks of the Brunswick River near Mullumbimby. The female toad was over 16cm in length, 11.5cm across, and weighed 515grams. As part of its 'Getting a Grip on Cane Toads' NSW Government Environmental Trust Project, Council is holding a Cane Toad Muster at West Byron Wetlands on Friday April 3. A 'Frog and Toad' seminar will begin at the Wetlands interpretive centre at 6pm. Mustering will run from 7pm until 9pm.

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Daylight saving ends on Sunday April 5 at 3am. Put your chronometers back one hour and take the anti-fading shields off the curtains.

Susan Hunter has designed a website called www.byronexchange.com 'which is about the exchanging of services between people without the need for cash. I have developed this site totally free for people to use and communicate with others in the community to help recycle and in tough economic times, to allow people to assist one another in obtaining goods or services without the need for cash'. Check it out.

A reader recounts: 'Between 6.30pm and 7pm on Saturday evening March 21, I took some children and interstate visitors to see the Island Quarry. We parked our vehicles at the entrance, where there is quite a lot of blue metal. We were in the quarry for about 30 minutes. When we returned to the car park, we were dismayed to find our vehicles had been van-

damage and my car has broken windows and paint chips to four panels. I wonder if anyone saw anything - Ewingsdale Road is quite busy and where our cars were parked is visible from the road. If you can provide information, please call 0402 885 921.

According to Habbo (www.habbo.com.au), a survey of more than 4,000 Australian teens revealed that the environment is still a major issue with 81% saying they are concerned about the environment and 85% believing they could be doing more to help the environment. The most popular environmental issues to worry about were bushfires (30%) and climate change (15%).

PM Kevin Rudd reports that ministers caught lying about their free trips overseas will be kept in their jobs because they are really good at them, apart from the lying bit.



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