

Woodchop notches up 50



Life member Reg Byrnes, committee president Rosslyn Hogan, VP Stu Coles and founding father, Showman Noel McGregor OAM, at the everpresent blue Woodchop Committee caravan at the Bruns market.

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

The Brunswick Heads Woodchop Carnival and the Festival of the Fish and Chips will celebrate next week, when what started out as a little fundraiser turns 50.

The series began in 1961 when Noel McGregor, who ran the carnival in Banner Park, approached four major organisations for the purpose of raising money to run a new Woodchop Carnival.

The group of Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby RSL, Brunswick Heads Progress Association and the Lismore and District Ambulance contributed £240.

Edgar Bashforth donated trees from his property and a team of volunteers felled the trees, then cut and trimmed the logs.

Back in the day, 26 axemen competed for the prize money. Since then the event has grown and the Brunswick carnival is currently regarded as the biggest woodchopping event outside the Sydney.

Noel says the event is world renowned as being one of the best.

'In 1970 we celebrated the World Centenary here with 156 competitors,' he said. 'The American axemen couldn't believe their eyes with the efficiency of the ring crew.'

Life member Reg Byrnes agrees. 'We have the best ring crew in Australia - the world actually. All the axemen agree.'

To help celebrate the festival's milestone, there is a great program planned for the week-long event starting on Saturday. Activities include golf tournaments at both the Ocean

Shores and Mullumbimby Golf Clubs and bowls also at Ocean Shores, sand modelling and the Brunswick Masters Surf Carnival at the beach, the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club athletics carnival, and of course the annual fishing competition.

One of the major highlights of the event will be the Festival Fireworks Display in Banner Park at 9pm on Saturday, which will this year feature an extraordinary show over the river.

There will also be a 'Celebrating 50 Years Reunion Get Together' at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club which everyone is welcome to attend - bookings essential.

For more information about any of the events during the festival, visit www.bhwoodchop.com or phone committee secretary Joy Slater on 6680 1170.

New name, same welcome rescue from marine crews

From 0600 on New Year's Day, at least half of all volunteer marine rescue units in NSW donned the distinctive new, blue uniforms of Marine Rescue NSW ready to serve the NSW boating community during the busiest holiday time of the year.

All 25 units of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol will formally make the transition into Marine Rescue NSW and it is expected that a further eight units from VRA Marine will be wearing their new uniforms in the coming week. Members of what was formerly the VRA Brunswick Marine Radio Base will also suit up.

Marine Rescue NSW will provide a new, streamlined service with improved marine radio communications, emergency marine search and rescue response and high quality, top value boating safety education.

With two-thirds of all of the state's marine rescue units operational as

Marine Rescue NSW, volunteer marine rescue is entering a new phase that will make boating safer in NSW coastal waters. When transition of all units to Marine Rescue NSW is completed, it will be even easier for the boating public to know who to contact for any assistance on the water.

Calling Marine Rescue NSW for help with an emergency on the water will become as well known for boaties as calling the SES or RFS for help with storm damage or bushfires is for people on land.

The local services are always ready to welcome new volunteers - training is provided and visitors to the Cape will find a chat with the Marine Rescue volunteers both interesting and informative. To contact Cape Byron Marine Rescue unit phone 6680 8417 or Brunswick radio tower 6685 0148 - the emergency channel, as always VHF 16.



Cape Byron Marine Rescue operations officer Rob Asquith says that the advent of a new uniform is not the only change for services in the area. After many years of answering the phone as the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, the new name has arrived with the new blue duds. 'I actually have it written on a piece of paper next to the phone to make sure I get it right,' says Rob. 'I haven't slipped up yet.' Photo Eve Jeffery



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Arts classic celebrates creativity

'The revival of the ever popular Byron Arts Classic offers all visitors a glimpse into the world of some of its most creative and inspirational people,' say organisers.

'It will be no easy feat deciding the winners of the Byron Arts Classic to be held on January 7-11 at the Byron Community Centre, but at least we know we have the well informed eye of invited judges – Peter Powditch, Melitta Firth and Jill Eddington.

'The results of the judges' deliberations will be announced at the Byron Arts Classic opening night event, Celebrating our Creativity, to be held at the Byron Community Centre on January 8 from 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the celebrations, which will be led by the artistically funny Mandy Nolan.

'Entry is \$10 – submitting artists get in for free. Come along and see who the judges have picked as winners for the \$10,000 worth of prizes on offer.



From left, Mariana Barrios (submitting artist), Asaf Zakay (submitting artist), Samaya Zakay (committee member), Tess Cullen (committee member and submitting artist) with Eva May and Rosie Gordon (submitting artist and assistant to Tess).

'All entries in this incredible event show the diversity and collective energy of hundreds of the creative talents this re-

gion has to offer. Come and see firsthand the amazing range of works on offer and take the opportunity to purchase a one-off

piece of artwork. You will be sure to be impressed with the breadth and talent of this inspirational art show!

Council events policy to go on exhibition soon

The draft Byron Shire Events Policy on Public and Private-Land will go out on public exhibition for 60 days in the New Year, according to Council.

Mayor Jan Barham said the draft policy has been developed in order to recognise the importance of events in the Byron Shire and to encourage sustainable events that support the Shire's cultural vibrancy.

'The draft policy also aims to encourage the protection of Shire amenity, respect for Aboriginal culture, employment of local art workers, inventive partnership opportunities and a creative approach to the use of council facilities,' Cr Barham said in a press re-

lease. Links to other relevant Council documents such as the Cultural Plan and Tourism Management Plan, state and federal guidelines will also be included.

The draft 'Byron Shire Event Guidelines' will be developed as part of the community and industry consultation process.

The guidelines will set out Council's approval process, legislation, safety requirements, traffic management, waste management, environmental considerations, event size and locations.

Mayor Barham said events had the potential to positively and adversely impact the

Shire. She emphasised that Byron Shire was a relatively small Shire with heavy demands on infrastructure and amenity due to the high popularity of tourism.

'Council has a responsibility to consider the needs of the whole community.

'The draft policy has identified a limit of two major amplified music festivals per annum.

'This is an important issue for public comment and Council encourages the community to make a submission on the draft policy.'

Council has also requested a report on the consideration of the employment of a

Council events officer, events calendar, Events Management Plan, Events Strategy and research projects to quantify the positive and adverse impacts of events and sustainable management practices.

Mayor Barham also congratulated the Byron Shire event organisers of the Byron Bay International Film Festival and Bangalow's Big Joke Comedy Festival on being successful funding recipients from the recent Tourism NSW Regional Flagship Events Program for 2010.

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Businesses broken into at Bruns

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Businesses in Brunswick Heads fell victim to a series of break-ins last Thursday morning. Several premises were attacked though not all were entered.

Project Manager at the Visitor Information Centre in Park Street, Shannon Dowling, pictured, was alerted to the situation when she arrived for work on Thursday morning.

'I was just arriving at the VIC when one of the neighbours stopped me and said that he had heard noises during the night,' said Ms Dowling. 'He said that he had yelled in the direction of the office when someone was trying to break down the door and they ran away.'

Shannon said that she phoned the police who told her that six businesses had reported damage and break and enter and that a premises in Mullumbimbi street had been robbed of an amount of money.



It is rumoured that the thieves also stole a vehicle which police hope to collect forensic evidence from when it

surfaces. They found no fingerprints from the broken doors in Park street.

The time and type of attack

is very similar to a series of break and enters in Bangalow on December 9. Police are still investigating.

Court reserves decision on Mullum Woolies case

A Land and Environment Court decision that will allow or prohibit construction of a Woolworths supermarket in Mullumbimby will not be made until the end of January.

At the end of December last year Commissioner Robert Hussey reserved his decision to uphold or reject Fabcot Pty Ltd's (Woolworths) appeal against Byron Shire Council's refusal of a Section 68 Application for an onsite sewerage system in Station Street, Mullumbimby.

The Section 68 Application must be obtained by Woolworths before a construction certificate is issued for a supermarket at the site.

In August, Byron Shire councillors rejected Woolworths' Section 68 Application because the applicant had failed to demonstrate that appropriate arrangements could be made

for the management of sewage generated by the development.

Woolworths lodged an appeal against Council's decision in the Land and Environment Court and was permitted to submit a revised proposal for an on-site sewerage system.

Council stands by its original decision and has continued to defend its refusal of the Section 68 Application.

In a press release last week the Mullumbimby Community Action Network (MCAN) said New Years Day was the second anniversary of the Woolworths announcement to move into Mullumbimby.

'Two years of dedicated campaigning by locals has kept them out, despite Woolworths planning to open their doors in Mullum by the end of 2009.'

'The Land and Environment Court case held in Sydney immediately before Christmas

was condensed into less than one day. It consisted mainly of the the legal teams and experts sitting around a table at lunch-time coming to "an agreement" about the consent conditions for Woolworths to operate an onsite sewerage system.

'The court case had been deferred twice over a period of four months, and was ostensibly an appeal against Byron Shire Council's refusal of the onsite sewerage system. However, the merits of that decision were not discussed. Instead, the legal minds concocted a complex, cumbersome agreement which includes 200,000 litres of sewage leaving the Mullumbimby site in tanker trucks. This is about three months of the year-

ly sewage produced, and means that their system is an offsite rather than an onsite system.

'MCAN is disappointed that the L&E Court doesn't deal with the right or wrong of Council's approval but acts as a separate approval authority, invites countless revisions, engages Council's experts to assist in the design and then wipes its hands of the matter. When things go ape, who will clean up the mess, who will keep Woolworths honest, who will see that the supermarket closes when it fails to meet its consent conditions? Will Commissioner Hussey ride to the rescue? We think not.'

See more at www.mullumaction.org.

Richmond high in dementia

The NSW coast is expected to be the area hardest hit in the state by dementia according to the figures, prepared for Alzheimer's Australia NSW by Access Economics.

This means that a large proportion of the respite, support services, community care and aged residential care needed for people with dementia will fall outside the metropolitan areas of NSW, said the CEO of Alzheimer's Australia NSW John Watkins.

'We know that, historically, regional areas do not generally receive the same level of service as metropolitan areas,' Mr Watkins said. 'We must plan now for a dementia tsunami that is headed straight for us.'

The Richmond, Lyne, Cow-

per, Gilmore, Page and Dobell electorates - which are all in regional NSW - are in the top 10 federal electorates for dementia prevalence in NSW now and are expected to remain in the top 10 by 2050.

Without a significant medical breakthrough, the number of people with dementia in NSW is expected to quadruple from about 84,000 people today, to 341,000 by 2050. Nationally that figure is expected to exceed 1.13 million by 2050. 'Make no mistake, dementia will be the disease of the century and will have a huge impact on the health and social welfare system,' Mr Watkins said. 'We need urgent action now to plan for the enormous impact.'



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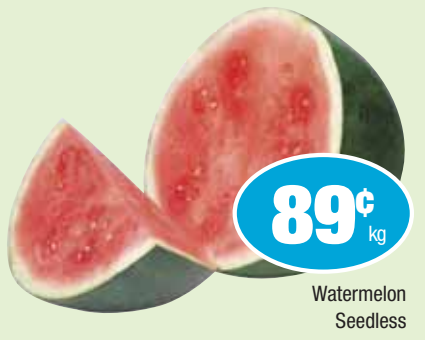
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Mural brightens up school tank

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Students at the Crabbes Creek Public School employed their artistic talents at the end of the 2009 school year, when they put brush to tank as part of the beautification program at the school.

Principal Deborah Love initiated this project in a quest for an art project that could involve the whole school and would also aesthetically improve the big cream-coloured water tank in the middle of their veggie patch, a school gardening project that along with composting and worm farm saw them win a 'Sustainable Schools' award for the north coast a few years ago.

The theme of the mural is 'The Cycle of Life' – planting, growing, harvesting, transporting of produce. It is being created under the watchful eye of artist David Hickson.

'The children, aged from kindergarten to year 4, brainstormed design ideas, some working in groups, others



working individually,' says David. 'The group then drew their designs on paper, which I scaled up and transcribed onto the water tank. The children then painted their respective designs.'

'We used environmentally friendly non toxic paints kindly donated by Byron company ecolour – "climate friendly paints" which are water based and contain zero volatile organic compounds.'

The project will be finished early in the new school year and the mural-making was recorded for posterity at www.crabbescrk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. For ecolour paints, visit www.ecolour.com.au.

Council offers holiday fun for the young

Graffiti workshops and skate clinics are just some of the activities on offer for young people from the Byron Shire these school holidays.

Byron Shire Council's January 2010 School Holiday Program is for people aged between 13 and 25, with all activities taking place in Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads.

The program ends on January 23 with a sails day open to the whole family at Brunswick Heads.

Council's youth activity officer Belle Arnold said there was something for everyone but some activities had limited spaces so bookings were essential.

Among the activities are:
Graffiti Art Workshops for 13-25 years with Vectorpunk exploring aerosol techniques for big pieces and stencils. Cost \$10, materials supplied. At Mullumbimby train station

Tuesday January 12 and 13, 10am-4.30pm, and at Brunswick Heads Thursday January 14, 10am-4.30pm, limited places, bookings essential.

Mullumbimby Pool Party on Friday January 15, 6.30pm until close. 'Wild thing' themed fancy dress party with prize for best costume (no face or body paint, please). Cost – pool entry fee.

Skate Clinic with Jai Lewan at Brunswick Heads old tennis courts on Monday January 18, 10am-4pm, and at Mullumbimby BSC Station Street car park on Tuesday January 19, 10am-4pm. Limited places, bookings essential.

Hang on the River – Brunswick Heads Scout Hall on Thursday January 21, 10am-5pm, art, craft, fun and games.

Mullumbimby Pool Party on Friday January 22, 6.30pm until close. The Black Birds performing. 'Swinging Hawaiian

Fling' themed fancy dress party with prize for best costume (no face or body paint, please). Cost – pool entry fee.

Sails Day open to the whole family on Saturday January 23, 9.30am-1.30pm at Brunswick Heads. Cost \$10 per person,

for bookings phone Jean Ellis on 6626 7178.

All events on the program are drug and alcohol free. For all other bookings or other enquiries call Belle Arnold on 6685 9341 or email belle.arnold@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Local GLBT group formed

A small group of active local youth has spurred the formation of a new GLBT youth group at the Byron YAC on Thursdays.

Byron Youth Service (BYS) is supporting the formation of the new group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth as part of its enterprise program. This is a group for young people 18 years and under and for those unsure of their sexuality who just want a safe space to explore.

This newly formed group had its first meeting at the By-

ron YAC on Friday October 30, 2009.

Although still forming, this group aims to allow GLBT youth to socialise, have fun and meet others each week. This group relies on the members to choose issues and themes they want to discuss, be educated and informed on.

The new GLBT Youth Group meets every Thursday at 4.30pm at the YAC. For more information contact Michael Thompson on 0419 816 312 or email mikeartyscape@hotmail.com.

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Hampers offer farmers relief

Anne Thompson

On Saturday December 5, 540 Christmas hampers, as well as boxes of toys and gifts, were sent from the North Coast to drought-stricken regions of the state. These had all been packed by volunteers in the Eltham Hall and loaded onto pallets by the Clunes Rural Fire Service once again.

They were then forklifted onto trucks courtesy of Mills Transport and freighted free of charge by Tamex agents to Deniliquin, Broken Hill, Lake Cargelligo, Temora, West Wyalong and Mungindi. Many

emails and thankyou cards are already being received.

There were 14 pallets in all, weighing nearly 11 tonnes and all this was donated by the wonderful communities of the North Coast from Murwillumbah to Grafton and west to Bonalbo. So many people should be acknowledged: from the crew on the Ballina bypass who passed the hat around and raised \$1,350, which was matched by the company; the Lions Clubs for their financial support, as well as all the cakes; Father Mac's for the big discount on hundreds of Heavenly Puddings; to Senior

Citizens, Garden Clubs, View Clubs, Red Cross, schools, church groups and hundreds of individuals. Locally grown produce was included such as one tonne of sugar from NSW Milling, as well as coffee, macadamias and pecans. A young couple from Alphadale who manufacture 'bush' soap such as lemon myrtle, donated \$2,000.

There were plenty of toys to go around as well and household goods and toiletries were packed into green bags. The most unusual inclusions were 100 pairs of fabulous funky, floral gumboots donated by Rosie Roo on the Gold Coast!

A few of these were sent last year and were much admired apparently. Any kind of gumboots are rare out there!

Someone said, 'Awesome boots! How could they not make it rain?!' Well, it looks like they could well have brought the rain.

Donations can still be made and cheques should be made payable to: Bangalow Lions Drought A/C, PO Box 214, Clunes 2480. A big thankyou to everyone who donated and to all the volunteers, who felt the true meaning of Christmas.

■ Anne Thompson is the organiser of the North Coast Drought Appeal.

Top rooster enjoys Woodford



Former Australian prime minister Bob Hawke and his partner, author Blanche d'Alpuget, were among the thousands of people who enjoyed the annual Woodford festival. Bob's talk at the festival's largest venue was packed to the non-existent rafters and sparked a very enthusiastic standing ovation. Photo Jeff 'Always Cocky' Dawson

Local short films join Flickerfest



A scene from *Ralph*, Best Short Film at IF Awards 2009.

Flickerfest 2010, the 19th International Short Film Festival, and Byron All Shorts (BAS) 2010, the Northern Rivers Film Comp, will screen on January 22-24 at the Bangalow A&I Hall.

This year Flickerfest received 1,600 entries, of which 97 were selected for the final competition from all around the world. Also see and support our local filmmakers on the Australia

Day weekend in the inaugural BAS Short Film Comp. The screening will be held on January 23 from 4.30pm to 5pm, \$8/5 concession. Nearly 50 films were received for the competition.

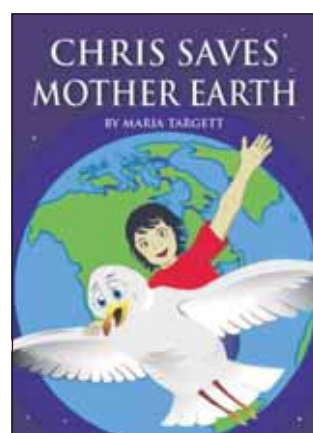
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Earth-saving kids' book launched in the Bay

A book signing for a 32 page picture book called *Chris Saves Mother Earth* will be held at Mary Ryan's bookstore on Fletcher Street, Byron Bay, on Friday January 8 at 10.30am. There will be give-away balloons and it will retail at \$15.95.

'*Chris Saves Mother Earth* addresses many of the environmental issues that the world faces today, however in a light-hearted way and with a little humour,' says author Maria Targett. 'I feel that children need to know why they are turning taps and lights off and that it is not just to save money but to save Mother Earth.'

'When I asked a particular



child what he had learnt at school about the environment his response was "Something about something". After reading my book to the same child

he was able to relate to the characters in the book and the dilemmas that each character faced, eg the iceberg was melting and Pokey the polar bear was in terrible trouble.

'It is important to help children understand environmental issues in a memorable way. I believe by doing this with colourful characters and in a fun way, children will absorb the information and become more aware of the global environmental issues, understanding how and why they are doing their bit to Save Mother Earth.'

Chris Saves Mother Earth is Maria's second children's book.



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Surfer girls, women who surf, women who don't, female athletes, and the men

who love them gain insight into what it's like to 'surf like a girl'.

The film screens on January 22 at the Byron Community Centre. At 7pm there is art and music by local female surfers, including Deb Tinker, Tracy Mae and Ha-waiki boards.

Film begins at 8pm. Tickets \$16 for sale

from January 12 at the Community Centre 6685 6807.

A percentage of the sales will go to supporting Surf Aid. Rebecca Olive will hold a forum after the film on the experience of women who surf.

See more at www.thewomenandthewaves.com.

A new year brings new life in the forest



Independently our photographers Jeff Dawson and Lou Beaumont decided to wander up into the Koonyum Range west of Mullumbimby to take pictures following the bushfire last year. Among the fire's impact were signs of new growth.

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Good HSC results for Byron schools



A group of Byron Bay High students gathered for a celebratory breakfast.

Both Byron Bay High School and Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School have welcomed the results achieved by their students in the 2009 Higher School Certificate examination.

Ten Byron Bay High School students have received an ATAR of 90 or above, with Chester Pearson gaining the top ATAR of 97.55.

'These are outstanding results from a fantastic year of students,' said Ian Davies, relieving Principal of Byron Bay High School.

'One of the secret ingredients to the school's ongoing HSC success is the relationship between our teachers and students.'

'This, combined with the

calibre of the students, has meant that the school performed above state average in a spectrum of subjects including English, Drama, Visual Arts, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Information Processes and Technology, Community and Family Studies, Legal Studies and Business Studies.'

As well as Chester's, top scores came from Elloise Julier 95.45, Lucy Gannon 94.65, Ruby Shine 94.35, Emma Bugagiar 92.65, Juliette Steen 92.25, Morgan Begg 91.9 and Tom Abriel 91.4.

A spokesperson for Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School said, 'We are thrilled by our overall results, particularly our results in Music, where eight out of

the nine students received 80% or above.

'Also excellence in English Extension where two students received 48 out of a possible 50 (96%) and a further four students received between 42 and 45 out of 50.

'We had Band 6 in seven subjects. With an enrolment of only 15, this is quite extraordinary. The students worked so hard with the support of dedicated and professional teachers.'

Noted musical talent Domini Forster scored Band 6 in all her subjects, with 98 in music.

Other notable results were achieved by Kaya Edwards, Molly Younger, Ruby Bull-Watkins and Chapei Lin.

Dispatch from Cairo



Gareth Smith

Here in Cairo, I am one of 15 Australians among 1,362 pro-Gazan activists from 43 countries. Our plans to take humanitarian supplies to Gaza have been thwarted by the Egyptian government, no doubt by pressure by the US and Israel.

Israeli helicopters have bombarded the Gaza Rafah border area with leaflets, just as they did before Operation Cast Lead one year ago. We hear that people have panicked and are searching for safe places before the anticipated bombing begins, so maybe the Egyptians are actually protecting us. Who knows?

Many of the 500 strong French contingent left early for Al Arish, about 25km from the Gaza, but were stopped by police and placed under 'house arrest' so they could not leave their hotel. This was later relaxed to an order confining them to the town where they remain.

One Australian photographer has also been trapped there. Travel agents told us

there were no buses for Al Arish even though it is a tourist resort. Bus and taxi drivers have been warned not to take us there.

We have been refused permission to meet as a group and warned that if more than six of us are discussing plans, we will be arrested. Egyptian plainclothes spies are everywhere and locals have pointed them out to us at considerable risk to themselves. We have heard of students assisting us being beaten.

We have met in the huge forecourt of the Mogamma building and at the World Trade Centre (WTC). Our attempt to meet aboard Nile feluccas was scotched by the police who said the boats were broken. These blocking attempts have backfired on the authorities by exposing us to peak hour traffic and giving us far more visibility than we would have had.

We have ignored the six-person ban and defied the police when they confined us yesterday at the WTC by sliding steel barriers ever nearer us and

shrinking our space. We stood still and defied their orders to move. They prevented us using the toilets at the Conrad hotel, so people used the shrubbery instead.

One of the highlights of yesterday was meeting 85 year old Hedy Epstein who began her hunger strike. What a powerful inspiration she is and what a gob-smacked rebuttal she fires at those Jews who accuse us of anti-semitism because we dare criticise the monstrous siege of Gaza by the Israeli state.

The Byron community has a huge opportunity to be a force for peace, human rights and justice by influencing the million visitors we get each year. Why can't we twin Byron with Gaza City? Be an Amnesty International town? Pressure the Australian government to be more forceful in condemning human rights violations? A positive spin-off for us would be in our young people being involved and realising that we have an infinitely more important moral task than simply being a town typified by partying and booze!

NIMBY attitudes obstruct affordable housing

National Shelter and Shelter NSW have claimed the NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) attitude is obstructing governments goal of achieving an affordable and fair housing system in Australia.

Executive Officer of Shelter NSW Mary Perkins said, 'More and more households are requiring public housing,

and to provide some security for those facing homelessness, governments need to build public housing where it is needed most.'

National Shelter chairperson Adrian Pisarski is disappointed that negative attitudes towards public and affordable housing are still rife in communities. 'Given the vast improvements

that have been made to public housing dwellings over the years as well as the increasing rate of homelessness among families, it is frustrating that people are still unable to prioritise affordable housing.'

The report 'Housing Australia Affordably' is available to download at www.shelter.org.au.



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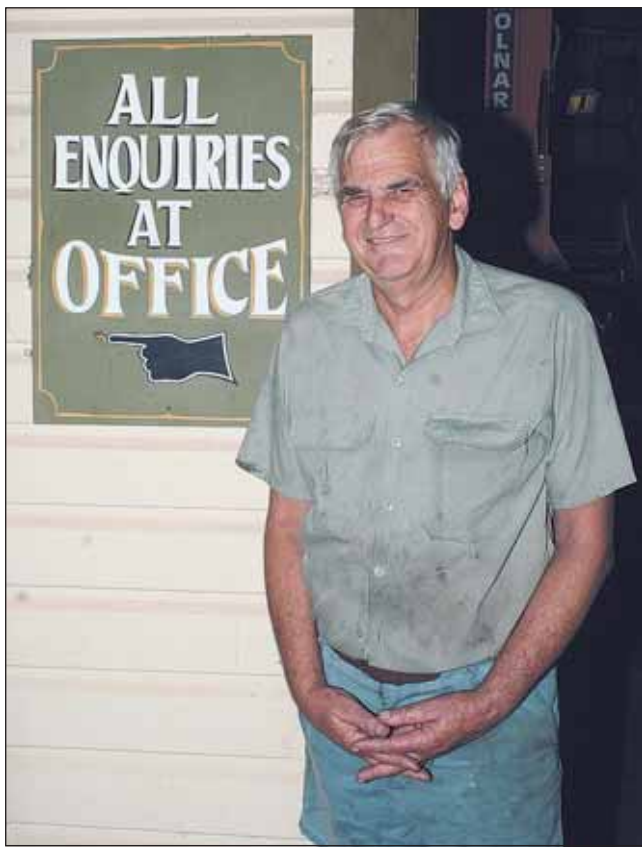
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V-Dub king hangs up his spanner



Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Who would have ever thought that the small village of Stokers Siding would become a nationally and internationally renowned focal point in the V-Dub world? Well Alan Atkins didn't, but it happened – and Alan's the guru.

After completing his mechanics apprenticeship in 1964 at a Volkswagen dealership in

Glen Innes, Alan and his wife Jan moved to Stokers in 1970 where he started repairing cars for friends and neighbours from his home. The next year the Atkinses purchased the vacant service station in the village and in 1980 Alan made a conscious decision to deal exclusively with Volkswagens.

The business expanded dramatically to become the largest supplier of new and used VW

parts between Southport and Newcastle and by the 90s, Alan had an overflowing wrecking yard and a growing fan base as he gained a reputation for experience, knowledge and expertise.

Alan says he has worked on literally thousands of V-Dubs and has had his head under every type of make and model including the Beetle, Type 3, Water Cooled, T4, Golf, Passat and Audi brought into Australia and of course the iconic Kombi. He attributes much of his success to some of the great staff he has employed over the years, including his daughters Michelle and Amanda.

In 2009 the Stokers VW Parts became an ever-increasing central focus of the business while at the same time Alan was scaling down mechanical repairs. The premises was then sold as Alan and Jan, who now live in Pottsville, prepared for the next adventure and moving exclusively into selling parts.

'People think I am folding up all together,' says Alan. 'We aren't closing we are just relocating. I still have an extensive range of new and secondhand parts but I will have more time to travel to swap meets and shows and will have parts available online and over the phone.'

And the obvious question? Alan was very reluctant to

name his favourite VW but did say he once owned a twin cab that he fixed up in 72.

'It was a great Kombi,' said Alan. 'When I sold that, it almost made me cry.'

For more information about where you can get all those elusive V-Dub parts, visit the website at www.stokersvwparts.com.au.

Survey reveals young spending

The 'Confident and Connected: NSW Youth Consumer Survey' looked into the spending and lifestyle habits of more than 1,200 young consumers. The survey reveals that the average weekly income for 12 to 20 year olds has increased from \$120.60 in 2007 to \$142.65 in 2009.

Nearly a quarter have asked for a loan from family, friends or financial institutions borrowing an average of \$904. More than half shop online using their parent's credit cards or online services such as Paypal.

Young people are using their mobile phones seven times per day on average (girls reported using their mobiles more often), and three out of five have been faced with suspicious emails requesting personal information.

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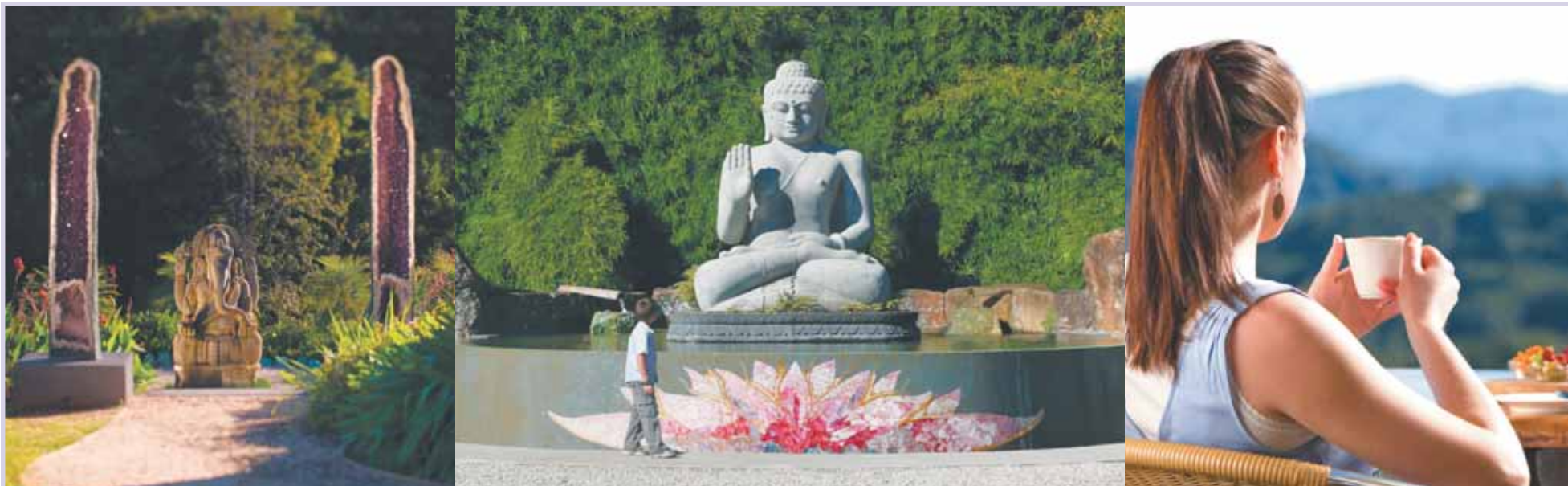


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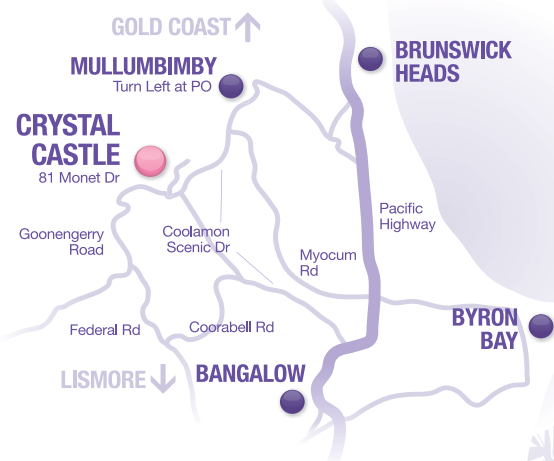
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Daze ahead

Depending on your reckoning, it's the start of a new decade – or not. At least we have escaped the noughties and will have three years' grace before the terrible teens begin.

That's assuming the Mayanists have got it wrong and that on December 21, 2012, our whole notion of time and space doesn't go kafooey in a number of interesting ways. Among them is the suggestion of the late psychonaut Terence McKenna that 'the universe has a teleological attractor at the end of time that increases interconnectedness, eventually reaching a singularity of infinite complexity in 2012, at which point anything and everything imaginable will occur instantaneously' (interview with Art Bell, 1997). Uh huh. When in the same year I asked McKenna if he really believed in this theory – and 'machine-made elves' – or if it was metaphor, his answer was a bit of each, expressed in several long sentences strong on teleology. He might have been hitting the mushrooms a bit hard that week.

(Don't get me wrong on Terence McKenna. By many accounts he was a lovely bloke and his book *Food Of The Gods* was a novel hypothesis on how human intelligence evolved – if it ever did.)

If you're a little sceptical of the 2012 scenarios – and there must be two or three people in the Shire who are – you can always share the Russian scientists' concern that the asteroid Apophis will slam into the planet in 2036. There are a lot of big rocks out there that could put a nasty dent in the day.

And closer to the Earth's surface, there's us. What a dodgy species we are. A loose understanding at the Copenhagen conference – which rated very high on the Pointless Delegates Index, especially from Australia – saw developed nations seeming comfortable with two degrees of global warming and offered poor nations the equivalent of the Pentagon's petty cash tin to compensate them for yet more suffering.

Closer to home, this year Council staff and councillors will be wrestling with some of the problems associated with global warming – and property rights – when they consider the Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan. Hope the state and federal governments put more resources into managing the coastline because the Shire sure can't afford to pay for it. Funding is likely to be on the agenda for the 2010 Coastal Conference, which Byron Shire is hosting in Byron Bay on March 2-3. See more at www.seachangetaskforce.org.au/Conference.html. Ageing will be the other big topic and given the federal minister for ageing is our own Justine Elliott, and the seat of Richmond is among the top ten electorates for dementia prevalence according to a report by Access Economics for Alzheimer's Australia, let's hope there's some gritty debate on the issues involved.

Closer to Mullum, the feeling is that Commissioner Hussey of the Land and Environment will grant Woolworths approval to cart its shit away from its Station Street box if built, a privilege which is not extended to householders under Council's policy, but the executives and board members of Woolworths are used to privilege.

Anyway, I hope all our readers have a splendid 2010, and if not, at least a tolerable one. In times of stress I am consoled by the immortal words of The Man in Black in the film *The Princess Bride*: 'Life is pain... Anybody who says differently is selling something.'

– Michael McDonald, editor

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Gloves are off for bloody election year

Welcome to another bloody election year. And yes, it will be a bloody election.

Tony Abbott knows that he is on a hiding to nothing and will fight it the way he won his boxing blue at Oxford, a way that had a journalist report: 'No-style Abbott's a real smasher ... he has no defence when going forward.'

He has already signalled that he is going to make border security an election issue; this, of course, is code for race. Abbott, like his mentor John Howard, will not hesitate to appeal to the worst instincts of Australians if he believes there are votes to be won.

What makes his opportunism even worse than Howard's is that Abbott himself is not racist; unlike Howard he is comfortable associating with all creeds and colours and is an enthusiastic convert to multiculturalism. But desperate elections require desperate measures, and Abbott has shown throughout his career that he is ever ready to embrace the Jesuitical teaching that the end can sometimes justify the means.

He will need all the distractions he can get, because his position on climate change – Kevin Rudd's chosen battlefield – is pathetically vulnerable. When Abbott unexpectedly became leader of the Liberal Party his supporters insisted that one of his first jobs was to tell the voters a story; and he did. The problem was that the story was a barefaced lie. It consisted of the assertion that Rudd's Emissions Trading Scheme was a great big tax on everything, and that he could deliver the same cuts at no cost to anybody.

Rudd's ETS is in fact not a tax, but a market-based solution of the kind free enterprise parties such as the Liberals are supposed to applaud. The idea is that the polluters have to pay for their permits to pollute.

They will of course pass the extra cost on to consumers, but the government will use the money raised by the sale of permits to compensate those worst affected. Compe-

subsidising alternative energy sources and the elimination of carbon from the process, a solution previously derided by the Liberals as a Greenie fantasy. But whether the idea is practical or not, it would be expensive; indeed public and private economists calculate that the cost would be roughly double that of an ETS, to deliver less than half the reduction in emissions.

are on the agenda they should go to individuals rather than companies, an about-face on Liberal policy hardly likely to appeal to the party's most important donors. And then there is Barnaby Joyce over-seeing the vital and wide-ranging finance portfolio and already proving that he can piss in the cabinet tent just as effectively from inside it as he did from outside it.

The other key battleground during the campaign will, as usual, be the economy; and here again Abbott is on shaky ground.

by Mungo MacCallum



tion between the suppliers will force them to look for cleaner alternatives, which will eventually become economically viable, making everyone a winner.

This, at least, is the theory, and Abbott has not attempted to refute it; his only response has been to say that an ETS is a great big tax on everything, which it clearly isn't; indeed, Treasury modelling suggests that it will have far less impact than the introduction of the GST, which Abbott praises as a great economic reform. His own approach to the problem of reducing carbon emissions (he now accepts that they are a problem, despite not long ago calling the science of climate change 'crap') is through what he calls 'direct action'.

This apparently involves government regulation over the supply and consumption of energy, anathema to Liberal philosophy and more importantly to Liberal voters, and/or

Moreover, the government would not have the income generated by the sale of permits to pay for it; the scheme would have to be funded entirely from consolidated revenue, and paid for, presumably, by a great big tax on everything. As a strategist on climate change, Abbott makes General Custer look like Alexander the Great.

The other key battleground during the campaign will, as usual, be the economy; and here again Abbott is on shaky ground. He is trying to appeal to the Howard-Costello legacy of economic management, but the hard fact is that Howard and Costello have both gone in somewhat humiliating circumstances and their replacements hardly seem up to it.

Abbott's own economic expertise is, if the above policy is any guide, close to zilch. His shadow treasurer Joe Hockey has no real track record other than to insist that if tax cuts

By contrast Rudd can point to the proven reliability and steadiness of Wayne Swan and Lindsay Tanner, and to Australia's success in weathering the Global Financial Crisis through swift and decisive action that has since been endorsed by the vast majority of economic authorities, both national and international. Labor can justly declare that it has reclaimed the title of superior economic manager, and unless things go drastically wrong in the next few months, Abbott's talk of debt and deficit will most likely be dismissed as carping and whingeing by a largely relieved electorate.

This is not to say that Rudd is a shoo-in; the halo has slipped a bit in the last few months, and the idea that he is a timid leader who would rather talk than act to deliver real reforms is starting to gain some traction. But it can hardly be denied that he is starting from a long way in front, and that the government over the last two years has been a model of stability compared to the alternative, whoever has been leading it.

To unsettle it, Abbott will have to fight hard and dirty, and the preliminary signs are that he is ready and willing to do both. Like I said, another bloody election.

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Love life.

Do you excite yourself with sex-thought? It overstimulates you. It makes you dishonest in love, so you just take, but you should ask and learn to give right love. We are influenced as a child... take a drug, get used to sex, be sexy, show off, be greedy, give your attention to the newest invention, get excited... nothing will be good enough for long and such greediness supports the sex business. Worldwide he manipulates young women to play sexy for him, to be his sex object and if she makes sex with such a selfish demanding unving man it makes her like him. Infected and made discontent, both feel dependent on stimulation, for in truth they have not made love and so they say 'let's have some fun with a drug...' Hey man, give up, you can't just take what you want, you can't just take love! You have to give to a woman. Life's love is her gift to you, if you have earned it.

A woman today can be honest to man. If he is not honest, do not give to him, wait until he demonstrates true love. If you are honest, moment to moment and give to what is good and right, you simply feel well from the inside. With such a woman of love, you will listen to her carefully. Love is easily broken, it has to be made fresh, new, no other body belongs to you. Each of us has to stand up for love. Life felt inside is reflected in beautiful earth, universe – I belong to you.

From a Woman.

Police, dudes, and common sense

■ My first reaction upon reading David Leser's article on 'police overreaction to local young people' (*Echo*, December 22, 2009) was what on earth was a 15 year old Byron Bay girl doing at a garage party at Lennox Head and roaming the streets at 10.50pm? Did her parents approve of such a party? While I read the Macquarie Dictionary definition of 'dude', I'm wondering if this young lady also addresses her school teachers also as 'dude'. I feel very sorry for the police officers.

Hilary Lewis
Suffolk Park

■ I just read the article entitled 'When police officers lose their cool with children' and before I make my point I want to acknowledge that *The Echo* is a very dynamic and interesting paper for many reasons. Also, this is by no means a defence of the police 'dude' involved.

I was shocked to see a double page spread of this article. I agree that the police 'dude' was 'off the chain' and needs to be either stood down or taught some respect for the public he/

she is meant to be protecting, however, does *The Echo* really need to make a double page spread of this story? If so, then why not educate the younger population of Byron about police brutality nationwide at the same time?

I know it is a local story, but sometimes I wonder if localism is a mask for naivety in this area. I mean, come on - an Aboriginal man dies in the back of a paddy wagon this year from dehydration and heat exposure, an uncle from where I grew up was last seen taken away by a paddy wagon (in the 70s) and then found dead by the Brisbane river with his head caved in.

People of minority backgrounds are oppressed and brutalised (physically as well as mentally) every week in this nation and as soon as a young mainstream Australian girl is mentally traumatised by the cops, it makes a big double page *Echo* spread.

Spare a thought for the thousands of Aboriginal people who have died in police custody. Think of all the Aborigi-

nal people who have suffered physically and psychologically at the hands of Australian police, for no offence at all. This year even!

I do really feel sorry for this poor girl and was very angered by the police dude's actions, but really, get some perspective. If she died at the hands of police brutality or was even injured then OK, but comparatively speaking this is such a minor incident.

Work from the top down, start with the big issues if you want to stop police brutality! Otherwise you are just belittling this problem and even the police will just laugh, while they think of all the thousands of Aboriginal deaths in custody that have occurred in this nation.

How would you feel after reading this article, if one of your people had *died* in police custody?

Rest in peace, T J.

Name supplied

■ David Leser accuses police of overreacting after a teenager addresses an officer as 'dude'. While David uses dictionary

definitions in an attempt to convince us there is nothing derogatory about the word 'dude', why is he ignoring the fact that even the word 'officer' can be used in a derogatory way?

Perhaps he should highlight the definition of 'tone', 'attitude', 'respect' and 'common sense' to the child involved in this unnecessary confrontation. (Not to mention to her numerous, no doubt vocally supportive mates). Did she become school captain by referring to her teachers as 'dudes'?

As for the child's mother in this sorry tale, a 'formidable woman' who chooses to deal with these officers as if they were part of the brutal apartheid regime, is that not more likely to define 'overreaction'?

You don't have to be terribly bright to avoid run-ins with police, regardless of how arrogant their shit job renders them. Simply shut up and do as you are told. It's folly to do otherwise.

Mick Malloy
Suffolk Park

Beyond doubt

For a long time I have thought of your journal and staffers as a bunch of flat-earthers with strange religious fixations.

Your front page of 22.12.09 has removed all doubt.

Richard Wilson
Fernleigh

Not enough

Tom Shenfield (Letters, December 22, 2009) states the group Enough is Enough seeks to reclaim the amenity of our Byron neighbourhood lost to holiday letting, and then goes on to applaud the efforts of HLO, an organisation which seeks to legitimise the prohibited activity of holiday letting in residential zones. The proposals in the draft statement of minimum standards merely reinforce HLO's position and do not address the fact that this activity should not be occurring at all. If the zoning regulations were enforced by Council the problem would not exist.

Simple. As it stands, Mr Shenfield is suggesting that hapless residents have to continue to confront a never-ending stream of strangers occupying neighbouring residences, who invariably are in full time party mode. He says 'we encourage all residents to adopt a zero tolerance attitude to any disturbance...', failing to understand that that is already the current position of most of us living next to holiday lets, and furthermore we should not be expected to police the activities

of our neighbours. We have better things to do with our lives. By the time a disturbance reaches a reportable level, you can be sure the agent is in bed, the owner is a million miles away, HLO is a toothless tiger, and we the residents are exhausted and distressed. What part of 'enough' don't you understand, Mr Shenfield?

Louise Andrews
Byron Bay

Cohen benefit

It was standing room only in the Suffolk Park Hall, the venue of a successful fundraiser for Ian Cohen's legal bill on December 19. Thanks to all involved - musos Azo Bell, Mook, Men Wot Sing, the Love Handles and guests; standups Neil and Dave F Rocks; the Byron Greens for tucker; Byron Bay Coffee Company; businesses who generously donated prizes - Byron Fitness, Suffolk Park Pharmacy, DVD and Video, Shell's Hair design, Yellow Flower, Bite, Green Garage Bakery, Pizza Paradiso, SPAR supermarket; *The Echo* for promotion and helpers on the night.

Less quantifiable were the warm feelings ignited when a community of people come together for a shared cause. Especially welcome were those who did not necessarily agree with Ian but, in alignment with the well-known sentiments of Voltaire, were there to defend his rights to free speech.

Bill Mackay
Suffolk Park

Youth shine

Was so pleased to read your headline story in my *Echo* online that the Byron Shire Youth Council is a reality. Well done, Rita Youssef Price, for all your painstaking and meticulous work in developing and establishing this initiative. Youth councils are notoriously hard to achieve.

Congratulations to all of you who have made the commitment to get involved in it. Knowing the Byron Shire as I do, I am fully expecting to hear wonderful doings and achievements from this newly formed body. People power rocks!

I trust that all young people in the Shire will get behind your representatives and make sure your voices are heard in Council. Great to see the CDAT team's work up in Brunswick Heads too - go Michele and Co! Good luck with it all from the big City (or 'Tizzy' as my two year old grandchild calls it) and season's greetings.

Maggie Brown
ex Byron Shire
youth development worker

Carbon scam

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SAME HERE - BUT THEN AGAIN - IT ONLY TAKES ONE..

BSC - MINIMISE ALCOHOL RELATED BEHAVIOUR

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awareness. It's not a conspiracy because it's not hidden; just follow the money. It's just one more scam in a world of scams and here's how it works.

There's a perception that *An Inconvenient Truth* caused a global environmental awakening. This is completely untrue; the awakening had been happening for some time and, clearly, 'business as usual' also noticed. Among their very sophisticated political skills is the ability to identify social trends in order to exploit them and/or protect their own interests.

Possibly significant but by no means the largest environmental concern, carbon emissions was processed through the fear factory, another political skill. Then, with very slick production, instant global distribution through the 'business as usual' owned media and a public relations fanfare, carbon emissions was presented as the only concern, and emissions trading as the only solution by Al Gore, who had previously been almost silent on the environment.

To the newly awakened earth people it all sounded environmentally cuddly and, with their new-found awareness, were prepared for environmental health to cost them. 'Cap and Trade' will certainly cost them but turns out to be environmentally meaningless; lots of trading and little, if any, capping.

Supermarkets, angst and the role of the law

■ Look at all the angst in Mullumbimby in recent years over Woolworths' plans to open in the town. Yet Spar Supermarket opened in the heart of Byron a week or two ago without so much as a whisper, as far as I'm aware. I'm not drawing any conclusions. Just interesting to note.

Lucy Ashley
Suffolk Park

■ Woolworths are great with groceries but not so great with humans. If they would only realise (because they seem to be really creative and clever with their new organic lines etc) that the correct way into these small towns is to blend in.

Buy an old building, lovingly restore it, gently add the insignia and improve the nearest car park and park area and

bingo! The residents will welcome them for not tromping on all that is fragile and sacred to them, especially for not constructing their non-architect designed and people unfriendly box in their town centre or worse still on some beautiful, open land.

The trouble is with Woolworths is they will not listen to their customers' voices. They do their own research and development and to hell with the human being. Well, the time has come that an email like this will find its way to the CEO and maybe, just maybe, they will wake up.

Lorraine Cooke
Byron Bay

■ I feel pretty good about Mullumbimby's collective effort to expose the truth about the Woolworths proposed develop-

ment. It's been two years now, we've had support from Byron Shire Councillors who listened to the people, the Local Government Act has safeguarded public and environmental health, and the Local Government Regulations have set standards for onsite sewage systems, which the Woolworths proposal has not met.

Our spirited community came together on many colourful occasions to highlight what's been going on. The press has been interested - we've been on ABC Four Corners, State-line three times, SBS, SMH, local radio and local papers have covered each new turn in the journey.

At Christmas time, the Land & Environment Court case finally took place, after four months of waiting and two de-

ferred hearings. The case was supposed to be about whether or not Byron Shire Council was right to refuse Woolworths onsite sewage system. Instead, it became a round-table compromise on how the legal minds could agree on an onsite system for Woolworths so they could go ahead and build their big box.

The hearings had been deferred so that Woolworths could come up with a new plan. This was not about justice - this was about a deal.

The format of the process is that now Commissioner Hussey, having heard speeches from both sides, has got the exhibits to look at, will now make a decision on whether or not Woolworths onsite system will be approved. He becomes the consent authority down there at

225 Macquarie Street, Sydney.

He has been to Mullumbimby and looked at the site, listened to three MCAN submissions and had a hearing originally intended for four days but ended up being less than one day on December 23. The hearing day set for Christmas Eve was deemed unnecessary.

And now we wait. I wonder if Commissioner Hussey realises the impact Woolworths will have on our community. He is an engineer, and, we imagine, enjoys the challenge of an engineering project, applying his scientific objectivity. We that live here will be subjected to his decision. Do our feelings count? Will the big picture count?

Deborah Lilly
Coordinator
Mullumbimby Community
Action Network

The Chicago Carbon Exchange, set up by Al Gore and his mates, are the middlemen in this scheme. As the trading exchange they will collect commissions on every single trade. Even better, Al Gore's company gets to create the credits out of thin air. The perfect scam: economically harvest the population and simultaneously divert attention away from the main game.

The sheer wealth of 'business as usual' pulls the strings, this

way and that, as the political puppets are squabbling over the emissions trading scheme. Meanwhile our environment is being destroyed. Our species depends on it for our survival and the rate of destruction is increasing daily.

If we want a sustainable future there is a real need to reclaim the environmental initiative because the earth doesn't do bail-outs and it doesn't do scams. Welcome to the real world; it's one that prob-

ably won't tolerate 'business as usual'.

Robin Harrison
Coorabell

Constrained by law

As a society we are exhibiting an inequitable discriminating morality where we believe consumers should be regulated and industry not. The argument supporting this point of view is that if consumers make the 'right' choice, industry will adjust to 'right' supply.

However, laws are in place that prevent consumers making choices. Greywater use is a case in point. The reason why greywater apparatus is so complex and expensive and works against bathroom and laundry products contain toxins and pollutants. Furthermore, even if these toxins can be neutralised in greywater systems for release to soil, that does not overcome the problem that the skin is a porous organ of the body and we are daily

subject to these toxins.

If I elect to make my own organic bathroom and laundry products, according to the law that does not mean I can then run my greywater direct to soil through a hosepipe that is regularly moved. I am still forced to the complexity and expense of a conventional greywater system because industry wishes to pollute.

Geoff Dawe
Uki

Melting ice letters page 14

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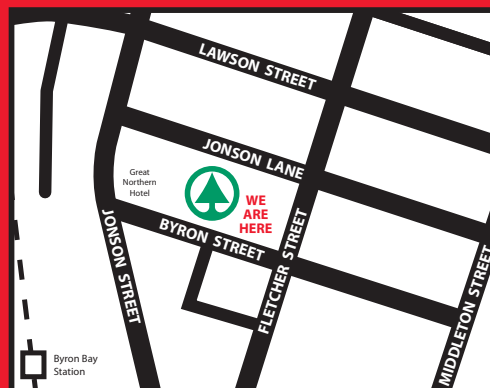
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The great melting ice debate bubbles along...

■ If A McTavish and O T Baggio didn't fill their glasses to the brim then any melting ice shouldn't spill. They should also agree that salty ice will almost always spoil a drink, and that school children shouldn't be encouraged to experiment with alcohol, either with or without ice.

J Harrison
Byron Bay

■ Thank you O T for your (slightly) less high-handed wording and approach. I will

discuss this issue publicly, thanks. Firstly, I have read Peter Noerdlinger's paper 'The Melting of Floating Ice will Raise the Ocean Level' from which you (appear) to get you information, correct? I have also read numerous science blogs that dispute his findings and the theory in general.

Here's one. http://scienceblogs.com/illconsidered/2009/04/04/oh_for_two_melting_sea_ice_and_php.

I'm sure Peter as a scientist

would enjoy the controversy, the stimulation of thought and hopefully more research.

I really don't care. Look, this is continuing on a tangent from my original point that any scientist that has vested interests in his research outcomes is to be 'put under the microscope'.

Also any "scientist" who quotes a neat two metre sea level rise ('Sea levels could reach the upper limit of two metres by the turn of the century', ABC online 25/11/09)

because of Arctic sea ice melt, is to be questioned. Whose research is this? What formula was used? Has the research been peer reviewed?

Interestingly, Noerdlinger concluded that if all the sea ice on the planet melted, not just the Arctic, there would be an approximately 4cm rise in sea level.

I apologise for having a go at your university quals from the early sixties, that was unnecessary. But thanks to the internet, I will access the cur-

rent greatest minds from the whole planet to reach my conclusions, thanks.

Oh, and I think you will find that primary school kids are still being taught what I said originally.

Andy McTavish
Goonengerry

■ In his letter of December 1, Andy McTavish stated that 'Arctic sea ice has no influence on sea level rise'. In reply (December 8) Mr O T Baggio pointed out that, contrary to

Andy's belief that 'floating ice will displace its own volume', a floating object in fact displaces its own weight, not volume, of the fluid it is floating in.

Mr Baggio was quite correct, but then he went on at length about icebergs and shelf ice, although Andy had been talking about floating sea ice.

Mr Baggio then said that 'a floating iceberg when melted would increase in fluid volume by 2.6%', followed by a calculation that probably lost most people who were still trying to follow his argument. An iceberg floating in the sea will displace its own weight of fresh water. Because fresh water is lighter than sea water, the volume of fresh water will be greater than the volume of sea water the iceberg had displaced, so it will raise the sea level slightly.

Again, Mr Baggio was quite correct, but what did that have to do with the floating sea ice that Andy was talking about? It's no wonder Andy had trouble understanding all this (December 15).

It was not until well into his second letter (December 22) that Mr Baggio got to the point, that the Arctic sea ice is largely fresh water, and when it melts it will create a larger volume (by 2.6%) than the volume of the denser sea water it displaced as floating ice.

He then changed the subject again to icebergs - I suspect Andy, and probably most *Echo* readers, were by then even more confused.

There are two interesting points that Mr Baggio didn't get on to. Firstly, if melting sea ice raises sea level, it must lower sea level when it freezes, so the melting sea ice is only returning the sea level to what it was before the ice froze.

Secondly, a simple calculation shows that when all the remaining Arctic summer sea ice melts it will raise global sea level by less than one millimetre. Yes, less than one millimetre.

Mr Baggio may be technically correct, but in the real world, where we are looking at sea level rises of metres from thermal expansion and melting land ice, I think Andy McTavish comes out ahead - that is, if he hasn't been buried under Mr Baggio's icebergs.

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

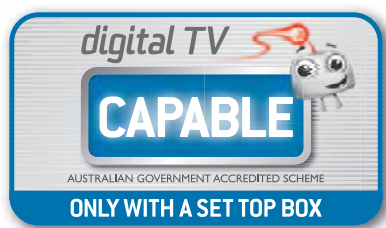
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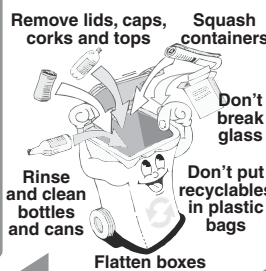
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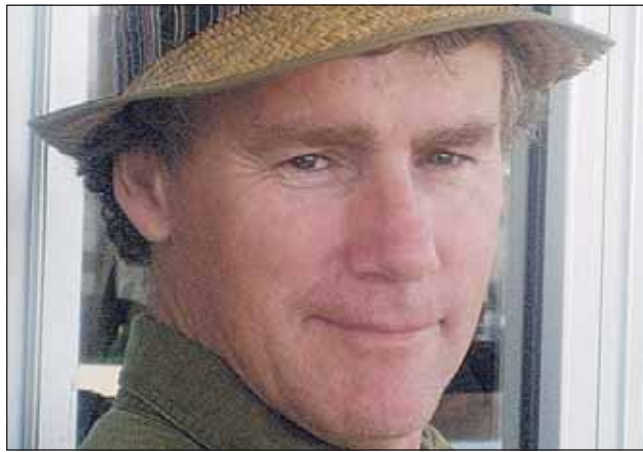


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Body & Soul website



Byron Shire's guide to the healing arts industry has just celebrated its tenth birthday with its 23rd issue, and has launched its website, www.byronbodyandsoul.com

Published and founded by Mark O'Brien (previously known as Alok, editor of the now defunct *Here & Now* magazine), pictured above, the *Byron Body & Soul Guide* has grown from its initial 5,000 copies three times a year to 15,000 copies printed twice yearly. 'Over the past ten years it has become the gateway to alternative health and wellbeing through which locals and visitors alike are able to access the plethora of talented healers and teachers who call Byron home,' says Mark.

'The website is a place to find extended information about the practitioners in the *Guide*, as well as reviews of a wide

range of sessions (remember the *Here & Now's* Session of the Month?) and a ever-growing range of articles reflecting my eclectic interests.

'With articles ranging from the latest in health, eco and enviro news and advances, to naturopathy and fitness, to spirituality, to sex and relationships to stories from individuals sharing their particular journeys, and free events listing, byronbodyandsoul.com fills the information gap that the demise of the *Here & Now* left in Byron Shire. Articles are invited from the community about their particular interest, be it spiritual or otherwise. Advertorials not accepted.'

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Placing bids in cyberspace takes off

Obi McDonald-Saint

The potential and popularity of online auctions is staggering. Such a simple way of selling products combined with the global reach of the internet makes online auctions far more successful than their offline counterparts could ever hope to be. Online auctions sell more products to more people all over the world non-stop 24 hours a day.

eBay has lead the online auction charge since its Labor Day weekend start up in 1995.

Major online auctions following in eBay's stead include Amazon, uBid, Grays Online, Bidz and BidRivals. When it comes to auctioning off goods, many of the online auctions follow a similar model to eBay: whoever has the highest bid when the time runs out gets the prize.

Addictive

But not all online auctions follow this model. Bidz is an auction site devoted entirely to jewellery. The auctions are conducted 'live', which means every time a bid is placed, the auction price is updated on the screen - you don't have to refresh your browser. Plus, as the auction is about to end, placing a bid will add more time to the auction countdown. This way the auction can carry on for some time and become quite addictive. Bidz auctions often offer savings greater than 90 per cent off the advertised retail price.

Another way Bidz differs from eBay is the manner in which the auctions are conducted. Bidz is an in-house auction, selling products it owns, as opposed to eBay, which acts as a host, selling other people's products. Grays



Online boasts the best of both worlds, auctioning their own in-house product range as well as vendor's commercial and industrial goods.

BidRivals offers premium products, cameras, laptops, flatscreen, and other electronic devices, but they've developed a new model altogether. On the surface, BidRivals is similar to Bidz; live auctions and extra time when a bid is placed close to an auction's end.

But this is where the similarities end. The bid price isn't placed by the bidders. Instead, it starts at two cents and every time a bid is placed, the price increases by two cents. The tricky part: it costs 90 cents to buy a bid.

Selling bids

Simple arithmetic says BidRivals isn't making money by auctioning premium goods.

They're making money by selling bids. Say, for instance, a Sony PlayStation 3, which retails for about \$500, is listed at two cents and sells for \$20 (999 bids later). A massive saving for the auction winner but an even bigger win for BidRivals. They just made \$900 in bids, plus another \$20 from the winner of the auction.

This model is also different from other online auctions in

that losers don't just miss out on winning the product, they actually lose money in bids along the way. This is where the line between online auctions and online gambling begins to blur. Especially when you add the exciting nature of live auctions and the thrill of winning an item at a fraction of the retail price. How is this different from sitting in front of a poker machine, losing your money a fraction at a time?

Greater interaction

The future of online auctions look set to become more immersive and interactive, no doubt permeating to your phone and devices. Expect to see more of those 'SMS your lowest unique bid' auctions on television. Reverse auctions, which put the buyer in charge, and pit seller against seller, will become more popular on the internet, as will virtual auctioneers, animated characters who conduct auctions in a similar way to conventional auctioneers, but can run multiple auctions at once and don't need to sleep.

As online auctions continue to grow, no doubt local businesses who sell the same products will be affected. But once you factor in delivery costs, the time it takes for an item to ar-

rive, the hassles involved if the item is lost, damaged, or not the one you ordered, buying the product locally remains an attractive option, even if a little more expensive.

Online auctions don't let you try a product before you buy. You buy based on a description and a handful of photographs. You can't try clothes on to see if they fit, you can't take a push-bike for a spin to see if it is safe. In fact, online shopping has removed much of the 'shopping' experience. This is where local retailers have an advantage.

In many respects, online auctions actually promote local business as the auctions encourage greater research and product awareness. Customers take this knowledge into a local retailer, take a closer look at the product, hold it in their hands, and with the immediacy of the purchase too tempting, walk out carrying their new product.

Online auctions can be a great way to save money and a lot of fun, especially when you pip a rival to a winning bid. But online auctions can also be disappointing and disheartening when you're ripped off or get something you didn't actually want. Just like any shopping experience, know your product, trust your gut and buyer beware.

- Popular online auctions:
 - eBay (www.ebay.com.au)
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 - BidRivals (www.bidrivals.com.au)

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Common misconceptions about Earth and Space

Mistake: The sky is blue because it reflects the blue colour of the ocean.

Correction: The sky is blue because out of the seven different colours that make up sunlight (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet), it is the blue light that is most scattered by the nitrogen and oxygen molecules in the air. This scattered blue light then gets scattered again and again, rebounding off just about everything, making it look as if the blue light is coming from all directions in the sky, and not just from the sun. So the blue-ness of the sky is all down to a cosmic pinball game between the incoming blue light and some pretty important gas molecules in the air.

Mistake: It is hotter in summer than in winter because the



Earth is closer to the sun in summer.

Correction: Because the Earth has an elliptical rather than a perfectly circular orbit around the sun, sometimes it is a little closer to the sun than at other times. In January it is at its closest approach, and while this does correspond to our southern hemisphere summer, for those in the northern hemisphere, it is winter. Obvi-

ously then, distance from the sun can't be the main reason for the considerable variation in temperature we experience here on Earth.

The culprit turns out to be the Earth itself - or rather, how the Earth leans. As the Earth orbits the sun, it also spins on its axis like a spinning top, but this 'Earth spinning top' has been pushed over a little so that its axis is tilted away from its upright position by 23½ degrees.

The Earth has a tilt. It doesn't point straight up. And it is this tilt that gives us our seasons and their accompanying temperatures. Sometimes this tilt is towards the sun, and sometimes it is away from the sun.

So the hottest time of the year for us in Australia, or for anywhere in the southern hemisphere, is when that part of the world is leaning towards the sun, and this happens from December to February every year.

Correspondingly, the coldest time for us is when the Earth's south pole, hence our part of the world, is tilted away from the sun, around June to August each year, our winter.

Who would have thought that angles could be so important outside a maths class?

- Marie and Philip
Starrynight Planetarium
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ArtsCape set for June 2010

Organisers of the artsCape Sculpture Exhibition, planned for June 26-July 11 this year at the Clarkes Beach Reserve, Byron Bay, outline their vision for the event:

What happens when you bring over 50 local, national and international artists into one of the most exquisite natural places in the world? Answer: artsCape, an exhibition of environmental sculpture sited within the beautiful beachside parklands in the heart of Byron. artsCape is a free all ages 16 day outdoor sculpture event which aims to promote community cultural development in the Northern Rivers region.

Professional sculptors from the region, across Australia and the world will create sculptures which convey messages about nature, the environment and sustainability. Through playfulness, humour, beauty, mystery and surprise, they will explore themes as diverse as flora and fauna, ecology, marine conservation, water, air quality, the land and indigenous culture. Sculptures will vary in scale from the small and intimately engaging to dramatic large scale statements.

High quality

A non-profit arts organisation has been formed to provide the framework for an ongoing event. Their vision is to create a nationally significant biennial exhibition in Byron Bay which showcases high quality contemporary sculpture in local landscapes of natural significance. The committee comprises founding chairman of Sotheby's Australia Robert Bleakley, professional artists Ken Johnson and Allen Horstmannshof, a media and communications graduate, journalist, retired solicitor and two local experienced business people.

'There is little doubt in my mind that this event has the makings of what could become a celebrated show of national importance which will stimulate cultural tourism to this area,' says Robert Bleakley, chairman of artsCape Biennial Inc.

The inaugural artsCape at Cape Byron in 2005 was Byron Bay's first outdoor sculpture exhibition, officially opened by Andrew Denton and highly acclaimed both locally and nationally. 2010 is shaping up to be even better! Confirmed is the participation of four significant international sculptors; Bert Flugelman from Australia, Phil Price from New Zealand, Usama Alnassar from Syria and Andy Scott from Scotland. They will join a small group of invited artists with the majority of exhibitors being selected through an open expression of interest process to be conducted in late Jan 2010.



Girl with *Argestes Aqua* by Andy Scott. Photo Lou Beaumont.

Local residents and founders of the inaugural event at Cape Byron, Merran Morrison and Rebecca Townsend, have been engaged to curate and project manage the 2010 event. They bring extensive experience in staging successful outdoor sculpture events, including Sculpture by the Sea Bondi and Tasman Peninsula, Sculpture in the City, Martin Place, The Casuarina Sculpture Walk and The East Coast Sculpture Show.

Surge in popularity

'Over the last 10 years there has been a surge in popularity of outdoor sculpture exhibitions in Australia. Places as beautiful as Byron Bay offer wonderful natural settings that enhance the context of understanding sculpture and the public's experience of it,' say Merran and Rebecca.

Their curatorial approach will be to get the right mix of artists for the exhibition, to have a strong local contingent but equally important for those artists to exhibit alongside renowned national and international artists. Established artists with a high public profile also assist the exhibition by increasing visitation and improving artwork sales opportunities for all exhibitors (artsCape has committed five per cent of all sculpture sales from the 2010 event to The Northern Rivers Community Foundation).

The 2010 event, with some financial support already forthcoming from NSW Industry & Investment, The Caledonia Foundation, Byron United and Regional Arts NSW, is a perfect fit with regional cultural, social and economic strategies, specifically in building cultural capital in the creative industries. artsCape aims to make a

significant contribution to the artistic and cultural development of the Byron Region by engaging professional artists, bringing national and overseas artists to a regional location, engaging young people and emerging artists, tapping into existing cultural resources and bringing potential art buyers to the area.

Sponsors sought

A major source of funding for the event will be through the support of commercial sponsors. In early 2010, artsCape will be launching a sponsorship campaign, aimed at companies with environmental credentials, to help raise the substantial funds to stage the free community event. Private patrons wishing to make donations will now be eligible for tax deductibility by donating through the Australia Cultural Fund of which artsCape is now registered.

Exciting new initiatives for 2010 include an extensive Youth Education Program involving local primary and high school students. Experienced artists will be engaged to work with students on a number of different projects to produce and exhibit their work at the exhibition. Local art teachers will be involved in producing education kits which schools can access from the website www.artscapebiennial.org (currently under construction).

While the Northern Rivers is known for its major music, literature, film and, increasingly, theatre events, there is nothing that significantly engages residents with the visual arts. Byron Shire Council support of the 2010 event confirms the importance of artsCape in the Shire.

Look after your marine park



Coral in the Julian Rocks reserve off Byron Bay.

The NSW Marine Parks Authority has issued a reminder to all holidaymakers intending to venture into one of the beautiful marine parks along the NSW coast this summer to remember their zoning plan guides.

An MPA spokeswoman said NSW parks were multiple use parks, which meant most areas within the parks allowed fishing and other recreational activities.

She said however a small percentage of the parks were zoned as sanctuaries where no fishing or collecting was permitted.

'Sanctuary zones or "no-take" areas provide the highest level of protection to marine life and habitat, and are also very important for marine research and monitoring.'

'Sanctuary zones vary in location from marine park to marine park and zoning guides are an essential way to ensure you don't accidentally venture into one of these important conservation areas.'

'We want everyone to have a fun, and a safe holiday. Our marine park officers will be on the water to answer any of your questions about the park and the marine environment.'

'Fishing and collecting in a sanctuary attracts an on-the-spot fine of \$500 so it's a really good idea to pick up a zoning guide from one of the many accommodation and information centres, general stores and fishing supply outlets around the marine parks.'

She said the zoning guides could also be picked up from local marine parks offices and were online at www.mpa.nsw.gov.au

'Education about the zones is a high priority for the Marine Parks Authority and we'll be doing our best over summer to spread the message.'

Black Dog writing comp

The spotlight for the latest Black Dog Institute Writing Competition is on people 60 years and older who have experienced 'late onset' depression.

According to Professor Gordon Parker, Executive Director of the Black Dog Institute, the challenge is finding answers for older people and their carers.

Professor Parker said that an estimated eight percent of older adults in Australia suffer from depression, although those experiencing 'late onset' depression are a smaller proportion of this group.

The 2009/10 competition invites entries from the Australasian region. Prizes will be awarded for the three best essay entries. Essays are to be no more than 1500 words.

The closing date for receipt of entries is January 15. Participants are required to complete an application form and forward, where possible, an electronic copy of their essay to blackdog@blackdog.org.au plus an original copy of the essay on A4 paper (paper clip/not stapled) by post, addressed to: Black Dog Institute Writing Competition, Black Dog Institute, Hospital Road, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick NSW 2031. The Institute will also accept hand-written entries.



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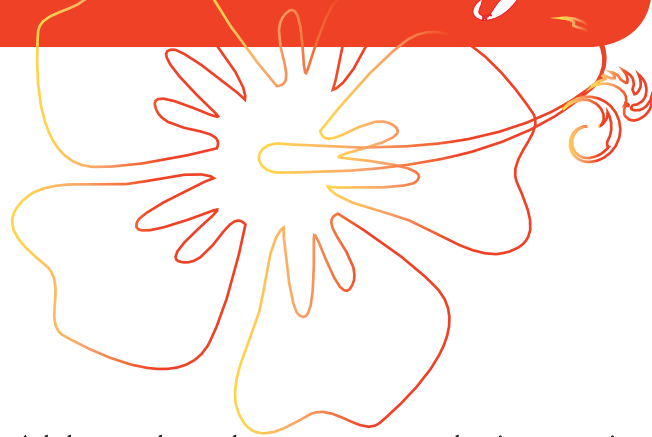
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Pre-Teen Yoga workshop
- Yoga & the Chakras - Chakra mobile

WEEK TWO

Monday 18th Jan:
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Tjanara Goreng Goreng, Dee Hearne, Megan Heazlewood speaking at the Starlight WellBeing Expo at the Bangalow A&I Hall Thursday to Sunday

Bliss Tuning, Crystal Skulls, Crop Circles and You

Raym Richards is the creative director for **Starlight Wellbeing Expo**. This twice yearly event brings together the best alternative and new age practitioners in the gentle art of personal and planetary healing.

The Echo spoke with Raym about just what the festival has in store this year.

Great local healers combined with guest speakers from around the world who will be sharing their passion insights and wisdom. I do my best each expo to create a space where visitors can experience inspiration, relaxation, enlightenment and healing. We also have free healings in the healathon, crystal singing bowl meditations and some great speakers.

On Thursday we have the Crystal Skull expert, Dee Hearne with her collection of crystal skulls from the UK. She will share some of her adventures with the skulls and lead a guided meditation. Many people believe there are 13 crystal skulls on this planet that hold the key to our destiny and she has spent time with one of them. On Friday we have a welcome return from Dan Winter - inventor and general all round Renaissance man from the States. This man is a walking encyclopaedia on all things fractal and sacred geometrical. He will be displaying his bliss tuner. I have participated in some experiments with it and it really

works. The Bliss Tuner actually measures bliss states, quite an interesting proposition. On Saturday we have a crop circle authority who has spent many years studying the phenomena as well as eighteen months in the field in the UK. What an enigma these huge patterns in the crops are. Ignored by the mass media, there have been 12,000 crop circles documented since 1983 and I don't think many were created by two blokes with a plank. Averaging 300 metres in length, these creations are often very complex and usually appear overnight. Some believe they have coded messages within their design. Who is making them? How and why? Megan Heazlewood has a few ideas to share.

On Sunday, after years of badgering from me, Tjanara Goreng Goreng has agreed to run a workshop on aboriginal Law and Spirituality. She is an initiated healer herself as well as having several degrees, an MA and is completing her PhD. You could say she has a foot in both the traditional and modern worlds of Australia. She works for an international consultancy based in Sydney. She is a bighearted woman and a great speaker, I am really pleased to have her at the expo.

What does wellbeing actually mean?

I guess healing might imply you are unwell and need healing whereas wellbeing

implies a more holistic perspective to your health - it's a mind, body and spirit connection, and involves conscious lifestyle choices. It is a more expansive and inclusive description of what's on offer. This expo is also for everyone who might be remotely interested in maintaining a peak state of wellness, without using drugs.

Why do you think we need alternative modalities? is it becoming more mainstream?

My own personal opinion is that people are getting tired of visiting the mainstream practitioners for the same prescription that just maintains a level of wellness but does not look at the root cause of the health imbalance and actually getting better. And by that I mean the emotional or spiritual aspects of their state of wellbeing. Don't get me wrong, I have no problem with doctors, I visit them myself when I need to, it's just that the way our system has evolved there is a great deal of emphasis placed on treating the symptoms rather than the cause of any health challenge. Complementary therapies

would not be popular if they did not work.

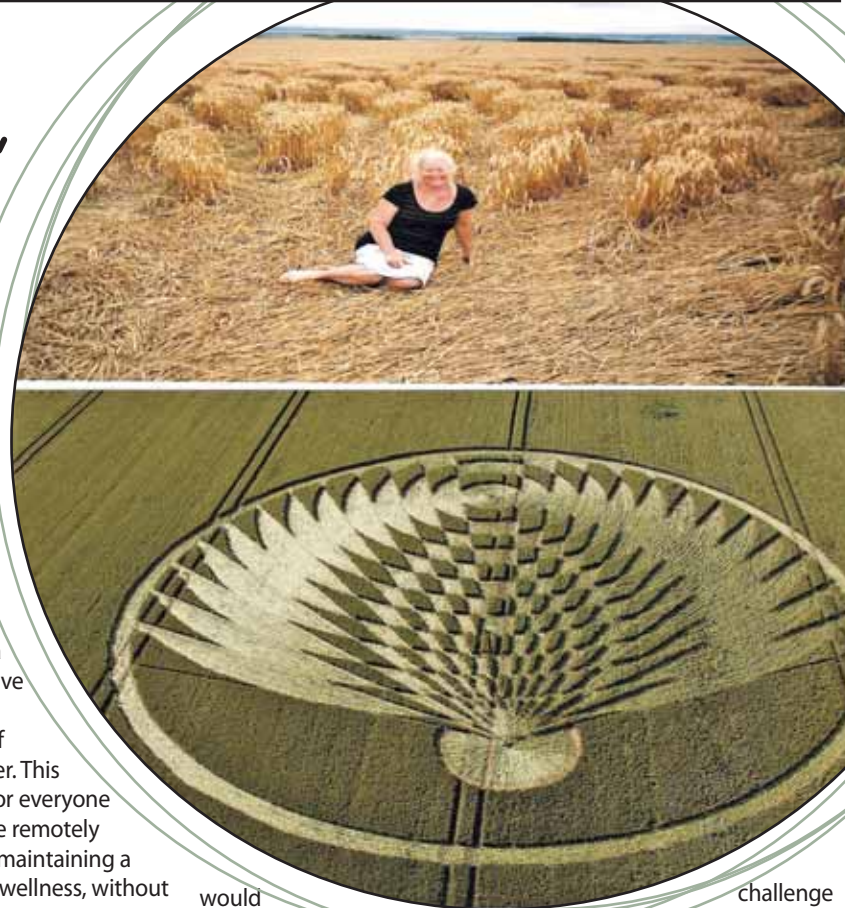
Can people really heal themselves? What turn-arounds have you seen for people with alternative therapies?

How long have you got? I and every therapist at the expo, all have firsthand experience of dramatic and positive results. Many therapists ended up being therapists because at some stage in their lives they had a healing crisis themselves and the modality they now work in was the one that helped them. It's probably easier for me to talk truthfully about my own area of expertise which is spiritual or shamanic healing. With this technique people are able to locate the root cause of their

challenge which is often

not in this time-space. Deal with the root cause and the challenge evaporates. A few years ago a lady came to me in agony, she was on crutches. We located seven points in her body that were holding past life trauma and released them. She left the session pain free and walking normally. That's been typical of my experience over a fifteen year period but I am wary of even suggesting that miracle healings are possible as I would never want to mislead anyone, every case is different.

The Starlight Wellbeing Expo is on at the Bangalow A&I Hall Thursday through to Sunday from 9.30am in the morning until 5pm each day.



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SOAP BOX

Mandy Nolan



I love depressing music. Usually sung by manic depressive men lamenting a lost love. I think it proves that there is a fine line between whingeing and despair, shit and art.

For instance, I detest Alex Lloyd but adore Lloyd Cole. I am revolted by Damien Lieth but enraptured by the plaintiff wail of Damien Rice. The sentimental refrain of Don McClean makes me want to vomit, but the twisted whisky-infused, porn-addicted plea for help of a chainsmoking loner like Don Walker inspires me to send him a batch of scones.

After a long day of delivering hilarity to the hoia polloi if you want to lift my spirits then pop on the great Master of melancholy, Leonard Cohen. As he moans for Marianne, my heart swells. I can smell the pain. It's authentic, well articulated and desperate. It's the emotional outpourings of the ultimate masculine recluse. Why Suzanne is feeding him tea and oranges I'll never know, but next time I want to make an impression on a bloke I'm coming out with orange quarters like a soccer mum at half time.

Sad Songs Say So Much

Elton was no stranger to sadness. Any man with a bald spot at 23 knows how to access the pain palace – he never quite got there but he did sum it up beautifully with 'sad songs say so much'. Happy songs suck. When was the last time a few refrains of 'Happy Birthday to You' touched your soul? Personally, nothing makes me happier than closing my eyes and absorbing the deeper horror of Nick Cave's murder ballads. I imagine his translucent Gollum-like fingers around the smooth, white throat of Kylie Minogue and something inside me sings.



Gothic, dark, twisted tales of pessimism and despair. It's so refreshing. Ambient dolphin chime-infested rainforest waterfall, gushing, bhuto monk throat singing massage tapes make me feel violent. Indy rock bores me. Dance beats and Techno makes me want Panadol and Pop music is just plain stupid, the nicotine delivery device of

the music world. Addictive, alluring, but cancerous. I've known people to develop inoperable tumours on their taste glands. These people are easy to identify, they're the ones humming along to a Britney song.

There's a certain attraction in hearing blokes wax about their broken lives and demolished hearts. Women do it all the time. It's our language. But the fellas are usually pretty shtum about it. Sinead O'Connor may have had a huge hit with her heart wrenching cry 'Nothing Compares 2 U', but it was Prince's song. A short man who in the game of love just didn't measure up.

I worked out that I love depressing music for one of three reasons: one, it helps me access that stockroom of sweet sadness where all creativity resides, two, it's my alcoholic father's fault for getting pissed every night and playing Tom Jones' Green Green Grass of Home (a heartwrenching song about a serial killer

who is brought to justice and hung in his town square. It's horrible how sad you feel for him, it's got the same evil emotional impact as The Ballad of Dennis Ferguson, a track not yet written, but I am sure Mr Cave will pen something shortly... could be aka Smokie's Living Next Door.. to Dennis). And then there's the third and probably most likely reason – I like to hear men suffer. It relaxes me.



live music

The Woman is King

She's a breathtaking sight. Compact, petite, pretty. Until she walks on stage she could be any girl from the crowd. But she's not. She's **Kaki King**. The girl discovered busking in a New York subway. She brings her street smarts to the stage at the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Thursday**. Kaki's first tour to Australia in 2007 resulted in five sell-out shows, the result of people eager to see what the strong buzz was about. It was a phenomenal reaction to an artist almost no-one here had heard of before, and the beginning of an ongoing love affair between Kaki and her Australian audiences. Thumping bass lines, tapping percussion on her guitar, Kaki King is a one-woman force wreaking havoc. She's a riveting performer, combining jaw-dropping technique with unique compositions. Her playing has a passion and an edge that keeps her tenuously balanced, one foot in the acoustic world, the other in rock'n'roll. Don't miss her. She's truly sensational.

Sweet Saritah Ancient Goddess

If there was ever a woman you would imagine leading a Mayan festival, decked in flowers and bone it would be **Saritah**. There is something strangely ancient, primitive and powerful about both her performance and her presence. Her release *Ancient Forward* has been acclaimed nationally and also through Hong Kong and South Korea. Saritah is on a role, and this is one sister who



Saritah at Coorabell Hall on Friday night

ain't going to stop. She had the prestigious opportunity of opening the main stage at Peat's Ridge Festival for their New Years Eve celebrations this year. She will play alongside friend and fellow song writer Grace Barbe, for two very special shows at Coorabell and Bellingen. As Xpress Magazine quoted: 'For such a small woman, Saritah's voice is anything but tiny. Her amazing voice soars and is so versatile – from the more soulful and sweetly spoken guitar tunes, to the more upbeat reggae tunes.' **Coorabell Hall on Friday. 8pm \$20 at the door.**

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Speaking Up

Byron outfit **Mr Speaker** have been rapidly carving out a niche for themselves as purveyors of a rare style of swing and funk music that sees people cast aside previous conceptions of the genres and embrace the new sound with both feet. The band began atop a hill in Broken Head as a five piece about four years ago with a rhythm section consisting of Mick Hidden on drums, Keiran Allen on bass and Tim Annis-Brown on guitar, complemented by the melodies of jazz saxophonist Matt Brooker and the remarkable vocals of Greg Corcoran. They have been joined by other local musicians John Graham on percussion and Camilla Hodgkins on keyboards, making their sound bigger, better and more versatile than ever, creating a writhing seven-piece monster of swing, blues and funk that gets the crowd on its feet. **The Rails** this **Friday** from **6.30pm**.

SoulSong

Miriam OhevetEL and her ensemble **SOUL SONG** will present their Australian musical tour 'Closeness to God', an ecumenical musical event with audience participation at the **Mullum Civic Hall** on **January 23**. Miriam OhevetEL sings her melodies to King David's Psalms, as well as to verses of Rumi's mystic poetry. Tavor Ben Dor, musician and peace activist, accompanies her on Sitar. A percussionist will also be joining the duo in Australia. This one-and-a-half hour program includes songs and prayers based on inspiring verses of wisdom, taken from the Jewish and Sufi (Muslim) spiritual traditions, emphasizing how much they have in common. The night will exemplify main themes of Inner\Outer Peace, Closeness to God, Love and Unity, while connecting with the audience through singing, dancing and sharing. Born and raised in Jerusalem, Miriam OhevetEL

is a very creative singer, songwriter, composer, poet, actress, dancer, therapist, teacher, and above all, an Israeli woman who is in love with God. She grew up in a Karliner Hassidic family, where she absorbed their passionate and joyous spirit. She has also experienced a long and rewarding search for her own deep spirituality, integrating innovations with traditional Jewish sources. As a result she has become a pioneer in the Jewish Renewal movement in Israel. Her authentic reflection upon the Bible has resulted in a unique expression of traditional and original songs and melodies which she sings in Hebrew, English and Arabic. Miriam infuses ancient texts with great joy, depth and faith.

Miriam is also a Peace Activist working with 'The All Nations Café' www.allnationscafe.org, an artists' initiative that provides space for Israelis and Palestinians who 'refuse to be enemies' to meet, sing, play and talk from the heart. Doors open at **7pm**. Show 8pm. Tickets: Full price (+BF) \$25 / \$30 on door. Concession \$20 (+BF) / \$25 on door. Tix available from: Mullum Books and www.kupromotions.oztix.com.au

Ganga Giri

Ganga Giri and his musical compatriots, Yeshe and World Citizen, Mystic Beats and DJ Dakini present Cool Summer Beats at **Mullum Civic Hall** on **Friday**. This night of globally charged beats and

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sumptuous sounds features the much loved didgeridoo virtuoso and percussionist, Ganga Giri. His passion brings people together in a modern-day corroboree. Blending an array of tribal percussion with congas, djembe, bougarabou, Nigerian talking drum, mbira with authentic indigenous moves and Aboriginal dancers, Ganga Giri's live shows are a modern/primitive multicultural celebration and reconciliation in action. The special lineup includes international composer and multi-instrumentalist Yeshe and World Citizen. DJ Dakini, one of Australia's superstar female electronic artists, brings her infectious and unique beats to the dancefloor. To round out this night is Mystic Beats. Featuring sitar, guitar, violin, vocals and percussion. Doors open **7pm**. Food will be available. Tickets \$20 + bf - www.stickytickets.com/2660 or All Music and Vision (Byron, Ballina and Lismore), Barebones Artspace - Bangalow, and Mullum Books.

Turn it up at Tyalgum

On **Sunday** head off to one of the most gorgeously located pubs in the area: The Tyalgum Pub and celebrate with Lil' Fi, James T (Ex Canned Heat) and The Tomahawks plus The Hipshooters for their **Big Blues Sunday from 2pm - 7pm**. Families are very welcome at the gig in the beer garden in two acres of landscaped grounds - with a fenced saltwater pool. Free entry - watch the bands, take a dip and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Come say Happy Birthday to Lil' Fi - singer/songwriter performing original Australian roots/blues music. Nothing compares to her feel good energy and she believes in the healing power of music as evidenced in her shows. Lil' Fi also plays stand up drums, draped in feather boas



Lil' Fi at The Tyalgum Hotel on Sunday

and flowers, and considers every venue to be a part of her lounge room, drawing audiences into her world with delightful storytelling and music. Five times Best Female Vocalist - Australian Blues Music Awards, seven independently produced albums, and she opened for blues royalty B.B King on two visits to Australia. Lil' Fi is now a local resident! James T (James Thornbury) began his music career in Cincinnati and by 25 was playing guitar, harmonica and singing in bands across USA. He spent a decade racking up live experience in the bars and roadhouses of Oregon and

Washington State, met Henry Vestine from Canned Heat, and joined them for ten years playing rhythm guitar, bottle neck guitar and harmonica, plus lead vocals. Now Australia has James T with his twin neck Web guitar, residing on the north NSW coast. James T and The Tomahawks have just released their self-titled album, performing songs from it to enthusiastic crowds. Blues from the border ranges. The Hipshooters are NZ exports with a jolt of Texas Blues, stinging guitar solos, smooth funk and voodoo groove with high charged R'n'B flavours. They are a dynamic

3-piece electric blues rock band formed in Auckland in 1993. The Hipshooters play electrifying blues with a Texas/Hendrix edge. Anton Tipi Elkington scorches on lead guitar, Billy Williams on bass evokes a groovy thrumming city sized generator with Aussie drummer John Forbes, doing original high charged R'n'B. They have three CDs, Aust Blues Awards for Best Band / Song 2002 and continue playing at music festivals and have been confirmed as headliner at the 18th Annual Brisbane Blues Festival in mid-March. Get up and dance - the blues is all about feeling good.

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Jimeoin Smells Funny

He's back. The lovable smirking Irishman who won his way into the hearts of Australian audiences well over a decade ago. Every January, Jimeoin touches down for a laugh with North Coast Audience. This is the first chance Australian audiences will get to see Jimeoin's new show and there's a hilarious aroma in the air. For a good, clean laugh, you can't go past Jimeoin. Born in Belfast, he arrived in Australia at the age of 22 where he found work as a gardener, whiling away hours communing with nature, he had plenty of time to think and clearly he's done OK for himself since then. He is one of the very few artists to have his own show, which aired on the Seven network in the mid-90's for three seasons. He's appeared on every TV show you can think of (Thank God You're Here, Good News Week, Hey Hey it's Saturday, Full Frontal + in the USA on 'Late Nights with Conan O'Brien' to an estimated audience of over 13 million), written and starred in hit movies (*The Craic* and *The Extra*), has a DVD with regular collaborator Bob Franklin, 'Jimeoin & Bob's Cooking Show' and continues to tour the world to sellout houses. **Tuesday January 12** at the **Hotel Great Northern** and **Wednesday January 13** at the **Ballina RSL**.

Wil of the People

Wil Anderson is offering comedy lovers a rare opportunity: to see a comic prepare his material from the ground up. It's the artistic equivalent of seeing a guy dancing in his undies. Wil is getting ready for his run of festival shows at Adelaide and Melbourne International Comedy Festival. He has a stack of new material, some of which has never been performed before. He needs to work out what stays and what goes... and you can help. Two nights only at the **Byron Services Club - February 20 and 21**. Tickets are limited and on sale now for just \$18. It's a rare opportunity to catch a big act in a very intimate show. This is where the real comedy happens... be part of it and get a ticket now. Tix at the club.

Raw Hide

Every year the Melbourne International Comedy Festival scans the country for new talent through its RAW comedy competition. Heats are held nationally in major cities and in some smaller regions. Byron

is one of the smallest and strongest centres for emerging comedy with national and state finalists regularly making it to the top of the jokepile. Byron's heats are filling up, this year it's one only so don't miss this comedy blood sport in the quest for the holy grail of gags RAW comedy heat at the **Byron Pandanus Lounge on Monday January 25**. It's the day before Australia Day, and it would be downright un-Australian not to turn up to watch your fellow Ozzies take the piss. Bookings to 6684 3443. Tickets are \$10/15.

Still For Kids

Still @ The Centre has started its season of art classes (given by gifted local artists) with a full program of holiday workshops for kids, youth and adults. There is one on every day from **Friday** till **January 22**. So contact your creativity these holidays and have a go at photography or eco-collage, clay masks, paper marbling, abstract painting, watercolour... or even try walking in the footsteps of Master Picasso. Classes for kids are half day and adults full day. For more information, call the centre 6685 5808 or go to www.the-centre.com.au

Telling Kids about Monsters

Tweed River Art Gallery is offering creative workshops around the themes of monsters and circuses to complement its summer exhibition calendar. I

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Michelle Dawson *Sleeping Sphinx (detail)*

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remember my first foray into art. I was six years old and I won a state wide competition for drawing the best monster. It was a shoe in. I lived in a dysfunctional family with a violent father. I knew what monsters actually looked like. I still treasure my faded book on insects. It was an affirmation from an early age that I had an artistic bent. It's never stopped. Tutor Marie-France Boissonneault will teach hand building techniques to construct three dimensional characters from clay. Students will take inspiration from Michelle Dawson's exhibition **Here Be Monsters** and then head back to the workshop for construction time. The workshop is just \$50 and is suite for kids 6 and up. Monday from 10am - 1pm. For more workshop information call the gallery on 6670 2790.

Passage to India

The Association for Vedic Arts and Culture, in collaboration with ISKCON New Govardhana Community Project Australia is pleased to present: **Gait to the Spirit: An Indian Classical Art, Dance and Music Expose**. This special performance welcomes Bharatnatyam Maestro and Host Jai Govinda from Canada Instructor and Director of the highly successful Mandala Arts Dance Company, Vancouver B.C. Also appearing is the Odissi performer and instructor of International acclaim, Scheherazad Cooper currently based in the U.K. Other performers include: Aruna Pavithran, a Sydney based dance instructor/facilitator in the Bharatnatyam style and Natyashakti, of Murwillumbah, a collaboration of dance students who are gifted and dedicated to the Odissi style, and are quickly becoming a national sensation. Workshops, master classes, lecture demonstrations, and private instruction in Bharatnatyam and Odissi will be available until Sunday. Seminars include, Mirror of Gestures: the study of Mudras in the Natyashastra and Bhakti Yoga in the Arts. Please contact vow.productions@gmail.com for further information or call,

6672 8765 or 6672 4975. Also presenting on the day is: 'The Salve of Love' featuring Pandit Hari Bhakti Dey. This project is vibrant and also doubles as a full live accompaniment to the Natyashakti dance company's performance! There is also a showing of local artist Danesvara Benson's art works - highly desirable pieces which employ multi media as well as oil and ink. Murwillumbah is justly famous for its cosmopolitan mixture of cultures, and the close connection many of the local residents have had with the Indian sub-continent means that this festival of dance will resonate widely with the community.

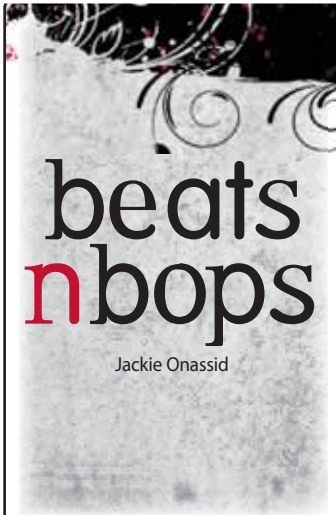
Get Your Dose of Dahl

Catch the Byron Bay Theatre Company's return performance of Roald Dahl's **The B.F.G.** The company has an excellent reputation following successful seasons of *The Twits*, *Art and Old Times* and brings you this brilliant adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic children's story the BFG. The Big Friendly Giant is a beautifully theatrical and very funny play, adapted for stage from one of Roald Dahl's most famous children's stories. With a highly experienced cast and crew of over twenty local performers, musicians and designers and technicians, The BFG is an innovative and engaging performance. The BFG will open at the **Mullumbimby Civic Centre** in the January school holidays with daytime shows. All shows at **11am and 2pm. 13th, 14th 15th and 16th at 2pm.**



Soul Song at the Mullum Civic Hall on Saturday January 23

Adam O'Hara aka An-ten-nae Liquid January 12



An-ten-nae's Acid Crunk at Rubber

Adam O'Hana aka An-ten-nae is another gem from San Francisco's bass boomers, whompers and crunkers visiting The Bay. Adam's taste for leftfield genre bending booty shaking dirt synthesis became integral to An-ten-nae's beat pioneering in San Francisco. From trance to breaks to dubstep, he has since developed his original sound which he calls Acid Crunk. Active in West Coast's burgeoning underground music culture, Adam was involved with the launch of Blueroom America and Fuel USA, co-founded distribution company Eyephunk, was partner in Frequency-8 record store, managed Ceiba Records and now runs MUTI MUSIC; Adam gave many DJs and artists such as Bassnectar and Tipper exposure through his parties and his club nights at club 1015. Now touring as An-ten-nae with his ACID CRUNK Vol.2 he brings fine beats and the 'low slung crunk' of artists such as Datsik, Marty Party, Akira Keteshi, Ill Esha, Ill.Gates & Filastine and of course his own to Liquid Tuesday, January 12 before heading to play at Rainbow Serpent.

Q: Who's hot on your playlist?

A: 'It really changes so fast and I mix so many elements of tracks. It's really a unique way of playing, so play lists are irrelevant.'

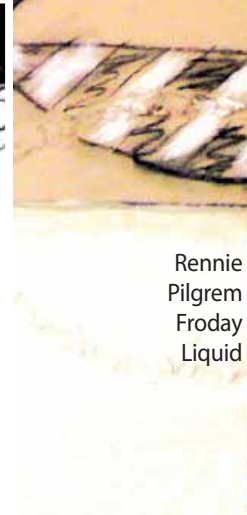
Q: Describe Acid Crunk Vol.2 please?

A: 'Take UK dubstep and west coast mid-tempo glitch put it in a blender, add a pinch of funk, a dash of love and a whole clove of bass...'

An-ten-nae is supported by RUBBER DJs Ketastep, Miss Luna and Dakini; entry is \$15.

Rennie Pilgrem Friday 8 at Liquid

Synonymous with NU SCHOOL breaks and label owner of TCR, UK's Rennie Pilgrem is hitting us with some new found funk...



Rennie Pilgrem Froday Liquid



Q: Where are you at musically nowadays?

A: 'A modern take on funk is where I am at now. I have a project called Bush Doctors with Jam Stone from Fingerpicker that is influenced by '70's funk and disco but we are taking it somewhere new. I have a double EP out in early 2010 called *Street Segal* which will be pushing all things funky. I think making music at 134BPM is not really for me any more.'

Q: Has dub step and/or electro house had an influence on your compositions?

A: 'When electro took the world by storm about four years I did incorporate some of the sounds because they were fresh... now they sound stale. With Dub Step I like the more dooby stuff and I found it interesting what people like

Burial were doing. Now it bores the shit out of me...most of it sounds the same.'

Q: Despite facebook, has myspace remained a good networking tool for musicians?

A: 'Yes I think so. You put up your new music and people can listen to it... still a good place to find new music. Other than that it has become full of people wanting to promote their own stuff on your space which is rubbish.'

Q: How has TCR survived with all the free downloading and digital download/distribution sites?

A: 'It hasn't really, people getting the music for free has meant that it is not viable for me to run TCR as a label for other artists. I now just concentrate on my own stuff and don't expect anything from sales... if a track makes

money that way it's a bonus.'

Q: Do you still release vinyl? How much, relative to all your releases?

A: 'I stopped last year on TCR but our Bush Doctor releases will be on limited vinyl.'

Q: What is new in the studio, any new collaborations?

A: 'I am working on stuff for TV and doing my first film score. Relevant stuff will be made into full-length dance tracks but I am enjoying the creative freedom such work gives you... including working with real musicians. When you start doing stuff to picture it's very exciting and marrying visuals and sound is the future.'

Q: You have a passion for painting?

A: 'The picture of me incorporates one of the paintings I have a small painting studio that adjoins my music studio so I can flit between the two. I prefer doing abstract stuff and it's very satisfying to be doing something artistic that's physical. I plan on doing some shows in 2010.'

Q: What can people expect from you on your OZ tour?

A: 'Well I will play some TCR favourites but I am pushing what's being called 'Nu Funk' as much as I can because I think you guys will really like it and let's face it there's more to life than nasty noises.' Support is Skool of Thought and DJ Gravy.

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- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **SLIM & DR BAZ**
- TEMPLE, BYRON 7PM **IN THE PRESENCE OF GONGS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **PERUVIAN BATTLESHIP DJS**

THURSDAY 7

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **NATHAN KAYE COLLECTIVE**
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- THE BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **TRUE LIVE w/ DJ BONES**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **MR SPEAKER**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **POLAROID FAME**
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- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL WEBBER & RYAN RUSHTON.**
- BANGALOW A & I HALL 9.30AM - 5PM **STARLIGHT WELLBEING EXPO**
- BANG THAI, BANGALOW 7PM **URBAN JAZZ w/ JIM KELLY & TIM SLADDEN**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7PM **GANGA GIRI, YESHE & WORLD CITIZEN, MYSTIC BEATS & DJ DAKINI**

SATURDAY 9

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **THE MELODICS w/ OMNIANTI**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **KING BAYLER**

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **FAT ALBERT**
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- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **WEAR THE FOX HAT**
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- COORABELL HALL 8PM **SARITAH & GRACE BARBE**
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SUNDAY 10

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **OKA 8PM DJS NOWAK & LONGTIME**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6PM **BENJALU**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **ANNA WEATHERUP**
- CHAMELEON GLOBAL CAFE, BYRON (OPP CINEMA) 5PM **IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 3PM **MASON RACK HAT 7PM DAN HANNAFORD TRIO**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **CAPTAIN KAINE w/ GRAZ**



- BANGALOW A & I HALL 9.30AM - 5PM **STARLIGHT WELLBEING EXPO**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1.30PM **THE CHRIS COOK BAND**
- LENNOX POINT HOTEL MR **BLACK & BLUES MAN**
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MONDAY 11

- BEACH HOTEL 9PM **DJ JEZ**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **NATHAN KAYE SOLO**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **JON J BRADLEY**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DANIEL WEBBER & BUZZ**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **MEXICAN MADNESS**
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TUESDAY 12

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **LEIGH JAMES DUO**
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- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **JIMEOIN**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **STRETCH & RHYS BYNON**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **TIGHTARSE TUESDAY**
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Fantastic Mr. Fox
Stop-motion animation had never done it for me in the past. The jerkiness of movement, the generally gummy figures (Mary and Max were *too* hand-made) and the problematic relationship between the moving mouth and the words issuing from it undermined the suspension of disbelief that is essential in any fiction. But director Wes Anderson's adaptation of a Roald Dahl novella has significantly altered that perception for, not to put too fine a point on it, this is a fantastic film. It also counters another personal prejudice through its casting – far from being distractingly 'visible' in his voicing of the chook-slaughtering fox (our hero is seen with a freshly killed bird hanging from his jaws, a most unexpected sight in any kids' feature), debonair George Clooney gives the bushy tailed rascal unquestionable warmth, wit and credibility. He's a player, a schemer, an optimistic outlaw who always has a Plan B to put into operation when things go awry, which they frequently do, as well as being a father whose natural impulses don't necessarily coincide with what is in the best interests of his small family. He is the unbowed little man up against the machine and I hung on his every word, whereas Meryl Streep's Mrs. Fox might have been spoken by anybody. Similarly, the bass of Michael Gambon's executioner's snarl makes Franklin Bean odious beyond redemption. Beal, the apple cider distiller, is the boss of a triumvirate of predatory industrialists and he has made it his personal mission to track down and slay Mr. Fox who, for his part, finds the challenge of confronting and outwitting his human adversaries irresistible. The moral conflict is uncomplicated

and the story as an analogy of nature v modern consumerism is transparent – and important for all youngsters to understand. Nelson Lowry's uncompromisingly symmetrical but vividly coloured design, in harmony with the cinematography of Tristan Oliver are a celebration for the eyes, and their luxurious visuals are enhanced by spot-on music from Alexandre Desplat (the children's singing in the climax lifts a manic ambush to ethereal heights, to say nothing of a bullish injection of the Rolling Stones' *Street Fighting Man*). Nor does the medium smother the message, even if Anderson is wont to spell it out, viz., some creatures, through rat cunning and improvisation, will adapt to our species' murk and survive, albeit in radically altered surroundings. If you were enchanted by *The Wind In The Willows*, never doubting the truth of Ratty, Mole and Toad, you will love this – I certainly did.

~ John Campbell

Sherlock Holmes

A demanding schedule of Christmas carousing had done me in, so, like Norman Mailer's battered boxer, I succumbed to 'the sweet swooning catacombs of oblivion' and nodded off halfway through this fizzer. Alas, I was only allowed a couple of minutes shut-eye before its ceaseless racket hoiked me back into sordid reality – I preyed for it to end quickly. Guy Ritchie's *RocknRolla* (2008) was a crackerjack movie. Its plot was devious but comprehensible, its shonky heroes were immensely likeable and, crucially, it was not nobbled by the director's inclination to let style take precedence over substance. This time around, clearly with too much money at his disposal, Ritchie has abandoned all sense of propriety and proportion and the result is a shambles. Part of cinema's brief is to constantly re-interpret, to make what is old new again for the contemporary audience. Accepting what initially appears to be incongruous or downright silly often requires a huge leap of faith, but as often as not it's worth the effort. (Kevin Costner as Robin Hood? I bought it.) Robert Downey Jr, however, is miscast as Sherlock Holmes. He makes a horrible hash of the gig, sounding throughout like an American playacting at doing an English accent and generally coming across as an acute pain in the

neck. Between the great sleuth and his friend Dr Watson, Ritchie attempts to establish the wisecracking camaraderie of Butch and Sundance, but the pair can do no better than approximate Martin and Lewis in Harris Tweed. Chases and fights and explosions are in super abundance, some of them re-wound to allow for explication, but Holmes's recorded taste for cocaine is snuffed out, unlike the habit of Johnny Depp's opium addled detective in the superior *From Hell* (2001). The difference between an M and an MA rating it may be, but it's fiercely ironic given Downey Jr's celebrated misadventures. As Watson, Jude Law is, typically, neither here nor there, while

Rachel McAdams sparkles in a decorative but poorly defined role as a puppet of the unseen Moriarty (what *is* she doing in this? I wondered) and Mark Strong's high-camp, megalomaniacal Tory villain hits the ground with thud in what is meant to be an incendiary House of Lords scene. Readers of Conan Doyle (my snobometer told me there were few if any in the vicinity) will delight in the recreation of Victorian London – the half-constructed Tower Bridge is a brilliant illusion – but might struggle to find anything else to divert them. Noisy, messy but mercifully done with.

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1. **Billy Elliot** (TEN, Friday, 8.30pm), played by Jamie Bell, keeps dancing his charms across the small screen. Do 11 year old boys ever get tired? *

2. The Australian version of **Macbeth** (NBN, Saturday, 9.30pm) sees Sam Worthington in an early starring role. It's a reinterpretation of the Scottish play in a gangland setting, quite like **Underbelly**. The three witches as garbos are wonderful.

3. A British backpacker visits his girlfriend in Byron Bay, and that's about all **Gone** (Prime, Sunday, 10.30pm), once described as **Dead Calm** on wheels, has going for it. **Wolf Creek** is a much better bet for suspense, horror and acting. * No.



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WEDNESDAY 6	4.30 G.P. (PG) 5.30 The Einstein Factor 6.00 Kids' Programs 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 The Cook And The Chef 1.00 Hopman Cup Tennis: Great Britain vs Germany LIVE from Perth 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 My Family (PG) 8.35 Beautiful People (M) 9.05 The IT Crowd (M) 9.35 Chandon Pictures (M) 10.00 Review With Myles Barlow (M) 10.30 Late Edition News 10.40 Being Human (M) 11.40 Outback House (PG) 12.35 Movie: The Magnificent Ambersons (G B&W 1942) A snobbish family deals with losing its wealth and position. Stars Joseph Cotton, Anne Baxter, Tim Holt, Agnes Moorehead 2.05 Psychic Investigators (PG) 2.30 MDA (M) 3.25 National Press Club Address	5.30 World News And Weatherwatch 1.00 Silence, We're Rolling 2.45 Spacefiles: The Universe Unveiled 3.00 Tales From A Suitcase 3.20 Mite 3.30 Fair Dinkum Manjit 4.00 Is Your House Killing You 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour with Jim Lehrer 6.00 2010 Dakar Rally Daily Highlights 6.30 World News Australia 7.35 Rex In Rome (PG) 8.30 Inspector Rex (M) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 The Eagle: A Crime Odyssey (M) 11.05 Movie: Curandero (MAV 2005) American horror about one man's journey into black magic in Mexico City. Stars Carlos Gallardo, Gizeht Galatea 12.45 Movie: One Nite In Mongkok (MAV 2004) Cantonese action about one night spent by a hired hit man from China in Hong Kong's red light district. Stars Cecilia Cheung, Daniel Wu 2.45 Weatherwatch	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 All For Kids 9.30 Go Go Stop 10.00 Murder, She Wrote (PG) 11.30 Seven News 11.30 Brisbane International Tennis 5.00 Home Improvement 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 How I Met Your Mother (PG) 7.30 Air Crash Investigations 8.30 City Homicide (M) 9.30 Most Shocking (PG) 10.30 Brisbane International Tennis 12.30 Infomercials 5.30 Seven Early News	6.00 Totally Australia 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 9am Summertime 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil (PG) 1.00 Oprah Winfrey Show (PG) 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Judge Judy 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Malcolm In The Middle 7.00 The 7pm Project 7.30 The Simpsons (PG) 8.00 Futurama (PG) 8.30 The Cleveland Show (M) 9.00 The Simpsons (PG) 9.30 Californication (MA15+) 10.40 Late News With Sports Tonight 11.25 The 7pm Project 11.55 The Late Show With David Letterman 12.10 Law & Order: Criminal Intent (M) 1.30 Infomercials 4.00 Religion	5.30 Today 9.00 Hi-5 9.30 The Shak 10.00 Second Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan LIVE from SCG 12.30 The Cricket Show 1.00 Cricket continues 6.00 NBN News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Superstars Of Dance 8.25 Lotto 8.30 Cold Case (M) 9.30 The Commander (AV15+) 11.30 Nightline 12.00 The Strip (M) 1.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.30 Infomercials 3.30 Good Morning America 5.00 Early Morning News
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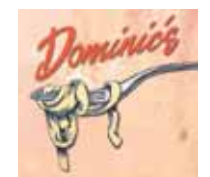
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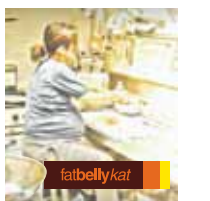
Now in its twelfth year Dominic's is still offering great food in a relaxed atmosphere. Open seven nights a week from 5pm offering daily specials, an extensive wine list and all the menu favourites. Come and dine in or grab some takeaway. Bookings recommended.



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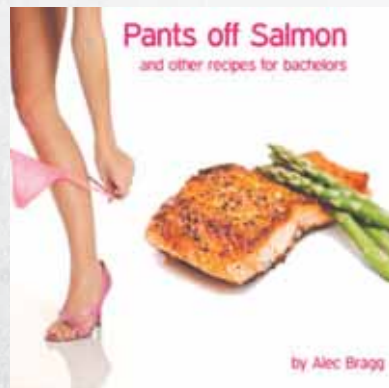
RECIPES FOR SEDUCTION

'Pants Off Salmon' is a very funny cookbook for bachelors written by Queenslander Alec Bragg. A confirmed bachelor himself, Alec conceived the idea after a shared-house situation in the UK where he and his mates would make a dish called 'Pants Off Salmon' anytime one of them wished to impress a girl. Both a self-help manual and collection of delicious easy-to-make recipes, the book is a fun, light-hearted attempt to instill confidence in men who doubt their culinary abilities – but could equally sit easily alongside other cookbooks in any self-respecting kitchen. The spiral binding is designed to render 'it easier to work with on the kitchen bench – there is nothing worse than a recipe book closing on you at a crunch time with your hands full', the author advises. He supplies a page on Etiquette ('Don't compliment yourself on your own food') and one on Helpful Hints (salad dressings, basic gravy, which wine with which meal) and each recipe has a Panty Drop rating out of 5 as a

guide to the expected success of the dish. Poached Chicken stuffed with brie and mango, Lamb Backstrap on Sweet Potato Mash and Greek Lamb feature alongside, naturally, Pants Off Salmon ('the original deal sealer!') and other manageable contemporary recipes matched with coloured photos. There are, however, no desserts: as the author says, 'if the main meal is done properly there should be no need for dessert... except maybe for breakfast!' The self-published book costs \$19.95 and is available at www.pantsoffsalmon.com

PRETTY BRISBANE PACKAGE

Limes Hotel in Brisbane is a chic boutique establishment in Fortitude Valley. It has recently linked up with two of the city's premier restaurants to offer fantastic Gourmet Traveller packages. If you are keen to try either Phillip Johnson's multi award-winning e'cco or Matt Moran's new Aria restaurant but need a place to stay, this could be the ideal solution. The Aria package, at \$449, includes overnight stay, \$150 dining voucher plus a bottle of house wine, hand-made Dello Mano chocolate brownies and in-room breakfast for two, while the e'cco package, at \$399, includes overnight stay, \$150 dinner voucher, a bottle of NV Chandon and chocolate brownies. For further information ring 07 38529000 or visit www.info@limeshotel.com.au. The hotel's alfresco cocktail bar on the top floor is an experience in itself!



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▶ BYRON BAY

Dining around Dendy

Victoria Cosford

High rents have driven out a lot of businesses from the cinema end of Byron Bay. Empty windows gape along Jonson Street month after month; in one of the two Woolworths plazas, signs for Wintergarden and Chocolat are still there, years after their owners departed.



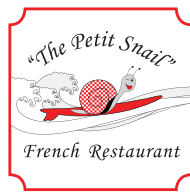
And yet there are so many culinary treasures around this end of town, away from the well-worn tourist beat up the top where, on the contrary, new shops and cafes burst out like mushrooms after rain. Some are so discreetly tucked away that you might not even be aware of their existence. Under the English Language School, Oska Cafe's most recent management perpetuates the tradition of beautifully made coffee – it's local brand Bun – by the ever-friendly Fay; there are whispers that in the new year it will open at nights as a Spanish joint. Over the road is Petit Snail, traditional French bistro run by the irrepressible husband-and-wife dynamic of Igor and Dominique (Chauby) who ensure an authentic, if slightly old-fashioned, Gallic experience right down to their all-French staff. Open for 18 months it has become beloved of many locals.

Opposite the Dendy itself is the chameleon that is Chameleon Global Cafe, which may morph from Spanish to Irish within the space of a week. Owner/chef Peter Hoy has created a comfortable space running up alongside Icon Second-Hand Books which can almost feel a little Left Bank itself at times, especially on a buzzy Sunday afternoon of live music and wine. Peter grinds organic wheat from near Casino in his own impressive German grinder before transforming the resultant flour into herb-studded breads and pizza bases, and his prices are amongst the lowest in town for the generously portioned dishes. Several doors up at Red Ginger, the demand for Leslie's fabulous yum cha remains unabated: snowy steamed buns, seafood dumplings, pork and chicken dumplings which can be taken away or consumed in the long narrow shop with free green tea thrown in. The genuine Portuguese

custard tarts are a perfect mouthful for afters. At cafe one one one, this most innovative eatery with its regularly changing little blackboard menus and suggested wines by the glass continues to offer some of the more exciting

Mediterranean food around – often simple peasant fare and reliant on local, largely organic produce.

Keep heading away from town, past the abandoned shopfronts until you reach Citrus Deli. Lisa Middleton has been running her crammed and stylish store for a long time now – and here is where you will find a fantastic range of cheeses Australian and imported (Tarago Triple Cream, Roquefort, Taleggio, for example, with candied clementines to match); duck fat and Lescure butter; Movenpick Gourmet IceCream; fat sausages from famous AC Butchery in Sydney (Chicken and Rocket, Duck, or Beef, Tomato, Garlic and Spinach); a vast selection of oils and vinegars; kilo packs of Martelli pasta for \$24; vibrant house-made salads to eat upstairs at the shared table unless it's a soft-centred little chocolate raspberry cake to have with coffee. Next door is African Village Cafe run by Ghanaian Manie, whose small, tinily priced menu represents West African cuisine. Goat cooked in African spices is his signature dish – but it is all gorgeous, big-flavoured food, which you can enjoy either at an outside table or indoors on comfy couches and cushions, straw baskets suspended from the ceiling. There is often live music as well. At Wholly Smoked butchery just about everything is organic (even icing sugar!) but there is also the exotica of guinea fowl and crocodile steaks, emu, camel and venison, buffalo, kangaroo and both wild and farmed rabbit. All this, then, and you haven't even ventured into the two plazas (espressohead and its perfect coffee and cult following; Bollywood Kitchen and its fabulous North Indian menu; O Sushi whose popularity, ongoing awards and most of all divine Japanese food means long queues to get in.) In spite of location, these are all quiet achievers and worthy of seeking out.



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Fig Tree Restaurant

Lunch: Fri-Sun
Dinner: Thurs-Sat
Overlooking Byron Bay
6684 7273
figtreerestaurant.com.au

Thursday Night Farmers Market
Dinner: 4 courses \$40.

Set Menu:
2 courses \$30.
3 courses \$40.



African Village

2/130 Jonson St,
Byron Bay.
Open Mon-Sat
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6680 7080

'Real African food' is the motto of this one-of-a-kind eatery in the heart of Byron. Using exotic spices imported straight from mother Africa, this friendly haven serves authentic village-style west and north African cuisine. Live music nights and unique flavours make it an exciting dining experience. Try the goat! Caters for vegans, vegetarians, coeliacs and halal diners.



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Shop 3/17 Lawson Arcade
Phone orders welcome
6680 8443

The only exclusively Vietnamese restaurant in town, this intimate space spilling out into a courtyard offers up fabulous dishes packed full of herbs, spices and varied textures. The traditionally light and healthy style of cuisine ensures the freshness and natural tastes of food are preserved as much as possible. It's a popular spot so bookings are recommended.



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Good Taste

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Cafe Sapote
Open daily for breakfast and lunch
21 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay
6680 8016

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Muoi's Feast
Lunch: Tues-Sat
Dinner: Mon-Sat
11 Fletcher St, Byron Bay
Bookings Essential
6685 7557

Muoi's Feast has created a strong following since opening in 2003. Winning numerous awards for it's international cuisine, the Asian section of the menu is the predominant favourite. Enjoy for lunch or dinner.



Olivo
34 Jonson St – opposite Hotel Great Northern
Open 7 days from 6.30pm
Reservations appreciated
6685 7950

One of Byron's consistently excellent restaurants. Serving a contemporary Australian menu, Olivo provides a stylish relaxed atmosphere right in the heart of town.



The Deck
Byron Bay Golf Club
Lunch: Tues-Sat 11am-2.30pm
Dinner: Wed-Sat 5.30pm-9pm
6685 6470

Newly renovated 'The Deck' has been transformed into a modern and laid back venue, complete with lounge and deck dining options, not to mention one of the most picturesque settings around. Can't wait to see you at The Deck at Byron.



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6/108 Jonson St, Byron
Dinner Mon-Sat 5pm-late
Lunch (takeaway only)
Wed 11.30am-2.30pm
6680 7718

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Wed-Sat from 6pm
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A Recipe for (Good) Intentions

Horatio Bitemark

'Glad to see you back on deck, Bitemark – quite literally,' said Tosser Digby, as we sat on the deck of the clubhouse, admiring an eight foot python sunning itself in the grass far below. A duck, too, was observing the snake, from the safety of the henhouse roof, perched albeit perilously on the Byzantine cupola which formed its summit and which once had served to protect Emperor Constantine's poultry from marauding basilisks.

'Indeed, Digby, glad to be back among one's chums,' I said, as Sanders the butler delivered a plate of possum-and-cheese sandwiches to accompany our Veuve Cliquot Demi-Sec spritzers.

'What was the essential part of your cure?' asked Digby. 'Was the Nigerian witchdoctor I recommended of much use?'

'He was indeed. Babatunde chased my head cold down the World Tree and found the spirit in charge of it and managed to negotiate some slack. The peyote afforded me some relief from the quotidian while I convalesced and the whisky reminded me of my Celtic heritage of stoicism in the face of adversity.'

'Jolly good. And did you, like Robert Louis, send ships in fleets across your counterpane?'

'I did not, though the temptation was there. Instead, I perused many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore, as Mr Poe put it. Chiefly on magic, and shamanism, and

here and there a mention of Potager's Theorem.'

'Potager's Theorem?'

'That the universe is a memory of its own self and will one day wake to the knowledge it is already awake.'

'Hmmm, dubious. And the school of magic?'

'Not so much a school as school's out forever, as Mr Cooper has it. Chaos Magic, which arose out of the punk movement, proposes that no hierarchical belief system is necessary or one may impose a belief system of one's own liking – say, a set of chakras based upon the characters in Star Trek – and abandon it on a whim a few days later. I was taken with its interest in sigilism, the making of marks with magical intent. It has some resonance with words, don't you know?'

'Indeed, Bitemark. With our thoughts we create the world, as the Tagathata Buddha allegedly said, and with our words we seek to magically direct it. The more thoughtful pieces in The Sport Shooters Gazette tend to emphasise the importance of intention and therein, I think, lies the potential effectiveness of magic, and of course whether or not one bags a grouse on the wing.'

At this stage lunch arrived. Chef, perhaps in some act of preternatural prescience, had arranged the main course of Baby Scrub Turkey A L'Orange with Punished Asparagus in the shape of an octagram, the symbol of Chaos Magic. He later

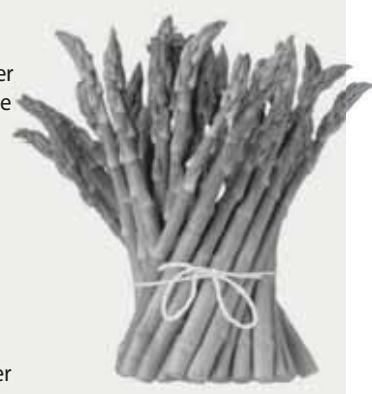
revealed, 'It came to me in a gravy image upon the kitchen wall, and I felt compelled to make it in food.'

We charged our glasses with the Brunswick Heads Park Brawl Merlot with its bouquet of rampant testosterone, acid afterpalate of aggrieved burgher, and just a hint of rosemary, as the rest of the chaps – Abbotsleigh, Bosworth, Phalange-Bracket, and the like – made their way to table.

'To your health,' toasted Digby, 'and to the magic of intention.'

'And to asparagus,' interposed Abbotsleigh. 'Where would a chap be without asparagus?'

– recycled and adapted from an earlier outing in January 2007.



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WITH LILITH

It's normal to feel uncertain during retrograde phases, so while this week's cosmic finger presses the astral pause button it's wise to lie low, stay under the radar and be grateful for simple pleasures...



ARIES: What a pleasure to wish you happy new year Aries, and to let you know the present Mars/Mercury retrograde is excellent for reflection, rectifying and simplifying your life. Work with it and an awesome new level of maturity could be yours.

TAURUS: You're determined as the Terminator to make headway this year, but this week's better suited to turning the present situation inside out to find its silver lining. Like Tauran Will Shakespeare noted: *There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so...*

GEMINI: Shaken, stirred and stretched mightn't pass muster in a James Bond martini, but if January's twin eclipses start rocking your world, who's to say that won't be in a good way? Reaching a critical mass is likely to bring a power surge of confidence and resolve in the near future.

CANCER: If anyone can make their dreams come true this year it's the Crab clan, and this week ushers in a resurrection of the authentic you. Though nobody said growth is easy, it is exciting and exhilarating. This week isn't quite there yet, but it's well on the way...

LEO: This week heralds your powerful passage into a highly transformative new year, so forget about buying into anyone's ideas of who you are – especially your own. Because that's already changing into a radically upgraded version of the person formerly known as you.

VIRGO: Others whinge and grizzle when Mercury's retrograde, you know how to make it work for you. This is the week for writing down (yes, writing) your goals and resolves for the year and deleting outdated programs from your personal files. Just don't forget the fun factor...

LIBRA: Biggest lesson this year? Not being taken in by appearances... Meanwhile, with Venus your leading lady in the sign of success, Saturn in Libra for the foreseeable future and late week Libra moon, this promises to be what Simpsonspeak calls a cromulent week, Mercury retro notwithstanding.

SCORPIO: This week could challenge some of your most cherished convictions. Rather than get defensive, consider the fact that some people actually don't mind being wrong if that's what it takes to liberate them from unenlightened opinions. You could, if you want, become one of these people.

SAGITTARIUS: Yes, there's life after the silly season and this is it. Most plans aren't set to gel for another fortnight, so if you're having a post-holidayitis moment, hooking up with a fun someone for a reviving rendezvous this week will get you back in the saddle.

CAPRICORN: This week connects the dots and colors in the cause and effect picture of how one thing leads to another. Knowledge is power, and seeing why problems occurred in the first place gives you a new understanding of what to do about them from now on.

AQUARIUS: This retrograde week can be put to good use reorganizing life as you know it: sorting, deleting, replacing, reformatting and upgrading. Yawn-makingly boring? Sure – but still way better than arguing, stressing, burning bridges and starting the year on the dark side.

PISCES: January's two eclipses in two weeks could hammer Piscean relationships either into, or way out of shape. Know this isn't about The Other Person – it's about you recognizing and processing anger you've been hanging onto from the past. Deal with this and results will be impressive.

The biennial Australian Championship, which began in Sydney on Saturday, is one of the most difficult to pick in recent years.

Australian number one Zhao Zong Yuan makes his first Championship appearance since his disaster in 2005/6. Since then Zhao has become a Grandmaster and a popular favourite to win his first Australian title, but 2009's heavy load of final year pharmacy studies may drag him back to the field.

Should Zhao slip up, visiting English GM Gawain Jones will be waiting in the wings. Despite residing in Melbourne for some of the past year, Jones is ineligible for the title but his crash or crash through style has scored well in Australia.

Apart from being a key event for Olympic selection, the Australian Championship is always an opportunity for our best juniors to prove that they can compete on an adult stage. In the modern era, when teenagers are capable of winning Grand Prix tournaments, the Championship

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7-10pm

is not the key event it once was, but it is certainly the one the public – and Olympic selectors – remember best.

Two years ago Sydney 15-year-old Max Illingworth unexpectedly finished among the top five and this time a third of the field is aged under 20 and hoping for glory.

Although Moulthun Ly and Junta Ikeda are the juniors tipped by most to do well, Illingworth will again be closely watched, after a successful December which included third in the Commonwealth Championships plus a win of last week's Canterbury Summer Swiss in Melbourne.

This week's game is the critical battle from the Canterbury tournament, Illingworth outplaying Melbourne's 16-year-old International Master James Morris in a complicated endgame.

Melbourne 2009
White: J Morris
Black: M Illingworth
Opening: Catalan
1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 dxc4 4.Qa4+ Nd7 5.Qxc4 a6 6.d4 b5 7.Qc2

7.Qc6 is more testing.
7...Bb7 8.Bg2 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Qd3 Ngf6 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Qxd8 Rfxd8 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.e3 Bd5!

Improving on former World Champion Tal's move 17...Nd5, which leads only to equality – apparently the summit of Morris's ambition in this game.

18.Rf1 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 a5 20.Nbd4 b4 21.a3 Bxd4 22.Nxd4 e5 23.Bxd5 exd4 24.e4? Panic. After 24.Bb3 White should be able to hold the balance.

24...Nxd5 25.exd5 bxa3 26.bxa3 Rxd5 These endgames are very tricky, though if White's king can sit in front of the Black d pawn, White should have few problems.

27.Kf1 d3 28.Rd1 g5 29.f3 f5 30.h4? Creating a new target for Black. After 30.Kf2 f4 31.gxf4 gxf4 White can change tack with 32.Ke1! Re5+ 33.Kd2 when after 33...Re3 34.Rb1 Rxf3 35.Rb5, White should have enough counterplay to hold a draw.

30...gxf4 31.gxf4 f4 32.Ke1 Kf7 33.Kd2 Kg6! 34.Re1 Kh5 35.Re4 Rf5?!

35...Kxh4 36.Rxf4+ Kg3 37.Rf8 h5 38.f4 Kg4! was much easier.

36.Kxd3 Kxh4 37.Re6! Kg5 38.Ke4 Rc5 39.Re8 Rc4+ 40.Ke5 Kh4 41.Rg8!

By cutting off the Black king, Morris makes Black's life as difficult as possible.
41...h5 42.Kf5 Ra4 43.Rg1 Rc4 44.Rg8 Kh3 45.Rg5 h4 46.Rg4 (See diagram) 46...Kh2!! The only way to win – 46...Rc3 47.Kxf4 Rxa3 48.Kg5 hangs on for White.
47.Kg5

If 47.Rxh4+ Kg3 decides the game.
47...h3 48.Kh4 Rc8! 49.Rxf4 Rh8+ 50.Kg4 Kg2 51.Rc4 h2 52.Rc2+ Kf1 53.Rc1+ Kf2 54.Rc2+ Ke3 0-1

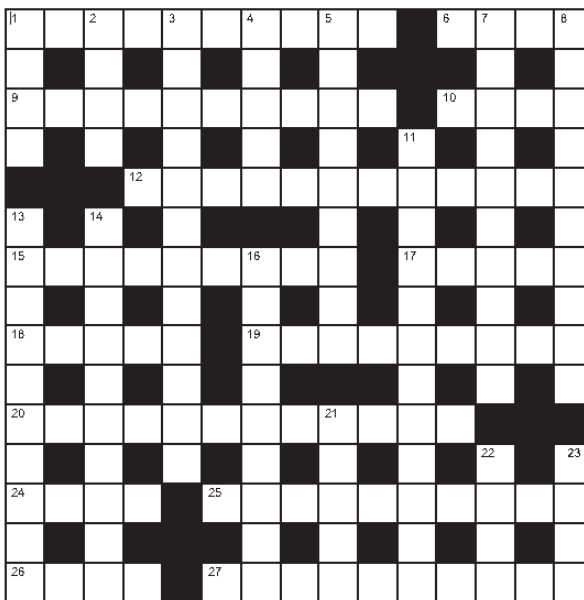
The Australian Championship games begin at 11am for the next eight days and can be viewed live on the internet via www.australianchesschampionship.com

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Black to play and win

Mungo's Crossword



Quick Clues

- ACROSS
1. It's over when she sings (3,3,4)
6. Actors in a play (4)
9. Hand-held drum (10)
10. Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)
12. Ova of thunder lizards (8,4)
15. Edible seed of Bertholetia (6,3)
17. House of Henry VII and his heirs (5)
18. Coming together for a particular purpose (5)
19. Very hungry, ravenous (9)
20. Vessel containing wealth, target of pirates (8,4)
24. Genuine, not faked (4)
25. Sorcery, women's magic (10)
26. Carbonated water (4)
27. Times of lassitude or unemployment (10)

Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS
1. Burglary; holding a young guy, unknown; who sings and the case is closed (3,3,4)
6. Mound thrown (4)
9. Reverse carpet; stench and piss. Beat it! (10)
10. Meeting place for classic camp song (1,1,1,1)
12. We hear Ms Washington, with painful urges; they came well before the chicken! (8,4)
15. South American crazy, a hard case (6,3)
17. You French act royal – a royal house, anyway (5)
18. Remove the charge from marriage? (5)
19. Ravenous for punk rocker Sid – or a substitute for one (9)
20. A prize, unexpected; the surprise, a Spanish galleon maybe (8,4)
24. Genuine type of tennis (4)
25. Sorcery tells you: identify the boat (10)
26. Unpleasant person, a mixer though (4)
27. Angrily denies less periods of unemployment (10)

DOWN

1. Dorothy's dog (4)
2. Novel by Jane Austen (4)
3. One dedicated to ending the slave trade (12)
4. Slow and solemn, of music (5)
5. English race track, home of the St Leger (9)
7. The final battle between good and evil (10)
8. Cross the line, do wrong (10)
11. 66.33.39 North (6,6)
13. Military orders to reverse direction (5,5)
14. Theme park with aquatic attractions (6,4)
16. No worries, it doesn't matter (5,4)
21. Monetary unit of Ecuador (5)
22. Overtake. Go ahead of (4)
23. Small trucks (abbrev) (4)

Last week's solution



DOWN

1. Circle after child's dog (4)
2. Letter to mother – that's novel (4)
3. Unexpected initial boost for Wilberforce, among others (12)
4. Slow and solemn, South-East Asian covers overturned king (5)
5. Spanish grandee 6, queen of the race track! (9)
7. Royal wizard grabbed by program enhancer – it's the end of the world! (10)
8. "Sin," rebuked Spooner, commenting on Nanna's hair (10)
11. Ninety nine cart away shivering cleric – it's cold up here! (6,6)
13. Reacts, 180 degree in fact (5,5)
14. Soldier to alight in theme park (6,4)
16. Kelly shelters rats – no worries (5,4)
21. Sweet capital of Ecuador (5)
22. Col's qualification (4)
23. Upset university carriers (4)

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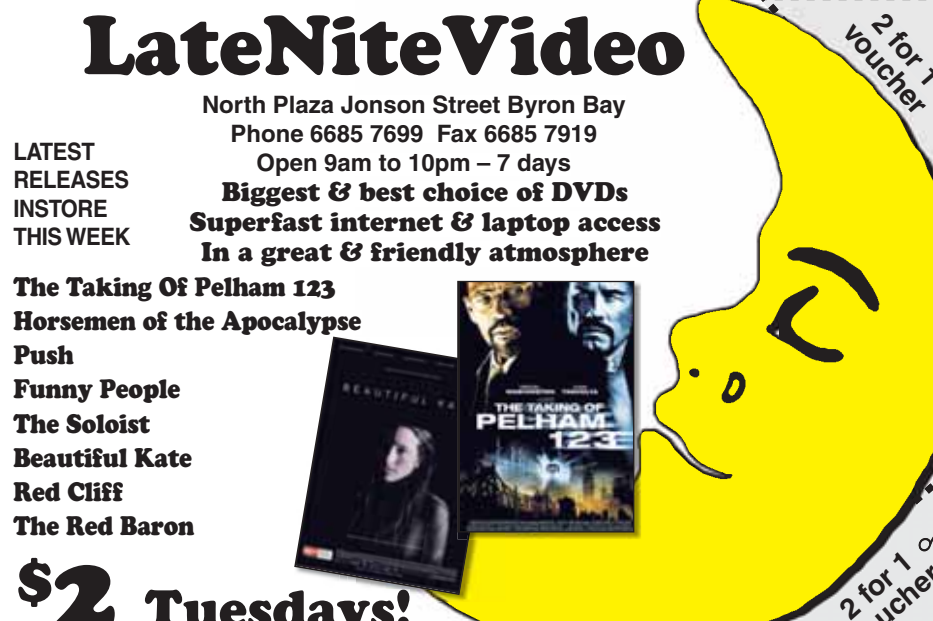
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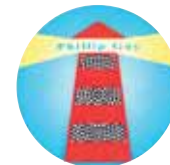
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New homes crucial to economic recovery

A growing Australian population needs more homes. Builders are happy to build them, and real estate agents are happy to sell them.

In that process a lot of fine-tuning and lobbying goes on, with agents and builders keeping a weather eye on monetary policy and the charges various levels of government impose on building and selling.

According to the Estate Institute of Australia (REIA), the real estate sector plays a crucial role in the nation's economic recovery, and therefore monetary policy should reflect that.

'In seasonally adjusted terms, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 0.2 per cent in the September quarter 2009, with the largest contribution to this coming from rental, hiring and real estate services,' said REIA president David Airey.

'The sector contributed 0.3 percentage points to the quarterly growth, and the largest increase in seasonally adjusted terms of 9.9 per cent.'

The construction sector itself contributed 0.2 percentage points to the quarter's growth.

'These figures highlight the important role that housing is playing in Australia's recovery from the Global Financial

Crisis and vindicate the government's fiscal measures that have been implemented to date,' continued Mr Airey. 'It would be a shame for monetary policy, through continued and premature interest rates, to put a dampener on the recovery.'

Master Builders Australia had an eye on interest rates too at the end of 2009. Peter Jones, Master Builders' chief economist, said, 'After almost five years of chronic underbuilding the residential sector finally looks set for an upturn and though well overdue, the latest figures are encouraging. 'We can look forward to a bounceback in housing commencements in 2009-10, offsetting the substantial decline that occurred in financial year 2008-09 in the wake of the global financial crisis. Beyond that, there are questions over the sustainability of the upturn. 'Tight lending requirements enforced by the banks are affecting investor-driven unit and apartment builders. Master Builders believes the Reserve Bank needs to keep interest rates low to ensure recovery in the interest-rate-sensitive residential building sector becomes entrenched. 'Australia needs a long and strong housing upturn if it is to overcome the massive shortfall in dwellings that has developed. Unless governments work to address supply-constraining factors such as developer charges, the level of residential building is likely to fall well short of the annual 200,000 completions



required to solve the problem and meet demand.' The NSW government might have been listening to Mr Jones - it has decided to extend its 50 per cent stamp duty cut for newly-constructed dwellings worth up to \$600,000 through to June 30, 2010. The cut is part of the NSW Housing Construction Acceleration Plan, known in the trade as HCAP.

So far, 1,934 new dwellings worth more than \$850 million have been sold in NSW under HCAP.

According to Premier Kristina Keneally, 'This has put \$14.8 million worth of stamp duty back into people's pockets. More importantly, this plan has supported \$850 million worth of construction activity - helping provide jobs for builders, plumbers, architects and more.

'This program has been good for families wanting to invest, good for jobs in the construction and housing sector and

good for the NSW economy.

'We can extend this program because of the stronger position of the NSW Budget. This is our good economic management translating to help for everyday families.'

The HCAP was introduced in the 2009-10 Budget as a State stimulus measure.

Preliminary Treasury estimates say HCAP could cost up to \$50 million in 2010.

Information from transfer duty receipts shows about 82 per cent of transactions across NSW were on properties valued at \$600,000 or less. The average value of properties under HCAP is around \$439,000. Under the plan, investors could save up to \$11,245.

Treasurer Eric Roozendaal said, 'This program has helped the private residential housing sector, which is worth around \$17.8 billion to the NSW economy every year, and accounts for about five per cent of the state economy.'

SOME ABS FIGURES

The total number of dwelling units commenced in the September quarter 2009, seasonally adjusted, rose by 9.4 per cent to 34,082, to be down by 6.0 per cent on the September quarter 2008. The number of private new houses commenced rose by 8.1 per cent to 24,570, up 3.4 per cent from the corresponding quarter a year ago. Commencements of other dwellings, the category that includes apartments, rose by 9.0 per cent in the September quarter to be down 32.5 per cent through the year.



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- ✓ Renovated 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home
- ✓ Open plan living with timber floors
- ✓ Separate stand-alone air conditioned guest house
- ✓ Currently configured as 3 units on 1 title
- ✓ Excellent income potential

505.9sqm site zoned 2b

Owner committed to selling fast!

Auction 1.30pm onsite January 23rd 2010.

Inspect by appointment. Daniel Kelly 0408 669 646. www.raywhiteyamba.com



Fiji – Rare Freehold Land Opportunity

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

The best ocean view lots (over 1/2 acre) are selling fast from \$125,000 (available on 10% deposit vendor finance).

Contact Philip Hoyes on 0404 448 430 or Peter Hilner on 0488 020 488. Taveuni Development Company. www.mauiestate.com

From \$95,000

Property in Focus

BYRON CREEK GUEST HOUSE

From the moment you leave the road and enter the long private driveway you know something special lies ahead. Words and photos do not do justice to this exquisite property – The Australian colonial homestead was built circa 1905 however has been refurbished and restored with no expense spared to an exquisite 5 star quality.

Situated in a picturesque setting on Bangalow Road, 'Byron Creek Guest House' is the perfect retreat for visiting the historic village of Bangalow and iconic Byron Bay.

Sleeping up to 10 people, this charming historically significant country home has views over the stunning garden, with all 5 bedrooms inviting access to the wraparound verandahs via French doors. This special home is surrounded by 2 acres of manicured lawns and gardens.

It is a 1 minute drive east from the village of Bangalow, where you can enjoy stylish cafes and restaurants, gift, antiques and specialty shops. The Bangalow market day is held the last Sunday of every month and the Farmers Market every Saturday morning.

For more information contact Bangalow Real Estate on 6687 1306.

www.bangalowrealestate.com.au/holiday.aspx





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"Old style" new homestead on the hill in Coorabell



\$795,000

Coorabell - Wide verandahs, polished floors, high ceilings, wood fireplace, luxurious kitchen, 2 bthrms/spa, 3 car garage+2 sheds 2 level acres, part of a 100 acre estate, creeks & swimming holes.

NEW LISTING

400 metres to the beach



\$895,000

Suffolk Park Beachside - Suit "sea-changers" level block, room for vegie garden, low maintenance brick two bedroom home with separate s.c. studio for visitors, short walk to shopping village.

NEW LISTING

Urban setting - rural living
Just under an acre - 5 mins walk to town



\$589,000

Mullumbimby - Private 3 bdrm, 2 bthrm brick home, tucked away down a lane. Keep chooks, grow vegies, play footy with the kids or golf in the back yard. Owners ready to go. Make an offer.

Beach house on 'Beachside' Drive



\$925,000

Suffolk Park - Metres from the beach, 4 bdrms timber & brick quality home, s.c. studio, dble car port, front & rear patios, private garden & vegie patch. Keenly priced for urgent sale.

Trees, beautiful trees
Surround, protect & nurture



\$435,000

Mullumbimby - Brick home, 3 bdrms plus enclosed garage for 4th bdrm or teen retreat. Space to expand, superb gardens, in a quiet cul-de-sac, realistically priced for quick sale.

Lighthouse views

5 mins drive to the Bay



\$1,250,000

Ewingsdale - Victorian style 5 bdrm family with superb views. Wide sweeping verandahs on all sides, set on 3 acres of land. Town water, triple garage, bird aviary and 120m² handyman shed.

5 Byron Street, Byron Bay 6680 9505 **Rose Wanchap 0427 016 451**



Find a sense of wellbeing with nature at your backdoor

Walk through the front door and feel part of the Cumbebin rainforest that borders this 810sqm property. Designed with crossflow and aspect in mind, this is a large 4 bed, 2 bath home with spacious open plan living areas and beautiful Thai sandstone tiling. The large entertaining patio nestles into a peaceful and tranquil backyard. A second lounge, 3 bedrooms and bathroom are all on one side of the house allowing for stress-free family living. The gas kitchen is perfect for those who love to cook with plenty of room to move.

A large office/5th bedroom plus lockable storage space, carparking for 4/5 cars and a 450L solar hot water system round out this excellent investment. All this only minutes from Byron CBD and a very short walk to beach, high school, rugby oval and golf course.

Price \$769,000
12 Old Bangalow Road,
Byron Bay
Phone Sue on 0416 275 111



Stroll through beautiful Arakwal reserve to Tallow Beach

Elders



Auction

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88 Lawson Street, Byron Bay | Open House Sat 10:30 - 11:30am & Weds 1:00 - 2:00pm
Byron Bay Iconic Beach Position

You'll be searching a very long time to find another opportunity like this unique property located just across the road from the renowned Clarkes Beach and perfectly positioned along the Byron holiday strip. On offer is a 948m² parcel with an original timber cottage located within a residential redevelopment zone. The property is an iconic part of the Byron Bay landscape and offers the best in position and potential. Your options include:

- Build your dream beach home on the lots
- Utilise the two titles and build 2 separate homes
- Redevelop and build up to 3 or 4 units

88 Lawson St is zoned to accommodate the entire above plus more, and the dual street access allows for a larger footprint on each block. The owners are willing to look at selling the 474m² lots individually.

Auction Saturday 23rd January, 2010 at 10:30am

For more details, contact David Gordon 6685 6222 0418 856 222

www.eldersbyronbay.com.au



web id: 400382

Professionals
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'Pavilions' 2-4 Overall Drive, Pottsville Beach

VIEW
SAT & SUN
12-1PM NSW



ESTUARY FRONTAGE - GREAT VIEWS, BRAND NEW

- 2 storey architecturally designed beach town-home
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double garage
- Beautifully designed, luxury fixtures and fittings
- Substantial verandah with views and private courtyard
- 400 metres to village shops, tavern, cafés and beach
- Suit permanent holiday rental or investment options

Priced to sell at \$529,000

(02) 6676 2997

Contact: Roger McLeod 0418 752 343
Bruce Melville 0407 784 766

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Open House



AUCTION



Rural Retreat 10 Minutes from Mullumbimby

Koonyum Range Road, Wilson's Creek | Open House Saturday 11:30am - 12:00pm

Situated only 10 mins from Mullumbimby on an elevated plateau bordering the Koonyum Ranges, you will find this stunning fifty acre property offering complete privacy. Amongst ten acres of established gardens, orchards & rolling green lawns is this solid timber and brick bungalow. The home features raked ceilings, rainforest timbers, polished teak flooring and an enormous North-facing timber deck, capturing a wonderful vista of the property and beyond. The vendor is extremely motivated and realistic, and will consider all offers prior to auction.

Brett Connable 0408 155 931

- 25 minutes from the heart of Byron Bay
- Beautiful valley views and ocean glimpse
- Abundance of water, established fruit trees and wildlife
- Surplus of water and underground power
- Free standing garage/studio potential self contained (S.T.C.A)

Auction Saturday 13th February, 2010

Elders Real Estate Byron Bay 15 Fletcher Street 02 6685 6222

Web Id 400702

AUCTION



Lucky Lane, Billinudgel

**Auction at 11am on 23rd January 2010
at Brunswick Heads RSL Auxiliary Hall**

- Industrial land, 1000sqm block
- Excellent motorway and local access
- Prominent location, flat easy to build
- Huge potential in a very tightly held industrial estate

Contact: Peter Browning on 0411 801 795

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AUCTION



27 Nana Street, Brunswick Heads

**Auction at 11am on 23rd January 2010
at Brunswick Heads RSL Auxiliary Hall**

RARELY FOUND IN BRUNSWICK HEADS

- A whole block of units
- 3 in the complex
- A studio
- North facing yard with rear lane access
- Rent return \$640 per week
- Huge potential to improve the return

View: Saturday 12.00-12.30pm

Contact: Peter Browning on 0411 801 795

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Mary O'Connor 0418 462 849
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35 BYRON ST BANGALOW

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– UNLESS SOLD PRIOR**

Just Listed
Photo Coming

EUREKA 134 Springvale Road – \$ 1,390,000
'Gretel Farm'. Local historic landmark circa 1895.
Beautifully restored and renovated. Approximately 5 acres.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 10.30am – 11.00am



BANGALOW 8 Muskwood Place – \$ 565,500
Potential to improve by styling and decor upgrade from
this modern 3 bedroom home in one of Bangalow's most
sought after streets.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 11.00am – 11.30am



MYOCUM 240 Manse Road – \$ 1,095,000
Drastically reduced. Owner has purchased elsewhere.
Spacious residence on near level 5 acres.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 11.00am – 11.30am



**COORABELL 3 Newes Road
– Reduced to sell at \$1,390,000**
Contemporary architecture & highly desirable location.
Two residences. Approximately 6 acres.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 12.00pm – 12.30pm



FERNLEIGH 182 Nashua Rd – AUCTION
Private hinterland retreat on 5 acres with sweeping views
& separate studio. Modern entertainers home with huge
outdoor entertaining. Owner moved back to Melbourne and
must sell.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 12.30pm – 1.00pm



ROSEBANK 547 Rosebank Rd – \$ 750,000
Rental income, 3 buildings. Great position opposite general
store in the heart of the village with school bus at door.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 1.00pm – 1.30pm



FEDERAL 50 Callistemon Drive – AUCTION
One of Byron hinterland's premier properties –
A Heritage Classic – breathtaking views.
Approximately 10 acres.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 1.00pm – 1.45pm
Auction: 13/2/10 at 1.00pm



BEXHILL 31 Coleman Street – \$ 320,000
Investors Special! 4 bedroom family home plus rumpus
& office. Vendor keen to lease back and priced to sell
immediately. OFFERS INVITED.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 2.00pm – 2.30pm



DUNOON 145 Frazer Road – \$ 675,000
Hobby farm. Magic 15 acres. Great 3 bedroom home with
huge shed, dairy bails, glasshouse and rural views afar.
Income from fruit and maccas.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 2.00pm – 2.30pm



**FEDERAL Teak Lane Cedar Ridge
– Starting at \$290,000 For immediate sales**
Limited release – 9 superb small acreages. Rainforest.
Sweeping hinterland views. A limited selection of quality
parcels.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 2.00pm – 2.30pm



DUNOON 49 Munro Road – \$ 1,495,000
Prime agricultural 67 acres of macadamia farm with a
comfortable 3 bedroom home. Silos, machinery sheds, nut
processor – well structured farm.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 3.00pm – 3.30pm



TYAGARAH 31 Prestons Lane – \$ 1,295,000
Panoramic views over ocean & Byron Bay on quiet
country lane. Approximately 1 acre of level land capturing
welcomed sea breezes.
INSPECT SATURDAYS 3.00pm – 3.30pm



KNOCKCROW 109 Martins Lane – \$ 1,290,000
360 degree rural & ocean views. Large homestead.
Approximately 5 acres. Make an offer
INSPECT SATURDAYS 4.00pm – 4.30pm



**Open for Inspection
Wed. & Sat. 11-11.30am**

215 Balraith Lane, Ewingsdale

AUCTION



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**Auction onsite 11am
Saturday 6 February 2010
Graham Dunn 0418 663 620**

Embraced by its own tropical rainforest and gardens, set on approximately 6107sqm (1.5 acres), this very expansive private property features both very spacious indoor and outdoor living and entertaining areas plus terrific views over the Lighthouse headland, Julian Rocks and the Pacific Ocean, plus 13.7m (45ft) pool complete with babbling water fall, swimout and large sun deck.

Accommodation features 5 bedrooms, downstairs teenage/guest retreat, 2 living areas, 3 bathrooms, 3 car garage and 3 car carport.

This lovely relaxing home epitomises the Byron lifestyle and being located at Ewingsdale is a 7 minute drive from Byron Bay's hub. It will suit a family or as a private retreat.

There are also council approved plans for a studio extension.

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BYRON BAY'S BEST KEPT SECRET



**'PAVILION 3' 137 BEACH ROAD, BROKEN HEAD
AUCTION SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY 2010 ONSITE 12PM**

- Retreat to your pavilion style home
- Nestled in beachfront rainforest at Broken Head
- Private landscaped gardens and sun deck

- Expansive living spaces
- Luxurious contemporary architecture
- Private beach access

CONTACT:
Tony Farrell on 0417 212 692
tfarrell.byronbay@ljh.com.au

LJ Hooker 4/31 Lawson St, Byron Bay 6685 7300



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Serious Sellers - Could You Be The Lucky Ones?

- This exceptional property is situated on the ridge at Corndale, magnificent 180 degrees views to the north • The classic timber house set on 17 acres • Spacious modern kitchen & bathroom • High ceilings, original timber floors & windows • Double color bond garage • Once only is a chance like this • An absolute must to inspect!

145 Hunters Hill Road, Corndale

Open house Saturday 10 - 10.30am

Denise Burch 0408 193 415 & Rob Nedwich 0411 285 533

Web Id ?

Auction 4th February



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Bangalow - With all the work done!

- Highly desirable location with a high desire to sell • In Bangalow that really is a rare commodity! • But at last you've found it • Keep this a secret from even your best friends, or they just might decide that they want it too!
- Walk to town via quiet lane way • Your inspection will delight!

9 Campbell Street, Bangalow

Open house Saturday 11 - 11.30am

Denise Burch 0408 193 415 & Rob Nedwich 0411 285 533

Web Id 400660

Auction 4th February



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Majestic at Myocum

- Superb double brick residence on 5 acres • Panoramic views, private drive
- Horse stables & dressage arena • Separate large studio & detached bedroom
- Salt water in-ground swimming pool • Orchard and extensive gardens
- Vendors downsizing • Offers considered prior to Auction

224 Tyagarah Rd, Myocum

Open house Saturday 2 - 2.30pm

Rob Nedwich 0411 285 533 & Denise Burch 0408 193 415

Web Id 398716

Auction 4th February



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Investor Liquidates unwanted Asset

- Convenient Bangalow location with potential for subdivision STCA • This can only be regarded as being a rare opportunity • Such a large 1577 sqm allotment is not easy to find • Downstairs living options • If you have been searching for the right property in Bangalow we can assure you the vendor is ready to do business!

11 Granuaille Crescent, Bangalow

Open house Saturday 11 - 11.30am

Janice Maple 0401 026 359 & Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412

Web Id 388786

Auction 4th February



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Here is the Affordable Opportunity for You!

This may be the home that you thought may have been out of your price range, with 5 bedrooms on 1 acre & great views of the Night Cap Ranges it would of been an easy mistake to make. Ensure you inspect this home because you won't find better value in centrally located Eureka.

369 Goremans Road, Eureka
 Open house Saturday 12 - 12.30pm
 Trish Passaniti 0438 599 833 or Martin Toomey 0433 164 404
 New Listing

Auction 4th February



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Change in Professional Circumstances Forces Sale

- Exciting job transfer necessitates sale by Auction • 3 acres with elevation & great views • Original transported 4br Queenslander • Large flat yard surrounding property
- Extremely quiet & private cul de sac • Separate workshed with power
- Preferred northerly aspect • Many assorted fruit trees • Inspect now!

28 Paradise Court, McLeans Ridges
 Open house Saturday 11 - 11.30am
 Martin Toomey 0433 164 404 or Trish Passaniti 0438 599 833
 Web Id 398350

Auction 4th February



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Byron Bay Townhouse - Be Quick!

- Fantastic proximity to the beach • Less than 4 mins walk to town
- Excellent rental returns • Very tidy & presentable
- Low body corporate fees • Low maintenance
- Downstairs toilet • Loads of storage

Unit 7/6 Electra Close, Byron Bay
 Open house Saturday 11 - 11.30am
 Martin Toomey 0433 164 404 or Trish Passaniti 0438 599 833
 Web Id 393659

~~\$559,000~~
\$539,000

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The Hinterland Specialists

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Brilliant Value in Belongil

- Vendor serious about selling will consider offers prior to Auction
- Huge holiday rental potential perfect Belongil beach holiday location
- Spacious decks both front & back • 100m stroll to the beach
- 1.5kms to Byron Bay township

21 Childe Street, Belongil
 Open house Saturday 2 - 2.30pm
 Janice Maple 0401 026 359 or Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412
 Web Id 395155

Forthcoming Auction



Coorabell Acreages Building Lots

- These rolling green parcels exemplify all that is Byron Hinterland
- 7 Sold - 6 available lots • Lifestyle small acreage • Average size 2 acres
- Secluded parcels with towering rainforest giants & secluded swimming holes
- Priced to sell and won't last long!

Keyes Gardens, Coorabell
 Inspection by appointment
 Greg Price 0412 871 500
 Web Id 300767

Starting from \$365,000

COMING TO AUCTION



2/13 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay

- First time offered for sale
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom freestanding duplex home
- Includes separate downstairs accommodation
- Walk through National Park to Tallow Beach
- Fabulous weekend, great location
- Near level 442sqm corner block

COMING TO AUCTION

VIEW: Saturday 1-1.30pm

CONTACT: Sharon McInnes on 0408 659 649

AUCTION



'Pavilion' 3 Beach Road, Broken Head

- Retreat to your pavilion style home
- Nestled in beachfront rainforest at Broken Head
- Private landscaped gardens and sun deck
- Expansive living spaces
- Luxurious contemporary architecture
- Private beach access

AUCTION 12PM ONSITE SATURDAY JANUARY 30TH

CONTACT: Tony Farrell on 0417 212 692



'Seagrove' 27 Constellation Close, Byron Bay

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom townhouses
- For sale off the plan
- Quality fixtures & fittings
- Lap pool to be built in stage 2
- Stroll to town & beaches

PRICE: From \$673,500

**CONTACT: Peter Yopp on 0411 837 330
Tony Farrell on 0417 212 692**



'Tallowood Ridge' Stage 2

- Spectacular new land release
- Lot sizes 630sqm to 1,004sqm
- Close to schools, shops & transport
- Panoramic views from some blocks
- Sporting field complex
- Toddlers playground

PRICE: From \$265,000 to \$340,000

CONTACT: Tony Farrell on 0417 212 692 or Peter Yopp on 0411 837 330



1/55 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay

- Smart freestanding duplex
- 3 bedrooms & 1 bathroom
- Walk to beach & shopping centre
- Single lock up garage
- Fenced yard, entertaining area
- Invest in your future

PRICE: \$550,000

CONTACT: Tony Farrell on 0417 212 692 or Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672



5 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park

- Absolute beachfront
- On prestigious Alcorn Street
- 734sqm vacant allotment
- Unique 22 metre street frontage
- Create the home of your dreams
- Enjoy the beach lifestyle

PRICE: \$1,795,000

CONTACT: Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672 or Liam Annesley on 0417 780 795



6 'Outrigger Bay' 9-13 Shirley Street, Byron Bay

- Modern furnished apartment
- 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- Walk to beach & cafes
- 2 large entertainment patios
- Beautifully landscaped gardens
- Private courtyard, lush outlook
- Heated lagoon style pool
- High occupancy rate
- Outstanding returns

PRICE: \$760,000

CONTACT: Andrew Rosee on 0421 914 054



4 'Eco Beach' 35-39 Shirley Street, Byron Bay

- Gross income of \$78,641 for 2008
- Resort style complex
- Pool, spa, BBQ area
- Dual key apartment
- 2 x 1 bedroom self contained units
- 2 security car parks
- In town, walk to Main Beach & shops

PRICE: \$620,000

CONTACT: Liam Annesley on 0417 780 795



2 Cavanbah Street, Byron Bay

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- Close to beach & town
- Timber floors, large covered deck
- Offstreet parking for 2 cars
- Currently holiday let, furnished
- Large 721sqm allotment

PRICE: \$1,400,000

CONTACT: Glen Irwin on 0418 604 080



61 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park

- Absolute beachfront, 623sqm
- Architect designed home
- 5 bedrms, 3 bathrms, DLUG
- Timber floors upstairs
- Travertine stone floors down
- Granite kitchen with European appliances
- Capitalise on this exceptional beachfront opportunity
- Agent declares interest

PRICE: \$2,450,000

**VIEW: Saturday 1-1.30pm
CONTACT: Bryce Cameron 0412 057 672**



12 'Seeana Court' 21-25 Cemetery Rd, Byron Bay

- Smart 3 bedroom townhouse
- Walk to town, beach & schools
- Open plan living/dining
- High ceilings throughout
- Private courtyard, lush outlook
- Nothing to do, just move in
- First home owner or investment property

PRICE: \$565,000

**VIEW: Saturday 11-11.30am
CONTACT: Liam Annesley on 0417 780 795**



128 Grays Lane, Tyagarah

- Land size of approx 9,070sqm
- Rural views to Mt Warning
- Very close to Byron Bay
- Approved for an upmarket residence
- Owners motivation is high

PRICE: \$670,000

**VIEW: Saturday 11-11.30am
CONTACT: Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672
Peter Yopp on 0411 837 330**



9 Marvel Street, Byron Bay

- Fantastic opportunity
- Approved for 3 shops
- 8 bed backpackers upstairs
- Inground swimming pool
- Large 15 x 6 metre shed
- 1,012 sqm, rear lane access
- 2 street frontage
- Secure now & possibly re-develop later

PRICE: \$2,300,000

CONTACT: Sharon McInnes on 0408 659 649



54 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park

- Well maintained 1 owner home
- Offering 4 generously sized bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- Various open plan living areas
- Well appointed galley style kitchen
- DLUG, great street appeal
- Includes separate guest accommodation

PRICE: \$759,000

**VIEW: Saturday 12-12.30pm
CONTACT: Sharon McInnes on 0408 659 649**



27 Pacific Vista Drive, Byron Bay

- Owners are on the move
- Large family home
- Highly sought after location
- Great for entertaining
- A must to inspect
- Make no mistake. We are selling!

PRICE: \$859,000

**VIEW: Saturday 12-12.30pm
CONTACT: Peter Yopp 0411 837 330
Liam Annesley 0417 780 795**



'Seadrift'

- Brand new in-town unit
- High standard finishings
- 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- Polished timber flooring
- Secure gated complex
- Developer has instructed us to clear now

PRICE: From \$694,800

**VIEW: Saturday 1-1.30pm
CONTACT: Peter Yopp 0411 837 330
Tony Farrell 0417 212 692**



2/6 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park

- Stunning beachside duplex
- Close proximity to beach
- 3 bedrooms plus lock up garage
- Excellent presentation
- Tropical landscaped gardens
- Quiet location

PRICE: \$750,000

CONTACT: Neil Cameron on 0419 274 798



11 Bunjil Place, Byron Bay

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- High ceilings and timber floors
- Open plan living with decks
- Located in a quiet cul de sac
- Forest setting and private position

PRICE: \$516,000

**CONTACT: Liam Annesley 0417 780 795
Andrew Rosee on 0421 914 054**



4 Pecan Court, Suffolk Park

- Elevated, private & unique
- 602sqm vacant block
- Build the home you truly deserve
- Private cul de sac
- Existing D.A. approval for a residence
- Walk to shops and beach

PRICE: \$430,000

**VIEW: Saturday 12-12.30pm
CONTACT: Bryce Cameron 0412 057 672
Peter Yopp 0411 837 330**



26 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- Plus a separate study
- Large 941sqm allotment
- Sparkling inground pool
- 2 separate living areas
- Neat and tidy throughout
- Great entertaining area

PRICE: \$699,000

**VIEW: Saturday 12-12.30pm
CONTACT: Glen Irwin on 0418 604 080 or Peter Yopp on 0411 837 330**



83 North Creek Road, Lennox Head

- Large 5 bed, 3 bath home
- Sep kitchenette on first level
- Teenage retreat/gym/office
- Sensational ocean views
- Wide, covered, wrap around balconies on levels 2 and 3
- Level, fully fenced 1,498sqm block

PRICE: By Negotiation

CONTACT: Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672



68 Massinger Street, Byron Bay

- Lovely 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom home
- Walk to beach and town
- Large living areas
- Double lock up garage
- Low maintenance property
- Outstanding location

PRICE: \$899,000

CONTACT: Bryce Cameron on 0412 057 672

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PROFESSIONALS POTTSVILLE P53

- 'Pavilions' 2-4 Overall Drive, Pottsville Beach. Sat & Sun 12-1pm

BANGALOW REAL ESTATE 54

- 134 Springvale Road, Eureka. Sat 10.30-11
- 8 Muskwood Place, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 240 Manse Road, Myocm. Sat 11-11.30am
- 3 Newes Road, Coorabell. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 182 Nashua Road, Fernleigh. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 547 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 31 Coleman Street, Bexhill. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 145 Frazer Road, Dunoon. Sat 2-2.30pm
- Teak Lane, Cedar Ridge, Federal. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 49 Munro Road, Dunoon. Sat 3-3.30pm
- 31 Prestons Lane, Tyagarah. Sat 3-3.30pm
- 109 Martins Lane, Knockrow. Sat 4-4.30pm

ELDERS BANGALOW P56

- 145 Hunter Hill Rd, Corndale. Sat 10-10.30am
- 9 Campbell Street, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 7/6 Electra Close, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 11 Granuaille Road, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 28 Paradise Court, McLeans. Sat 11-11.30am Ridges
- 369 Goremans Road, Eureka. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 183 Camerons Road, McLeans Ridges. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 29 Myocum Ridge Road, Myocum. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 224 Tyagarah Road, Myocum. Sat 2-2.30pm
- 21 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 2-2.30pm

LJ HOOKER BYRON BAY P58

- 61 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 12 'Seeana Court' 21-25 Cemetery Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 128 Grays Lane, Tyagarah. Sat 11-11.30am
- 54 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 4 Pecan Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 26 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 12.12.30pm

AUCTIONS

ELDERS NEW BRIGHTON P51

- 20 River Street, New Brighton. Auction 12pm onsite Jan 16.

ELDERS BYRON BAY P51

- Second Time To Auction. Auction Thu Feb 4. Inspect Wed & Sat 1-1.30pm

LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE P51

- 711 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Auction Feb 6. Inspect Sat 3-3.30pm

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- Lucky Lane, Billinudgel.

- 27 Nana St, Brunswick Heads. Inspect Sat 1-12.30pm

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- 88 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Auction 10.30am Sat Jan 23. Inspect Wed 1-2pm & Sat 10.30-11.30am
- Koonyum Range Road, Wilsons Creek. Auction Sat Feb 13. Inspect Sat 11.30am-12pm

BANGALOW REAL ESTATE 54

- 50 Callistemon Drive, Federal. Auction 1pm Feb 2. Inspect Sat 1-1.45pm

- Byron Bay Property Sales p55
- 215 Balraith Lane, Ewingsdale. Auction 11am onsite Sat Feb 6. Inspect Wed & Sat 11-11.30am
- 'Pavilion' 137 Beach Road, Broken Head. Auction 12pm onsite Sat Jan 30

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- 2/13 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay. Auction soon. Inspect Sat 1-1.30pm
- 'Pavilion' 3 Beach Road, Broken Head. Auction 12pm onsite Sat Jan 30.

NEW LISTINGS

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- 145 Hunters Hill Road, Corndale. Auction Feb 4

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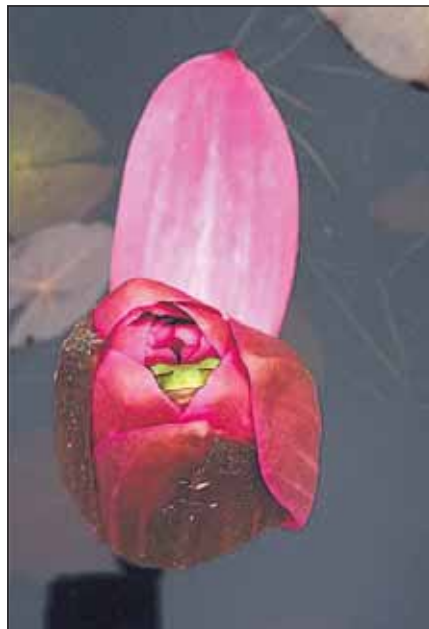
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While we recover from the season's champagne days, Sea Shepherd's ship *Steve Irwin* is currently in hot pursuit of the Japanese harpoonists as they attempt to slaughter whales illegally in the Antarctic sanctuary. The Sea Shepherd crew give warm thanks to all who have contributed to the financial support of whale conservation and protection. Go to www.sea-shepherd.org for a daily account of the whale wars taking place on the high seas.

The Ambulance NSW wrap-up of 3am on NYE records that in Northern NSW there were 278 cases attended by paramedics since midnight, making a total of 632 cases since 6pm on December 31, 09. 'Many of these cases were alcohol and/or drug related and assaults,' say the ambos. By comparison, Southern NSW garnered a total of 211 cases.

Byron Shire Council has started a free online community calendar at www.byron.nsw.gov.au where you can list your upcoming community event. Good idea, Council, and you could list your upcoming meetings there too.

Meryl Dorey, controversial president of the Bangalow-based Australian Vaccination Network (www.avn.org.au), says she is very proud to have won the Australian Skeptics' (www.skeptics.com.au) Bent Spoon Award for 2009. Ms Dorey took the prize despite some formidable competition from the likes of News Limited, Senator Stephen Fielding, philosophy and bioethics writer Peter Singer and the University of Queensland, all of whom were also nominated. 'I am very grateful for the recognition of an organisation such as the Skeptics,' says Ms Dorey. 'It will inspire me to try even harder to continue promoting the message of free, informed



While working at Byron's Starseed Nursery, Paul Dumais spotted (and photographed on his iPhone) this red-eyed green tree frog in a night flowering lily. The open shot is early morning just before it closed up for the day with its friend tucked in as snug as a bug in a rug.

and scientifically-based health choice?

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos warns of a hoax email that encourages people to find out whether they are entitled to a share of a non-existent estate. 'This email claims to have come from myself, the Attorney General, but I can assure anyone who receives it, that it is a scam,' Mr Hatzistergos said. Written in Dutch, the email claims a man named Heiman de Waal died without making a will and encourages people to call a telephone number to find out whether they are owed money from his estate.

The Mortein Insect Index has been released – it's one of those surveys designed to promote a company and fill dead time on radio. In conjunction with the survey, entomologist Dr Peter Miller advised that the average airspeed of the common housefly is 7.2km per hour. Keep that under your hat for a trivia quiz.

We found an interesting site - www.amctv.com/movienights/the-movie-list – which allows

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