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NATIVE HABITAT OF THE LESSER SPOTTED SOUSE



Gravity wins on the day at Bangalow

Lou Beaumont

Another hugely successful and fun filled Bangalow Billy Cart Derby was held last Sunday. With 240 entrants this year, the race is growing steadily every year.

This year saw the first of hopefully many Schools Challenge races, the winner of which was, appropriately, Bangalow Public School, scoring themselves \$1,000 prize money for their P&C Association. Coming in second was Teven Tintenbar Public winning \$500 for their school. A total of 16 schools entered this inaugural race.

Derby organiser Tony Heeson told *The Echo* that a great day was had by all. 'It was a fantastic day, and the weather was terrific.

'The community and spectators are to be congratulated. When we took up all the hay bales there was no rubbish to be picked up. We put forty bins out, recycling and general waste bins, and each and every one was used appropriately.

'The Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad was great too, responsible for all the marshalling, looking after the street and keeping the kids off the hay bale barrier which is no mean feat! We will be making a donation to them this year, along with other local Bangalow charity groups.'

Tony Heeson himself had a run for his money in the Councillors



A competitor hurtles ever downwards in the inexorable grip of gravity at the Bangalow Billycart Derby. See more photos of the cartfest in the Events section of our online gallery at www.echo.net.au. Photo Jeff 'Wheels Within Wheels' Dawson.

Challenge race. Heeson and fellow councillors, Patrick Morrissey, Basil Cameron and Richard Staples, raced

for the finish line, with Morrissey taking honours.

One spectator had a radar speed

detector, clocking the fastest cart on the day at 40.2 km/h, which Heeson believes to be the fastest yet.

New year, new records – what will 2010 bring for the wonderful Billycart Derby?

Council calls for nominations to Minister's planning panel

Byron Shire Council is calling for nominations for the newly established, already controversial NSW Government's Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPPs).

Council was advised last week by the NSW planning minister Kristina Keneally that the NSW government is establishing six JRPPs throughout NSW in regional and metropolitan areas.

According to Council's director of planning Ray Darney, Council is required to nominate two people to be-

come members of the Northern Region JRPP plus an alternative member who could replace a council nominee if they were unavailable.

'The objective of the JRPPs is to create a panel of people with appropriate expertise to determine development proposals of regional significance,' Mr Darney said in a press release.

'The panel will also advise the NSW Minister for Planning on planning, development or environmental planning instruments relating to the Northern Region,' Mr Darney said.

Selection criteria for the JRPP members include: senior level experience in dealing with multiple stakeholders, high level communication skills, high level analytical skills, and knowledge of the assessment of complex developments and planning matters.

At least one of the panellists must have high level expertise in one or more of the following fields: planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering, and tourism.

Closing date for nominations is Wednesday May 27.

Under the proposed new system, Council officers will be required to refer to the JRPP commercial, residential, retail and tourism with capital investment value (CIV) between \$10m and \$100m, public and private community infrastructure and ecotourism with CIV of more than \$5m, designated development, certain major coastal developments, and if Council is the proponent or is in conflict in relation to a development with

a CIV of more than \$5m.

The term of appointment for nominees to the JRPP is up to three years and the successful candidates will be remunerated by the Department of Planning.

Mr Darney said Council will receive a report at the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting to be held on May 28 detailing the proposed nominees. Enquiries by those wishing to nominate can be made to Sharyn French on 6626 7033.

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Unexpected victim of the recession in Byron Bay?



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You would think that in a recession it would be the \$2 shops that triumph. Byron Bay's very own Crazy Clarks is, on the contrary, closing its doors, citing 'End of Lease' as the reason the business is closing down.

A few hopeful shoppers wandered through the cavernous store bereft of all shelving save several which offered items like Papillon Hair Gel, Al Martini CDs and plastic shoes, most at

80% off their usual crazy prices. Nobody seemed to be actually purchasing anything from the bored girl at the till.

Meanwhile, several blocks away in the nearly-completed complex called Rapunzel's Tower, chic newcomer St Elmo, an uber-cool Melbourne-style bar and eatery, was doing very nicely thank you for a mid afternoon, midweek autumn afternoon, serving up refreshments to the good-looking crowd at the outside tables.

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Locals take bitou into their own hands



Volunteers and objectors to aerial spraying get stuck into bitou bush at South Golden Beach.

With aerial spraying of bitou bush by government agencies planned for this week, a hardy bunch of about 50 turned up on Saturday at the Mia Street Beach access to South Golden Beach to help prevent aerial spraying of the bitou bush with toxic chemicals.

Another 15 to 20 turned up on Sunday and we were successful in clearing an area of about half an acre.

Prime mover of the anti-spraying push, Rose Wanchap, told *The Echo*, 'I have spoken with some Dunecare groups who may be interested in going in after us to maintain and replant if necessary the areas we have cleared. We had qualified landcare people in our group who outlined all work and safety procedures, with first aid on hand for the odd scratch. We fed the hungry workers with organic sausages from Wholly Smoked Butcher and accessories to the humble sausage from Santos Byron Bay.

'Surprisingly very few people who actually live in the path of this weed killer were there. We need to become informed about the dangers of releasing more and more toxic chemicals into our environment.

'We need to demand proof that this chemical once released onto our dunes and national parks does no harm to

the inhabitants. It just doesn't make sense that only the bitou bush will be affected.

'If a true assessment were taken on the ground, it would be clear that many creatures who were commonly seen before last year's spraying have only just started to return. Locals have photographed numerous different types of wildlife that have not been seen again since the spraying.

Call to warriors

'This is another call to the many people who fought valiantly to protect the wildlife in the Becton saga, Paterson Hill, Splendour festival site and many more. Every wildlife warrior should gather their pick and shovel and join with us to show our leaders that we can eliminate this weed, if indeed it does really need to be eliminated.

'Many have said it is crazy to remove any growing plant in a time when we need every tool available to us to combat climate change, not to mention soil erosion.

'I call upon our councillors to read the information we have sent them. I know they are very busy but this action is not one we would expect of a green council.

'A number of people diagnosed with leukemia who

live in close proximity to aerial sprayed coastal lands in other shires are taking steps to bring a class action against authorities.

'The precautionary principle should be applied before continuing with this method of application or indeed any method and the public should have access to any reports done regarding the results of last year's aerial spraying before a decision is made to continue it.

'Our group will be having a protest meeting and march through Byron CBD next Saturday, meeting at the Peace Pole at 3pm then marching to the community centre for a debate at 5pm. I will be inviting Scott Hetherington from Council and Lisa Wellman from NPWS to meet with us to debate the issue, as well as any of the councillors.

'Everyone is welcome to come. I would ask that all interested persons only contact me by email rose@redroserealty.com since my phone has been jammed by callers.'

Benefits of control

NPWS Pest Management Officer, Lisa Wellman, said in a press release last week, 'Bitou bush control at Cape Byron and Broken Head last June has seen a sea of bitou bush trans-

form into a regenerating grassy headland.

'The bitou bush control focused on protecting the threatened Kangaroo Grass headlands (Themeda grassland) and coastal (littoral) rainforest that are such special features of these reserves. Monitoring has shown that native trees, shrubs, vines and grasses are emerging from the dead bitou bush. The transformation of headlands in both areas is an exciting process to watch.

'In the north of the shire a total of 22 hectares including Brunswick Heads (north) and Billinudgel nature reserves (15ha), Council lands (5ha) and Crown lands (2ha) in the north of the shire will now be targeted. The coordinated aerial spraying program this year has significant advantages over ground control.

'Aerial spraying uses approximately two litres per hectare of herbicide compared with twelve litres per hectare with backpack spraying, which both increases the efficiency of the operation and minimises the amount of herbicide that is introduced into the environment.

'All areas to be sprayed have had an environmental assessment and endangered or susceptible plants and communities will be protected throughout the operation.'

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Bangalow's sports fields kicked off

Byron Shire Council and Bangalow Sports Association achieved a major milestone in community sporting facilities last Saturday with the opening of the newly constructed Bangalow Sports Fields. At a cost of over \$600,000 the sports fields contain two separate multi-use grass playing surfaces catering for soccer, rugby union, netball and passive recreation activities.

Byron Shire Council's open space and recreation manager Nigel Greenup praised the project and said it was evidence of a strong and united community spirit within the Bangalow area.

"The Bangalow Sports Association and their member sporting clubs are to be congratulated for the effort they have put into bringing this important project to fruition," Mr Greenup said. "During the construction of the grounds, community groups have contributed in excess of an amazing \$147,000 worth of labour and materials."

"Local businesses were also extremely supportive in providing numerous construction materials at cost, labour and plant hire free of charge."

Construction on the site began in late November 2008 and required extensive ground works in order to build the playing surfaces, install spe-



From left, Labor 'Duty MLC' for Ballina Amanda Fazio representing Minister Kevin Green, Grant O'Neill of Bangalow Sports Association, Mayor Jan Barham, umpire of the main game at Mullumbimby, Tony Heeson, president FNC Rugby Union Association, and Nick Rudgeley, president of the Bangalow Blue Dogs soccer club. Photo Jeff 'Lost My Whistle' Dawson.

cialised sports turf, improve drainage, construct a sealed car park and improve vehicle access from Bangalow Road.

The project was funded from Council's Section 94 contributions and loans funds and a \$200,000 Regional Sports Facility Program grant from NSW Sport and Recreation.

BSA president Grant O'Neill also praised sporting clubs and community groups such as the Bangalow Landcare, Bangalow Lions and the many individu-

als for the countless hours they contributed in assisting with the installation of sprinklers, laying turf, top dressing and planting trees along the adjoining banks of Byron Creek.

"The community spirit and support for this project has been outstanding," Mr O'Neill said. "Byron Shire Councillors have supported the project from the beginning and staff also provided a great deal of assistance, advice and expertise in the

construction of the facility. "The facilities are superbly located in the heart of Bangalow and complement the existing facilities and help meets the needs of Bangalow's growing young population."

"The grounds also have a one kilometre walking track around the perimeter and we anticipate it will be used daily for training and fitness and for recreational walking by the nearby aged care facility and the general community."

Plans for local Reconciliation Week underway

Reconciliation Week 2009 carries the theme 'See The Person Not The Stereotype'.

The week starts with Sorry Day on Tuesday May 26 when St Finbarr's Primary will hold a ceremony marking Reconciliation Week at 9am - the wider community is welcome to attend.

A Dolphin Dreaming Cultural Program with stories, songs and a bush tucker walk will be led by Delta Kay on Thursday May 28 from 10am to 12 noon. Especially for families with children up to five years old,

everyone is welcome to meet at Cosy Corner carpark and is encouraged to bring their own rug, water and snacks.

On Friday May 29 at 1pm until around 3.30pm the documentary film *Renewing Women's Business* will be screened at the Byron Community Centre. The film will be preceded by a few songs by the Peace Choir.

The film demonstrates the relevance of women's traditions in Aboriginal culture and how the knowledge of these ancient traditions is kept alive. There will also be a pho-

tographic display based on the theme of See the Person not the Stereotype.

The following week, on Wednesday June 3, two graduates of Gnibi College of Australian Indigenous Peoples at SCU, Adrienne Sheppard and Rosie Bookallil, will be offering a workshop called 'Exploring Prejudice' which will run from 10am to 4pm at the Council Training Rooms.

This workshop is being offered at a specially discounted price of \$25 during Reconciliation Week. For more informa-

tion and to register attendance contact Adrienne Sheppard on 6684 1194.

The program of events for Reconciliation Week is presented by the Cavanbah Reconciliation Group together with Sisters for Reconciliation, the Bumberlin/Arakwal/Bundjalung custodians of Byron Bay, the Byron Community and Cultural Centre, St Finbarr's Primary School and the Byron Shire Council.

For general information about the above events call Bronwyn on 6684 3342.

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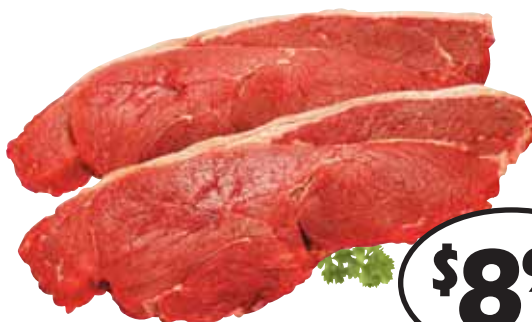
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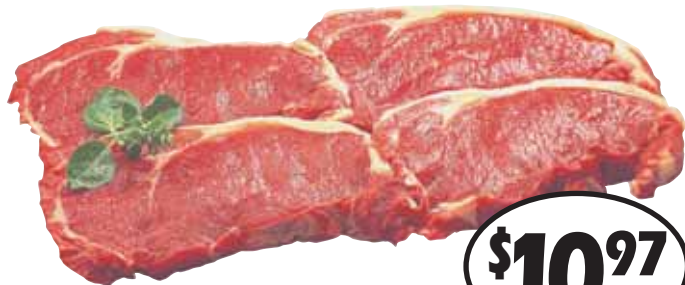
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Shire celebrates Environment Day

Byron Shire Council is holding its inaugural World Environment Day celebrations from Friday June 5 to Sunday June 7. The three day celebration features a range of activities hosted by local businesses, artists, historians, ecologists, community groups and individuals.

The theme for this year's Byron Shire World Environment Day celebration is Living Landscapes – yours to discover.

According to Byron Shire Council's natural resources team leader Scott Hetherington, the program is designed to encourage the community to get outdoors and take the time to explore the unique place in which we live.

'The three day program features activities in Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads and Byron Bay and the majority of activities are free or discounted,' Mr Hetherington said.

On Friday June 5, Council staff will be holding public talks on the Shire's changing ecology and landscape, plus an Introduction to Botany workshop. The presentations and workshops will be held in Mullumbimby at the Council's administration building in Station Street.

Know your weeds

'Staff will also be on hand all day to help identify unknown weeds,' Mr Hetherington said. 'If you have any plants that you are unsure of, bring them in and we will identify them.'

On Saturday June 6 activities in Brunswick Heads include a lineup of guided tours with an opportunity to join local Aboriginal guides from the Madhima Gulgan Community Association as they tour the ranges to the beach.

'Local wildlife expert Gary Opit will also be guiding a walk through the beautiful



Local wildlife expert Gary Opit will be guiding a walk through the forest to Minyon Falls.

brushbox rainforest valley in Whian Whian State Forest to the plunge pool at the base of Minyon Falls,' Mr Hetherington said.

Other guided walks will be run by Brunswick Valley Landcare, Byron Bay Wildlife Tours, Byron Bay Bird Buddies and Vision Walks.

On Sunday, the focus moves to Byron Bay with a guided walk through wallum heath and the melaleuca wetlands to Tallow Creek. Or you can visit the last true remnant of lowland subtropical rainforest in the Brunswick catchment and learn more about this threatened ecosystem.

Another highlight is the Whales Breakfast and marine life talk at the Byron Lighthouse. Children will be kept entertained with the Whale Kids Alive program where they can add their creative expression to the belly of a humpback whale art piece.

Bookings are required for some of the activities and details can be downloaded at Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

nsw.gov.au or picked up from the community access points and libraries.

Heroes wanted

Nominations are also being sought for Council's World Environment Day recognition ceremony. Organisations and individuals who have recently completed an environmental project that has benefited the Byron Shire are encouraged to apply.

Successful organisations and individuals will be invited to attend the World Environment Day launch. Nomination forms can be downloaded at Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/sustainability or collected from Council's Customer Service centre in Mullumbimby.

Nominations close Friday May 22.

Art for Earth

In related news, c.a.s.e. Inc at Station Street Studios is pleased to announce the prizes for the Art for Earth exhibition and competition for World Environment Day

in June. 'Thanks to our generous sponsors we can offer cash and goods valued at over \$1000 for the winners of this event,' say organisers.

'Community members are encouraged to enter 2D and 3D works with an environmental theme. This could be in the form of landscape images that celebrate our environment, work that addresses the artist's concern for environmental stresses, or illustrate specific issues such as land degradation, global warming, pollution or habitat destruction. Images of flora or fauna would also be suitable.'

The deadline for entries has been extended to Monday June 1. The exhibition opening night is on Friday June 5 and it will be held in the exhibition hall at the recently refurbished Station Street Studios in Mullumbimby.

Entry forms are available from Byron Shire Council, local art suppliers or by email from stationstreetstudios@hotmail.com. Enquiries to Leonie Jackson on 0431 594 426.

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Friends say farewell as Milli takes wing

The tragic passing of Milli O'Nair has sent a ripple of shock and sadness throughout Byron Shire and far beyond, but as it was Milli's mission in life to touch everyone and bring joy and laughter to as many people as possible, those who knew and loved Milli are embracing her ideals, ensuring that her memory and the passion of her work echo for many years to come.

Born Milarepa Hooper in July 1967 to parents Tara and Warwick, Milli's early years were spent growing up in Main Arm where she attended the local school and in her own words, 'was brought up in the alternative movement with a strong Buddhist and compassionate foundation'. Milli was a world traveller who gained much from her experiences in India and Nepal and in later years changed her name to Milli O'Nair to reflect the concept of personal abundance and joy.

As well as her work as a life and abundance coach and fitness trainer, Milli will be remembered on a myriad of levels for her contributions to the community and to life in laughter yoga and her alter egos, the cat woman and the fairy, bringing play, fun and joy to hundreds, possibly thousands of adults and children. The fairy and the cat woman



made regular appearances at the local markets and events for twenty years, inviting children to play and receive treasures, crystals and gifts from her basket.

Milli's great passion in recent years was her immersion into the ideals of Nonviolent Communication (NVC). Milli felt that she at last had found the tools necessary to best continue with her life's work and she became a NVC trainer.

Milli's whole-hearted commitment to embodying and growing her inner peace and

aliveness was boundless. Her tenacity in pursuing her vision for NVC and for the world was an absolute inspiration to many others.

Becoming a member of the international community of CNVC trainers was a huge moment in Milli's life – a milestone on her path to precious goals and dreams that she had held for years. Participating in this group met deep needs of hers to be able to play at a global level, for belonging and connecting to like-hearted souls, for support, com-

munity and friendship.

Milli was a true and uplifting friend who was never backwards in coming forward with practical help, emotional support and her passionate point of view. She would always show up and help when needed if she could and her commitment to punctuality was legendary.

In an email to friends over Christmas 2006, Milli expressed eloquently how she felt about her life: 'Many layers of the onion have been peeled back as I get to know myself on deeper levels, empower myself

and grow up and out. The healing journey has been painful as well as liberating. I've been balancing my inner healing with supporting others to connect and heal. While writing all this, I'm feeling soooooo grateful for all the experiences and adventures this year and I'm able to appreciate what a wonderful journey I am on.'

Milli had in the past year found a further sense of stillness and joy within herself attributed to her personal relationship with partner John Burns and it was this and other aspects of her life that saw Milli in a place of great peace within her own self, when early on Sunday morning May 10 while riding her bicycle, she was hit by a vehicle on the highway – Milli took the opportunity to extend her mighty wings and fly.

Though sadly missed by an uncountable section of the wider community, those closest to Milli are grieving deeply. Her mother Tara, stepfather Peter and her family take comfort in a quote from Paramahansa Yogananda; 'The butterfly of the soul must be freed to spread its wings of beautiful divine qualities.'

A memorial service was held for Milli on Monday afternoon at Kohinur amid a flurry of rainbow colours and fairy wings.

Bruns past revealed

If you are interested in learning more about Brunswick's history, come along to the Old and Gold Festival on Saturday June 6. Local historian Frank Mills will present two talks at 10am and noon in the Memorial Hall.

Everyone is also invited to join his historical walking tour of the town departing at 2pm. You will enjoy an hour of interesting and entertaining historical tales about the school, the pub and origins of CBD and more. Listen out for the original old chimes which will be rung as the group departs.

Also inside the Memorial Hall the Brunswick Valley Historical Society stall and pick up some brochure and books. Old photos from the Brunswick Valley Historical Society collection will be displayed up on the big screen.

This year the Fish 'n' Chip Festival Committee is launching a collection of Festival memorabilia to celebrate its 50th anniversary next January. Joy Slater is hoping people will bring along any memorabilia of the festival which they might have stashed away, to add to this important collection.

Visit the website brunswickheads.org.au or call 66851003 for more information about the day.

What the frock? It's WAVE again

WAVE, Wearable Arts Vision in Education, materialises once again at Shearwater school. The tent is up, the production crew is working endlessly around the clock, the performers are rehearsing and for the first time ever a CD of original songs has been produced.

A record 52 costumes have been entered into the competition element of this year's performance spectacular.

Judges Mayor Jan Barham (who prior to choosing politics was herself a visual arts and textile designer), environmental artist John Dahlsen and Emma Walker, award winning artist, spent a whole day viewing this year's entries modelled by students and parents.

Prizemoney for the awards is over \$12,000, with the overall winner receiving \$4,000. All winners will be announced at Thursday evening's performance and there will be a parade of the winning costumes each evening.

Tickets are selling fast. Call 6684 3223 to reserve seats and to find your nearest ticket outlet.



Judges John Dahlsen, Jan Barham and Emma Walker check out a couple of the costumes.

Film night to benefit Japanese boycott campaign

Whale activist and filmmaker Dean Jefferys will be screening several of his recent whale films this week including the premiere of *Boycott Japanese Products*. This film shows a dedicated crew from Brisbane and the Byron region converge on five major Japanese car dealers in March this year to inform them of their campaign to boycott Japanese products to help save whales.

Jefferys said, 'I'm sure all the managers of the Japanese car dealers we met on that day will contact Japanese representatives at the highest level as they are concerned with losing sales.'

'Considering Japan's unstable economy they will have to take this Boycott Japanese Products campaign very seriously.'

Some of Jefferys' other films

to be screened on the night include *Swimming with whales in Tonga*, *Chile's 2008 International Whaling Commission Highlights*, and clips from Hervey Bay, Antarctic, Amazon, Mardi Grass and more.

Dean Jefferys will be also be leading two ten-day whale swim retreats in Tonga in August called 'Diving into Whale Consciousness'.

Jefferys hopes to offer whale activists especially a place where they can recharge their batteries and 'remember why we love these beautiful creatures and why they must be preserved'.

Jefferys hopes to expand on his attempts at telepathic communication with the humpback whales which he started in Hervey Bay.

He also wants to eventually invite prominent Japanese to

swim with the whales in Tonga to help inspire change in Japanese culture.

The whale films and information nights will be held at Suffolk Park Hall on Thursday May 21 at 7.30 pm and at Mullaumbimby Drill Hall on Friday

May 22 at 5.30pm. Entry costs \$10/\$8.

See more information on the tour and clips at www.shamansoftheamazon.com/journey1.htm or contact Dean on 6684 0290 or deanjefferys@gmail.com.

Epsom salts the culprit

Test results of a white substance discovered at the Cumbebin Wetlands last week has been shown to be epsom salts (magnesium sulphate). The Fire Brigade's biohazard team was called in after the discovery of the white crystal powder last week.

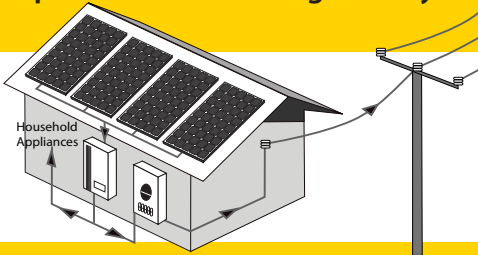
Suspensions were raised as the area had been targeted with tree removal twice before, however a person calling themselves Rudi contacted *The Echo* claiming responsibility for

spreading epsom salts.

'Results from Council's Environmental Health Department have shown it to be epsom salts, and therefore police will not be investigating further,' Owen King from Byron Bay police told *The Echo*. Asked if police would follow up on the email from Rudi, Inspector King said 'As far as the police are concerned we have made a record of it, and any further investigation would be conducted by Council.'

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New Buttery gets the go-ahead

Michael McDonald

Byron Shire Council voted 8-0 last week to approve plans for a new Buttery rehabilitation centre on 18 hectares off Dudgeons Lane, Bangalow. The Buttery has outgrown its existing facility at Binna Burra and has a waiting list out to six months for its drug and alcohol rehabilitation services.

The Buttery plans a staged development of five accommodation buildings, administration building, three services buildings and associated roadworks and landscaping. The facility is expected to cater for 60 residents, 35 staff and ten visitors.

During debate Mayor Jan Barham described The Buttery as 'something we should be proud of. It has been operating for 30 years and has saved countless lives.

'Friends of mine have been saved. The facility is internationally recognised and I don't understand why it is not duplicated everywhere.'

During public access Buttery director Barry Evans spoke for the application. Consultant planner Paul De Fina spoke on behalf of objectors, in a moment of gender confusion calling Cr Barham 'Mr Mayor'.

Some 20 submissions in objection were received on the DA. Some of the issues raised included perceived security risk, loss of agricultural land, land use conflict - there is a piggery nearby - traffic, and tree removal.

See more about The Buttery at www.buttery.org.au.

New home for homeless?

Hopes for a drop-in centre for the homeless in Byron Bay got a push along when coun-



Supporters of the Helen Street Footbridge at South Golden Beach were delighted when Councillors voted unanimously to accept a tender from Davbridge Construction Pty Ltd of Queensland to begin construction. The bridge will provide a link for residents on both sides of the Capricornia canal.

The battle for the footbridge has been hard fought by community representatives for 14 years. In 2006 the bridge project looked sunk when the last tenders came in between \$900,000 and \$1.2 million and Council deemed it unaffordable. Tony Baggio and Ross Harding, both highly experienced structural engineers, saved the project by donating their expertise over the past two years to generate a new design affordable within Council's \$600,000 budget.

Community spokesperson for the project, Angela Dunlop, said, 'We are absolutely delighted and give deep thanks to Ross and Tony and all the Councillors who have been so staunch with us on this project over the years.'

cillors voted 7-1 on a motion by Cr Barham to discuss the possibility of the community centre and the Salvos, among others, utilising Council's Fletcher Street house, currently occupied by Earth Car rentals, next to the library. General manager Graeme Faulkner will meet with the interested parties and report back to Council.

Mayor Barham noted that 'the needs of the homeless in Byron Shire are great. It was tough before, it's getting tougher now.'

Cr Ross Tucker spoke and voted against the motion, preferring instead the staff's recommendation of a call for expressions of interest, so Council could get an idea of possible rental rates for the building and of what other community groups might be

interested. Council currently gets \$35,000 a year rental for the building and would have to subsidise a drop-in centre.

Cr Tucker also wondered about the 'legitimacy' of the manner in which Council was utilising the land. He had no such problem in the 1990s when Council flogged off its old council chambers and library site in Lawson Street and had the water fund purchase the Fletcher Street land.

During public access community centre director Paul Spooner said there was 'a significant problem' of homelessness and that the Fletcher Street site could help lift self-esteem. He also said that if Council came to the party there was the possibility of going to the state and federal governments for further funds.

Ah, that amendment

During micromanagement of a resolution to refuse a three lot strata subdivision at New Brighton (successful 5-3), Cr Barham appealed to 'those

who remember the great debate about amendment 66 in 1997'. Ah yes, Ms Mayor, what a great debate it was, I remember it well.

Cr Barham's attention to detail was necessary to fill out the vague reasons for refusal put up by Cr Patrick Morrissey, who exhibited little idea of the relevant planning clauses and no doubt had no time to consult with planning staff.

(The agenda this week came to 329 pages, and the annexes constituted another 400 more at a guess. Apparently us metro yokels face greater council challenges than our city cousins. My decision not to get hard copies of the strategic planning committee agendas any more has probably saved several acres of Amazon rainforest.)

I thought the new strategic planning committee was designed to end this kind of planning on the run, but obviously not.

At the same meeting approval for six two storey dwellings on 8,000 square metres at Suffolk Park went through unremarked.


Ombudsman

The other interesting news is that Council voted, on a motion from Cr Tucker, to 'endorse investigation of the feasibility of retaining an Independent Shire Ombudsman, noting that the likely recurrent budget impacts could be in the order of \$100,000-\$300,000 per annum, and receive a further report on Independent Shire Ombudsman models and financial implications'. According to the general manager's report, internal investigations and an increasingly complaining electorate have been taking up a lot of staff time.

Warringah Council, for example, has had an Internal Ombudsman since 2003 - find out more at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/council_now/ombudsman_int.aspx. For ratepayers the question is: is it worth so much money to have an independent investigator?


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Writers inspired by mentorship

After five days of tweaking, fine-tuning and good old-fashioned hard work, this year's winners of the Northern Rivers Writers' Centre's Residential Mentorship have emerged inspired to apply the lessons of their week.

Andrea Darvill (Byron Bay), Joanne Sandhu (Terranora), Marita Hastings (Suffolk Park) and Matt Webber (Bangalow) were selected from a record number of forty applicants for the residency, held this year at Coopers Shoot Guest House. The successful program, now in its ninth year, is funded by Arts NSW, Literature and History program.

The mentees undertook intensive one-on-one tuition, engaged in group workshops and discussions, and enjoyed



Writers Andrea Darvill, Marita Hastings, mentor Marele Day, Matt Webber and Joanne Sandhu.

plenty of quiet time at their keyboards to hone and improve their work. They were guided by critically acclaimed writer Marele Day whose sev-

enth novel, *The Sea Bed*, will be launched at the Byron Bay Writer's Festival in August. 'This year's mentees approached the residency hon-

estly and openly. All worked extremely hard as individuals and together to attack some incredibly challenging creative hurdles,' said Marele.

'I was also impressed by the diversity of ideas. From a boy's Stone Age quest, to friendship in a 1950s dance hall, a humorous take on a career in smoking, and a collision of lives in a Melbourne laneway, each writer had a distinctive voice and passion for their work.'

As part of the mentorship, all four writers will meet with a major publisher in the coming months. In the past, the program has proven a fertile breeding ground for new talent with previous mentees Leigh Redhead, Jesse Blackadder, Sarah Armstrong and Oren Siedler achieving publication.

New expo of all things natural in Bangalow

Victoria Cosford

A new three-day Expo on all things natural is to be held in Bangalow between July 10 and 12 at the A&I Hall. The 'All Natural Expo', a sibling to the immensely popular 12-year old Starlight Wellbeing Expo, will focus on natural, healthy, wholesome, organic and sustainable products and services, and will enable both regional and interstate producers to

showcase their special talents to the public and other businesses.

This boutique-style event will feature over 30 stands of food, wines, handmade and fair-trade products, organic skin care, 'green' painters, solar power and self-help and self-development therapists.

Expo director Raym Richards has been overwhelmed by the response so far from stall-holders: more than two-thirds

of the stalls have already been sold.

'It's way overdue', he told *The Echo*, adding that the main aims of the Expo were to show people that with little cost and time they can begin to incorporate sustainable and natural practices into their lives as well as to support the businesses promoting and supplying them. Running from 9.30am to 5.30 p.m each day, it will be a family event (children under 12

admitted free if accompanied by adults) and in addition to the stalls there will be talks and workshops. The Saturday night will feature a carbon-neutral party offering organic wines at a 'groovy' licensed venue in the Byron Shire with live acoustic music, invitation-only for stand-holders, supporters, sponsors and friends.

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The Panel

The state government continues its push to take planning powers out of the hands of local government. I get the feeling it regards local government as an embarrassing appendage to its own political ambitions – which often coincide with the ambitions of its developer mates – and would rather do away with it altogether.

The latest move to divorce councils from planning reality is the establishment of Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPPs) by July 1 – background is available under www.planning.nsw.gov.au/planning_reforms/index.asp. Byron Shire Council's planning department has put out the call this week for local members to the panel. This does not mean the planners necessarily support the move; they are merely doing the bidding of the planning minister Kristina Keneally. It really matters little to their professional lives who gives the directions. To us, however, it means the councillors we elected have less say over what gets developed in our Shire. Is this democracy?

The Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW are opposing the establishment of JRPPs, which will determine most developments over \$10 million as well as community infrastructure and so-called 'ecotourism' developments over \$5 million. That pretty much takes care of the major developments which would draw the most community angst and upon which we would expect our elected representatives to have decision-making powers.

According to Local Government Association president Cr Genia McCaffery, the panels will cost an extra \$3.5 million per year in sitting fees and travel expenses alone, which will have to come from already-stretched council budgets, or be added to development application fees. 'The panels will have three state government appointed members, including the chairperson, and only two appointed by the local council where the development is located – meaning residents have a minority voice in the decisions,' Cr McCaffery said. Obviously the Minister is going to appoint members whose views most accord with her philosophy, which is not necessarily that of the local community. There is no guarantee, either, that the regionally-appointed members will suit the aspirations of Byron Shire.

The other drawback is that the panel for northern NSW may not meet near Byron Shire. This means residents wishing to object to a major development in person, or to at least hear the panel's decision, would have to travel to a meeting; the tyranny of distance presents another obstacle to democracy in action.

There is ample evidence that the Minister will do what it takes to get her way in moving development ahead. Our own planners have had the hard word on progressing West Byron lands – a meeting with the landowners' representatives and Department of Planning honchos on April 28 pretty much advised our council that the Minister was willing to take over rezonings and approval under the noxious section 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. Considering the Belongil Fields parcel under the proposed Growth Management Strategy, as Council hopes to do, is not likely to satisfy the Minister.

– Michael McDonald, editor

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The health system they could not kill

Seldom has so much been said in a single throwaway line. 'In an ideal world,' Malcolm Turnbull mused last week, 'every Australian would have private health insurance.'

Of course he immediately denied that he meant Medicare should be abolished; good heavens no, that was verballing him. He and his party were absolutely committed to Medicare. What he meant... well, let's move right along. No one wants to abolish Medicare. And certainly no one will admit to wanting to; the public has made it clear that Medicare is one institution that it regards as sacrosanct.

But that has never prevented conservative governments from trying to squeeze it out of existence. Malcolm Fraser was the first: after his eight year regime Gough Whitlam's Medibank survived in name, but was so debilitated that Bob Hawke had to resurrect it as Medicare. And over the years John Howard tried, rather less successfully, to strangle the new socialist interloper into his privatised world.

Medicare proved a more resilient opponent; it had had twelve years to establish itself as an institution in its own right and to gain popular support. So instead of taking the challenger head on, Howard tried a more devious approach.

As well as doing what he could to undermine the public system, he subverted vast amounts of taxpayer funds to build up its private competitors. The public was bullied, bribed, cajoled and threatened into taking insurance with the private firms; the 30 per cent rebate was just the most blatant and extravagant of a raft of measures.

This was all done in the name of choice; the punters should be able to make up their own minds whether they wanted to stay public or go private. But in fact the aim was to deny them

the choice: the public sector was to be made so comparatively unattractive that they would be driven into the arms of Howard's ideological allies and financial benefactors in the private sector.

Exactly the same ploy was followed with the schools system: private education was progressively built up at the expense of the public alternative. It got to the stage where

For the Liberals choice, if it means anything, means deciding which private facility the customer can best afford: MBF or HCF, Grammar or Kings.

by Mungo MacCallum



concerned parents in the outer suburbs were made to feel that they were guilty of child abuse if they left their kids in state schools. Interviewees frequently said that they had no choice: the only option for them was the local private school. And Malcolm Turnbull no doubt believes that in an ideal world, every Australian child would go to a private school.

For the Liberals choice, if it means anything, means deciding which private facility the customer can best afford: MBF or HCF, Grammar or Kings. The public system is just not an option.

Apart from that, as they say, Turnbull did pretty well in budget week; that is, he didn't say anything else really silly and the only one of his colleagues who bagged him was Bronwyn Bishop, who doesn't count.

His defence of the private health insurance rebate was, of course, unconscionable, but popular among his own troops, which was the major point of the exercise. And his thunderous denunciations of debt and

deficit may well register with those portions of the electorate which tend to overlook the fact that by mortgaging themselves to the very limit of their means or in some cases beyond it, they have condemned their own families to a lifetime or more of repayments.

Debts and deficits are as much part of the Australian ethos as pies and beer, and in any case, as the calmer com-

in the circumstances the pension rises were very generous. There were good reasons for going ahead with both, moral as well as political, but there will be a price to be paid and those who pay it will not be happy.

As part of its budget commentary Treasury has finally admitted that the Howard-Costello years were simply unsustainable; not only were the profits of the boom years squandered, but in their last five years the profligate pair actually spent more money than was coming in; by 2007 the budget was in structural deficit. And of course most of the loot went in handouts to the swinging voters; middle class welfare. Rudd and Swan have made a tentative start to unscrambling the eggs, but much remains to be done. If you think this budget was a bit tough and unpopular, wait for it. You ain't seen nothing yet.

In the good old days the Canberra Press Gallery presented an award for the most outrageous beatup of the most worthless story of the week. It was, appropriately, a battered eggbeater.

Last week it should have gone without dispute to Greg Sheridan for his breathless revelation that everything Kevin Rudd does is guided not by his role as Prime Minister of Australia, but in the hope of becoming Secretary-General of the United Nations. But then John Stone, former Treasury head and failed candidate for the Joh-for-PM campaign, wrote an indignant letter claiming that Sheridan had actually pinched the idea from one of his articles.

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Following a deadly fishing line trail

Darcy, my eight year old boy, has been a spiderweb artist since he was three. He loves making spiderweb art out of wool, wrapping up the whole house at times, going from room to room. What he didn't like was fishing line wrapped around trees and in the river with hooks and sticks as anchors.

We first saw the wire stretching from our local gum tree and followed it down the road to where it was tied to a wheelie bin. From there it extended across a small road into a park, and around other trees, then back to the gum.

As we continued unravelling the fishing line we followed it into a bamboo forest and re-



alised with a gasp that we had our work cut out for us. It zig-zagged through bamboo and trees, then in and out of the water several times. Darcy cut

his hand on the wire. Because that's what it is – it's wire, it cuts. It cuts the saplings and the trees it wrapped around. It could cut into the ducks and

turtles that swim here, bringing pain and maybe slow death.

There were metres and metres of the stuff. At three points it went into the water with sinkers and hooks – one of the hooks going into my foot.

Darcy said, what if people can't see very well and get hurt? It goes high and low and is mostly invisible. He said the people who did it should go to jail. And I said, no, these people need to understand how much damage fishing wire can do.

That's why we're writing this letter.

I'm thankful I don't have any dead birds or turtles as evidence of the harm.

Jurnee Quinlivan
Mullumbimby

Disappointed

Every year there are Dolphin music awards for the far north coast. These are to give credit and recognition to the creative and artistic talents to musicians from Coffs Harbour to Tweed Heads.

Strangely enough though *The Echo* only has space to give one paragraph announcing that the awards will take place. Absolutely no mention of the awards night, who won, who is recognised as the best vocalist, producer, recording artist etc.

Each week you devote three to five pages to entertainment yet can't even find enough space or energy to praise and recognise those musicians, producers and artists who are awarded top honours for their talents. How unsupportive are you? I see one or two full pages being devoted to the film and writers industry recognising their talents and the blues festival. Is that because they pay for huge ads?

Yet the music awards in your own backyard you totally ignore? Is this not newsworthy enough for your news (?) paper.

Maybe you can explain this to me and other incredible musi-

cians living, working and creating amazing music right here in Byron Shire and surrounds and to all your other readers who mostly don't even know about the Dolphin awards let alone who won awards, as they are not informed by their local news (?) paper.

Totally disappointed.

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■ We try to cover as much local entertainment as possible, and obviously the Bluesfest is an event of international stature. Perhaps the writing and filmmaking industries are more effective with their publicity. See details of the Dolphin Awards at www.nceia.org.au. – Ed

Find another way

So Roundup immediately sticks to the soil(!), becomes inactive and is no threat to humans or wildlife after spraying? Rubbish! I can walk (in shoes) with no contact with plants in an area that has been sprayed even six months earlier, and come out of it with my lips and tongue burning and tingling and tasting of glyphosate, plus an enduring headache. And what about the

beach sand that we lie on with bare skin and our kids play in and millions of creatures live in? And what about the seawater and all the life therein?

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Dianne Trussell, BSc Hons
(Biological Sciences – Ecology & Organic & Physical Chemistry & Earth Sciences!)
Ocean Shores

Social housing

A poverty forum and social housing forum were held in Byron Shire last week. Both highlighted the urgent need for a range of affordable housing options. Both pointed out there is currently millions of dollars up for grabs in Rudd's stimulus package and the community must come up with practical

viable housing proposals and teams of grant writers to ensure Byron doesn't miss out.

If you've got a great plan for a sustainable eco-village, if you own land, or have a vision of a better future, then get the proposal down on paper and contact Paul Spooner at the Byron Community Centre. A grant writing team meets every Friday during May, so help make sure we get the best deal possible.

Now is the time to create new housing projects that allow people to live cooperatively and harmoniously with each other and minimise negative impacts on the environment. So stop dreaming, and help make it happen.

Michele Grant.
Ocean Shores

Philistine responds

Vic Alhadeff's spurious propaganda is dismissed easily (Letters, May 12). 'The Nakba' is a good place to start. Rigorous academic research will verify the origins of Israel's political

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Festivals – and debate – are a many-splendoured thing

■ Over two years ago I came to work with North Byron Shire Parklands, to both manage the proposed event site and to develop innovative environmental solutions which addressed the past and present environmental degradation across the 255 hectare Yelgun site.

I am an environmental scientist by trade with over 15 years' experience working in senior positions in state and local government environmental agencies, both as an environmental regulator and implementing environmental policy.

While parts of the site were listed as high conservation wildlife corridor, on the ground it was evident that past clearing and agricultural practices had drastically fragmented the bushland. And while many valuable flora and fauna species had been recorded in the area, extensive ecological surveys clearly showed that due to the upgrade of the Pacific Highway and the Tweed Valley Way coupled with poor past land management practices, many of these communities had suffered badly.

What I saw was an incredible opportunity to consolidate these numerous land holdings into one ownership and de-

velop programs to repair past damages, encourage habitat regeneration and involve indigenous and non-indigenous communities in these programs.

We received no objections regarding our proposal for a sustainable events site from government agencies (including National Parks and Wildlife, Department of Lands, Department of Water and Energy).

We secured combined funding of just under \$100,000 from the federal government to undertake a bush regeneration project involving the Madhima Gulgan bush regeneration team. The results were two successful community planting days, a memorandum of understanding with the Minjungbal People, the planting of 7,500 trees and the placement of many nest boxes across the site.

After nearly two years of negotiations with the Department of Environment and Climate Change we are about to transfer over 35 hectares of valuable and important bushland to significantly expand the Billinudgel Nature Reserve. We have also just secured a Catchment Management Authority grant to

fence bush blocks and remove weeds.

That an organisation such as CONOS with maybe a handful of members purports to protect this site is worse than questionable. We have listened to their talk of 'flora, fauna and wildlife corridor' in the media. What is more disturbing is their claim that Judge Preston, in the Land and Environment Court decision, ruled the trial DA invalid on environmental grounds. Judge Preston ruled the trial DA invalid based on a planning technicality.

The real issue here is about 'Not In My Backyard'. Please, CONOS, have the courage to say it and don't use the environment as your excuse. She's far too precious.

Mat Morris
General Manager
North Byron
Shire Parklands

■ Of all the various opinions on the legal ramifications of the court decision on Splendour in last week's *Echo*, only former councillor John Lazarus understood correctly the intent of the ruling by quoting from point 71 of the judgement. Any interpretation leading to a separate DA for the use of agricultural pursuits as

the objective of road construction by the developers and the planning director (and others) would be most unwise. The judge was clearly warning that this would be seen for what it was – a way of getting around the fact that the primary purpose would still be deemed to be for the place of assembly (festival), not agriculture. That would be a one way street back into court.

While on the subject, for those who believe in synchronicity, it was great to see the other front page news story about the go-ahead and funding for the Ewingsdale sporting and cultural facility. Now we have an alternative venue for future Splendour in the Grass festivals and hopefully Council will now encourage Splendour to abandon their plans for a permanent year round festival site (Byron Shire is not the right place for this concept) and locate their once a year festival at the future complex and in the meantime remain at Belongil Fields.

Mac Nicolson
North Ocean Shores

■ Congratulations to CONOS and the Environmental Defenders Office in winning their

case, preventing Splendour in the Grass from holding a trial festival on their Yelgun site.

Reading all the reports and the letters in *The Echo*, the future of this festival in this Shire is far from clear.

Without doubt the most confusing account was the letter from John Lazarus bagging the Greens with special attention to Mayor Jan Barham.

When the Council's vote was taken on the trial Splendour DA last August, just before the Council elections, all the Greens councillors including the mayor voted against the DA. What part of voting 'NO' does John Lazarus not understand?

John Bailey
Convenor
Byron Ballina Greens

■ Couldn't the Council's new \$14 million regional sports and cultural centre, which is now fully funded to be ready in three years, also be designed as the venue for the Splendour and Blues festivals?

Council could charge fancy rents as the festivals would save the cost of developing the controversial sites at Yelgun and Tyagarah. Sports events could easily be arranged to

be 'away' fixtures for the two weekends concerned.

Proper road access could be part of the design instead of the dangerous mess of temporary works at Belongil Fields. Permanent proper toilets could be built.

The environment would not be damaged at Yelgun and Tyagarah and the planet's resources would be less used with only one instead of three venues being developed.

Byron Bay would continue to be the centre of related activities and accommodation which would suit the paying customers and the infrastructure already in place at the Bay.

The few nearby residents affected could easily be compensated by being given paid weekend holidays away including security for their houses.

Costs would come from money saved by not developing Yelgun and Tyagarah for one weekend a year events. These sites could be sold back to farmers. Other cultural events would also be possible as the schedule allows.

Wouldn't everyone be a winner including the Council?

Ron Priestley
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right wing in military Zionism. Also UN Resolution 181 (1947) voted for an independent partitioned Palestine, not the state of Israel, (which was the product of a declaration of independence on May 15, 1948). All Arab members voted against the resolution, there was no 'member for Palestine' – so much for the 'self-determination of peoples' espoused by the UN.

Resolution 242 refers to the 'inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war'. When Mahmoud Ahmedinajad expresses the wish to see Israel 'wiped off the map' it is a cartographical reference to the artificial borders imposed on the Palestinian community by

a European majority.

Kook and the extreme military right wing are crucial to the understanding of the axiomatic relationship between US arms dealers and the violent occupation of Palestine – the moderates pose no threat to peace. Peace cannot be achieved until the wrongs of the past and present are acknowledged and amends made. Historical revisionism and emotional grandstanding merely queers the debate.

The Palestinian dilemma is epistemological in nature, that Judaism and Islam support special categories of permitted killing exacerbates the feud, as does the ideological manipulation of religion. The true 'shame' lies in the taking of innocent life not

the re-telling of historical truth. Information and resources contact byronphilistine@yahoo.com.

Duncan Shipley-Smith
Upper Coopers Creek

Pro railway

I think that there is justification that the Casino to Murwillumbah railway should be reinstated and that it should be extended to Coolangatta to connect with the railway which will soon provide a connection to Brisbane. I am very surprised that Ross Thatcher (Letters, May 12) can be so cynical and so uninformed about the future potential of this railway and of the costs to reinstate. He is supportive of more roads and

larger ones to cope with the ever increasing number of cars and trucks. The cost of say a major upgrade of the Lismore to Bangalow road would be more per kilometre than the cost of reinstating the railway and this includes replacing most if not all the bridges.

To do what Ross Thatcher suggests and provide a reserve sufficiently wide to build a highway in place of the railway would involve property acquisition and major earthworks. Once again, the cost would be far higher than reinstating the railway.

Those of us that have lived or travelled overseas extensively know that trains are not archaic as stated by Ross Thatcher and



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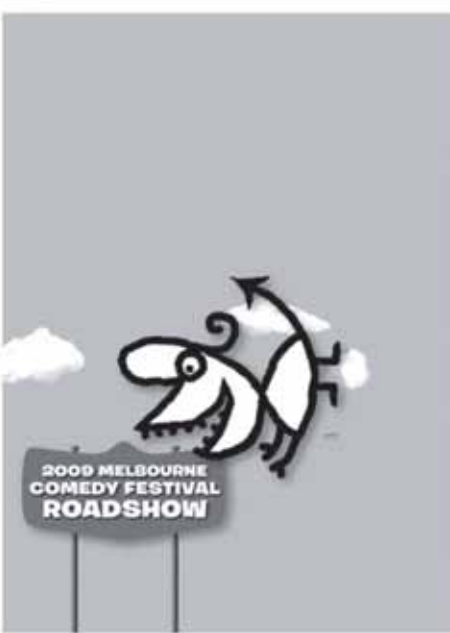
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Tributes to Milli O’Nair

■ When I heard the news of Milli’s death my heart was sad. I feel for you both, Tara and Peter, as I know how much you loved her. Our community has lost a fairy, an angel who brought much joy to the children. We will remember you always.

Thank you, Milli, I love you so much. Big hugs to you both, Tara and Peter
Mo Hughes, Maya and Nandy Mullumbimby

■ Shockwaves and sadness spread in Mullumbimby as the news of Milli’s tragic death impacts our community. People in the streets and by email are sharing their grief and loss. I would like to share here some of what I knew of Milli over the ten years or so that I knew her.

I first met Milli dancing at Coorabell Hall. She was wearing her fairy wings which gave us an instant connection. Some years later, we both studied co-counselling and travelled together daily to Kingscliff TAFE to study fitness instruction. It was during these journeys that

Milli shared with me some of the traumas that she had faced which eventually led to her becoming involved in Non Violent Communication.

Over the years I saw how Milli blossomed and flourished. Her energy and enthusiasm were immense, her time-management impeccable and her positive outlook carried her into many spheres besides those already mentioned, such as laughter yoga, toastmasters, life coaching, making fairy wings and crowns which she sold at her market stall. Milli also morphed into ‘Milli the Fairy’ spreading her sparkle, stories and (non-competitive) new games at children’s parties, the Brunswick Farmers Market and the Brunswick Valley Nature Festival.

Milli was an ardent cyclist, and at 8am each Monday morning led groups of locals over the hills and dales surrounding Mullumbimby. I remember her telling me about the importance of carrying a puncture repair kit.

Milli also contributed her time and energy to the Mul-

lumbimby Community Action Network, she was on the education committee and volunteered to organise the roster for the information table which was on the streets for many months in Mullum. She also took her turn at presiding over one of our meetings.

I have great respect for Milli’s achievements, her dedication and persistence. Milli called herself Milli O’Nair as she aspired to becoming a millionaire, and with her energy and zest for life she may well have become one. A dream that did come true for Milli was that she found love and happiness.

Milli also had enormous faith in the power and potential of NVC and received the validation she deserved in that she travelled around the country generously sharing her knowledge. Many of us will miss the creativity of a unique Mullumbimby identity; she was born and bred right here. Thank you, Milli, for the sparkle you added to our lives.

Vale, Milli.

Deborah Lilly Mullumbimby

form a vital form of transport both within cities and in the countryside. In Europe use of rail is more heavily used as the cost of petrol and diesel is much higher than in Australia.

If the Casino to Murwillumbah railway was extended to Coolangatta, its patronage would increase greatly as a result of passengers going to Coolangatta airport, the Gold Coast and Brisbane. The railway could then carry freight from Brisbane

and the Gold Coast into Northern New South Wales. The projected growth in the Northern Rivers and increasing number of retirees choosing to live in this region will both add to the patronage of this railway.

Many of us think that reopening the railway with a frequent service of single or two carriage trains will be of great benefit to the communities between Casino and Murwillumbah. We do not expect the state govern-

ment to simply invest in the reinstatement nor to commit to the project without assessing its viability preferably with the extension of the line to the Gold Coast and including a freight component. Such a study has never been carried out as far as I can tell.

Anyone who is prepared to say that the railway should be scrapped forever without any proof of its viability is acting

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irresponsibly. Before making these statements the state government should be asked to do a feasibility study which embraces the broader issues of climate change and the savings to be made on road upgrades if the railway is reopened.

Chris Abraham
Mullumbimby Creek

Creating disease

‘One of the simplest explanations is that it’s a laboratory escape,’ writes Professor Adrian Gibbs about the new Swine Flu. Professor Gibbs collaborated on research that led to the development of the drug Tamiflu, he wrote or co-authored more than 250 scientific publications on viruses during his 39-year career at the Australian National University and has recently written a paper with two other colleagues, suggesting the new Mexican Flu may have originated in a laboratory (1).

Lecturer Thea van de Mortel’s ideas (Letters, May 12) would make better sense if all the genetic sequences present in the new Swine Flu were indeed present in Mexico. How does one explain the two European Swine Flu sequences found in the new Mexican Swine Flu? Pigs can’t fly.

In 1948 Heinrich Mueller, the

former head of the Gestapo, told his CIA interrogator that the most devastating plague in human history, that killed between 60 and 100 million people, the 1918 Flu, was man-made (2). Easily achieved, even in 1918, using the very same methods described in Thea van de Mortel’s letter to *The Echo*. By simple simultaneous injection of multiple disease organisms into a single host, a new disease can easily be created.

- 1. <http://bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=afrdATVXPEAk&refer=home>
- 2. www.rense.com/general74/amak.htm

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

Achieving peace

The quickest way to achieve peace and stability in areas like Pakistan, Afghanistan and Somalia would be to give the majority of the people there the equivalent of the dole.

As Boyd Kellner pointed out in last week’s *Echo*, the ‘trickle down’ theory of economic development is by now totally discredited because the top feeders in the economic food chain are just too expert in diverting money flows for their own uses, for anything significant to filter down to the poor. Nigeria is a

perfect example – it has enormous natural resources yet the majority of its people remain grindingly poor.

It is time to try a ‘soak up’ theory of economic development. Giving some economic independence to the poor could ameliorate and if not completely solve a number of problems in unstable situations. It could:

- 1. Make people less dependent on local gangsters, warlords and politicians and too often all three categories are embodied in the same person in the third world. Hungry people are easily manipulated for bad causes. ‘A hungry mob is an angry mob.’
- 2. Make people less dependent on growing illegal drugs – although the illegality of drugs of course raises their price and helps in financing political movements both on the right and the left, vis Colombia.
- 3. Diminish economic pressure to poach animals and plant products from the environment and the overexploitation of marginal land.
- 4. Would encourage local farmers to grow more food as a local market would be created for their products. Emergency food aid is sometimes necessary but long term it is a disincentive to local farmers.
- 5. Would create local economic stimulus and entrepre-

neurial opportunities in those countries and diminish the number of economic refugees.

Now the cynics will say ‘so then, nobody will work’. I think this is extremely unlikely: at four per cent the Grameen Bank has the lowest rate of default in the world. Although in all societies some will waste the money, in general people on the poverty brink are too canny to waste opportunities. A dole would simply offer a longer term security of the type the Grameen Bank offers short term.

It is also to be remembered that the young African men shredding themselves and sometimes dying on the razor wire on the beaches of Spanish Morocco and the people risking their lives in unseaworthy boats throughout the world are doing so basically because they want to work.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

Roadside assistance

Hey, is Deborah Lilly’s main worry (Letters, May 12) the water wave from the tsunami that would flood all of Mullum anyway, which by the way, is the same level as the proposed Woolies site; or is it the tsunami of traffic that will run down her precious road to support the upcoming youth event? One

can only wonder what next little trippet is on her list.

I will give my car an extra rev when I go past her place at 49.999kph on the way to support the real WAVE and youth of this area. Yes, living next to a road has always had the benefits of cars, trucks, fumes, vibrations, and noise and always has, and Yamba with its ‘unique vibe’ (that’s the constant vibe of traffic) is no different, in fact it’s worse. I do have a suggestion though... shift.

Terry Hudson
Byron Bay

The new grid

IBV, Interchangeable Battery Vehicle, has just been demonstrated. Switch time? One minute. So we need oil why? Just the same as we need coal, for what? We win. Now, let’s march. Let’s push the legislation to enable the technology. It is time for the coal interests to get out of the damn way.

Thanks for the considerable feedback in relation to my previous letter outlining the four key issues for the Australian economy. Here we will address the immediate issue of green energy deployment and consequent employment. We do indeed need to march for our future. The budget has allocated a small amount of money to solar,

and a larger amount of money to experiments in coal. There is no evidence of government interest in the new energy opportunity. Auto industry subsidies ignore IBVs and keep supporting dead technology. We can change that situation. The solution requires the formation of a private venture to bring the required finance. Money is not lacking. The money we save on coal-not-burnt will build our new green grid.

Over coming weeks, therefore, I will articulate this position: renewables can stand up economically. They are far from being a drag on growth, rather, they are its engine. Today, go to www.betterplace.com, and feel good. Tomorrow, get ready to do some good. We must march.

Keine Nombre
Byron Bay

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Joint research project studies coral at Julian Rocks



A collaborative research project between the Cape Byron Marine Park and the Southern Cross University is underway to investigate the health of coral communities at Julian Rocks, a popular dive spot located in the Cape Byron Marine Park.

The study is being led by Simon Hartley, from the university's School of Environmental Science and Management.

Mr Hartley said studies on tropical coral communities have shown that damage caused by divers may result in impacts such as reduced coral cover and an increased incidence of coral disease.

'If recreational diving is to maintain its popularity at Julian Rocks, the corals divers want to experience must be protected. We need to understand the effects of recreational diving on the coral communities so we can ensure the ongoing future of this important resource,' Mr Hartley said.

'It may be that we need to provide more education for divers to ensure they are aware of the possible damage they can inflict through physical contact.'

The aims of the project, which is due to be completed at the end of 2009, include mapping the location of coral colonies; recording the condition of selected coral species; and calculating the area of healthy and unhealthy coral present for each colony.

The corals and other plants and animals around Julian Rocks will be studied, along with plants and animals which make up the soft sediment communities in the marine park.

Manager of the Cape Byron Marine Park Andrew Page said over the past few years the marine park had supported and worked with researchers from Southern Cross University on a number of projects in the park, including migrating humpback whales and the secret life of animals in deep water sandy habitats.

'We look forward to the next round of research projects getting underway to help us and the public, better understand and protect this amazing marine environment,' Mr Page said.

'The Cape Byron Marine Park extends from Brunswick

Heads in the north to Lennox Head in the south. In the park are a range of beautiful exposed and sheltered sandy beaches, rocky shores and rocky reefs, submerged pinnacles, small rocky islands – like Julian Rocks – coral communities, riverine estuaries, coastal creeks and lakes and a variety of sandy seabed habitats.'

Mr Page said threatened marine species that occur in the park include little terns, grey nurse sharks and sea turtles.

Fishing closure

Fishers are reminded that the seasonal fishing closure over an area to the north of Julian Rocks, incorporating reefs known as the Mackerel Boulder, will be in place until December 31.

Manager of Cape Byron Marine Park Andrew Page said the seasonal closure is part of the Cape Byron Marine Park zoning plan and aims to provide protection for endangered grey nurse sharks which aggregate in the area and are most abundant during this time.

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Biodiversity strategy aims for good ecological outcomes

Hank Bower

As a principal author of the Byron Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BBCS), I feel compelled to respond to Sandy Gilmore's article dated April 21 titled 'Draft environmental plan falls at the biodiversity hurdle'.

Sandy's claim that one of the silliest aspects of Council's corridors is the 'wholesale adoption of state promoted wildlife corridors' is misguided. Council developed its corridor mapping by painstakingly refining Regional Wildlife Corridor mapping at the local level using aerial vegetation mapping, on-ground habitat features, ground truthing, community consultation, growth stage mapping of vegetation and current landuse to incorporate as wide as possible habitat variability for as many species known from the Shire as possible.

Corridors were delineated to connect large patches of native vegetation to smaller isolated patches, low altitude habitats to high altitude, habitats in the north to those in the south and wet habitats



such as riparian zones and wetlands to dry habitats and flood refuge areas. Corridors included native and mixed regrowth vegetation and cleared land, with the cleared corridors identified as priorities for restoration into the future.

These corridors actually provide the long term performance measures Sandy sought

in his article, as they plan well into the future by aiming to link habitats of specialised species fragmented by 150 years of land clearing/disturbance/development and buffer against the increasing threat of climate change. In 2,000 years' time it is probable that many of the low-lying areas of the Shire will be under the sea. Every bit

of native and mixed regrowth habitat that is important for the Shire's threatened, regionally significant and specialised species is going to be more important in the future. The mapping is not an anti-intellectual, short term political muscle approach to planning. It is required to conserve the Shire's unique and increasingly threatened fauna,

flora and their habitats Now.

Sandy's criticism that the draft LEP's corridors do not 'parallel (sic) the drainage network' ignores the BBCS's incorporation of all major riparian corridors. The call for an 'ideal' solution also ignores the reality of past clearing and private land ownership. Solutions to assist biodiversity conservation are required immediately as well as in the long term and much riparian vegetation will not be restored in the short term. A complete drainage line corridor network may be achieved at a later stage through mechanisms such as a Development Control Plan, which would be expected to prescribe minimum buffer widths for stream protection.

Far from being derived from a 'shaky' information base, development of the BBCS was supported by one of the most comprehensive threatened flora and fauna databases produced for a local government area and also by a detailed flora and fauna study.

Money well spent

The money spent on the BBCS was well spent. The BBCS developed the High Conservation Value Vegetation mapping, which ranks each mapped vegetation polygon against 23 ecological criteria. This means Council has a tool to identify where it should prioritise restoration works or zone land for protection, a valuable tool to allocate money or zoning tools where they are most needed (instead of spending it along the strip that Councillor X prefers). Without it, Council would be doing what it previously did and wondering where to begin undertaking restoration works or spot zonings in a region covered in weed, threatened species and development pressures.

Adoption of the BBCS resulted in funds being allocated to employ a Biodiversity Extension Officer to assist landholders to prepare farm plans, ecologists to properly review DAs, and a regeneration team to better manage Council's public land. Council has also established partnerships with Landcare, committing itself to public good outcomes on private land. This is money well spent.

The claim that property owners will be required to prepare a DA every time they undertake revegetation in Environmental Protection Zones is premature as Council is preparing best practice regeneration guidelines as part of their exempt and complying LEP. Council needs to develop these in consultation with the ecological restoration industry and community prior to exhibition of the upcoming LEP. These will

provide sufficient protection to the Shire's unique biodiversity but also provide the incentives to enable landholders to get on with the job of restoring degraded lands and connecting priority corridors. Please note that the current LEP requires a DA for restoration works in environmental protection zones. This is required to limit unscrupulous developers who claim their big yellow machines were simply undertaking regeneration works. It has happened before!

I agree with Sandy's view that landowners are the ones who will implement good ecological outcomes on their land if given the right incentives. The BBCS provided an overview of incentives, including rate rebates for land zoned for environmental protection. It is my view that a rate rebate similar to that offered for agricultural land would soften the imposition of increased planning controls for environmentally zoned lands, along with exemptions for undertaking ecological restoration. Council needs to be lobbied to make this a reality.

Protection needed

I am not aware that the NRCMA is considering excluding funds for lands zoned for environmental protection, but if this is the case the fight should be with the NRCMA. Land that is protected through planning controls provides a sound investment and should be the focus for ecological repair works as its continued protection is ensured via planning controls.

No environmental protection means one's good work can be bulldozed into the ground by subsequent landowners. The NRCMA needs to be lobbied to ensure funds are prioritised to lands zoned for environmental protection to ensure our taxes are spent efficiently and provide long term benefits to biodiversity.

And finally, please remember that Council's preferred LEP template has been overridden by the State template. Council's preferred method for zoning corridors was through crosshatch overlays with different clauses to enable a mix of landuses. The NSW state government is responsible for restricting Council's and the community's ability to develop rules that suit their locality.

It is time for the community to look 20, 200 and even 2,000 years into the future. Limiting corridors to riparian zones, as Sandy suggests, will not cut the mustard, as biodiversity is not limited to riparian zones. It includes all species, habitats and the genes they contain. Please think into the future when considering the LEP.

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People from all walks of life will go back to school to tell their stories and provide students with positive role models. Now in its eighth year, Back to School is a campaign by Education Foundation,

a division of The Foundation for Young Australians. Many people instrumental to Australia's success were educated in public schools, including the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, and the Minister for Education, Julia Gillard. Today, public

schools educate nearly 66% of young people in Australia and make up around 70% of all schools. Adam Smith, CEO at The Foundation for Young Australians, says, 'Great public schools are vital to building Australia's future prosperity and productivity. They teach and care for all young people and are at the heart of our communities. Students and teachers love hearing from people who went to their school and role models can help young people gain insight into their own purpose, passion and pathway in life.'

In support of Back to School 2009, a diverse group of recognised Australians along with Coles employees across the country will return to their former public schools in May to take part in a variety of events, workshops and presentations. Back to School 2009 role models include Lisa Wilkinson in NSW, co-host of the Nine Network's TODAY Show.

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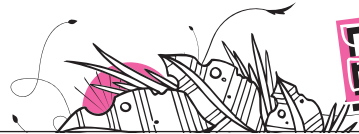
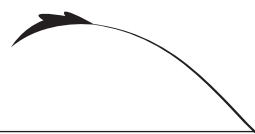
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St Finbarr's creates new free transition program

St Finbarr's Catholic School has introduced a new, free transition program for pre-school children planning to enter primary school next year. 'Mini Finns' is a play-based oral language program for children aged four and over who will be starting school next year.

School principal, John Wilson says the free program focuses on oral language skills as research indicates this is vital to successful literacy development through school. The program is conducted by specialist teacher Sherida Hill who has over many years experience working with children in their early years. 'Sherida has developed a program which improves oral language skills and familiarises children with the primary school environment in a fun and educational manner.'

Mini Finns is held every Monday morning from 9 am-12 noon. 'Mini Finns' is not the only exciting new development. The school will receive over \$2million from the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution initiative. Work will commence before June on a new multipurpose hall

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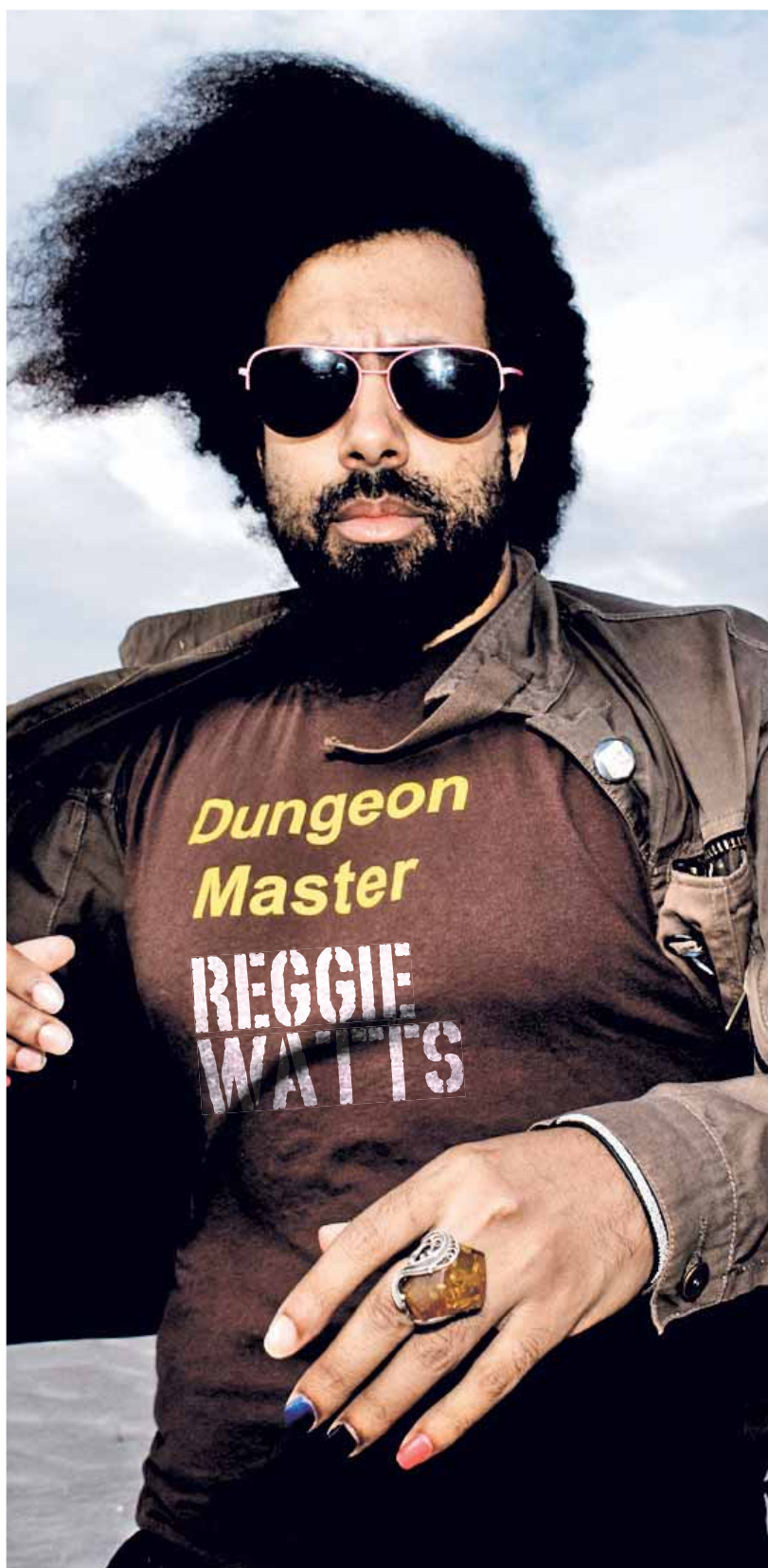
We have a family pass (four tickets) for opening night May 20 to **Wearable Arts** at Shearwater Steiner School. Write 'Wearable Arts family giveaway' to gigs@echo.net.au to be in the running.

Does humour belong in music? Frank Zappa asked this question back in the 1980s, and though his question may never be answered, upcoming and inspiring musicians like Reggie Watts attempt to do just that. Reggie is back to perform at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall; he was only here a few months ago, but due to the overwhelming buzz he created he returns Sunday May 24. His solo show, aided by loop machines, harks to perhaps the most influential performer of that genre – Bobby McFerrin. By adapting new technology to a solo voice a symphony is created – bass lines, percussion, harmonies – which lays the foundation for improvisation and exploration. As an incisive commentator one-man-band on all that surrounds him, Watts is like a tornado traversing hip-hop, trip-hop, 80s pop alternative, nu-metal and classical opera. No two songs or performances are ever the same, as he disorients and stuns his audiences like a supernatural force.

Born in Germany and raised in the US, Reggie is a classically trained pianist and jazz singer. He made his name playing and singing in the Seattle music scene through the 90s. Shifting to a music-comedy hybrid Reggie infiltrated the New York and Los Angeles comedy scenes, and top festivals including South By South West (USA), Edinburgh Fringe (UK), Montreal's Just For Laughs and Cape Town Comedy Festival. He is winner of the 2005 Malcolm Hardee 'Oy Oy' Award, the 2006 Andy Kaufman Comedy Award, and the 2006 Seattle Mayor's Arts Award. He lives in Brooklyn, New York and frequently performs alongside Regina Spektor, Imogen Heap and the Dresden Dolls, Flight of the Conchords' Jermaine, Brent, Arj Barker, French chanteuse Camille, Kristen Schaal and Eugene Mirman to name a few.

What influence has Bobby McFerrin had on jazz singers?

He brought it to the mainstream. Jazz singers from way back have often used the elements of scat, or mimicking instruments – many could replicate bass lines and high hats... Bobby could do the whole thing without a band.



Do you think that comedy can cheapen the musical experience?

Good question. It depends on how it's used and the context. If it's a great musician trying to be funny then it can be sad, and vice versa. If the initial intent was to be good music and then comedy is attached, it may not work.

So where does that leave your music?

Oh my music is crap (laughs). No, my show combines the two and there is both moments of serious music as well as comedic elements.

What lesser-known artists have influenced you?

Al Jarreau, Mr Bungle (Mike Patton), Van Hunt, Anita Baker, Suzi and the Banshis, Michael Winslow, Peter Murphy, Nipzer Ebb. Also D' Angelo's album Voodoo. It influenced so many and hasn't got the recognition it deserves. He asked bassist Pino Palladino to play as back from the beat as he could. He then moved him back in the mix even more, and then moved the drums forward. This created a unique sound unheard of before which is completely distinct.

Was yours a musical household?

No, but my parents love music. They loved James Brown, jazz artists like John Coltrane, also Stevie Wonder. My mum loves Edith Piaf. I grew up listening to the top 40 as well, and started piano at age five.

What other inspiration do you draw upon – books, poetry, art, architecture, economics?

I love technology design that integrates human usability – software, operating systems, that sort of thing. I like the way technology interacts with humans.

Is nostalgia the enemy of art?

No, it's a fuel for art. It can be too precious, and I like to take nostalgia and mix it with the now.

Reggie performs at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall, Sunday May 24**. Doors open **7.15pm** for a 8pm show. Cuisine by Open Table, support by S Sorrensen and custom-designed Set/Décor/Projections are by Jonathan Oxlade. Tickets are \$25 available at Fairy Floss, Byron Bay and Mullumbimby Bookshop.

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When it comes to sex, at 41, I thought that I was across most of the practices employed by the average human. On a day to day level, most sexual activity involves a bit of socks-on missionary but there are those who like it kinky. And good luck to them if they could be bothered to make the extra effort. Some people love a spanking, others prefer the gimp mask and a few hours in the stocks while the average plushofile gets off on intimacy with a modified teddy bear and I have even heard of businessmen who enjoy crawling around on all fours, sucking a pacifier in an adult nappy. From group sex to doing it alone, I think you'll find

that homosapiens has found a number of ingenious ways to reach the same outcome (pardon the pun). It wasn't until I was reading my daughter's magazine that I came across a story that had me gobsmacked. This guy really goes the extra mile. Literally. 'I have sex with my car' declared a proud young man creepily draped over his VW Beetle. Yep, this bloke is what's now known as a mechaphile, one of only a handful (thank christ for that) of people who take their love of cars to the extreme. Jordan Witham not only has published photos of himself with his vehicle, he admits to having penetrative sex with the exhaust pipe. I can only hope the car has cooled down and he has a covered garage.

God help the neighbours if he's got off-street parking. And what if he gets a wandering eye? What if the shiny silver of a new exhaust catches his interest from a neighbour's driveway? Man, if I lived near him it wouldn't be a case of Lock up Your Daughters, more like: Lock Up Your Motors! Apparently it all started pretty innocently. Jordan was rubbing his car's body work and he became aroused. (As you do. Frankly that's why I don't wash my car. Deliver me from temptation). After a bit of self pleasuring it led to a more penetrative relationship. I'd be asking the question everyone's asking Matty Johns at the moment: was it consensual? Just because she doesn't put the brakes on, doesn't mean you've got the green light. Apparently Jordan's mum isn't aware of her son's rather erotic love for vehicles but recounts an embarrassing moment catching her son pants down watching Herbie Goes Bananas. Jordan's dad is

more open-minded and holds the opinion that different people are into different things. Apparently he's fond of letterboxes and has a fresh take on how to blow them up. Jordan is not interested in women, not unless she's built like a truck with impressive rear suspension, fog lights and a tidy little chassis. But Jordan has kept his options open. He's not straight. He's bought himself a new car which he calls Todd. Even though he admits to finding Todd attractive, he has sex with Ingo his VW, who he identifies as a girl, more regularly, mainly because Todd is kept in the driveway. 'I have to sneak outside in the middle of the night to do it with him,' says Jordan. And what a sight that must be for the chap across the road coming home from the pub. I suppose when one of his vehicles won't start in the morning, Jordan can quite accurately say 'I think the engine's rooted!'

Blaze Fire Sound

Blaze Fire Sound is ready to warm up the place. A night of reggae, dancehall and hip hop showcasing live vocalists. Firstly up is **DollaMix**, a Wellington NZ expat who has been residing in the Bay for around three years. During this time he has blessed music heads and revellers alike, being involved in a few programs on BayFM as well as in the live arena. DollaMix will be joined by **Elephant Wise** who is a modern-roots/dancehall reggae artist hailing from Africa and Europe who currently calls Brisbane home. From his clever lyrics and timeless tunes to his smouldering charisma Elephant Wise is an all-round talent and is indeed a rare commodity. Wade is a producer from Jamaica. He makes music, guides artists' careers and brings a pure Jamaican vibe to the dance. One such artist is **Whiplash** who will bring his hip hop style to the night. Whiplash spent some time in Blaze Fire Studio in 2008 which resulted in his first world release single *Rapanease* from

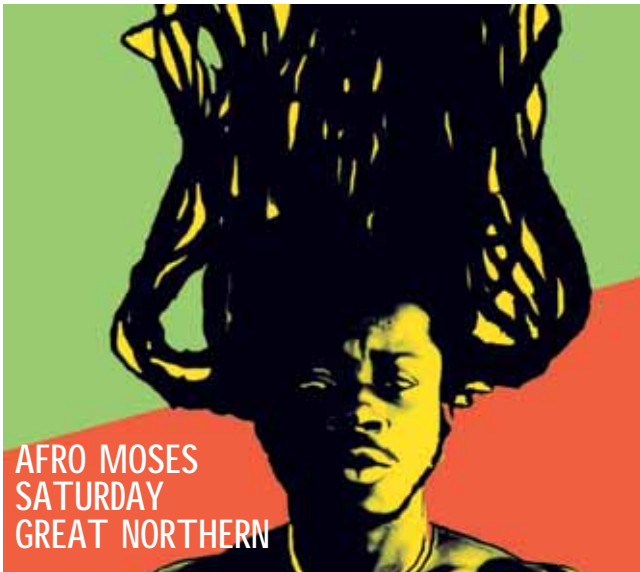
the nine track EP/album of the same name. Major Krazy aka **Krazy Dayv**, now located in Melbourne, has become well known amongst the reggae/dancehall scene throughout Australia for his mixing genius behind the decks. His work on this night will be to control the turntables and vibe on the mic with Raz Bin Sam. **Raz Bin Sam**, a Jewish artist with a dynamic style and sound, comes from a small town in the centre of Israel. His culture is ancient, war ridden and clouded with conflict. Inspired to shed light on his people's story, Bin Sam moved to Australia to produce his works in English aiming to spread the Israelite truth internationally. So check the **Buddha Bar** this **Friday** night for Blaze Fire Sound forwarding the best locally based reggae, dancehall and hip hop artists. Free entry.

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alcohol and 18th century Russian and Czech writers. The music that came forth was instantly their own, dynamic, rhythmic, quirky and soulful, thus Kafka was formed. They are touring Australia as a seven piece ensemble throughout May to introduce their self titled album to you! Well known for their highly energetic and eclectic music the band is also a true visual entertainment. **Sunday** at the **Beach Hotel** Byron Bay.

Agency Dub Collective

It's been a year since Melbourne's political dub heavyweights **Agency Dub Collective** last toured the North Coast region. They return to launch their new album *SOS* (aka \$0\$) with shows at the **Beach Hotel** on **Thursday** and the **Pacific Hotel**, Yamba, **Saturday**. Agency Dub Collective have long been pioneering live original Australian dub, touring the country, slaking crowds thirsty for dub-addled extremism and rampaging through the Oz-music scene from Brisbane to Hobart. In that time, they have undergone their fair share of line-up changes – at last count they were up to member number 18, with new keyboardist The Brain taking over from previous keys-man G-Fresh, who only last year relocated to the Byron area and ended up joining local roots-reggae outfit Fyahwalk.

8 Ball Aitken

8 Ball Aitken has recently returned to Australia from a two-month tour in North America. The former FNQ banana picker turned full-time guitar picker is tuning up to play the **Beach Hotel** on **Friday** from **9pm** before he jumps a jet to tour in Europe and Canada again in June and July. 'There is a lot of energy in my new single and music video *Outback Booty Call* so I thought

the Beach Hotel would be a great gig to launch it', the red-headed musician explains.

Joe Robinson – winner of Australia's Got Talent

At just 17 years of age, **Joe Robinson** has secured a reputation as one of the world's finest young guitarists. His unique acoustic guitar style has caught the attention of Les Paul, Steve Vai, Brad Paisley, Tommy Emmanuel and many others. From winning the hit television series *Australia's Got Talent* to recording in Nashville with CMA 'Producer of the year', Frank Rogers – few doubt that this humble young man is destined for greatness. See him at **The Rails** next **Tuesday**.

Betty Blissett

Betty Blissett is a funky five-piece band based on the North Coast. They are a hot band playing an array of tunes... from blues to funk, R&B, soul, folk and even a little old school rock 'n' roll and a dash of world music at times. Career highlights include performing with Lior, John Butler, Blue King Brown, Lisa Hunt, The Angels and The Bundy Band. Cassie has been a featured artist on ABC radio for her original compositions and is currently on high rotation on Bay FM. Betty Blissett boasts ability and versatility. They have developed a vast repertoire across multiple genres including their own compositions. Betty Blissett at **The Rails** on **Friday**.

Tina Malia

Tina Malia's luxurious voice and enchanting presence are creating a stir from coast to coast and across the world. Her original music touches the listener with elevating lyrics and deep, earthy rhythms. Trained as a classical pianist and vocalist, and inspired by her roots in American folk and soul music, she has also been



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widely influenced by music from around the world. Her music marries the timelessness of all these styles with a new flair all her own. **Mullumbimby Civic Hall** on **Saturday**.

SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS Event and Camping Tickets Sold Out

Organisers would like to advise that Splendour In The Grass weekend and camping tickets to the 2009 event have completely sold out. 'We are yet again in awe of the interest in Splendour, thanks to everyone for your support and embracing our ticketing process with its anti-scalping features and carbon offsetting option,' said Event Producers Jessica Ducrou and Paul Piticco. If you missed out on tickets, don't despair – from 9.00am June 15 – those who bought Splendour in the Grass tickets but can no longer attend will have the option to offer them for re-sale (less booking and admin fees) via www.qjump.com.au so that those who didn't secure a ticket in the general release have a chance to grab one. For more info on this resale option, head to www.splendourinthegrass.com/faqs.

Fun Girl Infection Band

Fun Girl Infection is a new five piece band featuring an all girl lineup of locals. After popular request, they are back at the **Court House Hotel** in Mullum this **Friday**, with the addition of Dolphin Award winner Mish on keys, trumpet and vocals. These girls are a fun and infectious dance band, bound to get you up on the dance floor and feeling good. Brought together by Deidi whose dream of an all female North Coast funk band was realised over jam sessions and skinny-dipping in Wilson's Creek. So far it's all been a lot of fun with plenty of laughter and a shared passion to play music for the joy of it. From **8pm**.

The Big Band at The Buddha Bar

In times of recessions and economic collapses, what better way to enjoy the demise of capitalism than to experience the sounds of Ellington, Basie and big band Latin tunes? The **Big Band at the End of the Universe** is a no nonsense 16 piece ensemble committed to playing high quality arrangements of the world's greatest composers. They rehearse every week locally and have done so for over two



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years, and the result is a sound that is both rare and beautiful. This is not old crusty Glenn Miller big band stuff, this is hip Latin and swing arrangements that you don't normally hear in the Shire. This gig will feature singer Heidi Adams. They are perhaps one of the few big bands in Australia to have a regular monthly gig! **Buddha Bar** this **Sunday** at **7pm**.

Mick McHugh

This month's **Folk Club** performance is on **Wednesday** and features **Mick McHugh**. The Irish singer songwriter arrived in Byron two years ago and decided to turn his passion into a profession. With two CDs under his belt, as well as multi-award nominations, national radio airplay and support slots, and appearances at festivals and tours to major Australian cities, it looks as though he is well on his way. Mick will be joined by Celtic violinist, Camilla Warner, and Jessie Vintila on flute. The chalkboard will be open from **7pm**, with five names drawn to perform on the night. **Old Drill Hall**, Mullum, doors open 7.15pm, show starts 7.30pm. Entry \$5, tea, coffee and cakes available.

Afro Moses

Afro Moses is a multi-instrumentalist, composer and rhythm teacher of African rhythm music from Ghana. He has received several international awards and toured the world with his music which is a fusion of reggae, afrobeats, funk, raga, percussion and more. Recently he has performed and composed music with the keyboardist of The Wailers band, and has been involved in compositions for several Australian and International films. **Afro Moses** plays on **Saturday** at the **Hotel Great Northern**.

Dance

Belly Temple, at **Temple Byron**, is a new event where dancers can get together in an informal yet electric atmosphere and share through dancing. Belly Temple is about connecting, celebrating and sharing in a non-threatening environment and is a great place to try out new moves from the classroom or to iron out any performance anxiety. It is also an eclectic 'dance jam' based loosely on the Middle Eastern 'hafla' (dance party) concept with an

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Film Local Boycott Japanese Products Protest premier film screening.

Whale activist/filmmaker **Dean Jefferys** will be screening several of his recent whale films including the premiere of *Boycott Japanese Products* film. This film shows a dedicated crew from Brisbane and the Byron region converging on five major Japanese car dealers in March this year to inform them of their campaign to Boycott Japanese Products to help save whales. Some of Jefferys other films to be screened on the night include *Swimming with whales in Tonga*, *Chile's 2008 International Whaling Commission Highlights* and clips from Hervey Bay, Antarctic, Amazon, Mardi Grass and more, \$10/\$8. **Suffolk Park Hall on Thursday at 7.30pm. Mullumbimby Drill Hall on Friday at 5.30pm.**

Arts Wearable Arts

One of the biggest community events on the Shearwater Steiner School's calendar is **WAVE**, a Wearable Arts Vision in Education. This year's show entitled 'Avatar Daughters', promises to be another extravaganza. In the words of our own Mandy Nolan 'I was gob smacked, a show you will love'. Come and be mesmerised by over fifty costume entries, shown amidst a huge on-stage performance that includes music, vision, creative artists, students and dance. Shows this week – **Wednesday to Saturday** at Shearwater, Left-bank Road Mullumbimby. For ticket outlets call 6684 3223.

FEHVA Yeshe and The Buttery Recovery Choir

Yeshe will open our souls to the art of world music when he performs with Cyé Wood at the opening night of FEHVA, **Monday May 25** at the **A&I Hall** Bangalow. Multilingual singer/songwriter Yeshe will be on mbira and kamele ngoni with Cyé Wood on violin/viola. He will take us on a world music journey with original compositions as well as his interpretations of traditional African songs. The Buttery www.echo.net.au



Recovery Choir will also be performing on the night. The Choir by Loani McRae made their debut recently with a rousing performance at the Byron Bluesfest. FEHVA Opening Night will be a true celebration of the Arts. For more information go to www.fehva.com. Tickets are available through Jetset Travel Marvel Street, Byron Bay, 6685 6262.

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DeeDee

DeeDee has been a name synonymous with the Techno scene in Australia for many years now. In 1996, along with DJ Slack, he instigated Teriyaki Anarki Saki which became Melbourne's longest-running and most legendary dedicated techno club. It was a crucible of tough and edgy beats attracting a committed crowd of freaky, colourful party-heads. Over the years DeeDee has gained a reputation for his precise mixing virtuosity as well as an unerring instinct for rocking a dancefloor. Having recently returned to the Byron area after a long absence he has dived straight into a Friday night residency in Liquid, so it seemed about time to pick his brain.

Q: You made your name as a Techno DJ. How do you think Techno has evolved since the heady days of Teriyaki?

A: Techno is coming back. Albeit sounding quite different to the old sound but nonetheless it's getting ballsy again. And that is what techno has been about to me. And still is. It went through a really lame, dark and soulless period. It went really minimal, and kind of unconfident. I'm liking the production of techno now though: most of it is really clean and crisp, well produced. It sounds great loud!

Q: Now that electronic dance music culture is more than 20 yrs old do you think it has



the same cultural relevance it used to?

A: For sure. People still love to dance and be surrounded by like-minded people. And they do it to the sound of dance music. I think the essence of what dance music culture was about back then has partly been lost though. A lot of the politics have been left behind for a much emptier drug and alcohol fuelled experience. I find that frustrating and quite sad. But I still love to play out and see a dancefloor full of smiles and appreciation for good music.

Q: What's exciting you musically at the moment?

A: So much! And across a pretty broad range. I'm loving the super-simple funky electro. Also the new strain of ballsy electro-techno. And techno of course. Dance music is getting less 'safe' and predictable and there seems to be a lot of good stuff coming out after the glut of electro-house that we've been wading through for the last few years. Not that I mind electro-house: it just has to be a bit more original. Also, I've discovered (way late!) Johnny

Cash. He's just awesome. I'm loving the vodka fuelled gypsy/eastern bloc stuff. I've been introduced to a guy called Manu Chao.

Q: Any of your own productions in the pipeline?

A: I have a remix coming out on Smash Bang records on Beatport. It's called *Starry Nights* by a great artist called Evan Sparks. It should be out in June I think.

Q: What flava will you be dropping at Liquid on friday nights?

A: I used to be a little embarrassed by the term, but... 'party music'! Tracks which are full of character. Funky, fun, punchy. It's electro, house, techno, minimal and proggy stuff, a few vocally numbers (No diva shit though!). I always try to lift the energy higher and higher. That sounds so wanky, but that's in essence what I try to do! We are there to party, right?

So if you feel like a dose of **DeeDee** up ya get down to H2O at **Liquid** this **Friday** where he'll be joined by **Dave Basek** and **Strawbs Syme**.



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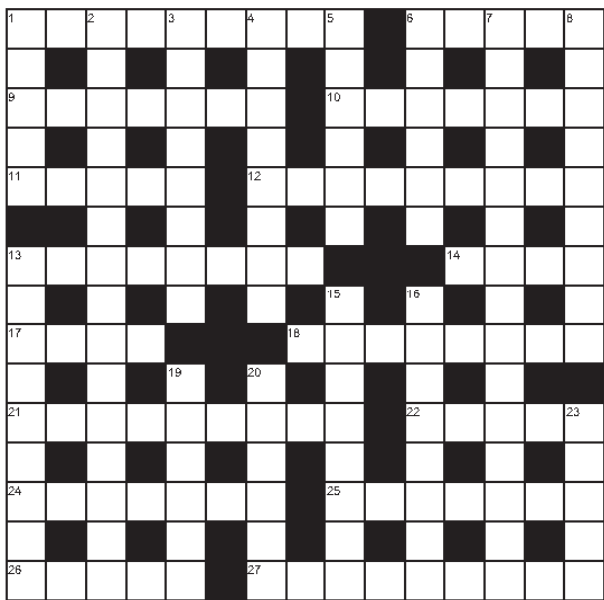


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- ACROSS**
 1. Period in one day cricket (5,4)
 6. Medicated (5)
 9. Illness (7)
 10. Brief, terse (7)
 11. Child's musical instrument (5)
 12. Nameless (9)
 13. Short piece of sacred music (8)
 14. Forbidden (4)
 17. Capital of Italy (4)
 18. Beaten back, repelled (8)
 21. Parodic, ironic (9)
 22. Funeral song (5)
 24. Notoriety, bad repute (3,4)
 25. Accoutrements of royalty
 26. Approaches, draws closer (5)
 27. Chew food (9)
- DOWN**
 1. Length of wood (5)
 2. Famous Australian song, lyrics by Banjo Paterson (8,7)
 3. Intense style of speaking, often exaggerated (8)
 4. In a deadly manner (8)
 5. Primary colour (6)
 6. Metrical measure: long short short (6)
 7. Patriotic song once a candidate for national anthem (4,2,9)
 8. Short breed of dog (9)
 13. Member of a religion (9)
 15. Aristocratic heads of the Royal Navy (3,5)
 16. Town famous for incident involving a dog (8)
 19. Wood nymphs (6)
 20. Cry out, usually in terror (6)
 23. Rub out (5)

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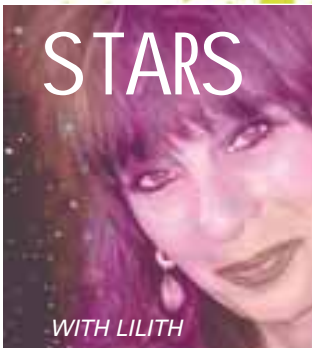


Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
 1. Provisional drama about debtor is an integral part of one day cricket (5,4)
 6. Ecstasy in odds over getting drugged (5)
 9. Report that beer caused sickness (7)
 10. The French parabola, for example, was concise (7)
 11. Our place in the wood turns over juvenile music-maker (5)
 12. Soon unknown rodent loses til, and has name withheld (9)
 13. A short hymn is able to tease audience (8)
 14. Thanks, but British uranium is banned (4)
 17. Home at last, after hard drive leads to the city (4)
 18. Rejected, but socialist holds the pea (8)
 21. Ironically amusing, or just goat-faced? (9)
 22. Gravity in dreadful, mournful air (5)
 24. The setter will take two notes, gaining a bad reputation (3,4)
 25. Large around but first rate back; outfit for a king (7)
 26. Approaches new listeners (5)
 27. Chew up resin – made a meal of it (9)
- DOWN**
 1. Soft and lean, but proverbially short and thick (5)
 2. Laid mat, but lost vote for new anthem (8,7)
 3. Following blood test, Bana took to fine words (8)
 4. Allow hard mate to act in a deadly manner (8)
 5. Scream a cry of pain – coward (6)
 6. A foot? Well, a finger actually (6)
 7. Lyric, spoken about an opera; top up but rejected with 2 across (4,2,9)
 8. Badger dad's hunch, and badger hunter (9)
 13. Kevin Rudd's first name? No, Kim Beazley's middle one (9)
 15. Naval supremos secure shares (3,5)
 16. Town five miles from an Australian icon (8)
 19. Dull notices for old forest-dwellers (6)
 20. Trick includes note -- hysterical (6)
 23. Wipe out cardinal, after ages (5)

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

STARS



WITH LILITH

ARIES: Lots of home stuff going on for Aries right now (repairs, relocating, rethinking existing living arrangements) plus some health issues too – don't ignore them like you usually do. Volatile end of week Mars/Venus/Moon in Aries is astrological rocket fuel, making emotional control imperative.

TAURUS: The new twelve year Jupiter/Saturn cycle is an important time for Taurans to decide what really excites them, because your abundance becomes closely linked to your passion. How can you harness your natural skills and abilities, the ones you enjoy using, in a way that will build your future?

GEMINI: You'll need to wear your diplomatic hat this week, and remember to leave yourself extra travel time to get to important dates. When astral energetics start revving up towards the end of the week, keep your eye out for unusual new options even you hadn't thought of...

This week's not so abfab news? Mercury retrograde complications continue as cancellations, delays and misunderstandings. The upside? These temporary inconveniences are easily comforted by indulging in the many earthy, autumn sense pleasures on offer.



CANCER: This week's more for figuring out how to make altered circumstances work for you than for taking action. You'll want to believe promises, but confirm they're still current before including them in your plans because right now there's plenty of mind changing going on.

LEO: The life of Leo is back on the boil – even though that's a back-burner kind of simmer till the end of the month. But just keep watching the pot and adding new ingredients as they come available – don't make firm decisions just yet, do put out lots of feelers...

VIRGO: Despite the odd squabble and glitch, this week's receptive to your ideas and appreciative of your practical talents, while Saturn turning direct in Virgo brings satisfying payback for whatever hard yards you've accomplished in the home, job or relationship department – at last.

LIBRA: Double check all facts, figures and estimates, because Murphy's law's at work and what could go wrong is more likely to during the next fortnight. That said, this is still a brilliant week for getting solid groundwork in place for the rest of the year.

SCORPIO: This week's dense energy could definitely benefit from a hit of spritz, so let your fun loving side out for some exercise. Do something different, even if it's just rearranging the furniture or changing your hair, or you might get rebellious in a bigger and maybe messier way.

SAGITTARIUS: While you might be feeling keen as a bean to get something finalized or new changes under way, savvy Sagittarians won't make any financial commitments before the end of the month – though they will scrutinize, discriminate, do feaos, research and stay tuned to breaking news.

CAPRICORN: Restrictive conditions ease this week as

Saturn moves forward, releasing its strangle hold on Capricorn cash flow and improving the money scene with a bonus or opening of some kind. Your stars recommend avoiding making promises you might not be able to honor later on.

AQUARIUS: Aquarians tend to overcome obstacles via a combination of inspiration and good luck – which usually works, though right now you might have to add a little tough love and a lot of tenderness. This week's challenge is building a workable bridge between your best ideas and current reality.

PISCES: Mixing, mingling, interacting and spreading yourself around will lift your spirits, rearrange your state of mind and change your luck this week so don't hang about waiting for invitations – take the initiative, make the first move. Keep doing this until something happens, which be assured it will.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7-10pm



Miroslav Filip (above), the Czech Grandmaster who died in Prague late last month aged 80, might have been a legendary figure, but for the political waves which buffeted Filip and his country during the Cold War years.

Filip's over the board achievements were considerable; he reached the final stages of the World Championship twice, in 1955 and 1962, and represented Czechoslovakia at 12 consecutive Chess Olympics.

Although he beat three World Champions during his career, Filip was generally peacefully inclined. Viktor Korchnoi once commented that he could not understand how a player with so

little fighting spirit could ascend so high in the chess world.

However, the Prague Spring of 1968 proved Filip's Waterloo. As the attempted reforms in Czechoslovakia were crushed by Russian tanks and a new more obedient government installed, Filip's girlfriend headed to the West.

Filip immediately became a person of suspicion and to allay any fears about his loyalty to the new pro-Russian regime Filip joined the Communist Party and became a 'trusted' speaker on Czech radio. (In contrast, Filip's colleague GM Ludek Pachmann disowned his communist past and was imprisoned, while young Czech star Lubosh Kavalek escaped to the US.)

Filip also held a position in the Czech Chess Federation which entitled him to decide which players could be trusted to travel to tournaments outside the Eastern bloc, which combined with Filip's brusque nature left him with few

close friends amongst his chess peers in Czechoslovakia.

A key moment for Filip's reputation came when he was appointed as deputy arbiter for the 1978 World Championship match between Anatoly Karpov and recent defector from the Soviet Union, Korchnoi. Although Filip was by now an experienced arbiter and could speak many languages, most believed that his appointment was made because the Soviets understood that he would faithfully serve their interests should disputes arise, as many did during Karpov's controversial 16.5-15.5 victory.

In fact there was no evidence that Filip was obedient to the Soviets during the match. At a critical juncture, Karpov's team complained that the chief arbiter Lothar Schmidt was biased against him and Filip took over, although only for long enough to ensure that Karpov signed a statement withdrawing his allegations against Schmidt.

After communist rule ended in Czechoslovakia in 1989, and political dissidents such as Pachmann, Vlastimil Hort and Kavalek were welcomed home, Filip, perhaps fearful of being viewed as a collaborator with the old regime, was rarely seen at a chess event.

'He was really not a bad guy,' said one of Filip's GM colleagues last week. And hopefully Filip will be remembered for fine games such as the win over the legendary Mikhail Tal, given below.

Curacao 1962

White: M Tal

Black: M Filip

Opening: Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.f4 b5 7.a3 Bb7 8.Qf3 Nf6 9.Bd3 Bc5 10.Nb3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bd2 d6 13.g4 Typical Tal, but Filip reacts soberly. 13...d5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Qh3 g6 16.Nd4 Nc6 17.Nce2 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Nc5 19.b4 Ne4 20.Be3 Rfe8 21.Rae1 Bf8 22.Nf3 a5! 23.f5? Too enthusiastic, though 23.Bxb5 Red8 is fine for Filip. 23...exf5 24.gxf5 Rxe5! 25.fxc6 hxc6 26.Nxe5 Qxe5 27.c3 axb4 28.Bd4 Bc8! 29.Qg2 Qh5 30.Bxe4 dxe4 31.Qxe4? After 31.axb4 White can still hope to defend. 31...Qg5+ 32.Kh1 Be6!! 33.Be5 Rd8! 34.h4 34.Bf6 Qd2! also works out well for Black. 34...Qh5 35.Qf4 Rd3 36.Bf6 Qd5+ 37.Kg1 bxc3 38.Re4 Bc5+ 39.Kh2 Qa2+ 0-1

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Television Guide

1. Despite its stellar cast – including Robert De Niro and Blythe Danner, seen here – **Meet The Fockers** (Prime, Friday, 8.30pm) doesn't quite live up to **Meet The Parents**, the origin of the movie franchise.

2. **Miniscule** (ABC, Saturday, 6.25pm) is a delightful short animation series from European company Futurikon (www.futurikon.com). It says more with less.

3. **Michael Palin: Around The World In 20 Years** (ABC, Sunday, 7.30pm) reprises his extraordinary adventures which began with Across The Andes By Frog in **Ripping Yarns** in 1977. A cat is optional for the world traveller, but it does hold off an attack of mice.



	ABC 1	ABC 2	SBS	PRIME	ten	NBN
WEDNESDAY 20	<p>4.30 Police Rescue (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 Meet The Natives (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</p> <p>3.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>6.00 Travel Oz (G)</p> <p>7.30 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>9.35 Moving Wallpaper (M)</p> <p>10.00 At the Movies</p> <p>10.30 Lateline And Lateline Business</p> <p>11.40 Vincent (M)</p> <p>12.40 Cricket In The 80 (PG)</p> <p>1.40 Apes In Danger (PG)</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 The Cook And The Chef Moments (G) Repeat.</p> <p>4.45 Animal Cops: South Africa (G)</p> <p>5.35 Time Team (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Scrapheap Challenge (G)</p> <p>7.00 Mr Bean With Rowan Atkinson (G)</p> <p>7.30 The Royal Todayr (PG)</p> <p>8.00 Body Hits (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Beyond Boundaries: Across The Andes (M)</p> <p>9.30 Songbirds (PG)</p> <p>10.20 Just Punishment (MA)</p> <p>11.15 Navy Divers (PG)</p> <p>11.45 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>7.10 Cycling: Giro D'Italia Update</p> <p>7.25 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 Movie: I Always Wanted To Be A Saint (M 2003) Drama from Luxembourg. Stars Marie Kremer, Thierry Lefevre.</p> <p>2.25 Our Man In Nirvana (PG)</p> <p>2.45 A Simple Piece Of Cloth (G)</p> <p>3.00 Salam Cafe (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Nerds FC (PG)</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour with Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Corner Gas (G)</p> <p>6.00 Global Village: Russia (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Food Investigators</p> <p>8.00 Trawlermen (G) Docu from UK.</p> <p>8.30 Camel Odyssey</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Movie: Dead Man (MAV 1995) Western from US. Stars Johnny Depp, Gary Farmer, John Hurt, Gabriel Byrne, Robert Mitchum.</p> <p>12.05 Cycling: Giro d'Italia 2009</p> <p>12.35 Watch The Skies (PG)</p> <p>1.40 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: Cypher (M 2002) Stars Lucy Liu, Jeremy Northam, Nigel Bennett, Kari Matchett, Kristina Nicoll.</p> <p>2.00 All Saints (M)</p> <p>3.00 House Call</p> <p>3.30 Raggs</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 Thank God You're Here (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Criminal Minds (M)</p> <p>9.30 My Name Is Earl (PG)</p> <p>10.00 Family Guy (M)</p> <p>10.30 Russell Brand's Ponderland (M)</p> <p>11.00 Lost (M)</p> <p>12.00 Australia's Stranges Home Improvements (G)</p> <p>12.30 Brand Developers (G)</p> <p>1.00 Guthy Renker & Danoz</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 The Need For Speed (G) 1.00 Final 24 2.00 The Great Outdoors (PG) → 12.00 Dateline NBC 1.00 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</p> <p>3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (G)</p> <p>4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)</p> <p>5.00 Ten News</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons (PG)</p> <p>6.30 Neighbours (G)</p> <p>7.00 Masterchef Australia (PG)</p> <p>8.00 The Simpsons (PG)</p> <p>8.30 House (M)</p> <p>9.30 Numb3rs (M) Series return.</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</p> <p>4.00 Religion to 6am (PG) The difference between religions and cults is determined by how much real estate is owned. <i>Frank Zappa</i></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>5.30 Hot Seat (G)</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 What's Good For You (PG)</p> <p>8.00 RPA (PG)</p> <p>8.30 The Mentalist (M)</p> <p>8.45 Lotto</p> <p>9.30 Cold Case (M)</p> <p>10.30 Cold Case (M)</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 21	<p>4.30 Police Rescue (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 Einstein Factor (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.00 The War (PG)</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 Parliament Question Time</p> <p>The Senate (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</p> <p>8.30 Cracking The Maya Code (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... (G)</p> <p>12.20 Wildside (M)</p> <p>1.10 Raw Comedy (M)</p> <p>2.30 Movie: Wedding Rehearsal (G 1933) Stars Merle Oberon.</p> <p>3.25 Aussie Animal Rescue</p> <p>3.55 The Glass House (M)</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 Business Today</p> <p>9.30 Asia Pacific News</p> <p>10.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>4.30 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 Scrapheap Challenge (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>7.20 Mr Bean With Rowan Atkinson (G)</p> <p>7.30 The Royal Today (G)</p> <p>8.00 Spicks And Specks (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>9.00 The Gruen Transfer</p> <p>9.00 Moving Wallpaper (M)</p> <p>9.30 The Graham Norton Show</p> <p>10.00 Peep Show (M)</p> <p>10.25 Little Miss Jocelyn (M)</p> <p>10.55 Phoenix Nights (PG)</p> <p>11.20 Double The Fist: Beat The House (M) Repeat.</p> <p>11.50 Close</p>	<p>4.00 2009 UEFA Cup Final</p> <p>Shakhtar Donetsk v Werder Bremen. Live from Istanbul.</p> <p>7.10 Cycling: Giro D'Italia</p> <p>7.25 World News in various languages.</p> <p>2.30 Afghan Ladies' Driving School (G)</p> <p>3.15 Horn OK Please (G)</p> <p>3.30 Kings Of Clubs (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: Puglia (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.35 Inspector Rex (PG) Austria Repeat.</p> <p>8.30 Mad Men (M)</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 2009 UEFA Cup Final</p> <p>Shakhtar Donetsk v Werder Bremen. Full replay.</p> <p>12.00 Cycling: Giro D'Italia</p> <p>12.30 Oz (MAV)</p> <p>1.30 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: Mystery Woman – Redemption (M) Stars Kellie Martin, Clarence Williams III, Nina Siemaszko.</p> <p>2.00 All Saints (M)</p> <p>3.00 House Call (PG)</p> <p>3.30 Larry The Lawnmower</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 Heroes (M)</p> <p>11.30 King Of The Hill (PG)</p> <p>12.00 Cavemen (PG)</p> <p>12.30 Brand Developers (G)</p> <p>1.30 Danoz & Guthy-Renker</p> <p>5.30 Seven Early News</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 This Rugged Coast (G) 1.00 Final 24 2.00 The Great Outdoors (PG) → 12.30 Movie: Dangerous Attraction (M 1999) 2.00 Danoz Direct & 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</p> <p>3.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)</p> <p>4.00 Everybody 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 Masterchef Australia (PG)</p> <p>7.30 Rules Of Engagement (PG)</p> <p>8.00 Worst Week (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Law & Order: Criminal Intent (M)</p> <p>9.30 Medium (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. All religions are equally sublime to the ignorant, useful to the politician andridiculous to the philosopher. <i>Lucretius</i></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>5.30 Hot Seat (G)</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Getaway (PG)</p> <p>8.30 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 22	<p>4.30 Police Rescue (PG) Repeat.</p> <p>5.30 The New Inventors (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.00 Kids' Programs</p> <p>11.05 Island Life (G) Repeat</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 (G)</p> <p>8.00 Collectors (G)</p> <p>8.30 Silent Witness (M)</p> <p>10.15 The Hollowmen (M)</p> <p>10.45 Lateline (M)</p> <p>11.20 triple j tv With The Doctor Repeat</p> <p>11.50 Good Game Repeat.</p> <p>12.20 rage (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.</p>	<p>6.00 ABC News Breakfast</p> <p>9.00 ABC 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 (G) Repeat.</p> <p>6.30 Scrapheap Challenge (G)</p> <p>7.00 Zoo Days (G)</p> <p>7.20 Mr Bean With Rowan Atkinson (PG)</p> <p>7.30 The Royal Today (PG)</p> <p>8.00 The Worst Week Of My Life: Tuesday (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Spectacle: Elvis Costello With... Herbie Hancock (G)</p> <p>9.15 A Little Later (G)</p> <p>9.30 Massive: The Photo Shoot (M)</p> <p>10.05 Stereophonics: Rewind (MA)</p> <p>11.45 London Live (PG)</p> <p>12.15 Close</p>	<p>5.20 World News in various languages.</p> <p>7.10 Cycling: Giro d'Italia Daily Update</p> <p>7.25 World News in various languages.</p> <p>1.00 The Food Lovers Guide To Australia</p> <p>1.30 Insight</p> <p>2.30 The Super Comet: On A Strange Planet (PG) Docu from Germany.</p> <p>3.30 Living Black</p> <p>4.00 The Journal</p> <p>4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer</p> <p>5.30 Hotspell (G)</p> <p>6.00 Global Village: Obernai – Alsace (G)</p> <p>6.30 World News Australia</p> <p>7.30 Friday On My Mind (PG)</p> <p>8.30 As It Happened: World War II – Behind Closed Doors (PG)</p> <p>9.30 World News Australia</p> <p>10.00 Boob Tube: Sex, TV And Ugly George (MA)</p> <p>11.10 Movie: The House Of Sand (MA 2005) Drama from Brazil. Stars Fernanda Montenegro, Fernanda Torres, Ruy Guerra, Seu Jorge.</p> <p>1.10 Cycling: Giro d'Italia 2009</p> <p>1.40 Film: The Demon Stirs (M 2005) Comedy from France. Stars Michele Bernier, Simon Abkarian.</p> <p>3.15 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: The Others (M 2001) Stars Nicole Kidman, Fionnula Flanagan, Christopher Eccleston, Alakina Mann.</p> <p>2.30 The Golden Girl (PG)</p> <p>3.00 House Call (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 Better Homes And Gardens (PG)</p> <p>8.30 Movie: Meet The Fockers (M) Stars Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller, Dustin Hoffman, Barbra Streisand.</p> <p>11.00 2009 AFL Premiership Season</p> <p>Geelong v Western Bulldogs.</p> <p>2.30 Danoz And Guthy-Renker</p> <p>Prime HD program same as above except: 12.00 Survival On A Tropical Isle (G) 1.00 Movie: The Big Street (PG 1942) 2.30 Deal Or No Deal →</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</p> <p>3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (PG)</p> <p>4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond</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 Masterchef Australia (PG)</p> <p>8.00 The Simpsons (G)</p> <p>8.30 Law & Order (M)</p> <p>9.30 Law & Order (M)</p> <p>10.30 Life On Mars (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>1.20 Infomercials (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>5.30 Hot Seat</p> <p>6.00 NBN News</p> <p>7.00 A Current Affair</p> <p>7.30 Friday Night Football</p> <p>Parramatta v South Sydney.</p> <p>9.30 Friday Night Football</p> <p>Wests v Brisbane</p> <p>11.30 NBN News</p> <p>12.00 Movie: Waking Up In Reno (M 2001) Stars Billy Bob Thornton, Charlize Theron, Patrick Swayze, Natasha Richardson.</p> <p>1.15 Movie: Up The Chastity Belt (PG 1972) Stars Frankie Howerd, Graham Crowden, Bill Fraser.</p> <p>3.30 Guthy Renker Australia (G)</p> <p>4.30 Good Morning America</p>

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In these interesting times, it is obvious that individuals, families and their local communities need to work towards resilience in order to not only withstand the impact of financial crisis and climate change but also to, hopefully, prosper and flourish. The road ahead is not necessarily easy and in the following pages we offer many views on how the sustainable community could be created or improved upon. I hope you will find the articles informative and entertaining, and in some cases challenging and controversial. It would be impossible within 20 pages to cover all the facets of sustainability but there is plenty here to be going on with.

What is 'sustainable'? According to my computer dictionary it's 'Ecology (esp. of development, exploitation, or agriculture) conserving an ecological balance by avoiding depletion of natural resources.' As biologist Mary Gardner points out on page 18, many human practices dubbed 'sustainable' by no means conserve an ecological balance, let alone a just society. 'Sustainable' is a buzzword which needs to be torn from the hands of spin doctors and given its rightful meaning again by local communities. This can happen through a commitment to using resources wisely, buying local, low-impact products where possible, and sharing knowledge, among other things.



As slow as they are to move, Australian governments are beginning to understand the importance of sustainability. No doubt the pace of ecological and economic change will prompt further understanding. The consequence for local communities will be further funding for projects aimed at fostering sustainability, many of which are looked at in this supplement. The north coast of NSW is an ideal position to embrace these new initiatives.

Under pressure of change there is a temptation to embrace ways of doing things and make them dogma. However the last thing we need is a new cult of sustainability wowsers keeping us in line. Flexibility is part of maintaining an ecological balance. You and I may move to the beat of a different drum, so appreciating that is part of keeping a community sustainable.

— Michael McDonald, editor

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From generation to generation



Story & photo Lou Beaumont

When considering the very definition of sustainability, conserving an ecological balance by avoiding depletion of natural resources, it is clear that as inhabitants of this planet we are doing anything but living sustainably. Our ecological systems are imbalanced and close to collapse and we continue to use our natural resources as if they were inexhaustible. For some, living sustainably comes more naturally than others, having been brought up to see the value of frugality and resourcefulness. One such person is Jerry Coleby-Williams, presenter on ABC TV's *Gardening Australia*, who was raised by his family of gardeners in war time England.

Jerry Coleby-Williams spoke at the launch of Byron Shire Council's Public Land for Food Launch on April 4. He compared the time he was brought up, a time of war where England was forced to rethink where its food came from, with the present day, where resources are again threateningly low. He spoke not only of the importance of living sustainably but of the need for those with sustainable living knowledge to impart such wisdom with others, in particular, the next generation.

'The biggest change in the gardening demographic is school gardeners. We are now seeing an increase in school solar and kitchen garden projects. Adults tend to dumb down the predicament of the planet for kids but they know exactly what is going on. Children are concerned, they are getting anxious and depressed about these things and they want to be able to change things. School projects give them an opportunity to learn and change things for themselves.

They are not just involved in a pleasant exercise, they are learning life skills. Anyone who can grow food can look after their family, and their friends and neighbours, no matter what the economic situation.'

Raised in Colchester, Britain's oldest city, Coleby-Williams comes from four generations of farmers and gardeners. For the most part, his forefathers had no deep thoughts about organic gardening practices because they were organic by circumstance – pesticides and chemical fertilisers were expensive. So the era of industrial agricultural chemicals began in 1842 with the patent of superphosphate, but it was in hard times, such as the World Wars, when many gardeners and farmers went organic by default, that is, out of the need to tighten their belts.

'By around 1940 Britain was importing 60% of its fresh food

and vegetables. At the outbreak of World War II Britain had 18 months to avert starvation, due largely to the fact that German submarines were doing a good job stopping fresh food making it to English shores. The British government came up with the 'Dig for Victory' campaign. Politicians and businessmen of WWII Britain put their heads together and systematically worked out how to get every acre of land brought into cultivation. Public information was made available to allow people to grow food.

'Rules change in a crisis and life very quickly changes with them. Barriers dissolve really quickly when necessary.

'English school children of the WWII era learnt so much about food production that any child then knew more than the average Australian adult does today. Anyone who can

grow food will have a good life. Friends, family, neighbours never need suffer, that is how communities are built. And the communities of WWII England went from food dependent to food secure in 18 months. Britain was sustained by the 'Dig for Victory' campaign because ordinary people learned how to grow food at home. Back then, the government rolled out bomb shelters, providing families with what was necessary to survive. Now, that should be rainwater tanks and solar panels etc. We often talk about surviving, where we could be thriving. As economic resources change we have to change our relationship with food and each other.'

■ You can read more about Jerry Coleby-Williams and the various projects he is involved with on his blog, www.bellis.info.

Organic farming booms

The first official Australian organic data in four years has been launched by Biological Farmers of Australia, revealing that the organic industry is potentially as resilient in drought as its products claim to be healthy for consumers.

Researched by the University of New England's Organic Research Group, and commissioned by the Biological Farmers of Australia (BFA), the Australian Organic Market Report (AOMR) is based on industry-wide survey data and builds upon research published by the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) in 2004. Among the key findings of the research are:

Retail value (incorporating imports and adjusting for exports) was estimated for the first time above \$0.5B. Retail value reached over \$600million

with reports of between 10 and 30%+ growth per annum for some sectors since the last report in 2004. (See the AOMR for specific sector values)

2007 farm gate values were estimated to be in excess of \$231,000,000 – an 80% increase on the 2004 DAFF research findings.

With 11,988,044 hectares, Australia accounts for the largest amount of certified organic farmland in the world, the majority of which is used for extensive grazing.

Major retailers now carry in excess of 500 different organic lines in fresh and grocery categories.

The number of certified organic operators has increased by an annual 5.2% average net over the last five years, during a time of ongoing decrease in overall farmer numbers in

Australia. In 2007 the total number of certified organic operators was 2,750 – made up of farmers, processors and marketers. Almost three quarters of all operators are producers, representing 1.5% - 1.8% of all growers in Australia.

The average age of an organic producer in Australia is lower than a non-organic producer. The organic industry is consolidating and the average size of organic farms has increased, highlighting a trend towards professional farming at a larger scale, and farm area expansion by operators experiencing long-term success in utilising organic systems.

Horticulture remains a major stay of the industry. Some two thirds of organic farmers make up this sector which represents almost half of the total organic farm gate value in Australia.

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The origins of love and peace

Kali Wendorf

In our commitment to saving the planet, we are often put at odds with our own species. Ecological destruction seems inevitable as long as humanity is present. How can we be the cure, rather than the disease? Most sustainability initiatives focus on adult-centred change, but what is overlooked are the forging elements that shape a planet-loving, or planet-destroying adult.

Is it in our nature to be violent, fearful and greedy? Or can we nurture humanity towards a different outcome? The answer: a large body of groundbreaking research across a range of disciplines – neuroscience, genetics, psychology and biology – has ended the nurture verses nature debate. Indeed how we are nurtured determines the kind of people we will grow up to be. Even more importantly, we are biologically 'predispositioned' towards love, empathy and connection.

The research reveals how these virtues are hard-wired into an infant's brain by certain sensory inputs such as touch, smell, taste, movement and vision. Specifically these inputs are intimate in nature – breastfeeding, holding, skin-to-skin contact, eye gazing, emotional nurturing, co-sleeping and the movement experienced while being held in the arms of walking carers. Such practices positively alter the developing brain and translate into important developmental advantages: improved relationships and social skills, keen self-management skills and healthy interdependence, a well-functioning nervous system and overall psychological strength and wellbeing.

In addition, there is a neurological 'expectation' that these intimate inputs be provided by those who the infant first experienced (through sound and rhythm) in the womb – the mother and father. After that period, the biological need for connection continues, but with the circles expanding to extended family members, a caring community and, very importantly, time in nature – the other mother.

So if we're hardwired for love, what has gone wrong? Unfortunately, modern western culture is increasingly at odds with this kind of nurturing. Rather than encouraging physical and emotional closeness to children, our culture discourages it. The dissolution of family life and community, and the resultant 'outsourcing' of parenting and over-reliance on television-as-babysitter interferes with this fragile and critical process of connection. Ours is a society of disconnect: births are unnecessarily medicalised, interfering in the primary bonding process of



mother and infant; babies and toddlers are fed with bottles, sleep alone in their own cot, in their own room and spend an inordinate amount of time in prams, playpens, car seats and day care, away from the physical contact and closeness of their mother and father. And as they grow older, the disconnection expands, with increased time in front of television and computer screens, and little time in nature.

Without a foundation of bonding and connection, children grow up exhibiting a plethora of stress signals that indicate such connections have not been made: depression, attentional issues, aggression, suicide, failure to participate in relationships, and substance abuse. Their ability to look after themselves, another or the

planet is highly compromised. And so, in a vicious circle, our disconnected culture raises children who will grow to perpetuate the same disconnection with their children, their neighbours, their earth.

It's important to look at this research from a civilisational perspective, rather than just a personal one. Many people who read such material often retort with comments such as, 'Well I was spanked and I am fine' or 'My child wasn't breastfed and she is happy'.

But imagine, if you will, the impact to our planet of generations of western children being raised collectively without the neurobiological imperatives of connection. We've heard lately of the looming 'credit tsunami'; well, this is what I call the looming 'disconnection tsunami'.

And it is heading right for us.

Robin Grille, psychologist and author, is a passionate advocate of uncovering the psychological roots of social and environmental ills. In his groundbreaking book *Parenting for a Peaceful World* he writes, 'The suffering of children ends up producing human rights abuses anywhere in the world. Every war, every genocide, has been a direct consequence of society's war against children.'

Our sustainability initiatives will be frightfully short-sighted until our society realises that how babies are born and raised determines the kind of society that is forged. We can save a forest today, but if children are not brought up feeling love, connection and empathy, then that same forest will be cut down tomorrow.

The good news is that for the first time in human history, we have an evidence-based model for how to raise a peaceful society. Until now, parenting methods have been shaped by culture and enforced by societal norms, having little or nothing to do with meeting the emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of humanity. Now science confirms what a mother always knew deep within.

For the first time in human history, we can now take an active and deliberate role in forging a better society and reaching our evolutionary potential to live in harmony with nature and with each other. It will require mothers, fathers and an entire child-loving community.

■ Kali Wendorf is a social entrepreneur, writer, lecturer and founding editor of *Kindred* magazine www.kindredmagazine.com.au.

The people care weak spot

Lani Summers

Around the time that personnel departments became human resource departments, there had emerged an economic rationalist understanding that employees have a measurable value. Later, another concept began to emerge, the triple bottom line, people planet and profit. Successful business woman and a Triple Bottom Line pioneer, Judy Wicks, captured the essence of this progressive paradigm when she said 'Business is beautiful when it's a vehicle for serving the common good.'

Here we are in the Byron Shire, hub of progressive practice and conscious community, yet I see a thread loose in our societal weave. I look around at our businesses and institutions. In most of the places I have involved myself in, the profit,

planet and people concept are all visibly accounted for in policy. The problems occur in the practical application, juggling all three, and most regularly the ball that is dropped is the people component. Most of my friends and colleagues are directly or indirectly affected by a people care weak spot in the workplace, even those who are self employed!

Staff discounts are caring, but conflict resolution is critical. We are socio-biological relational beings. Yet the recent era of cheap available energy has made us very individualistic and self serving. We can all afford our own cars, lawnmowers and phones, we don't have to share and we don't need to collaborate. Yet these are vital skills, and at the beginning of the descent of cheap available energy and subsequently the economy, it is an imperative

that we rekindle these crucial skills.

Massages and bonuses, while lovely, do not alone penetrate the symptoms of conflict and stress that require mediation and arbitration, and a head in the sand approach is a false economy.

When people are on their deathbeds, the amnesia of values that has held them as slaves to this economy leaves. They remember clearly and dearly their most splendid moments, and these treasured moments are usually with people and nature.

As our old economy is nearing its deathbed perhaps the spell will finally be broken and our values will consciously sit in the driver's seat of our motivations well before our own final breaths.

And happiness will measure our success.

Taking resilience to the streets



Sharon Gibson, right, with Tanya Langlois and Mike Clarke, all winners of the Sustainable Streets Eco-home makeover, check out some beans in the vegetable garden. Photo Lou Beaumont.

We talked to Sharon Gibson, winner of the Sustainable Streets Eco-home makeover in Mullumbimby.

What was it like for you & your family when you found out you had won?

I've been passionate about living sustainably for years, to think that I could be supported to go in the direction I wanted to go was fantastic. We're all delighted and happy that it is a local North Coast Climate Action Group initiative, sponsored largely by local businesses.

When I told my friends and neighbours of our win, the usual response was 'Yeah, that's no surprise'. They were happy for me, they want to learn and be involved. More people stop me to ask questions about sustainability, whether it be in my front yard's veggie patch or in town.

What was the first step?

I was given an ACE Green Me Up course, we were shown how to calculate our ecological footprint. If everyone lived like

our family we would need two planets, that's good and bad, because the Australian average is over three planets. Green Me Up helped us to hone in on the necessary changes to reduce our footprint and feel confident about continuing other aspects of our lifestyle. It's not all bad news! Ecological footprint has been a good way to communicate to my kids, how effort and little things we do make a real and measurable difference.

What have been the easiest of changes?

The installation of our solar hot water system. We have a manual set up for the electrical booster and we haven't had to use it yet. It has reduced our electricity consumption by 54%. I was surprised, I've checked the math and it's correct. It's surprising how often people don't know about the government rebates available and what a difference it can make.

The hardest?

Working out ways to reduce

the use of my car. It would help if public transport was better but I appreciate the limitations in country areas. My dream is to have an electric bike with a mini trailer. Safety is an issue though, I'm really looking forward to more bike tracks.

We also interviewed Nina Bishop the project manager.

This project starts with ecological footprint calculations, why is this?

It's not an exact science, but ecological footprint is an effective tool measuring environmental impact of countries, products, communities and individuals. It removes a lot of guesswork and lessens judgement between individuals since scientists have done the sums for us over many years of research. Once a person has their EF, it's harder for them to complain about another driving a large 4WD if they remain a frequent flyer! The onus is more on the individual.

How do you hope the project will benefit our

community?

It's better that our community works at becoming more sustainable now, therefore more resilient before we must later. Slow and steady now or catching up later! Research has shown that lasting change usually happens when habits are developed slowly over time. Families, friends and community, all things that make life worth living, all thrive on time. If we rush, people are less likely to get their needs met, they become stressed. Sustainability is a lot about symbiosis, people taking care of people locally, in a mutually beneficial way.

We have affordable workshops planned, at the eco-homes in process, throughout the year. They're designed to inspire and offer practical sustainable choices that are particularly relevant to our local neighbourhoods.

■ Go to NCCAG's website www.nccag.org and click on Sustainable Streets Events enquiries and bookings or ring 6684 1263.



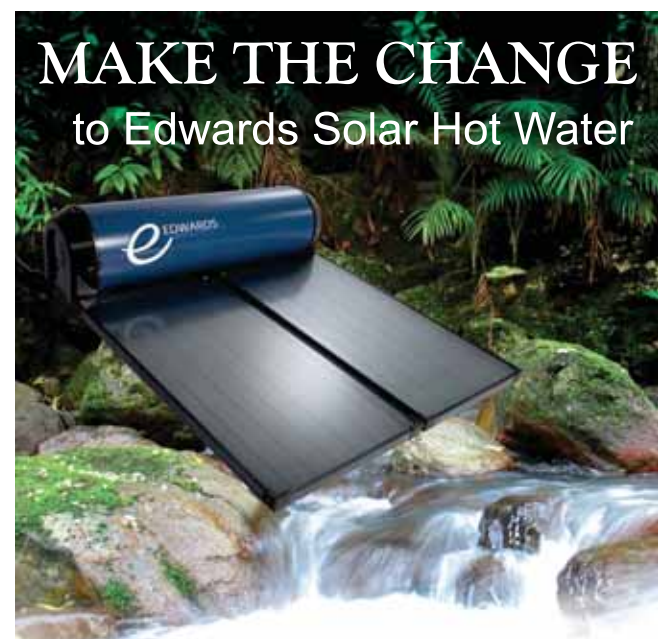
Victoria Cosford

There persists much confusion surrounding food companies and their policies on using genetically engineered ingredients. Shopping ethically is one way that we as consumers can make a difference – but in order to shop ethically, it is important for us to know which food brands are free of GE ingredients. With the first harvest of Australian-grown GE canola now underway, the imperative is even greater to be informed – particularly in the light of the fact that under current laws, most of the products containing canola, such as margarine and vegetable oil and ice cream, are not required to include it in the labelling.

The Greenpeace True Food Guide rates companies according to their policies on using GE ingredients. Over 170 food companies and 400 products are classified in three categories:

- Green for companies that have given written assurance that they are not using GE ingredients anywhere in the food chain;
- Orange for companies committed to removing GE ingredients and are in the process of doing so;
- Red for companies that have no policy to remove GE-derived ingredients, including those from animals fed GE feed, as well as those companies that did not respond adequately to enquiries.

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Green Power to the People

Nina Bishop

It's a burning issue – about 92% of Australia's greenhouse gas (ghg) emissions come from burning fossil fuels. Fortunately, the demand for cleaner energy is growing with accredited GreenPower in NSW growing by 17% in the last 12 months. We, the people, are sending a clear message to investors in the energy industry.

In 2001, even the Howard government recognised that Australia needed to develop its renewable energy supply sector and introduced the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target scheme. MRET puts an obligation on electricity retailers to purchase a specified amount of their electricity from renewable energy sources.

Prior to this in 1997, state governments (not including Tasmania and the Northern Territory) formed a voluntary program called GreenPower, which provides accreditation for new renewable energy, giving consumers some surety on their choice of green electricity. Each accredited retailer's sales and purchases are audited annually to ensure purchasers get

what they pay for.

GreenPower uptake indicates consumer demand and relies on voluntary participation, while MRET is mandatory for liable parties such as Origin and Country Energy. Both programs have been introduced to encourage development of the renewable energy supply industry. According to the NSW Dept of Water and Energy, since the start of GreenPower accreditation, there has been an eightfold increase in the number of solar generators under their program in Australia.

Renewable energy is derived from sources that cannot be depleted or energy that can be replaced, such as solar, wind, biomass (waste), wave or hydro. According to GreenPower, renewable sources don't produce greenhouse gas pollution; generators have no 'net' impact, which excludes pollution created from building the facility. When you switch to accredited GreenPower, you're instructing your electricity supplier to purchase power from eligible renewable sources, rather than coal fired power stations. This can sometimes be direct input to the grid



but more often through the purchase of RECs.

Renewable Energy Certificates were created by the government as a tool for measuring renewable energy generation. RECs are issued by the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator (ORER). Each REC represents the equivalent of 1 MWh of electricity genera-

tion from an eligible renewable energy source. RECs serve as a measure and currency – and like any currency, it can be traded and sometimes misused.

A scenario – Ms Sunshine puts a small 1kW PV system on her roof. ORER deems that system will produce 21 MWh during its life and will issue 21 RECs. These RECs can be sold

on the REC market as a form of rebate to help finance her renewable energy investment. Companies can now buy these REC's through an agent to help meet their mandatory renewable energy target. If they don't meet their yearly target they pay a fine.

The legitimate complaint from the Greens and many

environmental organisations is that voluntary carbon reduction actions such as Ms Sunshine's are counted in the Kyoto Carbon Cap and therefore diminish the responsibility for energy companies and polluting industries for carbon reduction. That is, the more that is done by households, the less that industry needs to do.

The Total Environment Centre, joined by 17 businesses, is calling on the government to make voluntary carbon projects and GreenPower additional to Australia's mandatory target under Kyoto and the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. They are asking the Federal Government to recognise the importance of a healthy voluntary market in expanding investment toward a cleaner environment.

Rules for GreenPower Accreditation

Energy generators and retailers who apply for GreenPower accreditation are successful if they meet certain (they say stringent) environmental criteria. A priority of the program is

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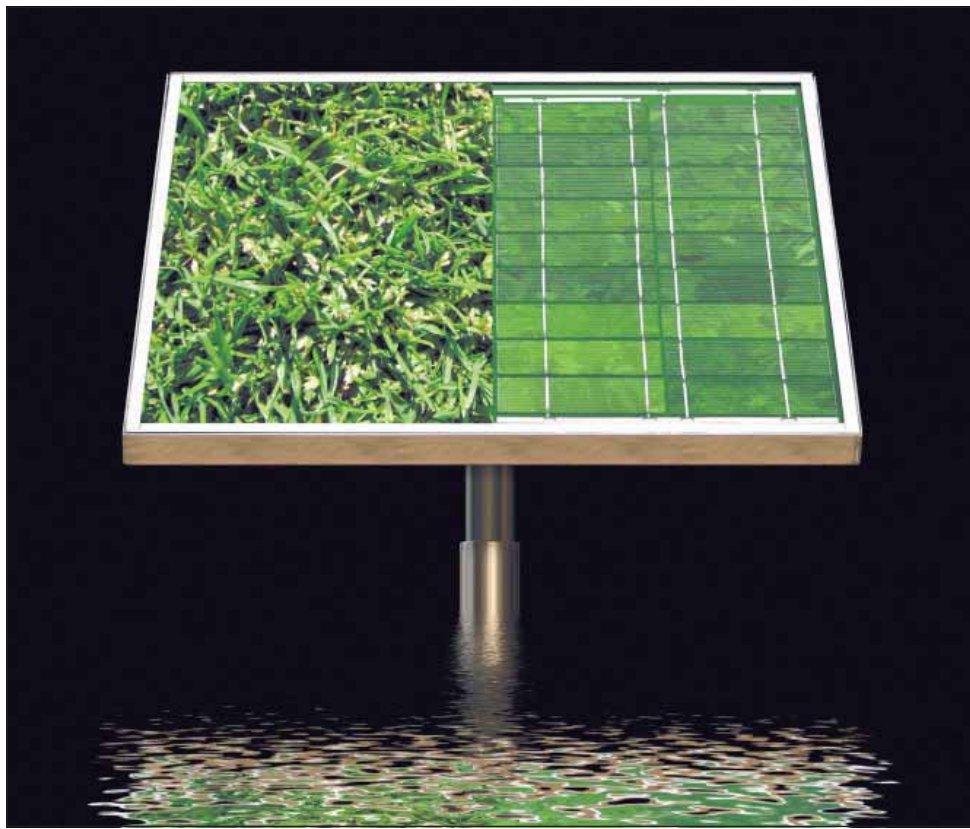


Green Power to the People

to create 'new' renewable energy generation, so only facilities that have been built since 1997 need apply. Other criteria have to do with biomass, which remains controversial among many environmental conservationists, and has been debated often in *The Echo's* letters to the editor.

Biomass describes energy that is generated from organically based sources such as landfill gas, sewage gas and bagasse. GreenPower doesn't accept wood waste. Energy is either 'captured' or generated from burning biomass, probably just one step up from burning fossil fuels. Energy from burning bagasse may support the sugar industry but does little to boost new generation, for example, of geothermal energy or wave and tidal power. These are the sources mostly likely to help with base load power in the future.

The good news is that some of the retailers offer customers a choice of the type of GreenPower. You can choose whether your power comes from solar or wind and ignore biomass altogether. Total Environment Centre, WWF and



the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) have joined forces to help consumers make informed decisions via their website Green Electricity Watch. Most, if not all, the questions you might like to ask your energy company in order

to choosing a credible product have been asked by GEW.

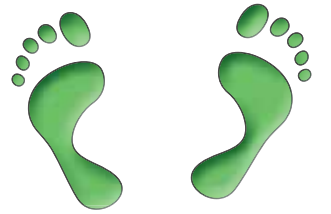
Energy companies, for example, who are in the best position to actively support the growth of renewable energy industry and who promote their product clearly rate higher on

the GEW list. Penalties apply to companies who estimate consumption via the 'block' system, which is based on a percentage of the average Australian household consumption. Country Energy has such a system offering GreenPower at

10%, 20%, 50%, or 100%, of this average. The problem is that an average can be incredibly inaccurate. 100% is 17.7 kWh per day therefore 10% is equivalent to 1.7 kWh per day.

Under the block system, people may be paying more than necessary to cover their usage, or too little – having negligible effect on renewable energy supply industry. If your loyalty gene has you staying with Country Energy – buy the percentage that fits your average consumption, which is easy to work out if you have your last four quarterly bills in front of you. The variable 'per unit' system offered by companies who also offer a choice on the source of renewable energy gets GEW's top ratings.

Like the government's mandatory system, the voluntary GreenPower program isn't perfect. Reducing consumption is the first logical step. If you have a sunny north roof – becoming a micro generator, and or buying enough GreenPower to cover your electricity use, is a good step in the right direction. Thanks to the Green Electricity Watch our step can be a little more sure-footed.



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Sweet surprises from the home garden

Steve Payne

My family are still talking about the amazing harvest of carrots I hauled onto the kitchen bench last year. Despite years of writing about permaculture and organics, I'm ashamed to say it was my first attempt at carrots. I'd heard they were tricky to get going and I wasn't sure my fragile gardening confidence was up to the task. Turns out I was right.

As the family gathered around to see what their 'provider' had produced, they all broke into laughter.

Some of the carrots were ugly, pebble-sized malformations, while others were perfectly formed, but alas in a class of their own – something between embryonic and pre-embryonic, pencil-thin and about 4cm long. It was a failure I felt sure might shed light on the collapse of the Mayan civilisation.

Despite the ridicule, I dutifully washed the miserable specimens and handed one to my two-year-old daughter Billie, while nibbling my own (I chose a skinny model).

They were sweet and delicious, a truly wondrous snack. They proved to me once again that gardening can be a pretty good reflection of life – filled with successes, humiliating



The author sets up the bamboo and wire bean trellis. Photo Dom O'Brien.

failures and heart-warming surprises.

Of course there was an explanation for my carrots' pathetic condition. I'd failed to water them adequately, only occasionally given them a feed of liquid fertiliser, and grown them in too shady a spot. In short I'd stuck them in and hoped for the best. But in other areas of my 6 x 4 metre organic vegie patch I'd done better.

My daughter Nina (7) and

son Ollie (9) helped plant some climbing beans below a bamboo trellis I rigged up. I did keep a close eye on the beans, giving them a decent feed and water, and we ended up with a wall of green and harvest after harvest. Just when we thought they were finishing, we'd pull back some leaves and reveal another glut. Each night we got a good handful, more than enough to go with a meal. I was proud.

Meanwhile, out the back, my wife had thrown some vegie scraps from our second storey balcony and a volunteer pumpkin vine of tremendous vigour took off and produced 39 sweet pumpkins. It even survived winter and has produced another 20 or so. It's unstoppable.

Despite having only a mini vegie and herb garden, when people ask me what I'm growing, I'm surprised at what I can

rattle off. Recent successes include: beans, capsicums, cherry tomatoes, cucumber (well, I did get six before they succumbed to mildew), rocket, lettuce, spring onions, chives, eggplant, corn, basil, coriander, war-rigal greens (it's taking over), oregano, rosemary, Chinese greens and chillies. I've also planted a lemon, avocado, fig and mulberry (for the fruit and to feed Ollie's silk worms).

Having established the garden in the only good sunny spot – out the front exposed to public view – I also put in a some marigolds and petunias. The latter providing seemingly endless mauve and purple blooms.

I have to say I do get despondent when crops fail, or when I've been busy and neglected the garden, but as a relative novice, I'm amazed at what can be produced from such a small area. And I'm not alone, there's a resurgence in 'grow your own food' that is only just kicking off. I reckon everyone should give it a go – it's the best thing you can do for the planet and your body.

■ Steve Payne is editor of the ABC's *Organic Gardener* magazine and lives in The Channon. He was formerly editor of the *Permaculture International Journal*.



TIPS FOR STARTING OUT

- Plant crops you know you'll eat. Get a seasonal planting guide.
- Start small – don't dig up the whole lawn in one go. Rather, create something manageable.
- Locate the garden in a good sunny spot (six hours of sun a day is best), and as close to the house as possible.
- Raised beds are great, giving good drainage in our wet climate.
- Seek advice. If you don't know where to start, read up, go to a farmer's market and chat with growers or seek out experienced gardeners who can encourage you.
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Helping hands in Murwillumbah Street

Roxanne Millar

It is 9.30am on a Saturday morning in Murwillumbah and residents are schlepping their home grown fruits and vegetables across their front yards to a table beneath a jacaranda tree.

A couple of older women sit in chairs that have magically appeared from someone's verandah, glancing proudly at the fresh eggs, tomatoes, lettuce, carrot and pumpkins nestled atop the table.

Any minute now the residents of Murwillumbah Street will commence their monthly market – the highlight event for this Sustainability Street – where residents will swap their produce in an effort to be environmentally friendly.

Murwillumbah Street became the Tweed Shire's first ever Sustainability Street when it was formed 12 months ago by residents wishing to collectively lower the carbon footprint of their street.

Environmentally-minded neighbours Lisa Blackwell and Diana Eriksen heard about Melbourne community action group Vox Bandicoot's efforts to engender a local response to the global problem of climate change by setting up Sustainability Street villages.

Since the concept was launched by Vox Bandicoot



Good neighbours gather in a sustainable Murwillumbah Street. Photo Jeff Dawson.

in 2002, with a trial run in the Melbourne suburb of Moreland, more than 200 Sustainability Streets have been established across Australia.

Using people power, residents in these streets have been able to reduce their waste, water and energy consumption by up to 30 per cent and have developed lasting friendships with their neighbours.

Murwillumbah Street is well on track to similar success – it

certainly has the lasting friendships bit down.

'It has brought the street a lot closer,' says resident Kirsty McInerney. 'We know all of our neighbours and you can't walk down the street without saying hello to someone and stopping for a chat.'

Apart from their monthly market day, at which Diana's pumpkins are always a hit, the group also hold street parties and host informational talks by sustainability experts on topics

such as water consumption and organics.

Acting on this type of advice, many residents have installed solar panels – Lisa has spearheaded a bulk buy scheme across the Tweed to get more people to switch on to solar – and they have also implemented waste reduction systems and put in solar hot water systems.

They say their bills have fallen over the past 12 months while their happiness has soared.

'We don't live in each other's pockets but we do help each other out,' says Pam Wilcox. 'If you need a hand with anything, it is great to know there are a group of neighbours who will happily help.'

The Tweed Shire Council has started monitoring the water and energy consumption of Murwillumbah Street to see how a community shift to sustainability impacts on statistics.

The council's sustainability officer Dan Walton said he hoped to use the hard data to convince other neighbourhoods to follow in the footsteps of Murwillumbah Street. 'Sustainability Street is about neighbours building a better relationship with each other and building a better relationship with the environment,' he said.

'When Murwillumbah Street told me they wanted to become sustainable, I thought: you beauty – I had been waiting for a street to say this. We couldn't force it.

'The thing is, Sustainability Street is a community driven movement. It does not work with a top-down approach. It really comes from people wanting to do something themselves.'

Lisa and Diana say that launching Sustainability Street

wasn't hard. They simply did a letterbox drop inviting residents to take part and researched the concept on the internet. Vox Bandicoot has a range of informational literature to inspire and assist residents in setting up their own Sustainability Streets.

With the support of the council, they were given access to various strategies to start reducing their carbon footprint.

'We found we had a group of very like-minded neighbours, so it was quite easy. At the first meeting we had 30 people,' said Lisa.

'I think it will evolve even further over time,' says senior Freya Dundee, who is sad she is moving out of the street shortly. 'I'd like to see it as really living together – sharing a car and car pooling, maybe making our footprint that little bit lighter.'

By the early evening the aroma of various curries, stir fries and roasts mingle in Murwillumbah Street as its residents use their neighbours' home grown goodies in their own special recipe.

'If we ever need an egg, it is good to know you don't have to go far,' smiles Lisa.

■ For more information go to www.sustainabilitystreet.org.au.

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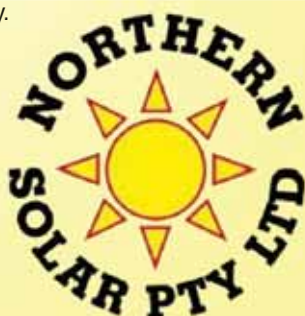
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The benefits of slow food in fast times

Victoria Cosford

The Slow Food Movement has become much more than being about food. It could even be – and occasionally is – described as a social movement, encompassing as it does concerns other than culinary to slow life down and step back from the relentless progression of globalisation and capitalism.

Its origins, however, were to do with food – with, specifically, the advent of a McDonald's restaurant in Rome's famous Piazza di Spagna in 1986. Italian author Carlo Petrini's response to this was to establish a movement both ecologically-minded and concerned with sustainability, enabling consumers to see that indeed they still had choices over fast food and large supermarkets. With the preservation of taste at the forefront,

he sought to support and protect small growers and artisanal producers, support and protect the physical environment, and promote biodiversity. In 1989 the Movement went international, and today it has almost 100,000 members in 132 countries, constituting the current leader in food philosophy.

It is based on sustainability of indigenous food sources. And sustainability is the ability of the environment to be preserved while human needs are being met – or, more broadly, the ability of an ecosystem to maintain ecological processes, function, biodiversity and productivity into the future. For humans to live sustainably, the Earth's resources must be used at a rate at which they can be replenished. Within the context of the Slow Food Movement, this involves caring for the land



and protecting biodiversity for today's communities and future generations as well as supporting artisans who grow, market, prepare and serve wholesome food.

It means shopping at local farmers' and growers' markets; buying food in season and sourced locally; protecting small purveyors of food from industrial standardisation; ensuring the survival of animal breeds, cooking techniques, cheeses and plant-life threatened by extinction. It includes ethical treatment of animals and awareness of waste, and the preservation of regional food traditions.

The Slow Food Movement's slogan is 'good, clean and fair' – the 'good' referring to taste, freshness, seasonality; the 'clean' to food production which jeopardises neither the earth's resources nor human health; the 'fair' to respect for social justice exemplified by fair pay and decent workplace conditions for everyone involved in the supply chain. The proponents of the Movement are indeed passionate about food and wine but

also about saving the world's agro-diversity. For them, eating is both biological necessity and convivial pleasure; it requires, above all, a form of responsible consumption which exerts a direct effect on the market, and hence on food production.

Slow Food is based in Bra, Italy. In every country the Movement is divided up into branches, or convivia; Slow Food Australia has a total of 38.

Because this is a not-for-profit organisation, all activities are coordinated by volunteers. Each convivium has its own distinctive character and conducts events throughout the year for its members – a visit to a farm or a winery; food fairs; cooking classes; themed dinners. Some of the literature on Slow Food has criticised the Movement for being elitist due to its focus on often costly artisan techniques

or exotic foods which only appeal to 'foodies', those who can afford to be preoccupied by food novelty, quality and taste. What it is more concerned about, however, is the changing nature of the consumer culture, in particular the notion of ethical consumption. And ethical consumption is the consumption of food produced without exploitation of either human beings or the environment. Good food should never be an upmarket thing – everybody should have the right to enjoy good, clean and fair food in everyday living. 'Good, clean and fair food', says Carlo Petrini, 'is only possible with knowledge: the knowledge of those who bring food to the table and the knowledge of those who eat it. Understanding more about our food, how it tastes and where it comes from makes the act of eating all the more pleasurable.'

■ Anyone interested in joining the Byron Bay convivium of the Slow Food Movement should contact acting leader Rose-Marie Toynbee on 6687 0597 or email byronbear@ozemail.com.au.

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'Fresh foods are the cheaper option'

Preparing and eating fresh fruit and vegetables is a convenient, cheaper and healthier option than eating fast foods, according to health experts.

The 'Real Cost of Healthy Food report card', released recently as part of the 'Go for 2 & 5 campaign' shows preparing and eating healthy food is indeed the cheaper and healthier option.

The report card reveals that despite a serious drought and recent floods, fruit and vegetables and other healthy foods were less than one third the

price of junk food alternatives.

According to Jillian Adams, from the North Coast Health Promotion, the current third phase the 'Go for 2&5' campaign aims to dispel the myth that healthy food is costly and time consuming.

'A lot of us tend to think that we live such a fast lifestyle where we cannot afford to eat healthily without spending too much money! We often resort to snacks and fast foods that tend to be higher in fat and sugar and contain fewer nutrients. When you combine this

food habit with our inactive lifestyles, your body will pay the price,' Ms Adams explained.

The Go for 2&5 campaign provides a range of practical and innovative solutions such as tips, recipes to help people incorporate more fruit and vegetables into their diet while making sensible savings along the way. When comparing a healthy daily menu with a less healthy menu, the savings can add up to \$851 per person each year.

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The drive for better private transport

Hans Lovejoy

The collapse of the auto industries – especially in America – is partly due to the slow response to consumer demand. That demand is cheaper fuel, and the symbiotic relationship between auto and oil results in the reluctance to promote alternative options.

Partnerships between the big autos and electric battery technology were only established officially in 1996, a year before the Prius was launched. According to www.japantimes.co.jp, 'Toyota formed a separate battery venture with Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., now Panasonic Corp., back in 1996, while Nissan Motor Co. partnered with NEC Corp. in 2007.'

If you want hybrid electric/petrol technology now in Australia, the Prius and Honda's Civic compete in a largely empty playing field. Other car giants scramble for catchup with imminent release dates, and we will no doubt see more in the way of diesel, which has been largely ignored in Australia.

Electric cars

Holden plans to release the EV (electric vehicle) Volt in 2012. It's already for sale in America, and Holden's parent company Chevy claims the Volt can do 40 miles on a lithium



ion electric battery charge before switching to a small petrol powered engine. Despite Chevy's estimation that most commuters don't travel more than 40 miles a day, the limitations and seemingly disinterested promotion and research for anything but improved petrol efficiency continues to be a wasted opportunity. In other words oil companies can't centrally control electricity prices and distribution.

Expect other major companies, such as Subaru and

Mitsubishi, to start rolling out electric vehicles in the next few years. The prototypes are already being tested. For the really keen, there's DIY EV using the body of a conventional light vehicle. There's a good conversion of a Toyota Echo at www.electric-echo.com and you can also find out more at Zero Emission Vehicles Australia www.zeva.com.au.

It's not just the fuel, but the entire life cycle of the vehicle and the recyclability of the materials used that can contribute to less waste and emissions.

BMW claims to be the first car maker in the world to start establishing a network of recycling, while Volvo, among others, claim to be 85% recyclable. No doubt the car industry will continue to try to improve its image as a responsible citizen that cares for the environment. Given the amount of oil related industries, professions and trades associated with keeping the combustion engine running, it will require the most persuasive PR in the business. Real sustainable change will only come about when collec-

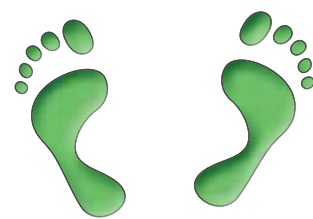
tive consumer pressure forces the auto and oil companies to sell the car that runs on non-oil based fuels such as electricity, hydrogen and magnetics. Don't forget car pooling!

Motorised bicycles

Locally, there's intelligent entrepreneurs providing petrol-driven and electric bicycles. While the bicycles don't have a large range they provide plenty of pleasure and take the puff out of hills. Used as a 'second car' for running around town, they cut a family's carbon emissions considerably.

Remember that in 1898 the bicycle with inflated rubber tyres was state of the art, invented by an Irish veterinarian called Dunlop. It gave the working man a cheap way to get around and helped introduce comfortable clothing for women. In the 1890s American civil rights leader Susan B Anthony said that the bicycle 'has done more for the emancipation of women than anything else in the world'.

Like the bicycle, new forms of energy offer the human race – and the planet – emancipation from the oil trap. If we insist on improved forms of transport, as we're beginning to do with other energy in the switch to solar power, then the appropriate vehicles will follow, powered by consumer demand.



'Can I recharge the Prius by plugging it into the cigarette lighter of my Hummer?' – Stephen Colbert

Who killed the electric car: www.whokilledtheelectriccar.com

'Henry Ford recognised the utility of the hemp plant. He constructed a car of resin stiffened hemp fiber, and even ran the car on ethanol made from hemp.' www.cryptogon.com

'Through the early period of the automotive industry until about 1920, electric automobiles were competitive with petroleum-fueled cars particularly as luxury cars for urban use and as trucks for deliveries at closely related points.' www.britannica.com

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Recycling is just rubbish

Giovanni Ebono

Event organisers, resort owners and corporations regularly tout their green credentials with phrases like 'we enthusiastically recycle cardboard, glass and plastic'. Google it and giggle. The image of happy, shiny workers in freshly laundered khaki sorting piles of rubbish into brightly coloured bins fails to convince me that these companies will lead us to a sustainable future.

By definition, a sustainable human activity can be carried out by nine billion people for ever. Keeping chooks is sustainable, they eat our scraps, provide us with eggs and fertilise our gardens while they are at it. They happily live wherever we live. Farming salmon by feeding it fish caught off the South American coast then crushed, dried and dragged across the world, is not. It relies on a never ending supply of feed fish and cheap transport fuel.

The difference is the closed cycle of the human-chook food chain, compared to the linear process of 'extract, consume and dispose' that characterises salmon farming.

Given that distinction, recycling sounds lovely. Instead of digging up new resources every time we want something,

we simply extract it from our old rubbish. For example, it takes twenty times as much energy to manufacture a kilogram of aluminium from raw bauxite, as it does to convert used aluminium cans into shiny new ingots. Recycling an aluminium can, then, saves about 880 kilojoules of energy compared to making a new one. Surely a resounding blow for sustainability?

But wait. There's more. Re-use is many times more efficient than recycling. Glass containers were traditionally used fifty times before being recycled. The 120 kilojoules required to recycle each aluminium can can transport and wash a glass bottle many times over.

The real challenge is to use energy and resources only when they add real value. On average, every Australian disposes of more than 150 aluminium cans a year, consuming between 18 and 150 Megajoules of energy in the process. 60 Megajoules of energy feeds, clothes, houses and transports the average Indian for a day. Globally, your recycling is very expensive.

Waste is big business. Australians spend over \$2billion each year on disposing of around 30 million tonnes of waste. Over

1,700 companies operate in the waste disposal sector employing about 10,000 people. The waste management industry is bigger than sugar or cotton and only marginally smaller than Australia's annual export of grapes.

Big business it may be, but that two billion dollars produces nothing and, while it adds to the published GDP, adds no value to the economy. The cost of processing each tonne of waste is rising at the same time as the amount of waste is increasing. In an attempt to reduce the rising costs of landfill governments actively promote recycling.

Despite widespread cynicism about whether waste companies actually do recycle the goods they pick up, the amount of recycled material is growing steadily. Most construction steel and concrete is already recycled and about 27 per cent of all glass is recycled, despite the fact that it is made from a readily available raw material, sand.

The problem is that all of this recycling barely impacts on our overall consumption of raw materials or the energy used to convert them into goods. Recycling is the answer to the wrong question. The question is not, 'How can we better man-

age our waste?', but 'How can we waste less?'

Fundamentally, the recycling bin is still a rubbish bin. It requires transportation and handling, the stuff in there has to be scrubbed and rendered back to its basic materials then reformed into a useful object. You should not be comparing recycling to extraction, you should be comparing it to re-use.

If you cannot re-use a container or packaging at least once, you should not purchase it.

Ideally, you should be able to re-use it many times before it requires replacing. Certainly bottles, baskets and sturdy bags fit this criteria and you will see many people in this shire out shopping with such containers at hand. They are not quaint, retro-shopping hippies, they are the vanguard of your sustainable future. Ask them where they got their gear and shop a while in their shoes. Future generations will thank you.

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Now things get even more impressive. The latest generation of the Civic Hybrid's petrol engine is now both lighter and more powerful than the previous generation Civic Hybrid. With the electric engine, the car produces a combined 85kW @ 6000rpm. And

even more surprisingly, while the power is up, the fuel consumption actually comes down, with the latest generation Hybrid going through just 4.6 litres per 100km.

Now without sounding like one of those BUY NOW! Impulse Purchase ads that are always trying to give you free steak knives; there is more. The Civic Hybrid also comes with Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) as standard equipment. This snazzy little transmission helps the engine stay in its most efficient Revolutions Per Minute (RPM), which means even greater fuel economy for you. And astoundingly, under certain conditions the Civic Hybrid can run on electric power alone at speeds under 40 km/h, sometimes creating no emissions at all.

Just to get into the nitty-gritty for a moment, you should also know that Honda provides an 8-year warranty on the Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) Battery module in the Civic Hybrid. But that's really just for reassurance; hopefully you'll never need to use it.



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Damn the utopia, give me flexibility

Mungo MacCallum

When politicians talk about sustainability, they usually mean a commitment which will hold up until the next election. The idea of a system which can endure indefinitely is not only contrary to normal political practice; it is actually antithetical to political theory.

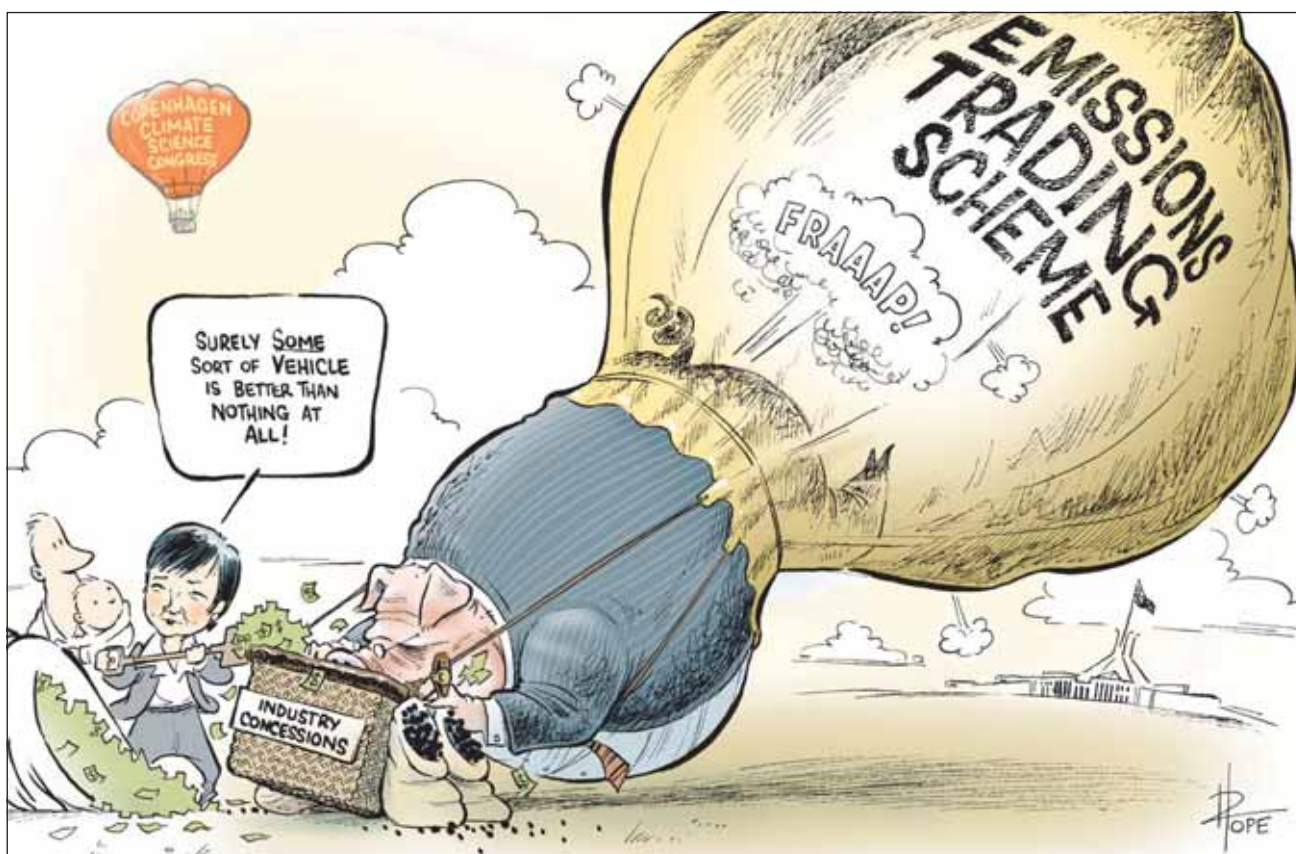
Politics is about change and reform; politicians are drawn to the trade by a desire to make a difference and the firm belief that they can do so. To tell them that their aim should be to set in place processes which are designed to last forever is to discredit their entire vocation.

Moreover, politicians will argue that history shows that such an approach verges on totalitarianism. Attempts to achieve utopian societies are only ever undertaken by dictators and megalomaniacs and invariably end in tears. Look at Adolf Hitler and the thousand year Reich, or Mao Zedong and his various great leaps forward, five year plans and cultural revolutions. They purported to plan for eternity, but could not even anticipate events a decade in advance.

Circumstances change, often unpredictably: an obvious example is the weather patterns. Whether you accept global warming or prefer to ignore reality, it is obvious that what has worked perfectly well in the past is unlikely to do so in the future.

For many years the irrigation systems sourced from the Murray-Darling basin were brilliantly successful; indeed, they were regarded as sustainable. Now we know they weren't, but who is to say that what is held up as a long term solution today will prove any more enduring?

Solar energy looks terrific



in today's climate but what happens if you get a series of massive volcanic eruptions and the sun doesn't shine for a couple of years? What happens if clean fusion suddenly becomes a reality and there is a cheaper, more reliable source of power? For a politician, and indeed for many scientists, sustainability is one of those buzzwords that suggest there is a final solution, that progress simply comes to a halt.

All their training and experience tells them it doesn't, any more than history came to an end when Francis Fukuyama celebrated the triumph of capitalism (!) 20 years ago. So you have a built-in resistance, which is seldom overcome by explaining that sustainability does not mean stagnation; we're simply talking about policy which is not going to wreck the place – policy which

takes account of the legitimate needs of future generations.

Well, future generations are all very well for policy speeches, but they don't have the vote; this generation does, and is notoriously unwilling to forgo its own privileges, either current or potential, no matter how idealistic it may appear in opinion polls. This generation was all gung-ho about taking drastic action over climate change until it became clear that such action might impact deeply on its hip pocket. Since the said pocket was already feeling a bit insecure about the global financial crisis, enthusiasm for action – or at least action which is actually going to mean a change in living standards – has waned dramatically.

This, of course, is totally irrational: the threat posed by climate change is as bad as it has ever been – if anything

worse. But the public prefers to focus on one problem at a time, and the politicians tend to follow suit – after all, it is a democracy. At present most people are more worried about the sustainability of their jobs than of the total environment and that's where the political

agenda stands. Politicians, too, worry about the sustainability of their jobs.

Is there anything that can be done about this short-term attention span? Well, in a democracy not much. Short of total catastrophe, like war or famine (both of which are certainly

on the cards if nothing serious is done) democracies tend to bumble along on from election cycle to election cycle. But this in itself suggests a possible improvement: make the cycles more predictable, and also a little longer.

If all politicians – federal, state and local – knew they would be facing the people on the same day every five years they might be more inclined to plan strategically rather than simply react to political events. If they knew they could not be ambushed by a snap election at any level of government they would feel more able to take tough decisions which would be implemented in years rather than months. To be fair to him, Kevin Rudd is already trying this approach in some areas and his inclination towards long-term goals is apparent. Given a few less political constraints, he and his successors might even be game to move on the really important issues.

And of course, it would help if the mass media were prepared to look further ahead than the next circulation survey. But the sustainability of the tabloid press, talk back radio and commercial television is another issue entirely.

Nominations open for Green Globes

Nominations for the 10th Green Globe Awards have been opened by the NSW Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Carmel Tebbutt. Small and large businesses, not-for-profit groups, state government agencies and local councils are encouraged to enter the awards, which recognise environmental achievements.

Ms Tebbutt said environmental management had moved into the mainstream

in the decade since the Green Globe Awards began and the calibre of nominations for the 10th awards was expected to be higher than ever. 'Many businesses and organisations around the state are working really hard to improve their environmental performance and it's great that we can recognise these efforts,' Ms Tebbutt said.

'Sustainability is becoming core to success these days. Research shows that for Aus-

tralian, sound environmental management not only means lower operating costs but it makes organisations more attractive to prospective employees and enhances brand reputation.'

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Reconciling our lives with the natural environment

Lani Summers

'An instrument of community.'

That is how Graeme Williams, describes his position as the Byron Shire Sustainability Officer. At 24 years of age and with only two years as a North Coast resident, Graeme carries an honest enthusiasm that you may expect of someone at the start of a career in what is likely to be an important and burgeoning profession. As we talk, the fact of his young age is made extraneous by a maturity of expression and a fortified philosophy beyond his years.

Graeme attributes the seed of his interest in sustainability to time spent growing up on traditional Darkinjung country along the Hawkesbury River in a township of only thirty households.

'There was a strong sense of the traditional owners, which my Mum taught me about, but also the natural environment was on the doorstep. I used to play on the river as a child and that is where my first memory of environmental consciousness was formed. I was four when a local creek was piped and filled in, to construct a park. I remember thinking, what about the tadpoles?'

Graeme's interest in the natural world remained,

informing his subject selection throughout high school and university.

'I was lucky enough to be able to turn my passion into my profession.'

While attaining his degree in Environmental Management, Graeme spent time in Tasmania, campaigning to protect threatened forests. This experience solidified his commitment to his calling.

'To see those beautiful forests splintered for woodchips is an image that really impacts me. I have a profound respect for the life-giving force and heritage of those ancient trees and all the people involved in the Tasmanian wilderness campaigns.'

It is little wonder then that Graeme names Senator Bob Brown and musician John Butler as some of his heroes and locally the passionate residents that volunteer their time such as Gayle Russell of North Coast Climate Action Group and Jeannette Martin of the Mullumbimby Community Gardens among a long, commendable list.

It is the connection to people that attracted Graeme to working in local government.

'It is the closest level of government to the community and the opportunity to work with people not just policy. It



Graeme Williams in the Florentine Valley, Tasmania.

also meant I wasn't confined to working in the city.'

When asked whether the increased political and media dialogue surrounding climate change had seen improved support for sustainability, Graeme told *The Echo*, 'Yes, definitely, both within government as well as general public, although the rate and depth

of growth in awareness is individual and varied'

Mr Williams believes the hastening of awareness and the subsequent change of behaviour is imperative.

'I believe our future as a species depends on reconciling the way we live, with environmental justice. Without being too fundamentalist, I'd

challenge everyone to get informed about an issue that they can feel passionate about – even if that means finding out more about the impacts and systems behind their everyday consumption habits.'

Can we change fast enough? Graeme is optimistic.

'Individual change collects and becomes community change. This local council is very responsive to the community. We have innovative projects that reflect the council taking seriously the concerns of the community such as Food Production on Public Land, Sustainable Streets and the publicly driven Community Garden in Mullumbimby. There is also an increased collaboration between councils on a regional level particularly in the area of sustainability. Initiatives such as the Regional Carpooling project and a Regional Food Security project are good examples.'

Projects in the pipeline include the upcoming World Environment Day, which is set to extend into a whole week-end of activities. The Sustainable Streets project is also likely to increase its scale.

'There are also a number of Climate Change planning and mitigation projects. Certainly an area I'm putting energy in, is looking at how we can

continue to reduce our energy dependence.

'Council has a big role in education, we are strengthening partnerships with ACE and their sustainability courses, more directly we also provide residents with updated rebate information for solar hot water, solar panels and rainwater tanks. Internally, conventional purchasing is being replaced with more sustainable versions, such as the wholemeal-coloured, recycled and locally printed business cards.'

'Being the smallest council in the region means we have limited resources, yet we have developed documents such as The Greenhouse Action Strategy and the Sustainable Agriculture Strategy that inform policy making. Also we have a biodiversity officer, a natural resource officer, a bush regen team, a sustainability officer, an environmental communications officer all of whose employment reflect the councils commitment to the environment.'

To alleviate the Mullumbimby/Byron centrality of many of the projects, Graeme has initiated an e-newsletter for all residents wanting to be informed and connect on issues of sustainability. To join, email subscribe to sustainability@byron.nsw.gov.au.

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The Greening of the Meadows

Nina Bishop

When Mullumbimby's Meadows Medical Centre asked me to assess their Ecological Footprint, I felt both excited and apprehensive. This practice is shared by 14 staff who each workday face formidable tasks. I had a hunch they would not appreciate me telling them they are inefficient! The mere fact they are able to help so many people with the many varied problems and enquiries, and remain sane, attracts my respect.

After crawling underneath office desks and examination tables, getting familiar with their computer, printing, copying, air conditioning, refrigeration, hot water and lighting systems, peering into their ceiling space, garbage and recycling bins, electricity and water bills, I came to a simple conclusion: This building and the people in it are hot – seriously hot!

This facility, as with many businesses for security reasons, doesn't have the luxury of venting heat during the night after a long hot summer's day. Naturally, it's locked up at 5pm together with the computer servers and many other electronics – these critters keep the office fires burning till doors open or, as often is the case, until the aircon is switched on the next day.

The obvious first step would be improved insulation, however with limited space and access to the ceiling cavity, this was not the first action to take. Looking at how to reduce passive heat gain and improve natural ventilation was. These are the actions undertaken so far to help cool the building:

- Heat reflective paint on the roof.
- Shade sails over the large eastern windows (direct sun on glass can equate to a 1kWh bar



Dr Peter Bowles, Jennie Jennings, practice manager, and Dr Michael Pelmore outside the Meadows with its new energy efficient shade sails. The other practice partner is Dr Giles Taylor.
Photo Lou Beaumont

heater on per square metre) and shade the concrete at the entrance.

- Wherever possible, turn electronic and electrical equipment off at the wall at close of day.

- Solar hot water system on roof – remove simmering electric dinosaur type from inside.

There has been a 16% decrease in electricity consumption comparing the recent summer to the same period prior to the audit. Since the changes have been gradual, during and not prior to summer, I'm expecting (hoping for) a further decrease next summer.

This is a practice buzzing with activity, little wonder they hadn't time to look into all of the energy saving and environ-

mentally friendly possibilities. This is what they have done, though, or are in process of doing to reduce their ecological footprint:

- Recycling – so far, I give the staff a silver star.

- Energy efficient lights – will upgrade to LEDs when they become more viable.

- Naturally venting the building – daily opening more windows (flying papers a problem).

- Reduced paper use by at least 50% – rationalising of printing paper size.

- Trialling a Bokashi composting system – removing organic waste from landfill garbage.

Last, but certainly not least, signing up for 100% accredited GreenPower, means that Meadows is paying an extra 6.5 cents

per kWh to their electricity retailer, commissioning them to source power from accredited renewable energy generators in Australia. In effect, they're paying for someone to put up solar panels rather than shovel coal into a furnace. How cool is that?

All these measures have reduced their Ecological Footprint by 31% – more than half of this is attributed to their use of GreenPower. Had they not taken any of these steps, they would be producing about 26 tonnes more of carbon pollution per year as well as more methane and other greenhouse gases.

They may not want to hear this, but there is still more to do. Steady as she goes – Green on, Meadows!

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Consider the critters

Tree Faerie

Modern folklore tells a cautionary tale of a time when the Indian Cobra had a bounty on its head. Too many humans, in the government's point of view, were succumbing to the reptilian bite and the remedy by those standards was to get rid of the species.

A mass murder of *naja naja* swept across the country and the humans were very pleased until it became obvious that more of them were dying from rat-borne disease provided by vermin whose prolific breeding went unchecked, than from the snake's natural digestive juices deposited in humans as venom. India today has laws in place to protect this efficient creature and one would hope that the local prevalent primates are implementing better first aid techniques.

A lesson in humans' madness can be learned from the pages of the internet when tapping 'passenger pigeon' into a search engine. Wikipedia tell us that 'The Passenger Pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*) or wild pigeon, was a species of pigeon that was once the most common bird in North America. They lived in enormous flocks and during migration it was possible to see flocks of them a mile (1.6 km) wide and 300 miles (500 km) long, taking several hours to pass and containing up to a billion birds'. The operative words, 'was a species', gives us a clue to the intervention.

What Mr and Mrs Homo sapiens didn't know about the bird flock that blocked out the sun as it passed, was that the Passenger was no great shake at being ma and pa and there was a critical mass of numbers needed to overcome this shortfall. The 19th century sport of potting the pigeon for food and sport caused an exponential decline to extinction of the species which could not outbreed the mortality rate.

'Pigeons are a pest and the best snake is a dead snake,' I hear time after time as I tell these tales, but you might think extinction a more serious issue when the declining species in question is our own dear selves. The health of our planet's wildlife is the strongest indication of the health of the planet itself.

Daily we see media images of polar bears frolicking in mush as their environment trickles into the rising ocean. Australia is not immune, we have a shameful record of bird, reptile and mammal species lost forever.

Macropods, which were once part of the staple diet of our prehistoric indigenous culture, are now in a dire situation as the unspoken unspeakable between wildlife carers is that it is better to euthanase male



Homo sapiens are dirty creatures whose lifestyle creates the perfect habitat for the propagation of vermin. The Carpet Python, *Morelia spilota McDowelli*, makes quick work of *ratus ratus* as he steadily cleans up the planet for us.

roos and wallabies that come into care than doom them to a short life of torment, pain and death from their own species group due to lack of habitat, when they are released back into the wild.

If there is an imbalance we caused it. If there are too many snakes it is because our filthy habits provided too many rats for them to eat or by purposely introducing (and don't say we didn't), the Cane Toad to poison the frog eating Red Belly, who as it turns out is the natural predator of baby Brown snakes.

For decades cockatoos and other feathered Australians have been legally and secretly culled. This is now becoming the norm among many farming groups as a remedy to what they see as the destruction caused by the birds.

Farmers would argue that there are just too many of them but I wonder by whose standards. Certainly not the cockatoos. Let's not forget our dear extinct pidgy friend.

There are those who might seethe at my seemingly lack of care for the bloke on the land, but I love that bloke. I eat meat and wheat and all manner of yummy things from the soil of the earth, but no finger pointing allowed. Even gluten-free vegetarians are not innocent in the chain of food production. Do you think lentils and tofu grow in the air? All food is grown where there was once wildlife habitat. All food.

Everything that goes into our mouth, even that which is grown organically in our own garden, is from this earth, produced in a place which was at one time the home to feathered, furred, scaled or finned critters that were exiled for the purpose of sustaining bloke and sheila kind. We also build houses, collect stuff and take up space far beyond our needs. We must at the end of the day see that it is, above all, humans who are the cause of most of Earth's extinction crises.

The solution? Well the truth is that when all the frogs are gone, we are stuffed. *Homo extinctum*. It'll be too late to do anything when the wildlife barometer is not there to read.

We must care for the planet's natural health indicator now and to do this we have to care for that land which supports them.

By finding a balance between what we want and what we need and finding that balance for our critter brothers and sisters, then enforcing those standards in practice and education from the first year of primary education and hopefully before that in every lesson learned from birth, we may still have a chance of saving ourselves from extinction. Leading by example and quickly is the cure. Caring for habitat must happen immediately and for goodness sakes, people, stop killing snakes!

Being kinder to each other is where we can start today. After all, humans are one of earth's species too.



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Healing itch

Itch is a problem for so many animals, from dog and cats to horse. In many of these cases the Vets simply do not have an answer to the problems other than cortisone and steroid treatment, which is at best a short term relief for the animal and at worst the creation of other problems such as obesity and liver problems.

So how can you treat itch naturally? The first thing to do with all animals is to look at the diet we feed and ensure that it is as natural and chemical free as possible. If you are feeding your dog or cat commercially prepared foods, ensure they are free from chemicals, pesticides and herbicides. Ensure that your pet is getting the right balance of omega 3 and 6 oils in their diet. You may like to try a homeopathic detox to get rid of the built up toxins in the body. Catherine Tighe, consultant homeopath for Animal Health Store writes 'the truth of the matter is that when you stop using the medications the itch will return, it is the dogs constitution that allows it to be an itchy animal. This is why three dogs in the same house won't all get it. The ones without the itch are constitutionally sound. The other negative part of using these medications is that they are very strong and will shorten your dog's life span.'

Similarly with horses we need to get back to a very basic diet, looking at herbs to cleanse the liver and soothe the system, ensuring the correct balance of

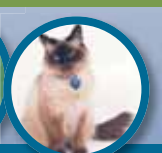
the omega 3 and 6 oils is important and ensure you wash your animals with a gentle aloe vera based shampoo and conditioner. For the itch in horses a slightly different homeopathic remedy is used. A client of Catherine's wrote 'We recently purchased a healing kit from Catherine and to our delight and amazement the treatment has worked. We have treated two broodmares that suffered from the itch one

was quite bad. The treatments are quick and easy and after two treatments you would not know that either mare suffered the itch.'

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The pay dirt about sustainability

Story & photo Mary Gardner

I have sleepless nights about 'sustainability'. It's everywhere and nowhere. My feet drag. I guess I should be more enthusiastic, but about what?

Please, exactly what is to be sustained? An international economy where 80% of the resources are used by 20% of the people? A global extinction rate about a thousand times higher than the fossil record? Political leadership by the USA, a country ranking 97 of 141 in the Global Peace Index?

Hearing 'sustainability', many biologists tear their hair out. 'Sustainable logging' in old growth forests often means continued income from ongoing degradation. Old growth forests need to be full of dead logs that rot away. Our remaining native forests are beleaguered havens for species which have nowhere else to go. Aren't Australian plantation forests, some 1.5 million hectares, precisely created for this 'sustainability'?

'Sustainable fishing' is so wretchedly confusing. This often means continued income from animals smaller and younger than previous catches. Fishing pressures populations of fish and only some types of fish have lifestyles that can adapt. Many species of fish have reproduction cycles featuring sex changes which depend on larger weight and increasing age of individuals.

Then there is the fact that many fishing methods are destructive of the marine habitat and other species. And what kind of 'sustainability' is behind the 2006-07 export of \$1.49 billion of Australian fish products and the import of an international \$1.47 billion?

'Sustainable agriculture' – quick, check who says that? Agrichem companies have a different program to the permaculturalists. In the hands of each group, soil, the very foundation of farming, becomes a totally different entity. 'Sustainable development' – in which region is the group's head office based? The World Bank labels big dam projects as important to sustainable development. The people displaced don't agree.

How did we end up with so many meanings to 'sustainability'? In the 1970s, science was grappling with how ecosystems and their species maintained themselves over time. By the 1980s, ecologists saw the role of humans as a destabilising part of ecosystems. Mathematical predictions for the survival of different species, humanity and the earth itself were deeply pessimistic.

Panic and blame made headlines and still do. But Paul Raskin, a North American design futurist, interprets all this quite bluntly. When we ask



'what is sustainable?' aren't we really asking "what is desirable?"

Now I can shake my head and clear that foggy feeling. My confusion is replaced with clean, hard anger. Some of the mess around 'sustainability' is that the term has been stripped from its body of data. Then, as jargon, it is grafted like a skin to mask certain social attitudes. This is an abuse of science.

Now isn't any answer about 'desirability' really about ethics? About justice? In pre-European eastern North America, the Iroquois Confederation set the standard: 'what does this plan and action mean for the seventh generation after us?' In 1983, the pivotal Brundtland Commission rephrased it as a challenge to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future ones to do the same.

So 'sustainability' becomes revolutionary action on behalf of the future. Well, to my mind, that's a reasonable measuring stick. This is how we can choose among our actions and gauge outcomes. All we need now is to add is our imagination.

Terry Pratchett's character

Death is fascinated with humans because they create and believe ideals such as justice. Tim Beatley, an influential United States urban ecologist collaborating with Australians, admits what inspires him is a novel called *Ecotopia*. Ursula LeGuin, a renowned science fiction author, asks graduates to imagine what society would be like if our priorities were the heartfelt concerns of nursing mothers.

Such an approach to 'sustainability' has affected some business. Ecological thinking about the lifecycle of products are guiding innovations. The new desirable bottom line is quadruple: money, environment, social needs, and cultural realities.

Since the late 1970s, research groups such as the New Alchemists, from Boston, combined ideals of justice and environmental restoration to create small scale appropriate technology. Over the last few weeks, my neighbours, assisted by government rebates, had solar hot water and power units installed. Does this mean we are getting somewhere?

Sustainable communities? From five continents, fifty leaders form a group called

the World Future Council. They advocate the interests of future generations. Among them are our Tim Flannery, New Zealand's Pauline Tagiora, India's Vandana Shiva and Thailand's Sulak Sivaraksa. The group's catalyst is Jakob von Uexkull, founder of the Right Livelihood Award.

Together they are promoting sustainable policy solutions. Feed-in tariffs to promote renewable energy. Laws setting corporate pay scale spreads so from entry level to CEO the ratio is 20-1. The concerns of youth. The stupidity of laws that are 'foreclosing the future'.

All this might seem far away from you, me and the lorikeet in the paperbark tree. But forever in our faces is our ignorance. Addressing that is surely most desirable. The impact of ignorance and the damage it wreaks in material and immaterial ways extends over generations. So the brightest bandwagon of all has to be education. I can get enthusiastic about that. Couldn't you too?

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

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Education for interesting times

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Katrina Shields has been very busy in her first year at ACE. Katrina joined the college's team as the sustainability education coordinator and has brought to the table her abundance of experience working with Landcare, as a training consultant, an activist and community worker, and as the author of 'In the Tiger's Mouth: An Empowerment Guide for Social Action' and as editor of 'The Blackall Range Landholders Guide'.

Combining her talents with courses provided by ACE has been like putting a hand in a glove. ACE is part of a long history of adult education in this Shire, a history which started 100 years ago with the Literary Institute. The most recent incarnation of ACE is 14 this year and is now known as the Byron Region Community College. The college is community managed and has the vision to involve and engage the community through inspiring learning experiences.

Katrina is passionate about sustainable living and is steering the college to provide a broad spectrum of courses for both the novice and the experienced student.

Currently the college provides 17 different workshops

on subjects including bush regeneration, protecting native birds, ethical shopping, composting, becoming 'green' and the new course 'Start your own Bike Bus', as well as the extremely popular 'Backyard Food' course which has a waiting list and a grant from the North Coast Area Health Service which recognises the course as healthy for the body and mind.

The college is encouraged by course participant numbers which are high, demonstrating the lean to green in the area.

'Despite the challenges, we live in a shire and a region that has been in the forefront of green experimentation, activation and innovation,' says Katrina.

'There is a lot of local expertise, high population of early adopters and down shifters and relatively high social capital. There are a lot of early settlers who remember times of much higher regional self sufficiency and they still have those skills. We are extraordinarily blessed with natural resources such as good soils, higher rainfall, potentially available land, high biodiversity and



a year round growing season.

'However, our carbon footprint as individuals and as a region is way too high. Our resilience has been weakened by trends that can be reversed. Community education can play an important role in rebuilding this resilience and relocalisation.'

Courses at the college are very popular and the college is the recipient of excellent feedback from students. 'This area is very rich in people who are innovators who practically apply sustainability,' says Katrina.

'I think it is important to find

creative ways to frame these courses and shift the perception that these are only "general interest" or "lifestyle" courses. They are an important contribution to engaging, resourcing and activating people in the face of inevitable and far reaching societal change.'

Katrina says that many who undertake one course usually find themselves coming back for more. People are getting a taste for it and wanting to be part of a sustainable future. 'I believe part of the sustainability picture is for us to go slow and

be grounded enough to reflect and enjoy what we do,' says Katrina.

'To stay connected to family, friends and community and nourish our inner well springs. This is personal sustainability.'

Katrina and the college would like to hear from potential teachers and students about sustainable living and work practice topics or from sponsors who could help the college keep these courses affordable.

Email Katrina@acebyron.org.au or visit the website www.acebyron.org.au.



Victoria Cosford

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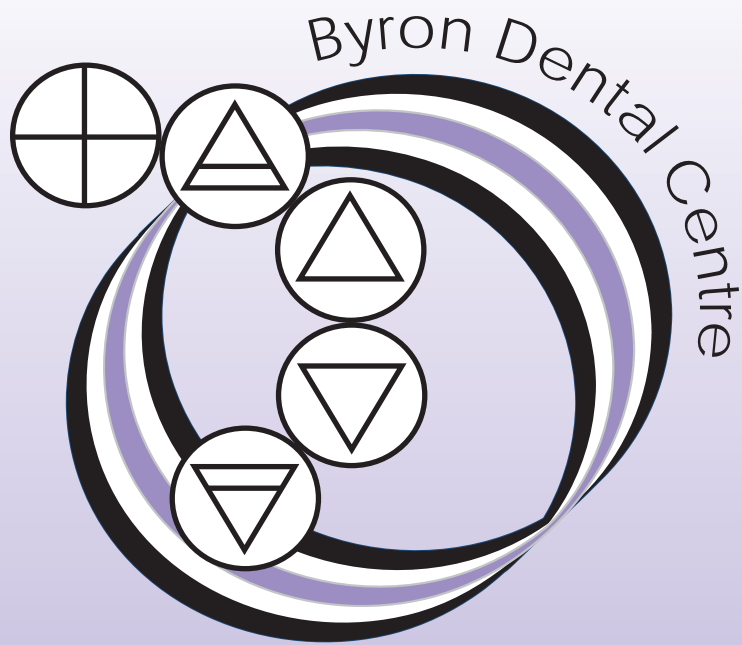
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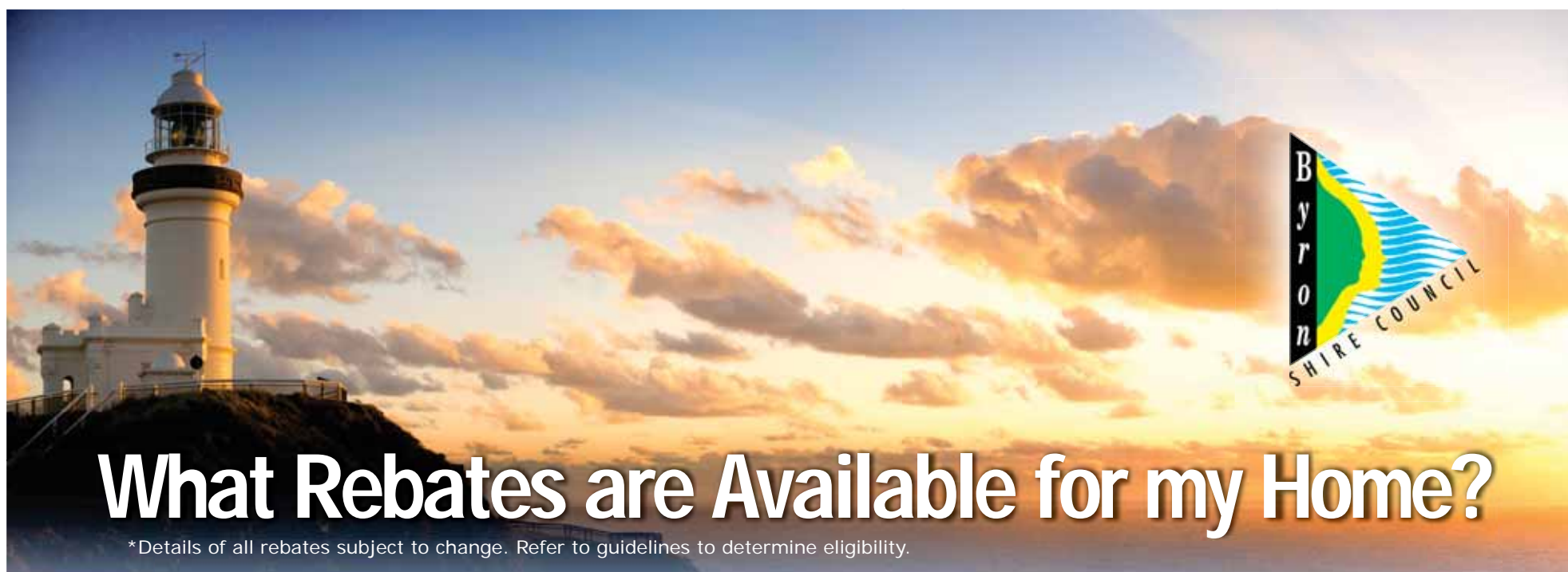


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What Rebates are Available for my Home?

*Details of all rebates subject to change. Refer to guidelines to determine eligibility.

Solar Panels

REBATES UP TO
\$8000

The Federal Government currently offers rebates of up to **\$8000**. Extend your current system and you may be eligible for a rebate of up to **\$5000**.

- Income must be less than \$100,000
- Pre-approval required
- Guidelines changing as of 1 July 2009

Hot Water Systems

REBATES UP TO
\$2800

State Government offer up to **\$1200** for solar or heat pump hot water systems or \$300 for gas hot water systems until 30 June 2011.

- Must be replacing an electrical hot water system

Federal Government offer up to **\$1600** to owner/occupiers or tenanted homes for solar or heat pump hot water systems until 31 March 2012.

- Must be replacing an electric hot water system
- Not means tested
- Ineligible if Federal Ceiling Insulation Rebate has been granted

Rainwater Tanks

REBATES UP TO
\$3800

State Government offer up to **\$1500** for household rainwater tanks on existing NSW homes until 30 June 2011.

- Rebate varies according to tank size & connection use

Federal Government offer up to **\$500** for household rainwater tanks (or greywater treatment systems) on existing dwellings until 31 March 2014.

- Must be connected by a licensed plumber for toilet and laundry use
- Must be connected to mains water supply

Local Byron Shire Rebates up to **\$1,800** for household rainwater tanks also apply.

- Rebate varies according to tank size & connection use

Ceiling Insulation

REBATES UP TO
\$1900

State Government offer up to **\$300** for ceiling insulation in existing NSW homes installed prior to 30 June 2009.

- Must meet a minimum R-value
- Must cover entire ceiling area

Federal Government offer up to **\$1600** to owner/occupiers for ceiling insulation.

- Must be installed in existing uninstalled home
- Must be installed by registered insulation installer
- Not means tested
- Ineligible if \$1600 Federal Hot Water rebate has been granted

Federal Government also offer up to **\$1000** for thermal insulation in rental properties.

Washing Machines

REBATES UP TO
\$150

State Government offer up to **\$150** for water efficient washing machines until 30 June 2010.

- Must have a minimum WELS rating of 4.5 star
- Must be purchased for personal use in a NSW home



This Project is a Byron Shire Council Environmental Levy Initiative.

Your Environmental Levy at Work



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ABC 1

ABC 2

SBS

PRIME

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NBN

5.00 rage (PG)
6.00 rage (G)
8.00 rage (G)
10.00 rage (PG)
11.00 Executive Stress (G)
11.30 The Cook And The Chef
12.00 Stataline
12.30 Australian Story
1.00 Foreign Correspondent
1.30 Can We Help?
2.00 Naked Science
3.00 Rugby Union: Shute Shield 2009
5.00 Bowls: Perth International 2009
Australia v Malaysia: Men's singles.
6.00 Echo Beach (PG) Repeat.
6.25 Minuscule (G)
6.30 Gardening Australia (G)
7.00 ABC News
7.30 New Tricks (PG) Repeat.
8.25 ABC News
8.30 The Bill (M)
10.00 ABC News
10.05 Foyle's War (M) Repeat.
11.45 rage (M)

7.00 Kids' Programs
3.00 rage (G)
5.00 rage (PG)
6.05 The New Inventors Repeat.
6.35 Heartland (G) 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 Bachelor And The Bobby Soxer (G 1947) Stars Cary Grant, Myrna Loy, Shirley Temple.
10.10 Movie: Don't Knock The Rock (PG 1956) Stars Aland Dale, Bill Haley, Alan Freed.
11.30 Close

[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

5.00 rage (PG) 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 Insiders
10.00 Inside Business 10.30 Offsiders 11.00 Asia Pacific Focus 11.30 Songs Of Praise
12.00 Landline (G)
1.00 Gardening Australia
1.30 Message Stick (G)
2.00 The Airships (G)
3.00 Stanley Kubrick's Boxes
3.50 Dance Like Your Old Man
4.00 Nollywood Lady (PG)
4.50 Flickerfest: Get In The Car
5.00 Sunday Arts
6.00 At The Movies
6.30 The Einstein Factor
7.00 ABC News
7.30 Michael Palin: Around The World In 20 Years (G)
8.30 Dirt Game (PG)
9.30 Compass (G)
10.25 The Film Festival Project (M)
11.15 Movie: The Scarlet Pimpernel (G 1935) Stars Leslie Howard.
12.50 Movie: The Whip Hand (PG 1951) Stars Carla Balenda, Elliot Reid, Edgar Barrier, Raymond Burr.
2.10 Street Practice (PG)
2.40 Movie: Desert Passage (PG 1952) Stars Tim Holt, Joan Dixon, Walter Reed, Dorothy Patrick.
3.55 Aussie Animal Rescue (G)

7.00 Classic Albums: The Band - The Band (G)
8.00 Zoo Days (G)
8.45 Creature Comforts (G)
8.55 A Place In Slovakia (G)
9.20 Scrapheap Challenge (G)
10.10 Scrapheap Challenge (G)
11.00 Beautiful Noise (G)
11.55 London Live (PG) Music. Repeat.
12.30 Red Dwarf (PG)
1.30 Planet Rock Profiles (G)
1.55 James Brown: Live In Montreux (G)
3.20 Festival: Folk Music At Newport 1963-1966 (PG)
5.00 Pop[b]session: Session 1 - While My Guitar Gently Weeps (G)
6.00 ABC Fora Hosted by Tony Jones.
7.00 Artscape (G)
7.30 Sunday Arts (G)
8.30 Reel Bad Arabs (M)
9.20 War Hero (PG)
9.35 Lugosi: Fallen Vampire
10.30 Wild At Heart
11.15 Close

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.
6.30 Scrapheap Challenge (G)
7.15 Mr Bean with Rowan Atkinson (G)
7.30 The Royal Today (PG)
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)
9.55 The Who: Live At The Isle Of Wight 1970 (G)
11.30 Cowboy Bebop: Pierrot Le Fou (M) Repeat.
11.55 Close

6.00 ABC News Breakfast
9.00 Asia Pacific News
9.30 Business Today
10.00 Kids' Programs
4.30 Little Angels (G) Repeat.
5.00 Talking Heads (G) Repeat.
5.30 Sun, Sea And Bargain Spotting
6.15 Weird Science
6.30 Scrapheap Challenge (G)
7.15 Mr Bean With Rowan Atkinson (G)
7.30 The Royal Today (G)
8.00 Australian Story Repeat.
8.30 Teachers (M) Repeat.
9.20 The Bill (PG) Repeat.
10.50 Fireflies (PG) Repeat.
11.45 Close

5.20 World News in various languages.
7.10 Cycling: Giro d'Italia Daily Update
7.25 World News in various languages.
1.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2009
3.15 Moebius Redux: A Life In Pictures (PG) Masterpiece from Canada.
4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer
5.30 Tribe: Hamar (PG)
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Richard Hammond Meets Evil Knievel (PG)
8.30 The Squiz (M) Sports quiz show.
9.00 RockKwiz (PG)
9.50 Movie: Breakfast On Pluto (MAV 2006) Drama from UK. Stars Cillian Murphy, Eva Birthistle, Liam Neeson.
12.45 Cycling: Giro d'Italia 2009 Highlights
12.35 SOS (PG)
1.35 Sinchronicity (MA)
3.10 Weatherwatch Overnight

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

6.05 World News in various languages.
7.10 Cycling: Giro d'Italia Daily Update
7.25 World News in various languages.
1.00 Iron Chef America (G)
10.50 Sushi Japan (G)
11.00 K.D. Lang (G)
12.00 Cafe Carnivale (G)
12.30 World Superbike Championship Highlights
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 (G) Doco from France.
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Lost Worlds (PG)
8.30 Datline
9.30 Movie: Nowhere In Africa (M 2001) Drama from Germany. Stars Merab Ninidze, Julianne Kohler, Matthias Habich, Sidede Onyulo.
11.55 Cycling: Giro d'Italia 2009
12.25 Movie: Pavee Lackeen - The Traveller Girl (M 2005) Stars Winnie Maughan, Rose Maughan, Michael Collins.
2.00 Speaking In Tongues (M)
1.35 Weatherwatch Overnight

5.20 World News in various languages.
7.10 Cycling: Giro d'Italia Daily Update
7.25 World News in various languages.
1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia (G) Repeat.
1.30 The Children Of The Moon (G) Doco from France.
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 Dave In The Life: Of A Pensioner (M)
9.00 South Park (M)
9.30 World News Australia
10.00 Shameless (MA) Comedy from UK.
10.55 Cycling: Giro d'Italia 2009
11.25 Movie: The Eye - Infinity (M 2005) Thriller from Hong Kong. Stars Chen Bo Lin, Isabella Leong, Kate Yeung.
12.55 Movie: Malefique (MAV 2003) Horror from France. Stars Clovis Cornillac, Phillipe Laudenbach.
2.30 WeatherWatch Overnight

5.20 World News in various languages
7.10 Cycling: Giro d'Italia Daily Update
7.25 World News in various languages.
1.00 The Storm Rages Twice (G) Drama from Lebanon.
2.35 The Red Flower (PG)
2.45 Blue, Karma, Tiger (PG)
3.00 Yellow Fella (PG)
3.30 Living Black
4.00 The Journal
4.30 Newshour With Jim Lehrer
5.30 Corner Gas (G) Comedy.
6.00 Global Village: Chilie (G)
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Insight
8.30 Cutting Edge: The Torture Hunter (M) Doco from Denmark.
9.30 World News
10.00 Hot Docs: The Road To Guantanamo (MA) Doco from UK.
11.40 Cycling: Giro d'Italia 2009
12.10 Movie: Trilogy - The Weeping Meadow (PG 2004) Drama from Greece. Stars Alexandra Aidini, Nikos Poursanidis, Giorgos Armenis, Vassilis Kolovis.
3.00 WeatherWatch Overnight

Prime HD program same as above except:
12.00 Movie: Tick Tock (M 2000) 1.30 Gear 2.00 The Great Outdoors → 12.00 Polynesian Paradieses (G) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal 2.30 Guthy Ranker

6.00 Kids' Programs
12.00 Eclipse (PG)
1.00 V8 Extra (G)
1.30 Chrome (G)
2.00 According To Jim (PG)
3.00 Movie: Spy Hard (PG 1996) Stars Leslie Nielsen, Nicollette Sheridan.
4.30 Jamie's Journey With The Children Of India (G)
5.30 Sydney Weekender (G)
6.00 Seven News
6.30 Stonehenge Decoded (PG)
7.30 Kath & Kim (PG) Repeat.
8.00 The Vicar Of Dibley (PG)
9.00 Movie: Phenomenon (PG) Stars John Travolta, Robert Duval, Kyra Sedgwick.
11.30 Scrubs (PG)
12.00 Movie: The Claim (M 2000) Stars Wes Bentley, Milla Jovovich, Nastassja Kinski, Peter Mullan, Sarah Polley.
2.30 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker

Prime HD program same as above except:
12.00 Disney: Kim Possible (G) 1.30 Movie: The Shaggy Dog (G) 3.00 Movie: Robin Hood (PG) 5.00 Better Homes And Gardens → 11.50 Movie: Butter (AV 1997) 1.30 Final 24

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

6.00 Religion
7.00 Weekend Sunrise
10.00 AFL Game Day (PG)
11.00 Magnum, P.I. (PG)
12.00 The Most Extreme (G)
1.00 2009 AFL Premiership Season Sydney v Port Adelaide.
4.00 Great Quake (PG)
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 The Force - Behind The Line (PG)
8.30 Bones (M)
9.30 Castle (M)
10.30 SCU (PG)
11.00 24 (M)
12.00 2009 AFL Premiership Season St Kilda v Brisbane
3.00 Brand Developers
1.00 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker
5.30 Seven Early News

Prime HD program same as above except:
→ 12.00 Dateline NBC 1.00 Final 24 (M) 2.00 Gear 3.00 Guthy Renker

6.00 Sunrise
9.00 The Morning Show (PG)
11.30 Seven News
12.00 Movie: Making Of A Hollywood Madam (M 1996) Stars Michael Gross, George Segal, Cindy Pickett.
2.00 All Saints (M)
3.00 House Call (G)
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 Desperate Housewives (M)
9.30 Brothers & Sisters (M)
10.30 Louis Theroux, Killadelphia (M)
11.30 30 Rock (PG)
12.00 The Winner (PG) New series.
12.30 Brand Developers
1.00 Danoz Direct
5.30 Seven Early News

Prime HD program same as above except:
12.00 Movie: Kingdom Come (M) 1.30 Gear (G) 2.00 The Great Outdoors (G) → 12.00 Dateline NBC 1.00 Deal Or No Deal 1.30 Australia's Best Backyards

6.00 Sunrise
9.00 The Morning Show (PG)
11.30 Seven News
12.00 Movie: While I Was Gone (M) Stars Kirstie Alley, Bill Smitrovich.
2.00 All Saints (M)
3.00 House Call (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 The Zoo (G)
8.00 Find My Family (PG)
8.30 All Saints (M)
9.30 10 Years Younger In 10 Days (G)
10.30 Lipstick Jungle (M)
11.30 Carpoolers (PG) New series.
12.00 Lost special (M)
1.00 Danoz Direct & Guthy Renker
5.30 Seven Early News

Prime HD program same as above except:
12.00 Movie: Tick Tock (M 2000) 1.30 Gear 2.00 The Great Outdoors → 12.00 Polynesian Paradieses (G) 1.30 Deal Or No Deal 2.30 Guthy Ranker

6.00 Toasted TV & Kids' Programs
10.00 Video Hits (PG)
12.00 Infomercials
1.00 River To Reef (G)
1.30 Hook Line & Sinker (PG)
2.00 AFL Premiership Season 2009 North Melbourne v Fremantle.
5.00 Ten News
5.30 Sports Tonight (PG)
6.00 Futurama (PG)
6.30 The Simpsons Marathon (PG)
8.30 Movie: Alien Resurrection (M) Stars Sigourney Weaver, Winona Ryder, Ron Pearlman.
10.45 AFL Premiership Season 2009 Richmond v Essendon.
1.15 Infomercials
4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)

6.00 Religion
7.00 Totally Wild
7.30 Animalia
8.00 Meet The Press
8.30 State Focus
9.00 Video Hits (G)
12.00 Merlin (PG)
1.00 Oprah's Big Give (PG)
2.00 Orangutan Diaries (PG)
2.30 Netball: ANZ Championship 2009 Thunderbirds v Firebirds.
4.30 Meerkat Manor (G)
5.00 Ten News
5.30 Out Of The Blue (PG)
6.00 The Simpsons (PG)
6.30 Merlin (PG)
7.30 Masterchef Australia (PG)
8.30 Rove (M)
9.40 Harper's Island (M)
10.40 The Office (PG)
11.10 Formula One Grand Prix Monaco Grand Prix.
1.25 Video Hits Up Late (PG)
1.30 Infomercials
4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)

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 (G)
3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)
4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (G)
4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)
5.00 Ten News
6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.
6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat.
7.00 Masterchef Australia (PG)
8.00 Recruits (PG)
8.30 Good News Week (M)
9.30 Supernatural (M)
10.30 Late News With Sports Tonight
11.15 Late Show with David Letterman (PG)
12.00 Plus One (PG)
12.40 Video Hits Up Late (PG)
1.00 Infomercials (PG)
4.00 Religion to 6am (PG).

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 (G)
3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures (G)
4.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (G)
4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful (G)
5.00 Ten News
6.00 The Simpsons (G) Repeat.
6.30 Neighbours (G) Repeat.
7.00 Masterchef Australia (PG)
7.30 Talkin'bout your generation (PG)
8.30 NCIS (M)
9.30 Lie To Me (M)
10.30 Late News With Sports Tonight
11.15 Late Show With David Letterman (PG)
12.00 Cops (PG)
12.30 State Focus
1.00 Infomercials (PG)
4.00 Religion to 6am (PG)

6.00 Infomercials
7.00 Today On Saturday
9.00 Kids' Programs
1.00 I Dream Of Jeannie (G)
1.30 Home Made (PG)
3.30 Discover Downunder (G)
4.00 The Garden Gurus (G)
4.30 Talk To The Animals (G)
5.00 David Attenborough's Life Of Mammals (PG)
6.00 Evening News
6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos
7.30 Movie: Charlie And The Chocolate Factory (PG) Stars Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Freddie Highmore, Noah Taylor.
8.40 Saturday Lotto
9.55 Movie: Anger Management (M) Stars Jack Nicholson, Adam Sandler.
12.30 Movie: Jeepers Creepers (AV15+ 2001) Stars Justin Long, Gina Phillips.
1.45 Movie: Police Academy (M 1984) Stars Steve Guttenberg Kim Cattrall.
3.30 Guthy Renker & Danoz

6.00 Danoz And Guthy Renker
7.00 Today
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 Warrington Wolves v Wigan Warriors.
4.00 Sunday Football Gold Coast v Manly.
6.00 Evening News
6.30 Home Made (PG)
7.30 60 Minutes
8.30 CSI (M)
9.30 CSI: NY (M)
10.30 The Evidence (M)
11.30 Body Of Evidence (M)
12.00 Super League Celtic Crusaders v Catalans Dragons.
2.30 Girlfriends (M)
2.00 Guthy Renker Australia
3.30 Religion
4.00 Good Morning America
5.00 Early Morning News

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)
4.00 The Shak
4.30 Afternoon News
5.00 Antique Roadshow (G)
5.30 Hot Seat (G)
6.00 Evening News
7.00 A Current Affair
7.30 Two And A Half Men (PG)
8.00 Missing pieces (PG)
8.30 Sea Patrol (M)
8.45 Lotto
9.30 Eleventh Hour (M)
10.30 CSI: NY (M)
11.30 NBN News
12.00 Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)
1.00 Entertainment Tonight
1.30 Guthy Renker Australia
3.00 Religion
3.30 Good Morning America
5.00 Early Morning News

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)
2.00 Days Of Our Lives (PG)
3.00 Alive And Cooking (G)
3.30 Hi-5
4.00 The Shak
4.30 Afternoon News
5.00 Antique Roadshow (G)
5.30 Hot Seat (G)
6.00 Evening News
7.00 A Current Affair
7.30 Home Made (PG)
8.30 Two And A Half Men (M)
9.00 Two And A Half Men (M)
9.30 Underbelly Uncut (MA15+)
10.30 Underbelly Uncut (MA15+)
11.30 NBN News
12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show (PG)
1.00 Entertainment Tonight
2.00 Guthy Renker
3.00 Religion
3.30 Good Morning America
5.00 Early Morning News



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WEDNESDAY 20

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJS LONGTIME & DROPFYSH**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **TOM RICHARDSON**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **MATT BUGGY**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **COCKATOO PAUL**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **STRETCH + RHYS BYNON**
- LIQUID, BYRON 6PM **BEGINNERS SALSA CLASSES**
- BAYSIDE THAI, BYRON 7PM **MICK'S SASHIMI BAND**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **LADIES NIGHT WITH PRIZE GIVEAWAYS**
- SHEARWATER STEINER, MULLUM 8PM **WAVE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **OCCULT DJS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **PERUVIAN BATTLESHIP DJS**

THURSDAY 21

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **AGENCY DUB COLLECTIVE**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **FRIENDS OF HERS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **JOSH PYKE**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL WEBBER**
- LIQUID, BYRON **BASIC NOVA EP LAUNCH DJ SANDY SITLANI + DJ NAVIN + DJ ABRAHAM PUNNEN**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **REQUEST FEST**
- RICE RESTAURANT, BRUNS 6PM **SHADOW SUNDA**
- SUFFOLK PARK HALL 7.30PM **BOYCOTT JAPANESE PRODUCTS FILM**
- MULLUMBIMBY RSL 7PM **JAM NIGHT**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUM 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH MC NICK PENN**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**

JOE ROBINSON
THE RAILS, TUESDAY



FRIDAY 22

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **8 BALL AITKEN**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **BETTY BLISSETT**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **MOTLEY (UK)**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 8PM **BLAZE FIRE SOUND FEATURING RAZ BIN SAM, MAJOR KRAZY, WHIPLASH, WADE, ELEPHANT WISE, DOLLAMIX**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **CHRIS KAYE + WEBBER + RUSHTON**
- LIQUID, BYRON **H2O DAVE BASEK, STRAWBS SYME AND DEE DEE**
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The right-hand man to the late Pope, Camerlengo Patrick McKenna (Ewan McGregor), takes time out to tell Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) that he once enlisted in the Italian Air Force, where he learned to be a pilot. 'Why do we need to know that?' I wondered. An hour and a half later, McGregor, dressed in his priest's frock, jumps into a helicopter and flies it solo into the skies above Rome. 'That's why,' I realised. When you have screenwriters as experienced as David Koepp and Akiva Goldsman on the case you can rest assure that no i will go undotted, no t uncrossed. You can also be forgiven for getting the impression that a 'one size fits all' mentality has over-ridden the creative process. The race against time scenario is one with which we are all familiar. Its saving grace in Ron Howard's otherwise formulaic adaptation of Dan Brown's precursor to *The Da Vinci Code* is the spectacular beauty of the city in which it has been set. A new Pontiff is to be elected and, on the eve of the ballot, four senior cardinals are abducted, presumably by the Illuminati, historical supporters of Galileo and progressive thought and enemies of the Holy See. Each one of the cardinals (sadly, they do not include George Pell) will come to a sticky end if demands are not met by midnight, at which time a canister of some innocuous looking stuff known as anti-matter will ignite, blowing the Vatican to smithereens. Enter Langdon. Saving Catholicism is a big ask for the homespun



Yank, but he's the best there is when it comes to solving religious riddles. Everywhere he looks are signs and indicators of where to dash next. 'The arrow on that statue! It's pointing East!' He checks his map. 'The next clue must be in the Church of Santa Maria del Bocca Vista!' ... and they exit in haste. By his side is a sultry, high-heeled scientist with the Flemingesque name of Vittoria Vetra (Ayelet Zurer). Bond would have had a leg-over in two shakes, but there is no hint of such hanky panky here – Howard doesn't make that type of movie and Hanks is certainly not that type of hero. McGregor, more believable as a Glaswegian junkie than an Irish priest, gets the best line, 'be careful, they are men of God'; and Thure Lindhardt catches the eye as a Hitler-Youth type member of the Swiss Guard. Polished and pacy, but so so. ~ John Campbell

Her husband (Colin Firth) has returned from the War a different man. Cynical and dishevelled – and disinclined to participate in the barbarous fox hunt – he is emblematic of a generation who saw in the mud and blood of Flanders that the 'rules of the game', of Empire, horse and hound, were no longer applicable and, devastating to the soul, may never have been worth

a toss to begin with. It's easy to poke fun at actors such as Firth for taking the money and cruising through one typecast role after another – but watch him here when called upon to produce the goods. His lament at bringing none of the village boys under his command back from the trenches is heartfelt and utterly convincing. Kris Marshall resuscitates Richard E. Grant's jaundiced butler from the superb *Gosford Park* (2001) – as a foreigner, Elliott must surely have been influenced by Robert Altman's dark comedy about those who are to the manor born – and Scott Thomas is chilling as the iron matriarch struggling with change. Not quite Mister Darcy meets Wallis Simpson, with the ending flagged from further out than is beneficial for such a nuanced plot (though my companion thought it a surprise), it is stylish, conspiratorial and witty, with an uproarious can-can sequence.

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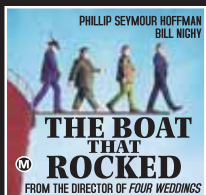
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Canberra in May is when the lake is a glassy sheen under a sharp blue sky; a shimmer of trees in gold and amber and crimson; a fog not lifting till midday, requiring indoor activities and fires lit early. My mother's relentless triumph at Scrabble could only be properly forgiven with her Cauliflower and Blue Cheese Soup. Interestingly, the recipe she used – an extract from a weekend supplement – insisted the florets of the vegetable be left whole rather than eventually blended. At any rate, it was sufficiently lush and satisfyingly thick given the butter, the milk, the obscene quantity of blue cheese and the final flourish of sour cream on top, the snipped chives a merely cosmetic lacing of fat-cutting chlorophyll.

Cauliflower is a member of the Cruciferous – or Brassicaceae – family, and is a variant of cabbage, along with brussels sprouts and broccoli, kale and collard greens. In fact its name derives from the Latin 'caulis' meaning 'cabbage' and 'flower'; as the glorious Waverley Root says, 'it was developed as a precocious annual, which, instead of opening its flowers like broccoli if left unpicked, forms then into a head, a modified compact mass of undeveloped flowers'. He explains that, despite their difference in taste and appearance, cauliflower and broccoli are the same thing: 'a type of cabbage in which it is the flowers that have been developed for eating'.

The name for that entire floret portion is curd, and while the leaves are edible, they are most often discarded, leaving the bunch of florets to be steamed, boiled, roasted, fried or eaten raw. Their brightly creamy whiteness – and should the vegetable be anything less than this you should throw it away – is due to the effect of blanching which occurs when the outer leaves are tied to protect the curd from exposure to sunlight, which causes discoloration. Spotting indicates the vegetable is past its nutritional peak. It is rarely regarded as a particularly exciting addition to the diet – broccoli, the 'superfood', is paid much more attention. And yet it is low in fat, high in fibre, folate and Vitamin C; like broccoli it contains anti-cancer compounds. The tendency to overcook it to an unappealing, tasteless mush is clearly responsible for its unpopularity – in fact in the UK recently a vigorous campaign supported

by top chefs was launched in an attempt to alter the public's perception of it, to discover exciting new ways of cooking with it. Few people look beyond cauliflower cheese but the vegetable's affinity to nuts, bacon, dried fruit, nutmeg, breadcrumbs, bechamel sauce, cheese, butter, cream, curry, garlic, ham, lemon, spices, mushrooms, olive oil, parsley, olives and tomato sauce make possibilities positively bulge. I even came across an hilarious recipe for cauliflower steaks which you serve with a cauliflower puree: using a sharp heavy knife and starting at the top centre of the cauliflower head you cut thick slices through to the stem end, brush them with oil and pan-fry them till golden brown! The puree is self-explanatory and used as a puddle for the finished 'steaks'.

Not to mention the plethora of recipes for broccoli, most and perhaps all which can substitute cauliflower. To be sure there is a slight nuttiness to the flavour of broccoli (which a lot of people insist on pronouncing with a hard 'i' ending) which is absent in the gentler cauliflower, and the strange assumption that the stalks are edible in the former while not in the latter – but apart from those differences there is very little reason why the superfood should have pushed the cabbage flower so bossily into the background (and the fact that so many chefs tediously send it to tables in espresso cups as amuse bouches, often swirled in truffle oil, hardly dignifies it.)

Below is a gorgeous recipe from Bari in Italy, courtesy of Giuliano Bugialli:

CAVOLFIORRE AFFOGATO (Drowned Cauliflower)

Detach the florets from 2 cauliflowers, halving the larger ones so they are all roughly the same size. Wash thoroughly then drain. Place in a baking dish side by side, stems down and florets facing up. Pour over the juice of 2 lemons, 2 finely chopped cloves of garlic, 2 cups dry white wine, 6 tablespoons olive oil and season well with salt and pepper. Bake, covered, in a pre-heated 200°C oven until still a little crunchy and most of the wine has evaporated. Serve with lots of crusty bread.

COOKING WITH STEPHANIE

Local wholefood chef Stephanie Willaton and author of *Nourish: Creating Delicious Food From Wholesome Ingredients* will be teaching cooking classes over winter based on her book. To be held at a beautiful retreat in Byron Bay, the classes will explore exciting ways with gluten-free ingredients, dish up hearty slow-cooked meals like soups, casseroles, curries and braises, and delve into the nutritious and nourishing world of wholegrains. Dishes like Moroccan Baked Fish, Quinoa Pilaf with Lemon and Almond, Spicy Tofu Curry and Scrumptious Vanilla Cake with Stewed Seasonal Fruit will be taught over three evenings from 6pm to 9 pm, on Wednesday June 3, Thursday July 2 and Thursday July 9. Classes are intimate and hands-on with a maximum of six students. The cost is \$75 per head and all meals are devoured at the end. Ring Stephanie on 0408 578 024 for bookings and further information.

SHIRAZ IS KING

The 27th annual Australian and New Zealand Wine Industry Directory has just been released by Adelaide publishers Winetitles. A must-read for anyone interested in the local wine industry, this comprehensive directory is packed full of fascinating facts, listings and statistics pertaining to it. Despite concerns of drought and over-supply affecting profitability in the industry, the number of Australian wine producers, according to the Directory, continues to grow, currently numbering 2,320. More compelling information relates to the wine grape varieties being produced. Shiraz accounts for 80% of production and is the most common variety, followed by Cabernet Sauvignon (70%) and Chardonnay (69%) – however, some of the new varieties entering it this year are Aranel, Aucerot, Brachetto, Caverdella, Flora, Gruner Veltliner and Nero d'Avola. This 528-page tome is available by contacting Winetitles on 08 8292 0888 or email orders@winetitles.com.au. It costs \$123.20.

shiraz is king

Rams fight off Blue Dogs hoodoo

The huge crowd at the unveiling of the brand new Bangalow playing fields were treated to a goal fest with 10 goals scored in the two Premier Division games played between arch rivals the Byron Bay Rams and Bangalow Blue Dogs on Saturday.

The Rams were looking to brush off a two year winless hoodoo against the Blue Dogs. With a lot of pride on the line the young Bangalow squad were looking for their first win of the season and coach Damien Bell was breathing easier with number one goalkeeper Alex Pratt back from suspension.

The Premier Reserves teams christened the new turf and the Rams had come to crash the party. It wasn't long before Byron's Thiago Priori took first blood with the first goal of his hat trick and the Rams midfield in Mark Shepherd, Sam Clark and Jim Gelagotis proved the difference. The Rams strikers pounded the Blue Dogs goal-mouth and rookie keeper Dave Campbell did it tough.

Mark Shepherd added to the score line with a beautiful volley past Campbell. Later the Blue Dogs finally found a hole in the Rams defence and talented keeper Alex Gray couldn't get to it in time. Late in the game Rams youngster Nolan Pierce showed his mettle with a determined run through

the Bangalow defence line and blasted the ball into the net. The final score to 5-1 had the Blue Dogs with their tails between their legs.

The main event Premier League game held great promise for the Blue Dogs and coach Damien Bell had his boys pumped. However a shot on the Blue Dogs goal in the first minute gave them a wake-up call. The teams settled for the next 20 minutes testing for weaknesses and fighting for possession before John Bradbury roared down the left flank and hit a driven cross over the Bangalow full-backs to young Tim Knight maneuvering on the right of goal who bounced it past the keeper, much to the delight of the large contingent of Rams fans. Five minutes later Bradbury started a carbon copy attack however this time Knight couldn't get it past keeper Alex Pratt.

Rob Cooper and the other Blue Dogs defenders worked overtime stopping wave after wave of the Rams attacks. Playmaker Joel Rudgley played great football in the midfield but was simply out-gunned by the classy Rams trio of Jed Wright, Sam Owens and Jordy Campbell.

Bradbury seemed uncontainable and as he broke through with lightning speed

he gave a high cross to Tommy Ruhl. The keeper was off his line and Ruhl chipped it over the keeper for the eighth goal of the afternoon. With the Rams sweeper Ian Lennie sidelined, coach Peter Ware gave that challenge to Bruce Morehouse who with pace man Jonathan Pierce and Yantra Whitling had no problem rounding up the Blue Dogs strikers.

Just before half time Jordy Campbell cut through the centre and put a diagonal pass through to Knight who sprinted behind the Blue Dogs defenders to score his second goal with a cracker shot.

Bangalow came out snapping in the second half. Cale Johnstone and Connor Benfield created their best opportunities of the game to finally test the Rams keeper Kai Connell.

After 75 minutes Bradbury shot a ball to Sam Owen who had to dodge 2 defenders and go wide before twisting around and with an incredible reverse volley, powered the ball into the net.

In the last moments of the game Louie Muller broke through the Rams defence and Connell had to use all of his skill to wrap up the ball. However the Rams went to the dressing sheds to sing their victory song with a 4-0 win and had finally brushed off the Bangalow Hoodoo.

Club anglers enjoy perfect conditions

Near perfect conditions availed those who signed out in the Byron Bay Services Angling Club's eleventh and penultimate outing for the 2008-09 season.

Slight seas with a low swell, cloudless skies and a light offshore wind combined to give competitors a golden opportunity for good catches, as is generally expected in late autumn.

Too often the weather gods conspire to prescribe huge seas, wind and rain, but this time they smiled upon anglers and some good hauls of tailor and bream resulted.

The overall winner for the event, despite a large handicap, was Hoss McGrath with a bag of 28.75 kilos. The A grade winner was Robbie Graham with 27.34 kilos, the runner up was Andrew Smith with 32.99 kilos, the handicapper relieving Andrew of the overall win.

The B Grade winner was Brad Rankin, who also landed the competition's biggest fish – a tailor weighing 4.2 kilos, the runner up was Greg Coughran.

The Veteran's winner was Hoss McGrath and the runner up in the division was Video Pete with seven solid tailor, his total bag weighing 17.9k. Trevor Mead also finished well with 24.74k in A Grade.

The winner in the ladies di-



Brad Rankin with his winning 4.2 kilo tailor which was later stuffed, covered in lemon slices, wrapped in foil and baked to perfection. Photo Tree Faerie.

vision was Ann Bryant who found some nice bream around the Evans Head region.

Angling club members are reminded that the next meet is the Far North Coast Number 2 which will be held on the weekend of June 20-21, with the weigh-in at Lennox Head.

Byron Services Angling Club's next meeting is Thursday June 25 at the Services Club. New members are welcome to attend. Enquiries about club activities should be directed to Baz or Pete on Friday evenings at the Railway Hotel during the club's raffle.

SPORTS RESULTS

AUSSIE RULES

Junior AFL

17/5: U/12's; Maclean Eagles 14-11-95 d Ballina Bombers 7-6-48; Byron Magpies 21-26-137 d Brunswick Bulldogs 3-2-20; Lismore Swans 15-10-100 d Byron Magpies B 3-1-19. U/14's; Byron Magpies 10-2-62 d Brunswick Bulldogs 0-0-0; Ballina Bombers 27-12-174 d Maclean Eagles 7-3-45.

BOWLS

Bangalow Men

23/5 Pennants: Div 6 v Pottsville at Pottsville. Leave club at 12:15pm. J.Guest R.Forman T.Hart I.Holden (skip) G.Hacker B.Fiedler R.Crouch B.Hurst (skip) K.Trimble F.Little G.Swain B.Harriott (skip). Div 7 v Ocean Shores at Bangalow. R.Gray B.Sjoberg M.Bindley J.Grissell (skip) C.Banks M.Anderson K.Flick R.Thatcher (skip) J.Armstrong H.Gallagher G.Whitta N.Johnston (skip).

Brunswick Heads Men

13/5 S/S Triples visit by All Sports: 1st D OBrien P Brassington L Wade 2nd K Boorman N Sharp M Jeffreys 3rd C Jensen V Caldwell B Montgomery; Louies prize K Salmon. 15/5 Jackpot pairs; 1st Brad Hay M Petrou 2nd J Ritway B Montgomery Jackpot not won. 17/5 2 bowl pairs: 1st J/B Howell 2nd R Chapman J McGuire; Louies Prize P Solomon P Brassington. Pennant: Div 1 Brunswick Heads 56 Ocean Shores 69 (1-5); Div 4 Brunswick Heads 57 Cudgen 54 (5-1); Div 5 Brunswick Heads 59 Byron Bay 72 (2-4). Major Singles Final; M Petrou 31 G Rendell 21.

Brunswick Heads Women

12/5 Foster/Tuncurry Pennant play offs: No. 3 4th overall. Social: T Pollard, Z Wagner, D Hay 27 d J Loomes, M Darby, P Appel 6.

Lennox Head Men

Pennants: 1's Ballina 77 d Lennox Head 43 6/0; 2's Lennox Head 69 d South Lismore 64 5/1; 5's Lennox Head 70 d Bonalbo 38 6/0. With 1 round to play Lennox Head has secured the No.5 Flag. 12/5 Triples: G Grady J Robinson I Kemp (w) 23 d BWestworth L Christian G Brook 12. G McLean G Hayes G Maloney (r/up) 23 d J Dudgeon J Heffernan L Chaseling 17; J Lowry M Knott R De Re 14 d D Gregor B McRae C Skennar (cons on c/b)

14. 15/5 Pairs: H Burgess F Somerville (w on c/b) 15 d P Brining G Maloney 15; S Skennar J Heffernan 23 (r/up) 23 d M/L Christian 13; G Hayes J Bowen 33 d W Hampson B Saric (cons) 11. 16/5 Social: K Kilby K Frampton B Schweitzer (w) 18 d H Neill F Allcoat D Taylor (snr) 13.

Lennox Head Women

13/5 Social; M Arandale, M Christian, H Lewis 23 d M Hadler/B Orme, R Sparre, J Brook 16; A Meagher, F McCarthy, B Turner 21 d B Knott, J Pratten, E Steele 16; Club Singles C'ship: Rink W F Somerville 31d M Gregor 20; Rink R/up P Brining 31 d O Stobart 19; N Cotter 31 d S Skennar 12; D Martin 31 d C Lawless 15; G Martin 31 d M Hannaway 20; Rnd 2 G Martin 31 d D Martin 12; E Reid 31 d S Grady 29; R Heffernan 31 d D Papas 19; G Moore 31 d J Fogerty 20; E Steele d E Barr (forfeit).

Mullumbimby Ex Services Men

13/5 Social; D.Henry,G.McKenzie,J. McKay 28 def A.Bartlett,B.Coleman,B. Gibson 13. J.Morgan,R.Barnes,S.Bre-card 26 def N.Newton,P.Jones,T.Johnston 13. D.Ottery,B.Rose,A.Johnstone 24 def B.Neate,T.Riches,J.Estreich 13. M.Johnston,R.Philps,P.McDonald 25 def S.Purdie,F.Buckley, R.Moore 20. R.Kidby,T.Batson,R.Day 21 def L.Boyter,J.C.Canabou,L.Henry 20. 16/5 District Pennants; Mullumbimby No 2 lost to Carbarita No 2 (60-63) 2-4. Mullumbimby No 7 def Murwillumbah No 7 (61-56) 4-2. Social; R.Fenwick,J. Morgan,N.Lee 23 def R.Gower,R.Ford,B. McClymont 14. 17/5 Triples C'ship Final; N.Newton,P.Jones,T.Johnston 21 def R.Philps,P.McDonald,D.Hammond 16. 23/5 Pennant teams: 1.30pm start. No 2 Vs Murwillumbah at Mullumbimby. B.Rose,P.Thompson,S. Lumsden,R.Philps; M.Brown, J.McKay, D.Hammond,R. Day; S. Purdie, P.McDonald, T.Johnston, G.Condie. No 7 Vs Pottsville at Pottsville: P.Gower,D. Ottery,A.Bartlett,L.Henry. H.McKenna, F.Cornale, B.Coleman, T.Fenwick. G.Naoum,J.C.Canabou,S.Dettman,J. Estreich.

Mullumbimby Ex Services Women

12/5 Social:K.Johnstone,J.Beaumont 15 (Rink W) v A.Ellem, J.Graham 13; J.Lee, G.Henry 18 v M.Torressi, J.Towner 6; E.Jones, B.Croft 25 v R.Mills, B.Reglin 5. Ocean Shores Men

11/5 S/S Triples: 1st: Les Hoffman, Peter Quirk, Tor Larsen; 2nd: Barry Gibson, Ken McMorrow, Stan Warren; 3rd: Kevin Hosie, Rod Roberts, Denis O'Brien; 4th: Don Lawson, Graham Wall, Bobby Lockwood; 5th: David Whitney, Lachie Johnston, Tony Baggio.

Ocean Shores Women

13/5: P Hems,E Hill,J Bartlett(W Highest Margin) d M Oliver,N Russell,M Flesser;D Grant/K George(R/Up) d K Farrell/J Kelly;S Woolford,L Wright,G Johnston d B Stone,A Slater,L McGowran.15/5Major Singles: L McGowran(Plus W Out of Hat) d M McConville;M James(R/Up) d M Hosie;B Sprengel d J Lofts;J M Quirke d M Flesser.B Stone,L Wright,J Selleck,D Grant drew with B Stone,E Hill,C Timewell,T Campbell. 31/5 Cancer Council Mixed Triples: 9:30 start. Teams in please.

BRIDGE

Brunswick Valley

11/5: N/S 1st gross/net J.Wright/D.Gall, 2nd gross P.Hems/M.Downey, 2nd net D.Dare/M.Buckley. E/W 1st gross/net E.Hollick/B.Longmore, 2nd gross B.Douglas/P.French, 2nd net M.Clark/K. Nelms. 16/5: N/S 1st gross/net I.Homfray/R.Fox, 2nd gross M.Solway/E. Sherry, 2nd net S.Easterbrook/J.Murray E/W 1st gross D.Grant/F.Patterson, 2nd gross A/G Withey, 1st net K.Westall/C. Wellings, 2nd net J.Gibson/H.Gluckstern.

Ocean Shores

13/5: N/S:1st gross:P Sullivan/Partners;2nd gross:J Selleck/B Simons.E/W:1st gross:C Fuest/S VanRossum;2nd gross:Visitors Beth and Peter. We meet @ Ocean Shores Country Club every Wed. Be seated by 6:15pm. Partner not required. All welcome.

DARTS

Brunswick Valley

13/5 Game 1: Workers 8; LHP M Dare 24 LHS M Dare/P Cartner 114 MHS Philly 123 MHP P Sheaffe/Philly 32; Off the Board 2; LHS C Denholm 93 MHS Curly 130 MHP J Larson 64. Game 2: Workaholics 4; LHS D Paynter 92 MHS N Cairns 117 MHP N Cairns 40. Fumbles 5; LHS R Redden 74 MHS C Redden 133 MHP K Cartner 56.New comp starts 1/7. More info call 6684 1473 or 6684 3094.

GOLF

Mullumbimby Men

16/5 Stroke: Gross Winner: W Ferrier 75; Nett Winner: T Williams 67; Second: G Huish 68 C/B; Third: A Lumsden 68; NTP: 5th: P Schweitzer 2.5m, 7th: A Mitchell, 12th: J Gadowski 3.6m; Gundie's Mug: W Ferrier.

Mullumbimby Ladies

21/5 Monthly Medal: 1st Tee (0 to 29); 9am N Carsburg, S Kosaka, G Lynn; 9.06 F Gannell, G Mackay, M Crichton; 9.12 M Allan, M Essery, R Manley; 9.18 N Dwyer, B Mules, M Bertoli, 9.24 R Slogrove, G Redman. 10th Tee (30 to 45); 9am L Walker, W Stenner, K Thomson; 9.06 L Siddall, J Stuart, R Wilson; 9.12 A Moser, G James, T Robbins; 9.18 J Beer, G Poynting, M Davey; 9.24 E Leclere, G McDonald; 9.30 J Hopper. Kitchen R Manley/A Moser; Table L Walker/L Siddall.

Ocean Shores Men

11/5 Medley Stab: R.Starcic 35pts C/B; R/up F.Crowder 35pts; 3rd A.Donaldson 34pts. Balls To 31. 13/5 Single Stab: G.Addison 39pts C/B; R/up M.Kelly 39pts; 3rd B.Green 38pts C/B; Balls To 34 Pro Pin J.Mangleson. 16/5 4BBB Stab: E.Gregson/T.Sandison 48pts; R/up. J.Starcic/R.Macdonald 47pts C/B; 3rd T.Foster/M.Payne 47pts C/B; Balls To: 42 Eagle 14th R.Cooke.

Ocean Shores Ladies

12/5 Loreal Cup: Div 1 D Cole 38; R/Up M Pratt 36 c/b; 3rd K Howard 36; Div 2 C Blacker 35; R/Up D Devir 34; 3rd L Franks 33 c/b. NTP Div 1 V Marsh, Div 2 P Govett, Div 3 D Devir; Vouchers to 31. 14/5 Stab: G O'Hagan 35; R/Up A Tonkin 33 c/b; Vouchers to 30. 16/5 Stab: M Pratt 39; R/Up J Brown 37 c/b; Vouchers to 34 c/b; NTP Div 1 J Harrold; Div 2 R Rogers.

Ocean Shores Vets

14/5 Par: 1st: Peter Hain +2; 2nd: Mike Kelly +1 C/B; 3rd: Alex Ross +1; 4th: Barney Devlin +1; NTP 3rd H/C 0-19: Noel Podlich, H/C 20+: Bill Nichols; 8th: Trevor Johnston; 12th: Tony Berry; 15th: Bill Nichols; 17th H/C 0-19: Arthur Philips; Gorilla Award: H/C 0-19: Bob Baxter; H/C 20+: Ian Opperman. Balls to -2. Scrubber's Ball: Frank Miller.

NETBALL

Brunswick Byron

23/5 Rnd 5 Draw: 12noon Table Duty Ocean Shores, Canteen Mullum, Hard Court 12noon Electric Eels, 4pm Boosh.

12.30pm Netta (duty Turtles): crt 7 Ang-lefish vButterflies, Angelfish; crt 8 Bliss v Beauties, Beauties; crt 9 Bumble Bees v Pocket Rocket, Bumble Bees; crt 10 Turtles v Leftovers, Turtles. 12.30pm 12 and Under 9Canteen Dragons): crt 1 Dragons v Gummi Bears, Jordan Evans/Jarika streets; crt 2 Groovy Smoothies v Electric Eels, Abby B/Caitlyn; crt 4 Blueberries v Bluebottles, Tori Leary/Eliza Salvatori; crt 5 Breakers v Mighty Minkies, Amelia Miekle/Maddy B; crt 6 Bangles v Blue-birds, Babes x2; Bye sea Monkeys. 1.45pm (Canteen Mudslide): crt 1 Classics v Coc-tails, Suek/Sue H; crt 2 Cruisers v Bomb-ers, Patsy/Jodie; crt 5 Babes v Blitz, Gi-ants/Taveners; crt 6 Watersprites v Bratz, Boosh/Giants. 3.15pm (canteen Cruisers): crt 1 Giants v Taveners, Michelle S/Jo L; crt 2 Muslide v Boosh, Bombers/Cocktails; crt 5 Dino v Bellas, Classics/Blitz; crt 6 Crash v Whatever, Cocktail/Cruisers.

RUGBY LEAGUE

NRRL

Byron Bay 36 Murwillumbah 6, Kyogle 28 Mullumbimby 26. Ladder; Byron Bay 8, Grafton Ghosts 8, Lower Clarence 6, Mul-lumbimby 6, Northern United 6, Cudgen 6, Ballina 4, Grafton Rhinos 4, Casino 4, Kyogle 3, Marist Bros 2, Murwillumbah 2, Tweed Coast Raiders 1, Evans Head 0. Next week; Mullum v Cudgen, Tweed v Byron.

Mullumbimby Giants Juniors Brunswick Valley. Com Under 13s had a great win 42 to 5. Players Scotty Esx 3, Elias Howard Shorr 2, Kyle Lacey 1. Great win boys!

RUGBY UNION

Brunswick Valley Juniors

Training Wednesday at 5pm at Brunswick Sports Ground. Registrar will be there to sign new/renewing players on. Cost is \$85 or \$150 for family (inc socks and shorts). U10s 5.45pm, 12s 6.30pm, 13s 7.15pm, 14s 8.10pm and U17s 9.05pm play at Home. 15s away at Yamba 7.25pm. Contact Rebecca 0438 851 140 or see website www.brunswickvalley.rugbynet.com.au for further info.

SOCCER

Brunswick Heads Juniors

16/5 Brunswick Heads U11s: Brunswick Heads Breakers 0 v Tintenbar Panthers 4. Missing out on numerous chances, the Breakers lost 4 to 0 to the disciplined Panthers. Player of the Day was Kalani

Cook.

SQUASH

Brunswick Heads

20/5 Rnd 5 Cape Byron Med Centre Comp: Bruns Blinds v OS Bakery; M Underwood v B Trivett, C Peate v L Clarke, D Runciman v Kijay, C Staff v S Moon, P McQueen v S Truesdale. OS Glass v The Potato Works; C Littlewood v G Elliott, C Walsh v M Virtue, W Ferrier v A Li, C Johnston v J Nicolson, R Cross v F King. Bruns Pharmacy v Byron Bay Trophies; D Bird v G Davis, G Hall v C Pearce, C Booth v P Hill, R Cameron v G King, B Doran v Jeff Heers. Canty's Surveyors Bye. 25/5 Rnd 15 Byron Health Foods Comp: Div 1; 5pm B Trivett v M Underwood, D Bird v C Littlewood, G Davis v L Powell. Div 2; L Clarke v L Tomasella, C Walsh v A Li, R King v C Pearce, M Cassidy v T Dryden, J Gribble v R Hughes. Div 3; 5pm J Nicol-son v S Moon, R Draper v J Heers; 6pm D Runciman v W Mahera, C Johnston Bye. Div 4; 5pm M Hazelwood Ross v D Williams, S Truesdale v P McQueen, Jeff Heers v D Fisher, F King v T Ashworth, B Doran Bye.

TABLE TENNIS

Mullumbimby

14/5 Werner Borkhardt (-30) won singles comp; 2nd Vincent Rothweiler (+1). Doubles final won by Werner and Vincent 2-1 over Peter Saro and Mark Smith. Enquiries ring Mark 0409 473 517 or Chris 6684 1468.

TENNIS

Mullumbimby

11/5 Women Div 1 Diamonds d Emeralds, Pearls d Opals. 12/5 Men Heads 46 d Wilsons 45, Princes 53 d Babolats 35. 14/5 Mixed: Mullumbimby 54 v New Brighton 31, Myocum 46 v Billinudgel 34. New comps start end of May, interested players ring Greg 0427 788 773.

VOLLEYBALL

Brunswick Heads

19/5 Rnd 3 OS Skips Comp: 6pm Mixed Chickens v No Mercy, Ballistic v Hit and Run, Duty Lounge Lizards. 7pm Brewers v Lounge Lizards, Flash Bye, Duty Hit and Run. 21/5 Rnd 3 OS True Value Comp: 6pm Snickers v Golden Girls, Tripods v Go Go Girls, X Factor v Red Frogs, Duty Cosmic Kittens. 7pm Cosmic Kittens v Chilli Twist, Volleys v Kaos.com, Barefoot Bandits v pink Flamingoes, Duty X Factor. 6685 1794.

Devils romp down Mustangs' alley

John Campbell

The Byron Bay Red Devils have made it four wins from four starts in the NRRRL with a 36-6 win over the Murwillumbah Mustangs.

On a sunny Sunday arvo, with a sou-east zephyr cooling the combatants, the premiers were odds-on to account for the visitors. That they won by thirty is a reasonable indicator of their ability to create and take advantage of the opportunities that came their way, but it discredits the effort put in by the losers.

The Bay kicked off and were diligent in their execution without ever appearing inclined to shift into top gear. Mur'bah got stuck in and completed set after set with bullish application. The only trouble for them was that they never looked likely to make a break. Camped for long periods in Byron's half and with enough possession to win two games, they simply could not penetrate their opponents' swarming defence.

The deadlock was broken at the eighteen-minute mark after a 40/20 from Byron half-back Tobin Cupples. At last having a crack at the Mustangs' line, sure hands and quick movement of the ball saw centre Michael Chapman slip a pass to winger Ben Donahue to score in the corner. Duane Cahill's conversion made it 6-0 and the writ-



The Devils won in a pushover match against the Murwillumbah Mustangs on Sunday. Photo Jeff 'Pushin'-my-luck' Dawson.

ing was on the wall.

Cupples was involved again when, before smoko, he grubbered through, pursued hard enough to get a second kick on the pill, which then rebounded from the chest of Mur'bah's full-back into the arms of Byron's Ben Webber, who gleefully ac-

cepted it and raced away for the try. It was Webber's fifth for the day, having got four in the Reserves' 38-6 victory.

Intermission did the Mustangs no favours.

Immediately upon resumption, Cahill set sail down the eastern touchline and beautifully

set-up his support, second-rower Eddie Harrison, who bolted away for a try that had 'decider' written all over it.

Soon after, Cupples combined with centre Bill Lowrie to put Donahue in for his second and, at 24-0, it was a question of 'how far'?

The Mustangs were done like a dinner and their plight was made no easier when their combative number-seven was decked by a crunching but fair tackle. 'He's got a broken tattoo!' was the uncharitable cry from one of the wags on the back of the ute by the scoreboard (probably the same bloke who said 'some people look bigger on the football field and some people look smaller, ay?' Not to mention those who look just the same).

The elusive Chapman made it 30-0 before, belatedly, Murwillumbah got a deserved try, but it was trumped by the best of the game when Byron sealed the deal with a sixty-metre chain passing effort that saw Cupples handle three times before Brad Lees backed up to cross near the posts.

It was an impressive display by the Devils - there were hints of the arrogance that sports' champions are entitled to exhibit - but we'll get a better idea of how they are travelling when they take on the Grafton Ghosts on Sunday-week.

Fact sheets reduce injury risks

With the football and netball season underway, participants can reduce their risk of injury by using Smartplay's Preventing Australian Football and Netball Injuries fact sheets.

Developed in conjunction with the AFL and Netball Australia respectively, the fact sheets encourage players to prepare their bodies for play - to get the most from their game and most importantly avoid injury.

Football and netball are among the top five injury prone sports within Australia, with netball ranking fourth and football first (1). In 2007, in Victoria alone, 6,520 people were admitted to Australian hospitals while 1,593 people visited emergency departments for football or netball related injuries.

Smartplay, Sports Medicine Australia's sports injury prevention program funded by the Department of Health and Ageing, offers some very useful tips to minimise the injury risks in both sports:

* Football safety tips

Attend training prior to a game to get your body ready for competition.

Complete a warm up including stretching, slow jogging and running activities, with and without a football.

Eat a balanced, nutritional diet. Drink water before, during and after a game or training session.

Seek professional advice about the most appropriate boots, head and safety gear to wear for playing conditions.

* Netball safety tips

Always warm up and cool down. Use training programs to improve body balance. Learn correct passing, catching and landing techniques.

Seek professional advice on footwear and consider preventive ankle taping or bracing to reduce injury risks.

For further tips download Smartplay's Preventing Australian Football and Netball Injuries fact sheets at www.smartplay.com.au

Shiners

The local rivalry between the Moonshiners and Byron Rugby Union Clubs was re-ignited in a good spirited fashion at the Byron Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoon.

The Shiners dominated first half possession and led 6-3 at the break thanks to the boot of the explosive Dwayne Moseley. Kev Sheridan used his electrifying pace and jinking step to cut a swathe through the Byronbacks.

The momentum shifted in the second half with Byron on the attack and looking a good chance of getting across the line, but the Shiners weren't about to roll over and dug their heels in before utilising the abundance of space out wide to get Stacey Potts across the line in the dying minutes to put it beyond doubt.

The 13-3 win sees the Moonshiners perched on top of the Village Comp ladder having not conceded a try since Round 1 four weeks ago.

Next Saturday is a home game at the Stan Thomson Sports Fields in Bruns with the Under 19s against Southern Cross Uni at 12.30pm and the Seniors playing Iluka at 2.30pm.

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Crankin' what's happening surfside

Bruns Boardriders

Brunswick Boardriders Club postponed their May club contest on Sunday due to unsuitable conditions and will try again this Sunday May 24. Meet by 7.30am at the surfclub.

FNC Junior Titles

Round two of the prestigious Fantastic Noodles Far North Coast Regional Junior Surfing Titles proved to be fantastic on Sunday at Broken Head, with perfect conditions for the region's best.

After some amazing surfing in round one, which saw Sam Cliff from Tweed Heads and Tyler Wright from Lennox Head stamp their class and dominance upon a tough field to claim respective U18 Boys and Girls division, round two was equally as enticing.

Greeted with clear skies, off-shore winds and a clean 1-1.5 metre swell, on a great contest bank at Broken Head, the second round gave competitors and spectators alike the chance to experience the North Coast at its best.

The blue ribbon division, Under 18 Boys, saw first round winner Sam Cliff taking out a close fought final from Mitchell James, Regan Fredericks and Joel Ford.

Jake Cumberland showed he wants the Under 16 Boys title by backing up his first round



The Under 16 Boys division of Round two of the Fantastic Noodles Far North Coast Regional Junior Surfing Titles saw some intense battles take place at Broken Head but it was (L-R): Jake Cumberland from Tweed Heads who took the victory from Byron Bay pair Tommy Boucaut and Soli Bailey. Tom Snellgrove from Lennox Head finished fourth.

win with a clear victory over Tommy Boucaut, Soli Bailey and Tom Snellgrove.

With first round winner Michael Wright away, the Under 14 boys, James Young took the opportunity and backed up his first round second place with a win today over Jake Snellgrove, Chris Zaffis and Jacob Ogden.

Alyssa Lock proved again that she is the one to beat in the Under 14 girls.

Kirsten Ogden was a clear winner in the Under 16 girls

division, putting together a wave in the final that scored a near perfect 9.67.

Stephanie Single, Letarcia Hurt and Lana Parkes, finished second, third and fourth respectively, and all showed that Ogden has to surf at her best to maintain her winning ways.

Codie Klein fought out a great final in the Under 18 girls defeating Layla Wright and Taylor Telling.

Opening with a nine-point ride Klein was unstoppable highlighting to all her

star on the rise.

Having recently announced the support of junior surfing throughout the state and the nation, the Fantastic Noodles State Junior Surfing Titles covers ten events in South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and Victoria, 14 Regional Junior Surfing Title events in NSW, plus an ASP Pro Junior event in South Australia in July.

For more information about the Fantastic Noodles event, be sure to log onto www.surfingnsw.com.au.

TIDE TIMES				
PHASES OF THE MOON				
New Moon	24th May	10.11 pm		
First Quarter	31st May	1.22 pm		
Full Moon	8th Jun	4.12 am		
Last Quarter	16th Jun	8.15 am		
WED	High	4.21 am 1.3	Sunrise	6.24 am
20th		5.08 pm 1.4	Sunset	5.00 pm
	Low	10.41 am 0.5	Moonrise	1.39 am
		11.18 pm 0.6	Moonset	1.44 pm
THU	High	5.14 am 1.3	Sunrise	6.24 am
21st		5.51 pm 1.6	Sunset	5.00 pm
	Low	11.21 am 0.4	Moonrise	2.37 am
			Moonset	2.16 pm
FRI	High	6.06 am 1.4	Sunrise	6.25 am
22nd		6.33 pm 1.7	Sunset	5.00 pm
	Low	12.12 am 0.5	Moonrise	3.39 am
		12.02 pm 0.4	Moonset	2.53 pm
SAT	High	6.57 am 1.4	Sunrise	6.25 am
23rd		7.16 pm 1.8	Sunset	4.59 pm
	Low	1.03 am 0.4	Moonrise	4.44 am
		12.44 pm 0.4	Moonset	3.36 pm
SUN	High	7.49 am 1.4	Sunrise	6.26 am
24th		8.03 pm 1.9	Sunset	4.59 pm
	Low	1.54 am 0.3	Moonrise	5.53 am
		1.28 pm 0.4	Moonset	4.26 pm
MON	High	8.43 am 1.4	Sunrise	6.27 am
25th		8.51 pm 2.0	Sunset	4.58 pm
	Low	2.46 am 0.3	Moonrise	7.03 am
		2.16 pm 0.4	Moonset	5.24 pm
TUE	High	9.37 am 1.3	Sunrise	6.27 am
26th		9.43 pm 2.0	Sunset	4.58 pm
	Low	3.40 am 0.3	Moonrise	8.10 am
		3.06 pm 0.4	Moonset	6.31 pm
Eastern Standard Time. Heights in metres				
Tide times Courtesy of NSW Tide Charts, Manly Hydraulics Laboratory, NSW Dept of Commerce				
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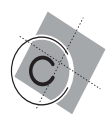


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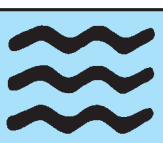
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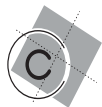
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Marine park zoning plans are now subject to statutory review and amendment processes. Consequently, no changes to the substance of any zoning plan will be made by the proposed Regulation. Zoning plan reviews for Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands marine parks remain in progress. If changes to zoning plans are required as an outcome of the current reviews, these will be the subject of separate three-month public exhibition periods as required by the *Marine Parks Act 1997*.

Copies of the proposed Marine Parks Regulation 2009 and Regulatory Impact Statement are available from the Marine Parks Authority website at www.mpa.nsw.gov.au or by contacting the Environment Line on 131 555.

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FUNERAL NOTICES

CAMPBELL, Eileen Grace

Passed away peacefully in Byron Bay
Hospital on 15th May 2009. Late of
Byron Bay. Aged 80 years. Beloved wife
of Max (dec.). Loving mother & mother-
in-law of Rodney, Tanya &
Graham. Dearly loved nanna of Juan,
Mia, Simone, Katherine, Max and Cale.
Relatives and friends are invited to
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Byron Harmony News

Spanish/Latin American Day will be on this Wednesday May 20 at the Harmony Drop In with Mexican craft and Spanish culture 2pm to 4pm at the Fletcher St Room Byron Community and Cultural Centre. Next Wednesday May 27 will be Hawaiian Day with local stars the Hula Hines. Ph: 6680 8079. Presented by Byron Harmony Team and BBCC. All welcome!

Byron Community Bazaar

The Byron Community Bazaar is on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm at the Byron Community Centre. It is a trash 'n' treasure delight where locals come to have a chat, find a great bargain, have a massage or enjoy some tasty treats from the Indonesian Arts Alliance in the Fletcher Street room. If you are interested in having a stall at the bazaar just turn up after 9 am on Saturday. It's \$15 for a space. Further info contact Byron Community Centre on 6685 6807.

Volunteers Needed

Rainforest Rescue is a not for profit organisation that protects rainforests forever. We are excited about the purchase of our 11th Daintree property and need some help mailing out the news to our supporters. If you can spare some time on Thursday May 21 between 1pm and 7pm please come and join other cheery people, cups of tea supplied. Please contact Jeni to book in on 6684 4360 or www.rainforestrescue.org.au.

Old and Gold Stalls

Brunswick Heads Public School has stall sites available for 'Old and Gold' festival Saturday June 6. \$15 per site, some undercover. Call 6685 1204 for more information.

Brunswick PA Meeting

The next meeting of the Brunswick Heads Progress Association (BHPA) will be held on Monday June 1 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Brunswick Heads. We discuss issues that affect the residents of Brunswick Heads. Everyone welcome, contact 6685 0188.

Anyone for Tennis?

The Ocean Shores Tennis Club is currently looking for new players. The courts are located at Water Lily Park. For court hire contact Ian on 6680 2114. For other inquiries contact Michele 6680 5791.

Landcare Afternoon

Upper Mullumbimby Creek Landcare, Open Afternoon, Saturday May 30, 1 to 4 pm. Visit sites that have been involved in a recent Brunswick Valley Landcare Envirofund project. Five adjacent landowners have joined together to restore the riparian vegetation at the top of this scenic sub catchment. Learn about undertaking and maintaining bush regeneration projects. We will also visit one of the original local Landcare tree plantings that was established by Upper Mullum Creek residents on public land in the late nineties. Well known local bush regenerator Dave Rawlins will be the trainer. This is a free World Environment Day event and is open to all the community. Afternoon tea will be provided. Bookings only: 6684 5390 (Wednesday or Thursday) or email: judymac@aapt.net.au.

Baywrite Workshop

Monthly Baywrite Play Development Workshop. Writers and actors are invited to the Byron RSL Club on Tuesday May 26 at 6.30pm for playreadings and discussion. Playwrights, especially those planning to submit an entry to 'Hot Shorts', are welcome to bring work in progress. Workshops are held every month on the 4th Tuesday.

Coorabell Hall Benefit

Fundraising concert, comedy, dance and great food at Coorabell hall, Sunday May 31 at 4pm. Bring the family,

have dinner and put on your laughing gear and dancing shoes.

Singles with Soul

Seeking 40+ spirited singles for social activity. If you are interested in culture and community, art, dance, movies, new thought and meaningful conversations call 0430 175 923 or email newimaginings@yahoo.com.au.

Garage Sale

Ocean Shores Baptist Church, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way, is holding a garage sale on Saturday May 23 from 8am to 2pm. Great bargains to be had. Come and find a treasure: books, clothing, household articles, home cooking and lots more.

Refugee Settlement

Invitation to a community discussion on local refugee settlement. Sanctuary NR is hosting a public forum on Refugee Settlement Policy in the Northern Rivers. We need to determine what approach to adopt that has the support of our community while maintaining our humanitarian ideals. Friday May 29 at 7 pm, at the Fountain Room, Lismore City Hall. Info: www.sanctuary.asn.au.

Chi Get Together

The Qifull Qigong and Tai Chi Network invites you to its 'Get Together' to meet visiting Canadian Medical Qigong teacher Master Ming Kit Kwan, along with local Tai Chi, Qigong (Chi Kung) and Aikido teachers. Following will be a short AGM and enjoyment of superb Chinese and Japanese teas. Held at the Yagalates studio, 72 Byron St, Bangalow on Friday May 29 from 7pm. For more information contact contact Suzanne on 6687 5636 or Elisabeth on 0403 350 844. All welcome.

Music at the Castle

Eastern offerings is a night at the Crystal Castle featuring the music of Peter Davidian on Sitar and drums and Amir Paiss on Santoor on Friday May 29. The cost is \$35 prepaid at Shearwater (ph 6684 3223), this includes a three course vegetarian middle eastern feast and dance performance. An eclectic auction will be held on the

night. Dress Eastern Glam. This event is limited to 60 places so get in early to secure a place.

Biggest Morning Tea Events

Byron Bay Women's Bowls Club is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea at the Clubhouse on Tuesday May 26. Men and women are invited, also to a short game of bowls to follow. (Bowls provided, just bring flat soled shoes to wear). Morning tea app. 9.30 am. At about 12 noon, one of our members is bringing photos taken in Bhutan last year, when he and his wife travelled there. These will be shown on a TV screen at the Club. All are invited. Ocean Shores Bowls Club is organising a morning of Mixed Triples for the NSW Cancer Council on Sunday May 31 at 9:30am at the Country Club. Dress is "Pink" mufti. 2 games of 10 ends followed by a BBQ lunch at 1pm. Cost \$15. Plenty of prizes and raffles. Single or team entries. Enquiries: Marge 6680 2378 or Maureen 6680 1748.

Street Stall

The Anglican Parish of Mullumbimby is having a Street Stall outside the Op Shop in Dalley Street Mullumbimby on Friday May 22 commencing at 8.30am. Enjoy fresh home baked treats and fresh produce.

Fernleigh Market

The Student Representative Council and the P and C of Fernleigh Public School will combine to hold a community market, trash and treasure on the Saturday June 27. We invite stall holders to book a stall early. Artisans and preloved most welcome. Spaces are limited and inexpensive come and help celebrate the Fernleigh community. Please contact Lyn on 6687 4364 or 0411 837 965.

Family Drug Support

Do you have a family member/loved one with a drug/ alcohol problem? This support group offers a place to talk/listen with others struggling with similar problems. Next meeting is Monday May 25 from 7 to 9 pm, Guide Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay. Enquiries: Margaret 0427 857 092.

Disability Interagency Expo

Invitation to school leavers with a disability looking for information about a range of disability programs and services. Ballina RSL Wednesday May 20 from 10am to 12.30pm. Club Banora on Thursday May 21 from 10.30am to 12.30pm. For more information contact Cherie Harris on 6623 5955 or email cherie.a.harris@det.nsw.edu.au.

U3A Brunswick Valley

On Tuesday May 26, Doug Anthony will speak on his life as an MP and as a farmer in the Tweed. 10am to 12noon, Uniting Church hall, Fingal St. Brunswick Heads. Phone 6684 3126.

Active Kids

Is your child spending too much time on screens; TV, computer, X Box? Does your child need more time in the great outdoors, learning life skills, teamwork skills, responsibility, and just having fun. How about canoeing, camping, climbing, abseiling, hiking, cooking, high rope challenges, first aid, etc? Why not come along and try Scouts in Mullum on Monday nights 7pm to 9pm, at Scout Hall, just behind the post office. For girls and boys aged 10½ to 14 years. Check out www.nsw.scouts.com.au. Call Ben on 0421 353 014 or Robyn on 6684 0231. We are also in search of an energetic fun leader (male or female) to add to our team.

MS Support

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Multiple Sclerosis Support Group is on Wednesday May 27 from 10am to 12.30pm at the Activity Centre, Crowley Village, Ballina. Our special guest from Canada will be talking about the role of medical Qi Gong in maintaining good health. Bring your questions along, all welcome. For further information contact Peter on 6628 1761.

PAN Meeting

PAN (Practising Artists Network) is a non profit incorporated organisation committed to furthering and promoting visual arts in Byron Shire. Our next monthly meeting will be at the Byron Bay RSL, 7 pm on Tuesday May 26.

For further information call Nicole on 6685 5817 or visit our website panbyronbay.com.au.

OSCA Meeting

Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA) will be holding a General Meeting on Monday May 25 at 7pm at the Ocean Shores Community Centre. The meeting is open to the community and all are welcome.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Join the U3A in a Biggest Morning Tea at the CWA rooms, 10am on Tuesday May 26 . Morning tea in aid of the Cancer Appeal. All welcome. Contact 6685 1982.

Tintenbar Morning Tea

Tintenbar's annual Biggest Morning Tea is organised by TinCAN and Tintenbar Red Cross. Join them for a cuppa and have a great morning on Monday May 25. The venue is the Che Bon Restaurant on Fernleigh Road, Tintenbar at 10am. Cost is \$5 per person, bookings are not necessary. For more information or help with transport call Marg on 6687 8033 or Stephanie on 6687 8793.

Friends of the Library

The next meeting of FOL will be held on Wednesday May 20 at the Byron Bay RSL Club, commencing at 10.30am. New members welcome.

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 The successful applicant will possess Certificate IV in Environmental Science or OHS or other relevant qualification with a systems focus and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.
 For more information about this position and to apply on-line please visit our website at www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au

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COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Water Service Attendant
 Salary range \$725.85 to \$780.05 per week + RDO + super
 Coffs Harbour City Council is seeking an experienced Water Service Attendant to assist in the installation, construction, operation, repair and maintenance of Council's water supply infrastructure in accordance with organisational standards and procedures.
 The successful applicant will possess Level II or III Water Industry Certificate or Certificate III in Civil Construction or equivalent qualification together with experience in construction and/or maintenance of water mains and other relevant infrastructure. Possession of an MR driver's licence would be highly regarded, otherwise a willingness to obtain. Participation in an on call roster is a mandatory function of the position.
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Cable Jointer

Located at Tweed Heads

The Cable Jointer is involved in all areas related to maintenance, repair, jointing and construction of underground distribution and transmission assets.

The ideal applicant will possess a Class C drivers licence and have recognised industry qualifications for the jointing of power cables.

Contact manager - Doug Nicholls on 0447 424 085 during business hours.

Electrical Technician

Located at Tweed Heads/Murwillumbah

The Electrical Technician is responsible for the delivery of a range of technical work encompassing the maintenance, construction, inspection and operation of equipment related to energy distribution systems.

As the successful applicant you will have a qualified Supervisors Certificate (Electrician) and experience with distribution system maintenance, construction and operation.

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Lineworker

Located at Lismore

The Lineworker is responsible for the construction and maintenance of distribution and transmission mains and the installation and maintenance of associated equipment.

As a qualified Lineworker you will have a recognised or transferable Overhead Lineworker qualification and experience with distribution and transmission system inspection, maintenance, repair, construction and operation.

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AUCTION

Bring your Cheque Book and a Paint Brush

4 Tamarind Court, Suffolk Park 1 Open House Wednesday & Saturday 2:30 - 3:30pm

North West facing, 3 bed brick home situated 5-10 minutes walk from Suffolk Park beaches, shopping & transport. Its private elevated setting provides privacy & a fantastic entrance. Open plan living areas are light & bright with high ceilings. Kitchen opens out onto a back patio. Level fenced back yard captures the morning sun and has a generous sized grass area

Stuart Aitken 0417 242 537
Web Id 373714

Auction on site Saturday 13 June at 11:00am



Clarkes Beach Apartment
7/9 Massinger St 1 Open House Sat 1:00 - 1:30pm

Across the road from one of Australia's most popular beaches & an easy walk to Byron's CBD. 3 beds, 1.5 baths, North aspect and pool. Priced for a quick sale

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208
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\$749,000

Great Buying for the Over 55's
19/11-19 Cooper St 1 Open House Sat 12 - 12:30pm

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- 104 acres with rainforest and river frontage
- Spa room with hydro tub & steam room
- Rare DA Approval for 6 Rural cottages
- 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms
- Incredible billabong right next to the house
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33 Coomburra Crescent, Ocean Shores

Timeless Timber & Style

- House with timeless timber floors and western red cedar kitchen with brass fittings. Garage & carport
- French doors open onto a covered verandah from all 3 bedrooms, master with walkin robe & ensuite.

Price: \$459,000

VIEW: Saturday 12-12.30pm

Contact: Peter Browning on 0411 801 795



Brunswick Heads

Central Brunswick

- 2 bedrooms, single garage, in 6 unit complex
- 200 metres to the hotel, river & park
- Ideal weekender / holiday flat
- Private east facing courtyard

Price: \$429,000

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12 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores

Forest Views & Ocean Glimpses

- Elevated brick & tile renovated home
- Timber floors, modern kitchen
- 3 bedrooms with robes, 2 bathrooms
- First home buyer or investment opportunity

Price: \$399,000

VIEW: Saturday 11-11.30am

Contact: David Mutkins on 0421 906 460



61 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores

Family Fantastic

- Large 2 storey double brick home
- 4 bed, 2 bath, 3rd WC & soaring cathedral ceilings
- Spacious main bedroom with separate balcony
- Double garage, 968sqm elevated position

Price: \$549,000

VIEW: Saturday 1-1.30pm

Contact: David Mutkins on 0421 906 460



12 Jarrah Crescent, Ocean Shores

Magnificent Panorama

- Very spacious master built home on 1138sqm block
- Private, huge living, 4 double bedrooms
- 2 verandahs, rumpus, workshop, double garage
- 120 degree ocean and river views

Price: \$729,000

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26 Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads

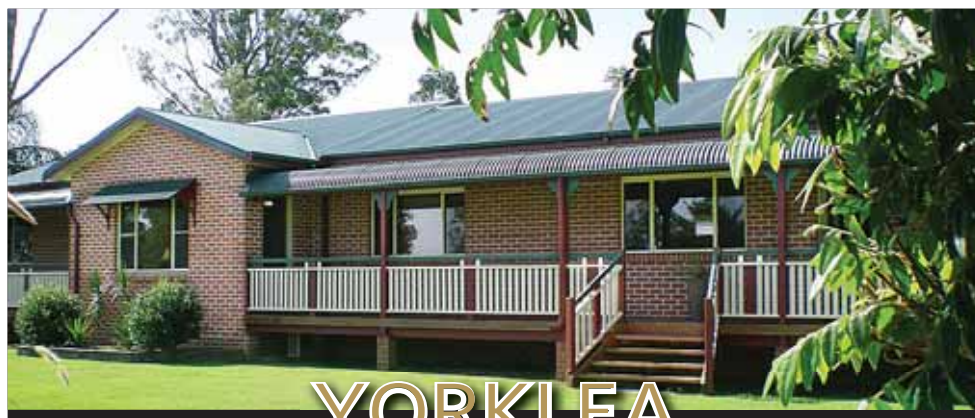
Never Seen In Brunswick

- New, fresh, pavilion style living joined by a pool & decks
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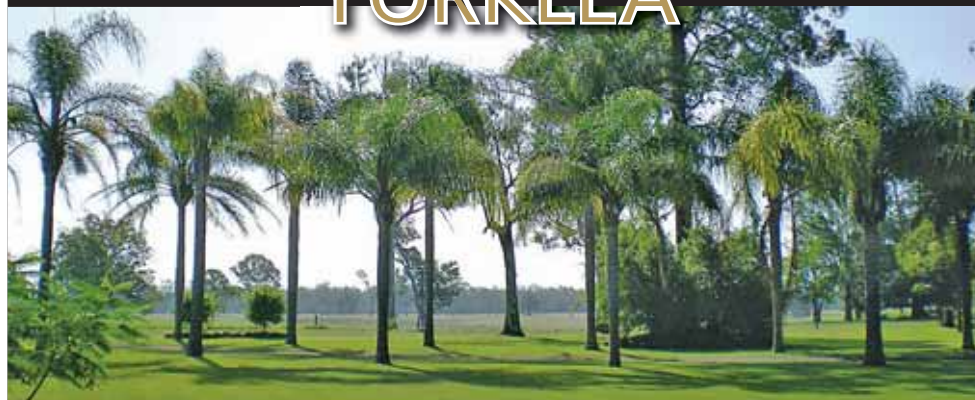
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Located just 12 minutes from Casino and 20 minutes from Lismore. This spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is set on 5 level acres amongst lush green paddocks; stands of eucalypts and old farm country. Features include covered timber verandahs; Tasmanian oak kitchen; living dining area with 9ft ceilings and polished ironbark floors; air-con throughout; purpose built office; 2 living area; SLG plus 5 bay shed with an additional 2 lock-up spaces; remote security system; fenced area perfect for ponies; 2 rainwater tanks 15,000 gal and 5,000 gal plus a natural spring water bore.

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Beachside Suffolk Park

Unassuming, minimalistic, relaxed beach house
Open plan living area, high ceilings, tiled floors
Gas kitchen, s/s appliances, granite bench
East facing garden with water-wise natives
Sounds of the ocean swell can be heard in the background only 200m away

\$1,295,000



Sunrise Beach

In a quiet cul de sac, short walk to Belongil Beach
High ceilings & light filled living areas
The perfect entry into the Byron Bay market
Conveniently located close to the local shopping village, SAE College and a short drive to Byron Bay town centre

\$440,000



Baywood Chase

Masterbuilder free standing duplex
Timber staircase, tiled floors & 2 living areas
Bbq and entertain on the deck out the back
Mature gardens & double lock up garage
Close to local Suffolk Park shops, golf course, schools, sports grounds and beaches

\$490,000



Sunrise Beach

Close to Belongil Beach and local shops
Tiled living/dining area, semi-covered courtyard
Master bedroom has a private balcony
Fantastic opportunity to break into the Byron Bay market and escape the rent cycle with this 3 bedroom, 1 + bathroom unit

\$419,000



Pacific Vista

Great entry into a fabulous location
Large kitchen and living area
End villa within a small complex of 3
Within 150m of Arakwal National Park
Close to Byron Bay town centre, schools and beaches

\$409,000



Town Byron Bay

Casual and formal living areas
Breezy north facing covered terrace
Immaculate gardens ideal for outdoor dining
Secluded lagoon style plunge pool
Privately positioned in a quiet street just minutes from town

\$1,149,000



'Broadhill'

30.5HA prime north east land at Myocum
725sqm home with the finest fixtures + fittings
Soaring ceilings, Qld Brush Box floors
Sited on a quiet, exclusive country lane
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\$4,750,000



Byron Hills

Stylish and immaculate two storey home
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COOPERS SHOOT CLASSIC

AUCTION JUNE 11TH AT BYRON BAY SURF CLUB – 6.30pm

Tuscany comes a distant second compared to the superb view enjoyed by this beautiful big home and pool on acreage in the belle of Byron's immediate hinterland – Coopers Shoot. Green hills roll down through dairy farms and coffee and nut plantations before giving way to forested headlands and expanses of blue ocean and surf. Different aspects of this ever-changing vista can be taken in from any of three living areas or from hundreds of square metres of deck, or from the

pool area which includes two pavilions and a 14-metre lap pool attached to a conventional 8 metre by 4.5 metre pool. The backdrop to this is 3.75 verdant hectares (9.38 acres) of extensively landscaped and rocked-terraced grounds that also feature a stand of vestigial rainforest and three lagoons, two of which are spring-fed and rock-retained. The brick, render and tile-roofed home has four bedrooms. The master has an ensuite, and a double bedroom

downstairs has its own toilet and is ideal for guests. A large separate rumpus/studio/garage has a second laundry with extensive built-ins.

The property also has a very large garage/machinery shed and massive rainwater storage capacity, not to mention the vegie garden.

This is all situated equidistant between Byron's peerless beaches and Bangalow's bucolic charm and sophisticated but low-key café society.

In fact, it's so close to Byron's beaches you wake to the sound of the surf every morning.

And the view, once again, is bordering on breathtaking.

61 Kamala Court, Coopers Shoot

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61 Kamala Court, Coopers Shoot

- 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms
- 14 metre lap pool + 8 x 4.5m pool
- Spectacular ocean views
- 3 living areas + extensive decks
- 3.75 hectares of landscaped & lawned grounds
- 3 lagoons
- Separate rumpus + 2nd laundry
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- Modern complex with security & pool
- Immaculate presentation
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- Must be sold - owner wants out

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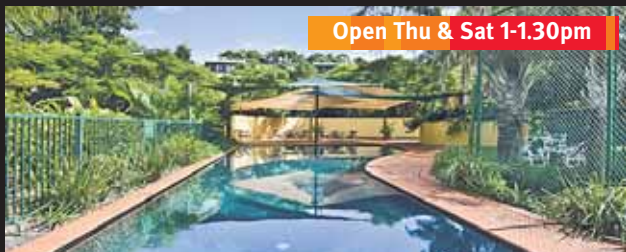
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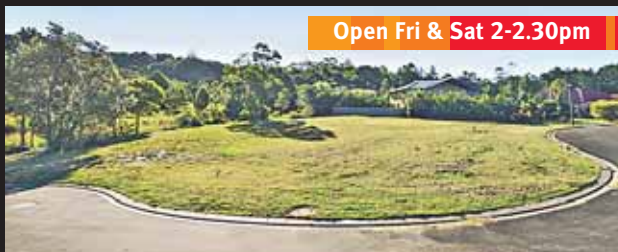


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Unit 10 'The Links' 64-70 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk Park

- Luxurious 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment
- Vast expanse of stylish open plan living
- Well appointed kitchen/enormous entertainers' balcony
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2 Tea Tree Court, Suffolk Park

- Very few like this remain
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- Owner wants it gone

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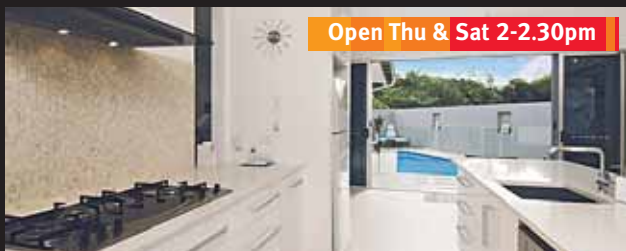
32 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay

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- Polished timber floors
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1 Honeysuckle Drive, Suffolk Park

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Unit 7 'Breeze' at Brunswick Heads

This stylish townhouse is located in downtown Brunswick Heads within an easy walk to the beach, river, local shops and the famous hotel.

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Price \$510,000.

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Byron Bay First National p78

- 3/18 Jacaranda Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 3/64 "The Links" Broken Head Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 3/22 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12.30-1pm

Elders Bangalow p71

- 3/23 Byron Street, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am

Byron Bay p69, 70 & 71

- 6 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Wed, Fri & Sat 12-12.30pm
- 103 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 45 Cemetery Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 170B Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 3/21-23 Tasman Way, Byron Bay. Fri 11-11.30am
- 68 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Fri & Sat 12-12.30pm
- 1A South Pacific Court, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm

PRD Ocean Shores p72

- 8 Short Street, Ocean Shores. Rep on site Sat 12-12.45pm.

AUCTIONS

Elders Byron Bay p67

- 4 Tamarind Court, Suffolk Park. Auction 11am onsite Sat June 13. Inspect Wed & Sat 2.30-3.30pm

Sean Kenny Real estate p67

- 2/19 Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads. Auction 11am onsite Sat June 13.

LJ Hooker Byron Bay p69, 70 & 71

Auctions 6.30pm Thursday June 11 at The Byron Surf Club.

- Unit 9 'Beachside' 58 Armstrong St, Suffolk Park. Fri & Sat 1-1.30pm
- 61 Kamala Court, Coopers Shoot. Thu 4-4.30pm & Sat 12-12.30pm
- Unit 7 'Beaches' 45 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. Fri & Sat 12-12.30pm
- Caravan Park & Newsagency – Iluka.
- Unit 10 'Beachside' 58 Armstrong St, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 2/50 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- Unit 10 'The Links' 64-70 Broken Head Rd, Suffolk Park. Thu & Sat 1-1.30pm
- 2 Tea Tree Court, Suffolk Park. Fri & Sat 2-2.30pm
- 32 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1 Honeysuckle Drive, Suffolk Park. Thu & Sat 2-2.30pm

Elders Bangalow p71

- 30 Buckleys Road, Tyagarah. Auction onsite June 13.
- 88 James Street Dunoon. Auction 9:30am Jun 13 at Richmond Room, Ballina.
- 3/23 Byron Street, Bangalow. Auction 9:30am Jun 13 at Richmond Room, Ballina.
- Lot 11, Pine Mountain Rd, Possum Creek. Auction coming at Richmond Room, Ballina.

Elders Byron Bay p71

- 30 Buckley's Road, Tyagarah. Auction 12.30pm onsite Sat June 13. Inspect Sat 11.30am-12pm



2nd Time To Auction – Must Be Sold!

30 Buckley's Road, Tyagarah

The owners of this fantastic property have bought elsewhere and now require an urgent sale. Located a short walk to the beach, this park like property enjoys an elevated position with excellent ocean and hinterland views. Well suited to someone willing to put in some hard work and take advantage of the privacy and quiet location.

- ✓ DA approved plans for a substantial renovation included

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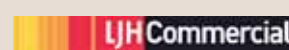
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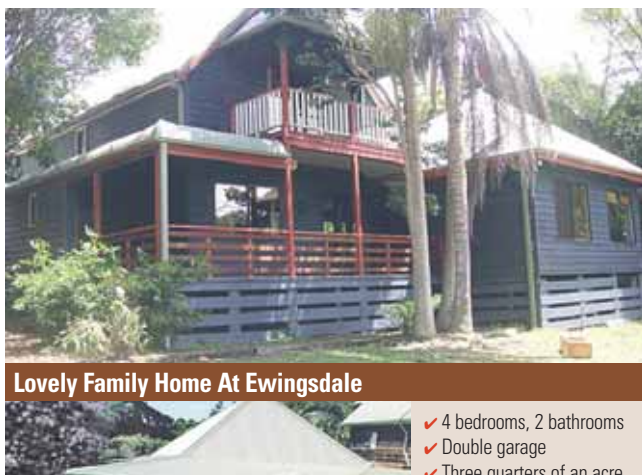
Investment Opportunity At Maryborough, Queensland

This historic town with many interesting features is in a fast growing area, and is only 20 minutes from Hervey Bay. The 2 bedroom, solidly built and well-maintained house is flood free. It also has airconditioning and a fully renovated

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Congratulations to Cr Simon Richardson – and to his partner of course – on the birth of his first child. He'll probably find bringing up baby a lot like Council work – sleepless nights, and dealing with lots of shit.

Expect fewer burning White Houses in Byron Bay this July. Longtime peace activist Graeme Dunstan of Peacebus.com has announced that annual July 4 Independence from America Day celebrations will this year take place in Rockhampton. 'During that time a national Peace Convergence will gather to oppose the biennial US-Australian war games taking place at Shoalwater Bay just north of Yeppoon/Rockhampton.' See more at www.peacebus.com/ FourthJuly.

We like this quote at the bottom of a letter from Thea van de Mortel, Lecturer in Bio-medical Science at SCU: 'Be nice to bacteria, they're the only culture some people have' (Anonymous).

We loved this sign outside the Mullum vets: 'When you ring the Swine Flu Hotline, all you get is crackling!' May it encourage other businesses to be silly.

It had to happen, we suppose. Pet products company, Pets Palace, is launching a range of natural mineral water for dogs. It comes in handmade crystal bottles encrusted with jewels and in flavours such as Luscious Lulu, Lemon Lola, Candy Pop and Betty Blu. Now that's got to be in the running for the Pointless Use of Planet's Resources Award.

Dumped former planning minister Frank Sartor has joined Carmel Tebbutt as \$3 equal favourites on Centrebet to be Labor Premier when NSW next goes to the polls, due early 2011. Be afraid, be very afraid. Overall, though, the Coalition



Wish fulfilment: lobbyists for the restoration of the Casino-Murwillumbah rail link, including Karin Kolbe of TOOT, left, and Byron Shire councillor Basil Cameron, centre, had their own Kevin Rudd turn up on the weekend with an Infrastructure Australia Fund cheque for \$182 million. 'This is half what the Gold Coast is getting for their light rail, but should get you back on track,' their Mr Rudd was quoted as saying. 'The north coast has been neglected for too long and I plan to redress that, starting with this shovel-ready infrastructure investment, so money can be spent immediately to get people working and moving.'

is the firm favourite to win.

The Humane Society International is appalled that Woolworths is continuing to purchase large quantities of pork from a commercial supplier charged with multiple accounts of gross animal cruelty. The Cruel Food People?

According to NRMA Insurance research, Generation Y drivers (aged 16 to 29) are focussing on more than just traffic while driving, with around half (48 per cent) admitting to using the car mirrors to check out their own appearance. Apparently the younger the driver the more likely they will be to check out their appearance, with females being the biggest offenders. Of course men are so busy picking their noses they fail to notice that the lights have changed, which is why we don't have traffic lights in Byron Shire. And don't get us started on old men in hats...

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