

Optus shafts locals



Residents of Basalt Court in Lennox Heads say the Singapore-owned multinational should be looking elsewhere to get better phone reception. The tower under construction is metres from surrounding houses. Photo Hans Lovejoy

Simeon Michaels

Lennox residents in Basalt Court are furious at Optus and Ballina Council for approving a phone tower on their street.

The tower is currently under construction in close proximity to houses on the street, and residents claim it will omit potentially hazardous radiation.

A media spokesperson for Optus told *The Echo* that the company did, however, consult with the residents.

He says that while the company acknowledged 135 submissions against and a 300-signature petition against, he said that there were ten people in favour.

Based on that information – and other factors – the company decided to proceed, he said.

Optus would not authorise Daly International, the company that collated public submissions, to speak with *The Echo*, nor would they provide the ten letters for verification.

He added that there is a 'balance' when weighing up whether to proceed on building towers in residential areas, and that the amount of opposition and the type of feedback received were considered when Optus made its decision to proceed.

Opposition unanimous

Residents are steadfastly refusing to accept the tower.

'Opposition to this was unanimous,' says Sue Hetherington of Worried Householders Action Against Tower (WHAAT).

'The report that was prepared for

Optus to give to Council did not provide any support for the tower. Surely if there had been community support for the tower they would have mentioned it.'

Ms Hetherington also says that the only community consultation with both Optus and Council consisted of one meeting, which was cut short.

'Our concerns were not listened to at all; the room we were using needed to be vacated for something else.'

Throughout negotiations Council did ask Optus to reduce the scale of the tower, which they did.

Another resident shared his concerns. 'They are supposed to work with the community but they haven't listened to us at all,' says Monty Gibbs, who lives within 50 metres of the tower.

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ArtsCape calls it quits

Chris Dobney & Victoria Cosford

The Board of the artsCape Biennial sculpture exhibition has announced that the planned event for 2012 will not proceed and there are no plans to stage it in the future.

The board blamed a lack of funding and Council compliance issues for killing off the event.

Chairman Robert Bleakley said, 'It is a great shame that we have been forced to make this decision given the success of artsCape Biennial in 2011 and the considerable pleasure artsCape gave to thousands of local Byron Shire residents and visitors from further afield.'

'It has been a tremendous asset to our community.'

Council compliance issues

Board member Tracey Mair said the news was devastating for all involved and particularly for the community as a whole.

She added that even if a white knight were to come along artsCape would still face considerable problems mounting a show.

'The compliance issues with Byron Council are extraordinarily difficult to navigate,' she told *The Echo*. 'They are confusing and complex.'

'Our co-curators are very experienced in holding public events. [Dealing with Council] has been enormously challenging.'

'The combination of both of those factors have made it just not feasible to go ahead in 2012 or in the foreseeable future.'

Curator and Shire resident Merran Morrison agrees. She told *The Echo* that it had taken 13 months for Council to approve the 2010 event.

'We at least thought second time round Council could offer us a streamlined approval process.'

Ms Morrison claims that Artscape Biennale brought an estimated \$300,000 to the local economy.

'In spite of Clarence Valley Council last year inviting us down there, it still remains a difficult economic climate for the arts.'

On behalf of the board, Mr Bleakley expressed his gratitude to the patrons, volunteers and businesses that supported artsCape.

Echo launches new online daily

David Lovejoy

Well, it's here! After the best part of six months' preparation *Echonetdaily* hit the region's inboxes yesterday (Monday).

Produced by a new editorial team who are also tapping the resources of the long-established *Byron* and *Tweed Echo* newspapers, the online title uses innovative technology to present a daily package of local, national and world news.

Add entertainment coverage, up-to-date weather and surf reports, video clips, photo galleries, etc and there's a snapshot every morning of life and events in the Northern Rivers.

Echonetdaily editor Chris Dobney has been working in digital journalism for over a decade, and has spent the last four years as online entertainment editor for the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Now living in Binna Burra, Chris says, 'Nowhere is the spirit of the region reflected better than in the pages of *The Echo*. I'm glad to be on board and helping it extend its reach across the region.'

Assisting Chris with the audiovisual aspects of the new project is local

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Echonetdaily editor Chris Dobney joins the team of *Echo* drudges this week. Photo Eve Jeffery

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Byron library tender won at last

Victoria Cosford

'You can't get much better news than that,' said Bob Levett.

The spokesperson for Byron Bay's Friends of the Library was referring to the recent announcement that Byron Shire Council had accepted a tender to build the long-awaited new library. 'After twenty years' campaigning, everyone's pleased,' Mr Levett told *The Echo*.

Queensland's Badge Constructions Pty Ltd won the tender, which was unanimously accepted at a recent Council meeting.

The library is expected to cost around \$5.6 million and will be built on the corner of

Lawson and Middleton Streets in Byron Bay.

Measuring about 1280 sqm, it will feature environmentally sustainable elements, a section for Indigenous research and a showcase for local arts and crafts alongside traditional library functions.

Construction is expected to start soon after Badge Constructions takes possession of the site on September 5.

Lismore runs Shire's libraries

Mr Levett told *The Echo* that Lismore City Council was still running the Richmond-Tweed Regional Library,

which includes Byron Bay.

'Nobody seems to know much at this stage,' he said.

'Our group is very keen to see that it gets back to a county council-type of setup, but Lismore is still in the driving seat at this stage. Things might change with a change of government.'

Byron Area Librarian Nicole Don confirmed that Lismore City Council was still running the libraries. 'But the law's been changed and some of the councils, especially Byron, are keen to go with that.'

In May this year minister for the arts, George Souris, said that new legislation introduced by the NSW government stops

the need for one council to be responsible for the management of library services and that responsibility can be shared between councils when they run a joint enterprise.

Originally, the Richmond-Tweed Library had been run in a similar fashion until Lismore took over last year following changes in law.

'At the moment a new library agreement is being drawn up by the Lismore City Council but it hasn't been signed off yet,' Ms Don told *The Echo*.

'Lismore will be an administrative council but might want to come up with a joint co-operative mode the way it was before.'

Mr Bangalow receives Premier's Award

Michael Malloy, the man who wears more hats in Bangalow than any other, has finally been rewarded for years of great community service.

Last week Ballina MP Don Page presented him with the NSW Premier's Community Service Award.

Michael has been involved with just about every major event in Bangalow, and is the current president of the Chamber of Commerce as well as venue co-ordinator for the Bangalow A&I Hall.

Mr Malloy has been heavily involved in the upgrade of the historic hall as well as its day-to-day running.

'The Bangalow A&I Hall is the heart of Bangalow and provides the perfect venue for

many iconic events in Bangalow, as well as a community gathering space,' Mr Page said in a media release. 'Without Michael's vision and dedication, along with Jan Hulbert and tireless community volunteers, Bangalow would not have this wonderful historical asset.'

Mr Malloy also helped found Bangalow Rugby Club, is still heavily involved in the Bangalow Christmas Eve street party, is president of the Bangalow Music Festival and vice-president of the Bangalow Pool Trust.

Mr Page said, 'It gives me great pleasure to see Michael's tireless efforts on behalf of the Bangalow community recognised with the prestigious Premier's Award. There is no question it is well deserved.'

Body found in Mullum river

The body of 82-year-old Audrey Woods was recovered from the Mullumbimby river on Saturday.

NSW Police, assisted by the SES, Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) and a Westpac Lifesaver helicopter, conducted

an extensive search of nearby bushland and surrounding areas since the woman was reported missing from a retirement home last Thursday.

There are believed to be no suspicious circumstances surrounding Mrs Woods's death.

Bangalow alive with art



Bangalow Public School Art Show 'Bangalow Alive' was held over the weekend.

The show was a roaring success which featured an auction of the children's work.

Years three and four created a wonderful piece which raised the most money.

The 'Heritage Buildings of Bangalow' was made of 42 squares of canvas which the class individually coloured with oil pastels.

Contributing artists Avriti, Kiarna, Conor and Isabella are

pictured with art patrons Brian Grant and Morag Page from GNF Real Estate in Bangalow who paid \$1,200 for the masterpiece which they will proudly hang on the wall of the office.
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Correction

In last week's story on the Vo-year fashion show, a sponsor was incorrectly named.

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Food festival returns to the Shire

Victoria Cosford

Not since 2007 has there been a food festival in the Byron Shire.

The last event, run by the Lions Club and featuring chillis as its theme, was a successful two-day event at Denning Park, Main Beach.

Now, thanks to organiser Remy Tancred, who publishes both *The Lennox Wave* and *Sample* magazines, the Sample Food Festival will take place at the Bangalow Showground on Saturday September 10.

To become an annual spring event, its aim is to celebrate

the vibrant food scene in the Northern Rivers with representation by restaurants, farmers and producers.

The festival will run from 9am to 3pm, and will culminate in a gala dinner, to be held at the Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, cooked by a group of well-known local chefs.

There will be cooking and lifestyle demonstrations throughout the day as well as restaurant marquees serving up tasting plates. Live entertainment will also include Kurtis, Ilona Harker and Tres Hombres. Entry is free.



Festival chefs up for a cookup on September 10. Backrow: Scott Frost, Joe Griffin, Gavin Hughes. Front row: Peter Flemming, Adam Smith, Monique Gutteres-Harrison and Perry Hill

Lennox residents furious over Optus tower

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er and is currently receiving treatment for cancer.

'Reception is pretty good already,' says Jacob Carter, 15, and an Optus customer whose family home backs on to the tower.

'There's no need to put that there and affect people's health.'

Impacts inconclusive

Clearly it's the health issues which underpin residents' opposition to the tower. There has been widespread research into the health impacts of radio-frequency electromagnetic energy (EME). Findings remain inconclusive.

The official view in Australia comes from the Australian Media and Communications Authority (ACMA). According to their fact sheet: ACMA has made 'mandatory EME exposure limits for installations such as broadcast towers... many times below a level of exposure to EME that is known to have adverse health effects on the human body.'

A little understood fact about EME is that it drops off very quickly with distance from the source.

The inverse square rule is a law of physics that applies to all radiation, and it states that the amount of radiation drops off by the distance from the source squared. If one person is standing 10 metres from a tower and another is 50 metres away, the person further away doesn't get one fifth of the radiation, they get one fifth squared.

That is 1/25th of the EME. As a result, a mobile phone jammed to your ear broadcasts far more radiation into your head than a 100 watt tower 50 metres away.

According to the Optus spokesperson, the company has thoroughly tested the EME levels to be produced by the tower. 'EME levels at residences surrounding the tower are one per cent of the exposure limits,' he says.

Long-term effects

However, even scientists who see no link between EME and cancer concede that ACMA's EME standards are based on studies which are short term, and that insufficient work has been done on long-term effects, or effects on children.

Dr Charlie Teo, one of Australia's leading brain surgeons, has co-authored a report warning of a possible explosion in cancer resulting from EME.

'If we're right we're going to see a huge increase in brain tumours and brain cancer in the next decade or so. It's going to be frightening,' he told *60 Minutes* reporter Liam Bartlett in a 2009 interview.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) had previously stated that there were no links between cancer and mobile phone use, but in a more recent report have found associations, as did a World Health Organisation report which now rates mobile phone use as 'possibly carcinogenic.'

Mobile phones and mobile towers deliver very different doses over different timeframes, but they both operate at the same frequency.

'This is just like cigarettes. First they said it was good for you, then they said it wasn't bad for you, then they said there was no conclusive evidence proving it could kill you, and now it's Australia's largest public health problem,' says Sue Hetherington.

'The Telecommunications Act requires Optus to take a precautionary approach.

'We want them to do that, we want them to listen to us, and we don't want a tower,' she concludes.

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Echo launches new online daily

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Sharon recently completed a full-length documentary on *The Echo* and its history.

Such is the pace of the news cycle that subscribers will probably have already seen the first two editions of our daily web publication before they read this item in the old steam *Echo*.

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CSG companies under growing pressure

Ray Moynihan

As the high-profile Senate inquiry into coal-seam gas continues, Queensland has announced new restrictions on drilling close to towns and a New South Wales parliamentary probe has opened for submissions.

With industry and its supporters in government strongly defending the safety of the drilling process known as fracking, cracks are beginning to appear in the campaign to sell the booming industry as a clean green alternative to traditional coal mining.



'Pilot production' wells and water treatment dams in Bibblewindi State Forest, north-west of Tamworth. Photo taken in May 2010 by The Hunter Action Group

Could impact aquifers

The National Water Commission last week restated its warnings there was an important lack of information surrounding the long-term impacts of coal-seam gas extraction and its risks to water systems.

In December last year the Commission had previously reported that massive water use and the 'dramatic depressurisation of coal seams' could affect water availability, that waste water could pollute streams, and that fracking had the 'potential to induce connection and cross-contamination between aquifers, with impacts on groundwater quality.'

Two weeks ago, a senior figure representing the industry confirmed to a public meeting that drilling could impact on aquifers to varying degrees.

He reportedly told the *Sydney Morning Herald* after the meeting: 'I'm wanting to ensure that we are not seen as saying there won't be any impacts during the process.'

'It is a matter of monitoring and managing those impacts.' The Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association does not concede

that extraction will inevitably contaminate aquifers, but says coal-seam gas drilling 'will reduce water pressure', and the 'extent to which this process affects other aquifers - if at all - is determined by geological separation...'

Meanwhile, as farmers and others have shared their concerns at the Senate inquiry hearings across Australia, companies are expressing differing views about whether they would move onto land against the wishes of landowners.

Gov owns minerals beneath top soil

By law, governments own the resources beneath the top-soil, and mining companies can force entry to property if a court grants permission.

Two weeks ago Opposition leader Tony Abbott backed the right of farmers to say no, but later retreated, saying his comments only applied to prime agricultural land.

Here in the Byron Shire, the company controlling vast exploration rights told *The Echo* earlier this year it would not explore on land without the owner's agreement, but the company now says it won't rule

out resorting to court action if needed.

In a statement sent to *The Echo* last week, Arrow Energy said: 'Our aim is to always negotiate voluntary land access agreements with landholders... however, we support both landholder and the CGS companies retaining the right to access legal processes, in the interests of both parties.'

Offshore company has 15 wells locally

Arrow, which has already drilled 15 exploration wells in this region, is jointly owned by PetroChina and the Dutch company Shell, currently facing criticisms of its own over a major oil leak still flowing in the North Sea near Scotland.

While gas is increasingly promoted as a clean alternative to help fight climate change, in recent days the Greens leadership has very publicly questioned widely used assertions that gas produces only half the emissions of dirty coal.

Changing science

The science surrounding these estimates is complex, uncertain and changing, and the calculations depend very

much of the way the resource is extracted, transported and delivered.

But if gas is not as green as previously believed, and coal can clean up its act, the differences between the two energy forms will start to shrink, and the comparison with renewable energy will look even starker.

As an example of the changing science, the United States government very recently revised upwards its estimates of highly polluting methane emissions associated with some forms of gas extraction.

While leaks from wells using fracking were a key culprit, important caveats include the fact that gas has been more commonly extracted from shale in the US rather than coal seams, and that technology may be more modern and regulations tighter in Australia.

Tighter regulations

In Queensland those regulations were tightened last week, as the government announced new restrictions on companies exploring within two kilometres of towns with 1000 or more people.

In New South Wales the parliamentary inquiry is briefly taking submissions, though they close in the first week of September.

And nationally, the activist group GetUp is collecting a petition to stop coal-seam gas mining, visiting northern New South Wales recently as part of its intelligence gathering for the campaign.

While an informal alliance of farmers and environmentalists is driving much of the community protest, it's unclear what impact an increase in compensation to landholders - or improvement in regulation - will have on the strength of opposition.

Local investor sells properties

Victoria Cosford

Entrepreneur Eddie Phillips has placed two properties in the Shire on the market.

Janis Perkins of Raine & Horne Byron Bay confirmed that he was selling three retail spaces on Jonson Street - including where the The Byronian cafe is located - and the River View Inn motel in Brunswick Heads.

The River View Inn is next door to the Hotel Brunswick and comprises twelve rooms, a licensed restaurant, reception, laundry and two-bedroom

home with parking for 12 vehicles. Mr Phillips paid \$1.6 million for it in 2000 and is now hoping for \$2.5 million.

Rachael Smith, owner of the Sandbar cafe in the River View Inn complex, told *The Echo* that in the two years since she and her partners have been running their business they have only ever been given a six-month lease.

Ms Smith added she hopes the new owners 'recognise the good we're doing and decide not only to renovate but give us a two-year lease so that finally we can feel safe.'

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Witnessing the glacial retreat in Nepal so shocked Amelia Hicks that she decided to do something about it.

The Lennox Head student recently travelled to the mountain nation and saw first hand the results of climate change.

'I was trekking with three young Nepali people and they were scared and felt a sense of helplessness because the annual melt from these glaciers is the main water source for the

people of Nepal.

'I realised that climate change is not just about the natural environment but about people. The choices we make in Australia regarding climate change are going to affect not just us but people all over the world.'

When Amelia returned home she immediately joined the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC).

'I realised that I could no longer be apathetic towards climate change. I know it is occurring at such a rapid rate and

that it is up to my generation to stop this because if we don't, it will be too late.'

The AYCC is an entirely youth-run project building a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis.

Their aim is to educate, inspire and mobilise young people across the country. Their main annual event is the 'Powershift' conference held in capital cities, a three-day summit to inspire, empower and activate at least 1,000 young people.

'The AYCC is an amazing organisation with over 60,000 members,' says Amelia.

'We are fed up with the negativity of the debate regarding action on CC and "Powershift" is a chance to show the youth support change.'

Amelia says that recently the media debate has been focused on scare tactics from the opposition and mining sector and negativity regarding the carbon tax.

'I think the focus should be on the fact that we are finally

doing something about CC.

'And I am excited for "Powershift" because it is a chance to get some positive discussion generated about CC and make sure that our government knows that Australia's youth support action on CC.'

Amelia is one of 85 members of the AYCC from all over the country who recently met in Brisbane for a special training weekend recently.

'We have the role of "Field Coordinators". So this means I am actively trying to recruit as many young people as I can to take action on climate change by attending the summit in October and show they want strong action on climate change.'

Powershift will be held in Brisbane and Perth this year. If you would like more information about the summit visit: www.powershift.org.au or to contact Amelia about local summit registration, email: amelia.hicks@me.com.

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Lennox residents rail against the rail

Chris Dobney

Organisers estimate approximately 400 people turned up yesterday to protest the design and implementation of the shared pathway handrail



Pictured is Melitta Firth and son Monty at Sunday's rally.

at Lennox Head.

They claim the crowd represented a broad cross-section of mostly local residents together with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lennox Head Surfing Reserve Committee.

Local surfers have been a strong contingent in the opposition to the handrail (but not the shared pathway) and they hasten to point out that Lennox Head is part of only four surfing reserves in the country. They argue the handrail is a blot on Lennox's iconic headland.

The demonstrators are demanding that the handrail be removed. They argue that the architecture and landscaping need to fit in more with the aesthetic value of the Lennox headland.

Ballina Councillor Peter Moore, who was unable to attend the rally, last week put a recession motion to Council, stopping work on further instal-

lation of the handrail until it is voted on in Council this week.

Cr Moore is arguing for complete removal of the handrail except in those places where it's critical for safety and that in those places there be 'an appropriate redesign undertaken.'

He has foreshadowed a motion to get an independent landscape design and engineering service to come up with the design.

'This is the beginning of the shared cycleway,' he told *The Echo*. 'Better for us to come up with a redesign at the beginning than realise halfway

through that the community are completely against what we're doing.'

Opposing removal of the handrail, Cr Sharon Cadwallader told *The Echo* she is concerned it could put Council in breach of its occupational health and safety obligations.

'I'm happy to go back and look at a different design for the remainder of the shared pathway but not go back and redo anything that's already been done.'

'We've got homeless people in our Shire - I can't be an advocate for wasting public money.'

Bunnings buys the big prawn in Ballina

Bunnings have announced it intends to make the Big Prawn in Ballina a mega-superstore.

If approved by Ballina Council, the company say they will invest more than \$30 million into the new store.

They claim it will create an

'additional 70 jobs for local residents.'

Wesfarmers owns Bunnings and Coles supermarkets, along with other interests.

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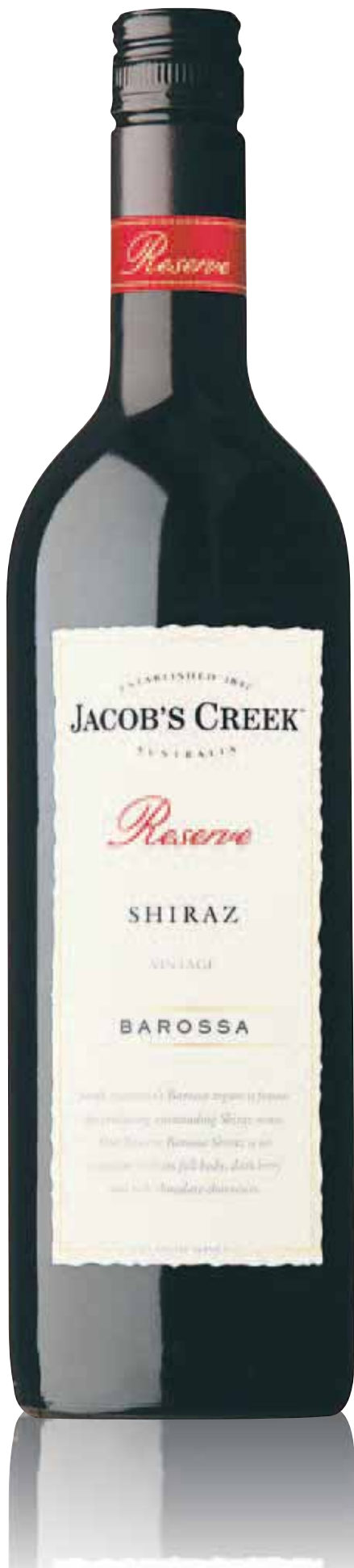
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The pleasure of photos



Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Winners of the seventh annual Simple Pleasures Photography Competition have been announced.

The finalist in this year's competition are April Lilleyman, Grace Austin, Zoe Nichol, James Russell, Sage Lilleyman, Cameron Jones, Michelle Begg, Rod Thom, Jill Garland, Jill Moonie, Pamela Punch, Michelle Davies and Jo Immig.

Though entries were down on last year, the standard was

very high and entrants were very innovative.

The judges (pictured), Ros Goodchild, Paul Begg, Billy Wrencher and Eve Jeffery, were very happy to see the inclusion of subjects not before seen including Brunswick sports.

An exhibition of the photos will be on display in the town's shopfronts from Saturday, and category winners will be included in the 2012 Brunswick Heads calendar, to be launched September 11 at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club.

LHPA under government review

Independent consultant Terry Ryan will conduct a review of the NSW Livestock Health and Pest Authority (LHPA) model.

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, announced the appointment this week, in light of ongoing concerns with 'the model put

in place by the former Government in 2009.' Ms Hodgkinson says he is an independent agricultural and energy economic consultant, 'who has a wealth of experience in agriculture and policy development, and has published extensively on economic policy issues.'

Ten grand goes to lucky locals thanks to BayFM's sub-drive

The winner of the \$10,000 prize, Byron resident Jake Dolan, broke his arm recently and his mum, Sheree Craft, subscribed for him as a gift to cheer him up.

Now they're both celebrating because Jake will share the prize with his Mum. Jake says that he's never won anything in his life and can't believe his luck.

BayFM's annual subscriber drive celebrated its final day on Sunday August 21 with a record number of subscribers to our community radio station.

The incentive of winning \$10,000 cash, as well as 14 daily prizes throughout the two weeks of the drive, was enough to encourage 1,335 listeners to subscribe during the event.

BayFM says it's a 42 per cent increase on last year's figures and the best result for a subscriber drive ever.

Illegal dumping clean-up bill to be 'significant'

While Byron Shire Council's kerbside cleanup has finished, the illegal dumping of waste continues.

Council's acting general manager Phil Warner said the amount of rubbish dumped illegally throughout the Shire during the kerbside cleanup was escalating.

Mr Warner said Council staff and machinery will be out over the coming weeks clean-

ing up the illegal dump sites and he warned the extra cost won't be low.

'Sadly the illegally dumped material has been transported to the various locations when it could easily have been taken to Myocum landfill rather than dumped on the side of the road.'

The community is encouraged to report any illegal dumping to Council on 6626 7000.

Monthly prizes for new subscribers resume in September. Call 66 807999 or online at www.bayfm.org.

See a video of BayFM on *Echo* today (Tuesday).

Byron Community Primary opens up for art and music



The Byron Community Primary School had their open day on Saturday with parents and children coming from far and wide to enjoy a day of celebration and music as well as arts, crafts, a book fair and yummy food. Multi-talented Isabella from the year five 'Whales' group showed off her beautiful mixed-media artwork entitled *A Bowl Of Shells* before rushing off to play keyboards in the school's band.

Ocean Shores Art Expo this weekend

Over 230 works of art will be on display this weekend at the Ocean Shores Public School Arts and Craft Festival.

To be held at the Ocean Shores Public School at the end of Shara Boulevard, North Ocean Shores, the event features music, workshops, craft stalls, coffee, food, craft demonstrations and interactive sculpture.

MC Daniel Prokop of BayFM will host a night of award presentations on Friday from 7pm, along with live music from the Andrews Brothers.

Other weekend highlights

include a history presentation by historian Frank Mills called 'Cultural Diversity in the Shire' on Saturday from 2pm and Sunday 28 from 11am and 2pm.

Award-winning artist Pete Pinza will give demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon and 3pm, while Rod Murray will play contemporary guitar from 12 noon both days.

The Expo will be open Friday August 26 until Sunday 28 from 10am to 4pm daily.

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Clubbing the natives

There is a great scene in the movie *Fight Club*, where the main character talks to a fellow airline passenger about his job.

He explains that his company weighs up the cost of recalling badly designed vehicles against its profit margin. Applying the *Fight Club* formula, Optus is erecting a phone tower in the middle of a cluster of houses in Lennox Head.

The most revealing part of Simeon Michaels's page one story is the 'balance' that Optus applies when deciding to proceed or not with building a tower in a residential area.

Optus has carefully weighed up the negative media coverage this will generate against improved phone reception and profits. And profits are up: last year the Singapore-owned telco posted a 16 per cent increase in annual net profit to \$676 million, according to ABC's *Lateline*.

Sadly the residents of Basalt Court just weren't vocal enough with 135 letters against and a 300+ petition.

Optus claims it has ten letters of support, but that figure is meaningless – not because they refused to disclose who the letter writers are to *The Echo*, but because Ballina Shire Council allowed this to happen.

If Council chose to bravely deny Optus its wishes, both entities would again weigh up the cost of litigation and outcome, à la *Fight Club*.

But these residents aren't alone – it's happening all over the country and others are winning. *The Hobart Mercury* reported last month that 'People power topples tower,' while in the Sellicks Beach area of South Australia, a inventive man demonstrated to his community what a tower proposal would look like. According to www.mathaba.net, he spent around \$600 on renting a 35 metre crane for a couple of hours.

This decision should clearly be reversed. Hopefully next time Ballina Shire Council will represent the wishes of its ratepayers instead of a corporation.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Storm of fear rolls on, ten years later

Last week Australia celebrated a grim anniversary, and no, we're not talking about Julia Gillard's no longer operative promise not to introduce a carbon tax.

After all it would be hard to find a single day of the year which has been consistently free of pollies' porkies. No story there.

But it was in August 2001 that the Norwegian freighter *Tampa* arrived in Australian waters with its cargo of rescued asylum seekers, provoking the storm of fear, loathing and xenophobia which carried John Howard to his dark victory in the election that followed.

According to the polling at the time, some 76 per cent of Australians approved of his brutal escalation of what was, in any normal context, an unimportant incident; voters leaving the polling booths made comments like: 'I voted for Johnny because he knows how to handle the towel heads.'

The Labor Party was comprehensively spooked: Kim Beazley quietly deplored Howard's extremism, but was eventually carried away by the populist tsunami. And so, with just a few ups and downs, it has been for the last ten years. To his credit Kevin Rudd tried to end the absurdly named Pacific solution, and Labor continues to reject the use of temporary rejection visas, the devices of psychological torture which prevented even fully accredited refugees from attaining the security and rights accorded to other Australians.

But apart from that, we are back more or less where we started: Malaysia has been substituted for Nauru and Manus Island is to be re-opened. In a decade our politicians have learned nothing and forgotten nothing; at least it took the Bourbons the best part of a

century to be lauded for such tenacity.

And, like the Bourbons, our leaders are apparently lagging significantly behind the public. A poll taken last week found that slightly more than half the voters would now like to see asylum seekers processed within Australia, with the rest more or less equally divided between those who would rather retain off-shore process-

national reputation.

And now even the highly-regarded permanent secretary of Evans's own department, Andrew Metcalfe, has suggested that it is time for a rethink. Surely, after ten unhappy years, it is time to lift the shadow of the *Tampa* and for Australia to show a modicum of compassion and commonsense. And think of the money we could save.

without its active co-operation it would be hard to build a case; and of course Thomson has strenuously denied any wrongdoing on his part.

And before any prosecution was launched, the case would have to be rock-solid, unlosable; because the consequences either way would be incalculable. It would take a very courageous bureaucrat to go to court over a relatively minor fraud with a brief which, if it succeeded, would in all probability bring down the federal government. Godwin Gretch, of course, was ready to do so, and was even prepared to fabricate the evidence. But fortunately there are not many Godwin Gretches left in today's public service.

On the revelations to date, Craig Thomson is not exactly an ornament to the parliament; indeed, he may well be a thorough-going sleazebag. But that has never been a disqualification from high office, which is just as well. If it were, we'd be facing a by-election every second week.

And I cannot end this piece without a mention of the tragic death of Paul Lockyer and his ABC colleagues. Lockyer was a fine reporter, a great bloke and a personal friend. I first met him some forty years ago and in all that time have never heard any of his colleagues say a bad word about him – a solid enough tribute in itself. He was that rare being, a journalist who could make the rest of us feel proud of our craft.

And he never took himself too seriously. An epitaph from W H Auden seems appropriate: As the poets have mournfully sung

Death takes in the innocent young;

The screamingly funny
Those rolling in money
And even the very well hung.
Vale, mate.

It is time to lift the shadow of the *Tampa* and for Australia to show a modicum of compassion and commonsense.

by Mungo MacCallum



ing and those who just want to send the bastards home.

It's hardly an overwhelming result but it does suggest that attitudes have become both more humane and more rational than either Julia Gillard or Tony Abbott are prepared to acknowledge. Abbott, of course, is happy to use any issue to hand to beat on the government, and is unconcerned about the collateral damage. But it should give Gillard and her responsible minister, Chris Evans, a few seconds of doubt.

Their current policy is, by any measure, a fiasco. It has alienated the left while failing to assuage the right. It represents yet another backflip, but has not solved the ongoing political problem. It is hideously expensive and shows every sign of becoming more so with the apparently open-ended commitment to the governments of Malaysia and Papua-New Guinea. It is hugely damaging to the mental and physical health of the asylum seekers and a blot on Australia's inter-

And speaking of money, just what is to be done about Craig Thomson? Well, probably not much. For the government, he represents a continuing embarrassment, but hardly the existential threat for which the more excitable commentators are baying.

Apart from death and resignation, the only ways Thomson can be forced out of parliament and precipitate the longed-for by-election are by becoming bankrupt or by being convicted of a criminal offence. The Labor party, through a timely donation of \$90,000 or \$150,000 or whatever it was, has already prevented the first and will presumably continue to do so.

And as for the second – well, no charges have yet been laid and it appears unlikely that they will be. The accusations centre around the alleged misuse of a Health Services Union credit card. The first problem is that the union itself has made no official complaint to the police or to anyone else, and

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A history of bullying in Council

■ Your correspondent Peter Morgan (Letters, August 16) has very clearly outlined the bullying culture in many Australian workplaces. Many of the situations he has mentioned have been informally reported (people are afraid to speak on the record) to me as being rife in the Byron Council.

As a councillor I have raised these issues with the General Manager both verbally and in writing over a long period but in my opinion he has been unable to act decisively due in part to the many constraints imposed by such things as confidentiality, union sensibilities and insurance liability management.

The division of responsibilities between the GM and the elected council in this area is that the GM has sole control of 'operational' matters and the councillors formulate 'policy'. The Local Government Act

does indicate that councillors have an overall responsibility for general governance but the wording is so ambiguous that they can be excluded from any action or indeed information on the state of the operational organisation.

I find this situation extremely frustrating but it can only be challenged by a united stand by a majority of councillors – sadly the required majority has shown no interest in going down this path, usually choosing to accept easy options of promised future good intentions.

In these situations strong leadership can do much to maintain morale but this is a quality which has been sadly constrained by the pressures of current bureaucratic demands.

Cr Tom Tabart
Bangalow

■ *The Echo* has done an excellent job in exposing an instance

of the bullying culture which exists within the upper staffing levels of the Byron Shire Council.

Jos Mitchell has also acted very bravely in exposing the culture which cost her her job, her family security and her desire to contribute to building a better Byron Shire for us all.

In my experience, working at a community level, Jos was always available, open, accessible and free of the bureaucratic bullshit and doublespeak which seems to infect much of the upper echelons of Council staff. Ask yourself how many senior Council staff return your phone calls, much less sit up until midnight finalising an important Council report. (Not many I suggest.)

As your editorial rightly suggests, the treatment of Jos Mitchell requires a considered response – not one that requires a retreat behind issues

of 'privacy' and 'bureaucratic process', because that is certainly not where Jos is hiding.

The General Manager, her Executive Manager concerned and anyone else who has been involved in this sorry saga must come clean and explain their actions. We have so few officers of the calibre of Jos Mitchell that we cannot afford to lose any more, particularly when dubious outdated practices are used to get rid of them.

Some 15 years ago when I resigned as an elected councillor of the Byron Shire I cited a 'poisonous atmosphere' that permeated the 'rats in the ranks' leadership style engendered by the then Council leadership. We will see in the next few weeks if anything has changed or if it is just business as usual. The latter, sadly, I suspect.

Michael Malloy
Bangalow

Gardens rule

How lovely to see such a happy local story on the front page of last week's *Echo*. Congratulations to North Ocean Shores for their new Shara Community Gardens. Community gardens are inspiring places of co-operation, fecundity and friendships. This is what our world needs more of. I hope they will be every bit as successful as the wonderful counterpart at Mullumbimby.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite people to come and do qui gung on Sundays at 11am at the Mullumbimby Gardens at the end of Stuart Street. These sessions are a tribute to the late Christopher Wright by several of his students. It is delightful to share these health-inducing practices amid gardens and the rolling hills surrounding Mullumbimby.

All are invited to join in. We are asking for a gold coin donation which will go towards

building the new kitchen for the gardens. This place is becoming a real social hub as I'm sure the new Shara Community Gardens will be also.

Magenta Appel-Pye
Mullumbimby

AFL takeover

May I ask what the Gold Coast Suns are doing in your sports pages? I can recall no such coverage being given to the Gold Coast Titans (NRL), Gold Coast Utd (A League) or Gold Coast Blaze (NBL).

Has our Shire's boundary been extended to include that tawdry domain of tackiness north of the Tweed? Or is *The Echo* now a running dog of the AFL juggernaut?

Gil Crespy
Goonengerry

Where's our gallery

Why doesn't Byron Shire have a regional gallery? With the largest population of practising artists in the state, why are

Byron Shire artists not represented by our council?

Visit the acclaimed purpose-built Tweed River Gallery at Murwillumbah funded by the Tweed Council or Ballina Regional Gallery located in a historic building donated by Ballina Council, and you will see the high standard of work being exhibited.

A regional gallery is a venue for local art exhibitions and competitions, an educational arts program, and hosting talks and exhibitions from visiting artists. A regional gallery is a place to bring your visitors, a meeting place for our region's artists and community, a place to promote the arts and culture of our region. A place to be proud of and a visual link to our unique region.

It would require a relatively small investment from the council. Ballina Gallery has one paid staff member assisted by volunteers.

I know we need money for

roads etc but we also need a vibrant culture to enrich our lives. Sales generated from a gift shop, the sale of art, and leasing of the space for exhibitions would help finance this undertaking and assist local businesses by bringing visitors into our region.

Leonie Jackson
Mullumbimby

Suffolk Park energy

Last Tuesday over 70 Suffolk Park residents gathered to talk about community – what it means to us and what we'd like to see in Suffolk Park. Thank you all for bringing such energy and enthusiasm.

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Thanks also to the many residents and business owners who've taken the time to email or talk to us about their ideas.

The committee is now collating and analysing all this information and we welcome more suggestions and comments. Community is about coming together, it's about sharing, so please email your ideas to spasssecretary@iprimus.com.au.

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Karin Kolbe
President, Suffolk Park Progress Association

Population trigger

'Tallowood Ridge - views and cool breezes... two minutes from town'. This is the advertisement I see in *The Echo* - Stage 1 I think. What puzzles me is that, unless I have missed someone else's letter pointing out the fact of an

What do you think about having another pub?

■ So what do you think about this pub and drive-through bottle shop proposed for Sunrise?

The 'Sun Bistro' was originally promoted to locals as a family-friendly restaurant and bistro.

Yet how can a development so focused around the sale of alcohol be in the best interests of families in this community? With the main streets of Byron increasingly spooky places late at night, and underage drinking a major local issue, is another bottle-o and pub profiting from grog really what we need?

And there's a wider issue here about the brutality of the booze-fuelled-Friday-night-brigade moving into the suburbs where people live. Do we want to set this precedent? Many homes are within earshot of the proposed pub, in direct breach of the Council's

increasing population in the area, this is probably the prime reason why Woolworths has tried so hard to locate itself in Mullumbimby.

I don't condone the behaviour of multinationals when

draft liquor policy. If this development gets through, the sound of the sea at night will be replaced by the sound of traffic driving in and out of the bottle shop. It's not that we don't want any development - a café/restaurant, even a licensed one, wouldn't have the same negative impacts.

I understand some in Sunrise support this pub and I can relate to the yearning for a venue where we can all get together - I'm just not sure this is the right place to do it.

Miranda Burne
Sunrise Beach

■ The differing views about the proposed bistro/bar in Sunrise bring up the issue of appropriate development. All of those who are against the present proposal say they are not against development per se but think that this is not the 'right thing' for the area.

they blatantly override the wishes of a local community and their elected councillors. Neither do I condone similar behaviour regarding the establishment of a Dan Murphy's in the centre of Byron Bay.

This concept of appropriate development is something that should be more teased out. The concept of a gathering place for locals is something that comes under the rubric of 'appropriate development', so ideally we should all sit down with the developer and have input into what that gathering place should look like before plans are drawn up.

The discussion might go something like this: food at reasonable prices, sure; children's play area, yes; facility for occasional live music, definitely; sensitive design and good acoustics absolutely, and - alcohol? Yes, but not in the form that it dominates, and encourages youth drinking.

Perhaps we would have more agreement within the community if the process went something like that. The final blueprint might look something like the Treehouse

at Belongil which is open for breakfast through to dinner and is a place for locals and tourists as well. It has the Byron feel - it is 'funky' and arty but casual and simple and anyone can feel welcome there to have a coffee or a drink and a snack. There is no bottle shop there so it doesn't have that alcohol focus.

In the best of worlds the residents would have more input into development proposals - we would not just be presented with a plan and given token consultation rights. We would not have to accept the attitude that it's the developer's money so we can't tell him/her what to put there.

Obviously the imperative to make money is the main concern of developers but surely there can be still be a possibility of involving the other 'stakeholders' more, and from the beginning, and who

knows for sure that a 'pub' there will make more money than a more family-friendly venue?

In the present proposal, situated only a few metres from houses and residents, there has been no consideration given to those people who bought into the area thinking they were buying into a peaceful bushy environment with a future resort development down the road which would have a 'hub' of commercial and cultural activities accessible to them.

So this is a plea for a new way of handling development issues, and in the absence of that at least support for the recommendation of Council that the bottle shop be left out of the proposal, especially considering there is already one in IGA down the road.

Christine Willmot
Sunrise Beach

Wouldn't the multinational be making a decision based on the expanding population at the proposed Byron West development? And the Broken Head Road development at Suffolk Park for that matter.

I know none of this helps to remedy, or even prevent, the situation but I am surprised that no-one seems to have pointed out these facts before now.

Helen Revis
Suffolk Park

Property rights

Australia is a lucky country, reaping the profits of a mineral and mining boom. Most of our mineral exports are being shipped to China. The financial rewards of this boom are apparently being shared among the whole population of our country. This is what our politicians want us to believe via the propaganda that comes from federal and state governments.

Fact is some of us will reap a reward if we work in North West WA or in the mines of North Queensland. When you hear of men and women earn-

ing \$2500 to \$3500 a week, take into account that these are 50 to 60 hour weeks (you work out the hourly rate and see for yourself). Most of the profit is going to those who are directors of these mining companies and the larger shareholders.

The bigger issue for me and one that's being tested with coal-seam gas and the lock the gate campaign is one of property rights. Property ownership is fragile as the state owns the mineral rights.

The state can issue a mining lease to a mining company, and if they find what they are looking for, increase their company's wealth while making your property worth less. (Who would want to buy it now?) It's worth remembering that 'just terms' compensation only applies to the commonwealth government; state governments can acquire land without giving any compensation.

At least the Chinese and the companies buying our minerals are honest with their population that they exist under a communist socialist regime

in which almost everything is state owned.

Australia looks pretty much the same to me, only our governments want us to believe the myth of democracy.

Vince Sherry
Myocum

Butt out, Moreton

How is it that The Greater Moreton Bay Council and the ABC's JJJ are supporting the submissions by Splendour in The Grass to change The Major Events Policy in the LEP by Byron Shire Council.

Such political support from from these organisations is disgraceful, as is Splendour's insistence that it gets its own way by calling for submissions to Council from all and sundry, to alter the LEP to allow plans to create a multifunction mega entertainment venue at Yelgun.

No doubt if they don't get their way they will litigate again and again, at great cost to Council.

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Things done in Galileo's name

Despite my browser rating its trustworthiness as around zilch, I took up Duncan Shipley-Smith's challenge (Letters, August 16) to find facts on the galileomovement website. I failed. I found lots of silly statements and plain lies, but no facts.

Here are a few: (1) 'carbon dioxide levels in the air are less than 0.04%.' Yes, but 150 years ago it was about 280ppm and now it's 390ppm; isotopic analysis shows the growth is due to human activity. (2) 'IPCC states that carbon dioxide levels follow temperature rather than vice versa.' The basics are simple - carbon dioxide traps heat, the more of it in the atmosphere, the hotter it gets. (3) '1998 was the warmest year, so global warming isn't happening.' Picking a single year out is meaningless. The 'El Nino of the century' warmed the planet

in 1998, but in 2007 when the cooling La Nina prevailed the world temperature equalled 1998. The last decade has been the hottest on record, including the three hottest years.

The people from whom these ideas derive are cause for reflection. The professors Ball and Ridd specialise in geography and physics respectively; Ian Plimer and Bob Carter are geologists (Plimer also is a director of four mining companies and whose book on climate would take at least two books to correct); Maharosy is a biologist and Singer and Lindzen are frustrated ex-meteorologists on the fossil fuel payroll and with no credibility; Flint is the quintessential monarchist and Bolt is a PR flack for anyone right of Genghis Khan. Not a climate scientist amongst them. The joker in the pack is the barking so-

called Lord Monckton, whose degree in classical Greek and Latin must be invaluable in the interpretation of climate models. Trusting these people for climate advice makes as much sense as consulting a motor mechanic for a toothache.

The really galling aspect of this caper is not just that arrogant ignoramus think that they know better than the experts, but they use the name of respected scientists to cloak their misdeeds. Galileo would have recognised their tactics as derived from the medieval Vatican. Likewise the fakes in the Lavoisier Group. Fortunately the church has moved on. Check out the Vatican for a realistic appraisal of the mess we're in and if you don't want to help, get out of the way - this is bloody serious.

Alan Watterson
Brunswick Heads

services. Festivals of 30,000 to 50,000 patrons, many housed on site, at regular monthly intervals will severely and negatively impact on residents from Brunswick Heads and Ocean Shores through to Tweed Shire.

Paul Arrowsmith
Yelgun

Bring back the past

I'm sure if Woolworths' management would only listen to the coordinator of the Action

Group they would tear down that building and rip up the parking lot and give us back that swampy, weed-infested paddock where my horse was born.

Take away that almost too good footpath and bring back that clogged drain we had for years. Get rid of that smooth efficient roundabout and bring back the very dangerous intersection that was there.

As for giving apples to

schools. Ha. Those apples should have been thrown in the garbage.

Incidentally what has the Action Group given to anyone, other than cause for one to question the sanity of their members?

W B Crompton
Mullumbimby

■ Letters about the Israel-Palestine conflict are on page 14.

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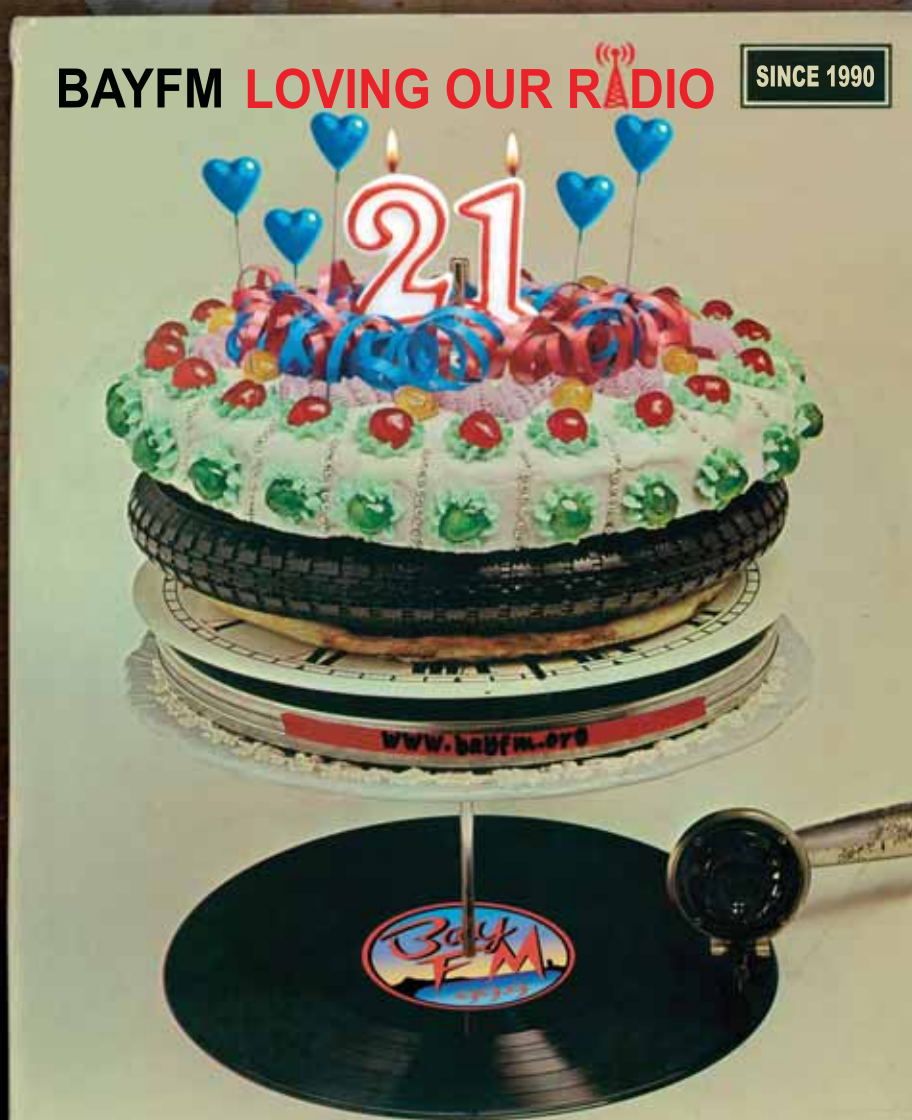
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A resolution to Israel-Palestine conflict

■ What Gareth Smith (Letters, August 16) seems incapable of grasping is that both he and Israel want a resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Both he and Israel would like to see a State of Palestine established and thriving in peace and economic prosperity tomorrow morning. So what's the problem?

The problem is that Hamas has a genocidal worldview which is committed to Israel's destruction.

The problem is that the Palestinian leadership wants a state of Palestine to be recognised at the United Nations next month, yet is unwilling to recognise the legitimacy of the State of Israel.

Why is Mr Smith so intent on finding fault with Israel, yet seemingly remains unfazed by the incalitrance of the Palestinian leadership?

Vic Alhadeff
Chief Executive Officer
NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

■ Gareth Smith's letter re Byron Council harassment for speaking out on Palestinian human rights during the Writers' Festival makes interesting reading.

The quote from John Pilger's website, however, is misleading. The quote is from Rami Elhanan, an Israeli graphic designer who lives in Jerusalem.

Rami's father survived Auschwitz; his grandparents, six aunts and uncles perished in the Holocaust; and he lost his daughter to a suicide bomber. Despite – or in spite of – this history, Rami and his wife Nurit are founders of the Parent's Circle or Bereaved Families Forum, bringing together Israeli and Palestinians who have lost loved ones in this tragic and senseless conflict. Pilger rightly speaks of them as 'heroes' of Israel and asks that we listen to them.

It's interesting that Rami uses the 'H' word to describe the silence of people in the West, especially Jews, to the blatant human rights abuses in Palestine.

To quote him again: '... they are no different from those who stood aside during the days of the Holocaust.'

If anyone has a right to use that word in talking about the human rights abuses in Palestine, Rami does. If anyone has a right to issue a call to bear witness to what is happening there, Rami does.

Now let's look at some figures: from 2000 to 2009, Israel killed at least 2,969 Palestinians who took no part in hostilities through its illegal military occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza Strip (source: www.weaponstoisreal.org).

There are many people of Israeli descent and Jewish ancestry living in Byron Shire and they have added colour and spice to the scene here. Some of these have blended into the rainbow community and see themselves as hippies, rastas and lovers of peace. My question to them is: how can you sleep in peace knowing that the country of your birth, the country you love, is murdering innocents in your name?

To quote Rami again: 'It's only pressure from outside Israel – from Jews especially – that will end this nightmare.'

Harsha Prabhu
Byron Bay

■ I am calling on Zionists everywhere to come out of the closet and host affordable conferences (especially for the working classes, Muslims and dissident Jews and everyone else on the planet) in every capital city on planet Earth under the banner 'Zionism equals Peace'. The onus is on you to prove this. Rather than have Chomsky and others slugged off as self-hating Jews, or anti-Semites, why don't you conduct public meetings in town halls to accommodate thousands upon thousands to hear the case you so desperately must tell: Zionism equals Peace and in no way treats Palestinians as (1) not humans,

diminished humans, and (2) is not heading toward genocide?

All I can infer from the silence of the Jewish community at large is (1) indifference, and (2) the possible need to get therapy for an inner sense of impotence reflected in the past indifference shown to those who survived the Holocaust but not in a manner that has been healthy for themselves or other human beings known to me as Palestinians.

I suspect the silence has to do with a projection of past humiliation and disgust over the world's silence over the Holocaust of six million Jews, projected onto a surrogate substitute, the Palestinians suspiciously labelled as 'Amaleks'. (See the film 300 for a reality check.)

How about it? Gareth Smith apparently offended Byron Shire Council and obviously Vic Alhadeff couldn't possibly do that, because he is a CEO of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, meaning he speaks for all Jews – and Zionism – and so it's up to you, Mr Alhadeff, to host the first 'Zionism equals Peace' conference open to the whole public, followed by your comrades in Melbourne, possibly in Melbourne Town Hall. After all, you aren't hiding anything, are you?

Danielle Haliczzer
Ocean Shores

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We urge people to take an evidence-based approach to health risks. It is safe for people to live near bat camps.

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People with dementia ready to stand up

Can taking part in standup comedy performances have therapeutic effects on people with dementia? A new and innovative Southern Cross University research project is investigating the link, in partnership with an aged-care provider and a comedian.

Associate Professor John Stevens from the University's School of Health and Human Services, Baptist Community Services NSW & ACT (BCS) and local comedian Mandy Nolan have received a \$47,528 federal government Community Dementia grant to rollout the 'Stand up for dementia: performance and therapy' project over the next six months as part of an ongoing dementia community service at the BCS Care Centre at Alstonville.

Associate Professor John Stevens said the research would build on the results of a pilot program run in August last year that his wife, Mandy Nolan, facilitated.

'After a few sessions we were seeing these participants with dementia becoming a cohesive social group laughing and enjoying each other's company,' said Professor Stevens.

'But what was striking, individuals were starting to remember lines and routines from week to week. This is not expected from people with dementia.'

'One woman, in particular, with severe short-term memory problems, hadn't spoken in two years. But relatives were gobsmacked when they came to the final performance concert to see her up on the stage performing and laughing.'

BCS community services manager Tarnya Daniels said her organisation was excited about the research partnership.

'Baptist Community Services NSW & ACT is committed



Standing up for dementia are Associate Professor John Stevens, comedian Mandy Nolan and Baptist Community Services' Tarnya Daniels.

to improving the lives of older Australians,' said Ms Daniels.

'We received overwhelming positive responses from clients, carers and family mem-

bers. Our clients were having a wonderful time filling the room with laughter and enjoying the role plays and feeling a sense of belonging within the group. We saw a therapeutic benefit not only for the clients but for carers as well.'

The project will seek to understand why performance-based humour activities have a therapeutic effect.

'One theory is perhaps the laughter is reducing inflammation within the brain that allows pathways to open up

to memory again,' said Professor Stevens. 'Or perhaps it's because we're tapping into older memories of characters from when they were younger.'

'People with dementia are sometimes better than a group without dementia because the loss of inhibition is appropriate for the kind of exercises I do. The more uninhibited you are the better you'll be.'

Whatever is happening the outcomes are extraordinary.'

Mandy Nolan teaches comedy to people of all ages, but she too was surprised by how well people with dementia responded.

'People with dementia live in the moment so they're very good at improvisation. I adapted the comedy routines to be theatre-sports based, using role plays and tapping into people's history and life stories. Instantly everyone's laughing and engaged,' Ms Nolan said.

'I think when you have dementia you spend a lot of time improvising in life because that's how you survive. It's actually their strongest skill.'

'They're sometimes better than a group without dementia because the loss of inhibition is appropriate for the kind of exercises I do. The more uninhibited you are the better you'll be.'

The funding allows for two eight-week workshops in standup comedy, improvisation and performance for people with mild to moderate dementia. The participants are existing community care clients of BCS and other service providers.

At the same time, Ms Nolan is developing and delivering a train-the-trainers program for future facilitators of the 'Stand up for dementia' program.

'The aim is for anyone with experience in working with people with dementia and a theatrical or performance background to take this respite care activity more widely into the community,' she said.



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- **Palm butt basket making** with Lelamie O'Sullivan, 10am–2pm. For all ages.
- **Ocean Shores Public School Choir** 11am.
- **Computer animation** with Phil Cooper 11.30am–1pm. Basic computer knowledge is required. For ages 9 yrs and over.
- **Look to see – drawing found objects** with Hilary Kerr, 1pm–3pm. For all ages.
- **Stan's Backyard Band Blues**, swing and jazz with a country vibe, 1pm.
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- **Carnivale mask making** with Turiya Bruce, 11am–1pm. For ages 8 yrs and over.
- **Ocean Shores Public School Dancers** 12 noon.
- **Cheyne Murphy** Eclectic Australian folk rock, 1pm.
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GIVEAWAYS

LUCIE THORNE TIX

We have a double pass to giveaway to see Lucie Thorne at Byron Brewery on Saturday. Email gigs@echo.net.au with subject header 'Thorne Tix'.

thorne song



SINGER-SONGWRITER LUCIE THORNE IS RIDING HIGH ON THE RELEASE OF HER LATEST ALBUM, WHICH IS BEING HERALDED AS HER BEST EVER. ON THE EVE OF HER BYRON SHOW, *SEVEN* CAUGHT UP FOR A CHAT.

Lucie tell me a little about recording *Bonfires in Silver City*. I'd spent most of the last couple of years touring almost constantly (since the release of *Black Across The Field*... so these songs were pretty much all brewed on the road. And I spent a lot of that time thinking about how I wanted to make this next record... much more so than I'd given thought to an album before. And yet I've never spent a short amount actually making an album, as with this one.

Most of it was tracked live with Hamish Stuart (drums) over three days in April at Sydney's Megaphon Studio with Shane Fahey. Dave Symes (bass) joined us there for a day too, and then over the next few weeks our guest players recorded their various bits 'n' pieces - Chris Abrahams, Carl Dewhurst, Jo Jo Smith... and then I did my usual trick of taking these sessions home to potter around the edges of it all, before mixing back in Sydney with Shane in May...

Reviewers are saying this is the best of your six albums... what do you think? Well... I reckon you probably always like your newest work the most... but yeah, I do feel like this is the best work I've done. It feels like I really kinda hit my stride in the making of this one... and I was much clearer in my approach, and in the way I imagined the album sounding as a whole, than I've ever been before. Feels to me like I'm starting to really get the hang of this rekkid-making thing...

What are your all-time favourite songs? Oh man, where to start?! How long can the list be? Right now... to name only a few right now I'd have to say *Slow Train* - Bob Dylan, *Amelia* - Joni Mitchell, *Menina Mulher da Pele Preta* - Jorge Ben, *Tell Her To*

Come Back Home - John Fahey, and Jo Jo Smith singing *Storm Warning*...

Your guitar work isn't the usual soft paddling of singer-songwriters; it's sometimes much more intense. Do you consider it another voice in the song?

More and more so. The lovely Loretta (1966 Guild Starfire) is my constant companion these days, and I do love the scope of electric guitars... in terms of the tonal palette... the dynamic range... and all the space you can leave...

What was the defining moment for you in the recording of your last album; did you know where you were going or was it a bigger process? I had a pretty clear map of this album in my head before we started recording it... but... there are always plenty of surprises that come up along the way.

On our first day in the studio, listening back to the first take of the first song *Falling*, and this is the take we kept, and is the opening track of *Bonfires* with Hamish and Shane... I remember a kinda curious combination of feeling really excited and quietly very *sure*, at the same time. Which is a pretty good sign, I reckon. And then by the time we were mixing it, there was a very convincing 'you know what... I really don't give a fuck what anyone else reckons... I reckon we've made a little beauty here...'

What should we expect for your Byron shows? On this tour I'm playing duet shows with the one 'n' only Hamish Stuart - and in Byron we're blessed with a couple of my favourite local treasures to open the show - Jimmy Dowling and Ilona Harker - which will be a real treat for all of us.

Hame and I will of course be playing lots from the new album... but we'll also be dipping in to the back catalogue here and there...

Catch Lucie Thorne at the Byron Buddha Bar on Friday at 8pm. Tix are \$16 presale or \$20 at the door. Go to www.mullummusic.com.



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Sat 27 Trip Kicks 'Ladies Do It Better'
Sun 28 Josh Boots Duo
Mon 29 Bell & Bone
Tues 30 Harry Healy
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SOAP BOX

QUESTION TIME

Mandy Nolan

I have a terrible confession. I'm not a yoga fan. Yoga makes me feel agitated, which is kind of counterproductive because it's supposed to be relaxing. I'll be halfway through a pose and I'll suddenly realise that I'm not wearing the right outfit. It's hard to get spiritual in a Kmart tracksuit. It's even harder to let go when during the entire class you're consumed with envy, watching long slim bendy legs go behind ears. Legs not in polyester like mine, but bathed in pastel and beige, with stretch cotton wraps made from sand and recycled egg shells. It's so natural, so truly good, it makes me feel like having a cigarette. Right in the middle of a pose. While everyone's cracking a Half Moon or a Cow Face, I'll be blowing smoke rings out my base chakra. They do serene; I do obscene.

I seem too big and boisterous for yoga. Yoga is quiet and deep while I'm loud and shallow. Yoga is the only exercise that can claim to be part of a spiritual practice. (Oh, except football.) No-one's experienced enlightenment in an aerobics class (unless the lycra g-string cuts too high during a lunge). There's no higher self in jazz-ercise, zumba or pump class. Just a sweaty pig who's let herself go.

In my opinion, yoga just takes itself too seriously. All that breathing from the bunda makes me nervous, especially when I've been in a class, forgotten and accidentally breathed out my bunda instead of in. The funny thing about yoga is that while it's incredibly right on, it's still a victim of fashion. While the philosophy remains the same – that mind, body and spirit are all one and cannot be clearly separated. (Although I'm not sure that's entirely true. If my body were in the same shape as my mind, I'd be strutting around with the body of Elle McPherson. Instead I'm getting around looking more like Magda.) While built on traditions, yoga can be a tad faddy. The Bikram craze had me gasping. You've got to be kidding; a room full of sweaty benders with only a crystal rock for protection. Imagine the BO! But is Bikram actually environmentally unsound? Should we be heating a room? In the future we won't be needing to heat the room to 40 degrees; in a few years from now, thanks to global warming, just the act of bending to put the washing out will become a form of hot yoga, providing you peg on the exhalation.

One would think that we'd seen every yoga fusion

possible (Laughter Yoga, our locally created Yogalates... although my yoga, Chadyoga, didn't take off. That's where you perform yoga after two bottles of a dry white.) Well, my yoga nuts, prepare yourselves, there's a brand new yoga taking the US by storm: upside-down yoga. Yep. It's called AntiGravity Yoga and it's performed in a bloody hammock! Personally I can't even manage to sit in a hammock let alone crack a yoga pose. While still a university student I once tried to have sex in a hammock and ended up with a nasty gash.

Upside-down Yoga! I reckon the guy was pissed, fell in a hammock and his wife has posted a few of his drunken poses on Facebook. Next thing you know half of America are hanging out just like him. Doing Yoga upside-down changes everything: down face dog becomes upface dog; salute to the sun... salute to the sewer? And the child pose? Well that becomes too bloody dangerous for words. I can't wait to see the classes, with health and safety regulations; this may be the only yoga where you need to wear a helmet! And if I were to be pedantic, it's not anti-gravity. It's silly upside-downy yoga. Real anti-gravity yoga can only take place in outer space. Moon Yoga.

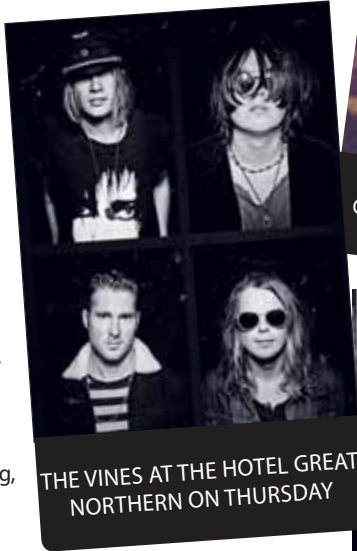
live music

Heard it on the Indie Rock Vine

Recklessly arriving in the world as rock and roll saviours nine years ago, **The Vines** were unlikely candidates for endurance kings but they might have achieved that with the release of their brilliant fifth studio album *Future Primitive*. The Vines are thrilled to announce the dates for their first national headline tour in many years. Joining the band will be the formidable **Papa vs Pretty**. Papa vs Pretty are young, gifted, genuine, and gutsy, which has seen the band rise to the top of music lovers' most anticipated list. Also on the tour will be **Bleeding Knees Club**, whose garage rock soul surprises with the band's sand-in-the-amp Gold Coast origins. The line-up will be completed when The Vines announce a local opener to each show. **Hotel Great Northern** on Thursday.

Leading up with Mama & Tex

Each year the **Mullum Music Festival** presents a number of concerts in the lead up to the festival. The final shows have now been announced. **Lucie Thorn** launches her new CD *Bonfires In Silver City* at **The Brewery** on Friday, **Mama Kin** performs at the **Mullum Civic Hall** Thursday 29 September, **Tex Perkins and The Dark Horses** also play the **Civic** Saturday 8th October, and the daughter of Arlo



THE VINES AT THE HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN ON THURSDAY



MAMA KIN PLAYS MULLUM CIVIC CENTRE ON THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER



TEX PERKINS & THE DARK HORSES PLAY THE MULLUM CIVIC CENTRE ON SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

Guthrie and granddaughter of Woody, **Cathy Guthrie**, teams up with **Amy Nelson** (Willie's daughter) in **Folk Uke** – again at the **Civic Hall** on **Wednesday 2nd November**. Check out these shows and the incredible program that is lining up for Mullum Music Fest this year. Tix and line-ups at www.mullummusic.com.

Early Birds for weekend with Stranger Cole, King Tide and The Strides

Next year, the legendary **Stranger Cole** will celebrate 50 years as a recording artist. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Stranger Cole began his career in the early sixties and is one of the pioneers of reggae music as we know it today. ARIA award nominees **King Tide** are veritable Australian reggae royalty, headlining festivals and playing shows around the country. This **September 17 and 18** music lovers will have an opportunity to see these two join forces. King Tide will play their full set before Stranger Cole joins them on stage for his own set with the King Tide band backing and front

man Tony Hughes providing harmonising vocals. And if that's not enough, the horn section from ten-piece Sydney band **The Strides** will also be part of Stranger Cole's set, making this three-way collaboration a moment that will go down in reggae history. **ReggaeFest Roots and Culture Music Festival** has announced an extension of **Early Bird** prices. 200 tickets have been allocated for an extended Early Bird special that ends on Monday or until sold out. If you get in quickly you

can grab a two-day adult pass for \$89, while a weekend pass for the kids (6-14) is \$24 and a family of two adults and two children (6-14) pay \$199 for the whole weekend.

Additions to the already packed line-up include: **Wild Marmalade** feat Si Fixion, **Young Tree**, **Red Bantoo**, **Bellyas**, **Samedi Sound System**, **28:Engine Sound**. Visit www.reggaefest.com.au.

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Gettin' Dirty

The **Dirty Channel** are back at **Billinudgel Pub** this **Friday** night to bring the hairs on your neck to attention.

Great night for a bite of a traditional pub meal, some drinks, and don't forget to bring out the signature dance moves. The monster rhythm section gets the Dobro cranking from 8pm.

Grammy Award Winner plays Bangalow

Alvin Youngblood Hart's praises have been sung by everyone from legendary songsmith Bob Dylan to Brit guitar gods Eric Clapton and Mick Taylor. A giant of modern blues-rock, the Mississippi native has won a



ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART PLAYS THE BANGALOW A&I HALL ON FRIDAY

WC Handy Award, a Grammy and two Living Blues awards. His albums, full of guitar-driven numbers, regularly go top 10 and win critics' awards. Since his 1996 debut recording *Big Mama's Door*, Hart has carried his musical message the world over. Hart continues to tour the globe and this winter Australia will get the opportunity to witness up close and personal the immense talents of a man whose music stretches the limits of modern blues. Special guest for all dates is popular roots performer **Paul Greene**.

Friday at the **A & I Hall, Bangalow**. www.laingtix.oztix.com.au

Owl Eyes

In the space of a few months **Owl Eyes** has blossomed from a peripheral presence to a key player. She's currently enjoying high rotation on Triple J and other networks across the country with her single *Raiders*. She's embarking on a 16-date nationwide *Raid*, so catch this little Owl at the **Byron Brewery Buddha Bar** on **Thursday**.

Black Mustang

With the release of their second full-length album *Loaded Gun*, Brisbane rockers **Black Mustang** are geared up for an Aussie tour. The band burst onto the Brisbane live scene back in 2004 and earned a reputation as garage rock stalwarts. Catch their dynamic live show at the **Lennox Point Hotel** on **Saturday** from 9.30pm.

Ladies Ladies Ladies!

A feminist wave has hit Byron Bay and the **7whatevers crew** are MORE than happy to embrace this all-girl assault! **Anna Lunoe** leads the charge backed up by **Katie Karma vs Kat Stapels**, **Penny Drops** and **Ali** (Terraforma's better half) to prove without a doubt that ladies do it better! Lighting up this bevy of fierce ladies will be the new **Trip Kicks LED** light show... that will have blown some minds at Splendour's Tipi Circle. See the organic visual spectacular of **Tuxtla**, **Vman & Cruz**, live art from **Back Alley Gallery** and a sideshow of tricks, kicks and performers, including arguably the best dancer in the world, **Tommy Franklin!** **Saturday** at the **Hotel Great Northern**. Get your tix now; these shows sell out fast!

Bay FM 99.9 program guide

WINTER
MAY 1 – OCTOBER 31

MONDAY
6am **Morning Mix** Kabes
9am **The Lighthouse Lounge** Andy Travis
11am **Belly** Belly Sisters
12pm **Pregnancy Birth & Beyond** Nicole Foder
1pm **Theme Park** Lyn McCarthy
2pm **Q's Jazz and Blues** Quentin Watts
4pm **Cruzy Beats** DJ Cruzy
6pm **Grailey Whole Celtic Show** Margaret Wyatt
8pm **Sounds of Africa** Brian Reichmann
10pm **Freedom Run** Jimmy & Callum

TUESDAY
6am **Clockwise** Gary Street
9am **Under Construction** Sarah Ndiaye
11am **Byron Business** Phil Daly
12pm **Soul Faya** Nazar
2pm **The Music Garden** Michael Brereton
4pm **The Sandpit** Danny Salfield
6pm **Post Modern Backlash** Hudson
8pm **Radio Mundial** Steve Snelgrove
10pm **Shel's Place** Shel Kronich

WEDNESDAY
6am **Catch and Grab** DJ Holly Holster
9am **2481 Undone** Nicqui Yazdi
11am **Go Earthcare** Ros Elliott
12pm **Suara Indonesia** Francesca & Kirana
1pm **Afternoon Tea Party** Adelaide French
2pm **The Junkyard** Stuey
4pm **Cowgirl in The Sand** Mel
6pm **Bongo Gum** Brett Diemar
8pm **B-boymixers** Elixir
10pm **All Funked Up** Rich Mann

THURSDAY
6am **Planet Luv** Glitter
9am **Arts Canvass** Karena
11am **The Bohemian Beat** Riddhi
12pm **Juke Joint** Tony Parker
2pm **Audio Chocolate** Rich
4pm **Future Classics** Matt Meir
6pm **Crossroads** Paul Martin
8pm **Cruisin For A Bluesin** The Honeydrinker
10pm **The Booty Call** Lainie

FRIDAY
6am **That Friday Feeling** Nicky
9am **The Spin Cycle** Karin Kolbe
11am **Page Turners** Pip Morrissey
12pm **Whirled Music** Phil Hurst
1pm **Mystery Train** Mary Cannon
2pm **Grooveyard** Teesha
4pm **Strictly Vinyl (Happy Days)** Inchie
6pm **Chop-Suey** Rachi
8pm **Submerged/Rotation/Down & Out** Si Clone/ POB/Slinky
10pm **Blazing Tunes** DJ Blaze

SATURDAY
6am **Bay Rock** Tark
8am **Musical Kaleidoscope** Jill
10am **Cowboy's Sweetheart** Carrie D
12pm **Blues From The Bay** Anthony & Ken
2pm **Paris Cat Alley** Lou
4pm **Intersecting Cultures** Angela
5pm **Justice & Miss Chi** Justine & Ancika
6pm **Random Rhythms** Ashgirl
8pm **Diggin In The Archives** Undertaker & Joan of Ark
10pm **In the Vaults** Matt Wardle

SUNDAY
7am **Astro Alchemy** Iris & Michael
8am **Colours of Byron** Des
10am **Jazz Moods** Jean Brown
12pm **Omnibus** RG Pedicini & Les Schmidt
2pm **Radio Latina** Yolanda & Salvador Castro
4pm **The Bay Lounge** Aqua
6pm **Roots & Culture** DJ Selector
8pm **Ice Cream Truck** Fulton Hobbs
10pm **The Space Between** Max Zoesar

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Christian at the Rails

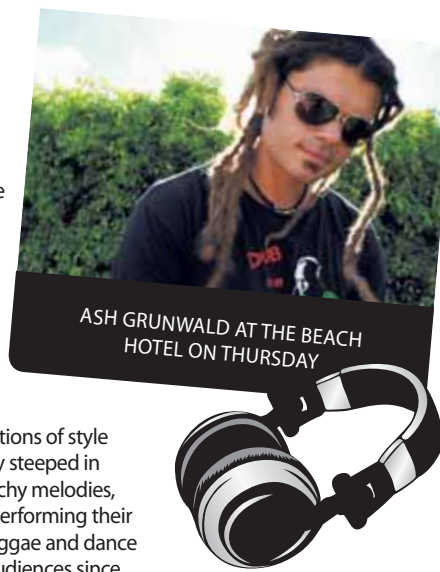
Catch the talented tonsils of **Carola Christian and The Dirty Funk Affair**: Greg Fredricks on bass guitar and BVs. With exuberance he lays down tasty grooves and pulsating rhythms. Ray Two Hands on electric lead guitars. His 'on the edge' playing adds fire to the music with his red-hot riffs and soaring solos. Geoff Taylor on BVs and flowing funky keyboard creating sparkle and depth of sound. And Glen Edwards on drums kicking out the beat of the songs' soul. Come down to **The Rails** this **Friday**, 7pm start!

Shock at La La

As the much-hyped lead single to **Shockone's** forthcoming debut album *Crucify Me Parts I & II* hit the airwaves last June, it picked up high rotation on Triple J, and over 500,000 plays on YouTube in a matter of weeks; it wasn't long before the Shockone – aka Karl Thomas – buzz was heralded as one of the major talents in bass music worldwide today. Having taken out 'best tune of the year' at the Perth dance music awards four years in a row, 'best drum and bass DJ' three years in a row and 'best producer' three years in a row, Shockone's heavily anticipated debut long-player is set for release early 2012. A second single from the album will drop this October. **La La Land** on **Thursday**.

Ash Grunwald at the Beach

Ash Grunwald's fifth studio album, *Hot Mama Vibes*, is the most primal concoction of elemental junkyard soul to stomp through your speakers this year. 'Mixing electronica with the blues was always a dream of mine,' says Ash, now a 10-year veteran of live stages from Byron Bay to the Montreux Jazz Festival. In fact, the track *Hot Mama* has been swirling around the Melbourne singer-songwriter's head since before he laid his career foundations with his award-winning stomp-box debut of 2002, *Introducing Ash Grunwald*. 'With this album I think I've finally proven, to myself anyway, that it doesn't make any difference what techniques and instruments are used to make it – as long as it comes from the heart.' **Thursday** at the **Beach Hotel**: and it's free! 8.30pm.



ASH GRUNWALD AT THE BEACH HOTEL ON THURSDAY

Faking it

Brisbane-based **Cheap Fakes** are a six-piece band whose sound is not confined by the limitations of style genres. Predominantly steeped in offbeat guitar and catchy melodies, the band have been performing their fusion of funk, pop, reggae and dance music to captivated audiences since 2009.

Cheap Fakes have quickly become one of Brisbane's most hard-working live acts, regularly packing venues and events across Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Byron Bay. Tw the Sunshine State, providing their fans with music that is engaging, uplifting and most importantly great to dance to. **Beach Hotel** on **Friday** from 9.30pm. Free

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Dancing is a Drug

'Dancing is my spirit, my dreams and my best friend. It is always there for me when I'm sad or angry, it takes away all my stress and pains. It is my drug and I take that drug everyday until I am sore'. These are the words of 16-year-old Lincoln Knight of Lismore High School. Lincoln is a member of the **North Coast Champions Hip Hop Crew ICU** (Illest Crew Unleashed). He is being mentored as a community arts worker and performer by Byron dancer Phoebe Mitai, who recently won the Kids in Community Award for youth supporting youth. Lincoln is a key performer in **Standing Now**, a multi-artform theatre show being presented by the **Creative Peoples Collective Inc**. The show explores self-identity and creative expression, sharing young people's stories through a fusion of theatre, hip hop and contemporary dance, song, music, aerial circus and digital media, presenting the epic tale of saving the world from the clutches of an evil super-villain who is thwarting all creativity. Catch the show at **Byron Bay Community Centre** (11.30am and 6pm). Tix \$15/12 at www.byroncentre.com.au or at the venue. Bookings are advised.

Free Scinema!

Byron Bay continues with the second weekend of Northern Rivers' FREE science film festival **SCINEMA 2011** (pronounced *sigh-ne-ma*) **Friday to Sunday**

in the **SCU Room** at the **Byron Bay Community Centre**. Friday's theme is Space. Saturday is the Extreme Life party – dress up, enjoy the ska music and reconsider your relationship with microbes and insects. Sunday is the Visions Action Finale, featuring Leigh Davison and others fronting a film session about wildlife and the environment.

Door opens at 6pm, when you can meet with more than twenty guest speakers – scientists, researchers, activists, innovators, authors – and listen to three-minute soapbox speeches. Musicians add to the festivities. All film sessions are FREE, courtesy CSIRO and their supporters.

Drill Hall Workshops for Hot Shorts

Workshops kick off at the **Drill Hall Theatre** this **Thursday** to focus on the plays selected for performance in the 10-minute play competition **Hot Shorts 2011**. There will be numerous opportunities for actors and directors to participate. All are welcome to attend. 8pm at the **Mullumbimby Drill Hall**.

Water Fun Day

Put your creative cap on from 10am to 3pm, opposite the **Ramada Hotel** in Martin Street, on the bank of the beautiful **Richmond River** in **Ballina** this **Sunday**, and help create a healthy, colourful wetland on a giant canvas with frogs, platypus, birds, fish and plants. **WetlandCare Australia** is hosting this fun community event as part of celebrating 20 years of achievements working with local communities to promote, protect and restore our precious wetlands, and to also open the **2012 WetlandCare Australia's National Art and Photography Competition**. A selection of previous winning artwork and photography will be displayed and there are categories for children, teenagers and adults with over \$10,000 worth of prizes on offer, including holidays to the Ramada Hotel Ballina and Vanuatu. With a sausage sizzle, face painting, jumping castle, live entertainment

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and Byron Bay's very own **Mandy Nolan** as MC. Dress up and come as your favourite wetland crusader; whether it is a frog, platypus, dragon fly or turtle and you could win fabulous prizes. Visit our website at www.wetlandcare.com.au.

Creativity Through Movement

Leading US dancer/choreographer Sallee Slagle is bringing her **Increasing Creativity Through Movement Workshop** from Boston to Byron Bay on **3 and 4 September 2011**. Sallee has been dancing since the age of three; as a teacher Sallee has taught dance and fitness to all ages since 1980. She is the director of Dance Dimensions, a dance and fitness studio serving Nahant, Lynn and Swampscott. The workshop is for dancers and non-dancers alike and is ideal for anyone working in the creative arts or seeking to be more creative in life. For a free info pack on the workshop email ums@netspace.net.au or call/text 0417 038 741.

Ha Ha for Harley

Harley Breen is one of the country's hardest-working and best-respected standup comedy performers.

A regular MC and headliner on the Australian scene, Harley is also familiar to comedy circuits in Edinburgh, London and South-East Asia and festivals such as Edinburgh, Adelaide and Melbourne Comedy and Fringe festivals where he works with international and national talent such as Steven K Amos, Fiona O'Loughlin and Wil Anderson.

A Melbourne Comedy Festival favourite, Harley has just launched his fifth full solo show for the

festival *I Heart Bunnings*.

In his sprightly reenactments of suburban machismo, or the late-night frustration of a midnight radio quiz, Harley's sharply observed insights into common emotion carry his audiences merrily past his initial clichéd brawn towards a hilarious shared recognition. *The Age* declares of Harley: '... a hilarious break from stereotypes. Very funny; and the *Herald Sun* added 'Breen is a real talent who's not afraid to speak his mind or yours'.

Harley Breen is joined by 2007 RAW comedy finalist **Ellen Briggs** and MC **Mandy Nolan** at the **Ballina RSL's Big Gig** on **Thursday** at 8pm. FREE!

Homegrown Comedy with Penn

Nick Penn has worked full time in show business for over 25 years. Dynamic, in your face with a real knockabout Aussie sense of humour, Penn is the master of creating comedy that's not just funny - it's clean. 'It's the kind of show you could take your Nanna to,' he boasts. 'And I suggest you do, because she makes an awesome designated driver'. His dry wit has audiences all around the country screaming for more. He's also appeared on a range of Aussie TV shows aimed at both children and adults and he worked in broadcasting for two years on 2Day FM, Sydney's number-one-rating radio station, including a year with The Morning Crew. His comedy style is energetic and easygoing all at once. Nick Penn hosts **Homegrown Comedy** at the **Owl & Pusycat** in **Byron Bay** on **Wednesday** at 7pm. With eight fresh new voices finding their funny sides, this is sure to be the best value in town. Just \$5 for

entry and \$20 for entry, a meal and a drink.

Cowgirl Cabaret

If you love a cabaret that's sexy, sassy and delivers a fair whack of tongue in cheek then catch creator and director **Daniella Finkenauer's** latest creation: **Cowgirls at the Saloon**. This is a celebration of real women, hopes, dreams, fantasies and desires. Daniella's show takes the audience through the lives of pioneer women to the modern-day cowgirl who no longer rides the range, but does a pretty good job on a ride-on. **Mandy Nolan** as MC and with singers and performers **L'il Fi, Andrea Soler, Zardie O'Connell aka Candy Apple & Calypso Cowgirl Kathryn Jones**. Enjoy the dulcet sounds of **Laura Targett** accompanied by **Shai** and **Rachel** and be enchanted by our surprise guests and acts. Dance performances by the **Real Woman** and **Sassy Salsa** dance troupes will tantalise and seduce you into their saloon. **Mullum Ex-Services Club**. Doors open at 4.30pm for a 5.00pm start. Tickets \$18 pre-paid at the club or \$20 at the door. Ph 6680 9760 or 0431 108 791. Food and drinks available. This is a family-friendly event.

George town

Byron local **George 'the Comic Volcano' Smilovici's** Lavas of Laughter nationwide tour is about to begin, erupting with shows in **Mullumbimby Civic Hall** on **Thursday** and **Lismore City Hall** on **Saturday**.

George is famed for ousting Stevie Wonder's *I just Called to Say I love You* from the number-one spot holding number one with his monologue *I'm So Tuff* in Australia, NZ and America for seven weeks!



WITH LILITH

While Venus and midweek Sun sing Happy Birthday Virgo, Mercury mercifully moves out of retrograde at the end of this itchy/scratchy week...



- ♈ **ARIES:** If you're having trouble reaching agreement as Aries Diana Ross sings this week's background track *Where Did Our Love Go?*, ask yourself if you're being realistic or are your desires clashing with present realities? Answer honestly, then when Mercury moves forward on Friday, so will you.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** The irritating Mercury retrograde glitches of recent weeks fade into oblivion when late week's earthy influences restore that firm-foundation feeling so necessary to Tauran wellbeing, launching a sort of personal renaissance which tints your perspective with a much rosier view of the future.
- ♊ **GEMINI:** If your social life's been strangely less vivid lately, your ruler Mercury turning direct this week brings a clearer understanding of the last fortnight, repairing misconstrued communications and soothing ruffled egos. The bad news is the ruffled egos and misconstrued communications come first. Sorry about that.
- ♋ **CANCER:** This week's Mars in Cancer offers a chance to adjust your financial receptors, resolve a long-standing money block and fatten your finances. More good news is that Mercury's forward move helps you filter out drag-down influences and replace them with more positive, nourishing input.
- ♌ **LEO:** Our natal month puts all of us through confronting identity checks, the reason why birthdays are such popular dates for calling it quits. Not you regal beasts of course, because by the end of this week you'll have figured out exactly how best to reinvent yourself. Again.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** Move over Leos, it's Virgo's turn in the limelight! So soak up the flattering glow of Virgo Sun and Venus on your elegantly earthy personality before boss planet Mercury's forward move shifts you from the passenger seat to your rightful place behind this week's steering wheel...
- ♎ **LIBRA:** Your leading lady Venus in Virgo is a
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** Scorpios are naturally attracted to the road less traveled, but why make things harder when they're already pretty punishing? You're a water sign, so consider how liquid takes the path of least resistance and follow its lead to smooth the sharper edges of this week's prickly interactions.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** It takes zero talent to be complex and complicated, but few besides Sagittarians can manage the opposite. If others are demanding, with urgent needs that infringe or impinge on this week, summon up one of your personal astropowers: straightforwardness. With tact and consideration, naturally.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** This disappointing week for personal and professional connections could activate your cynical Saturnian side which views the glass bone-dry with no refills in sight. Don't go there. Or if you can't help going there, don't linger. Change your focus and help is all around you.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** Aquarians can doggedly maintain an idea (or ideal) for eons, but once they decide something's holding them back no-one moves faster. If that happens this week, remember we're all still dependent on everything and everyone, on things we aren't even aware of and may never know anything about.
- ♓ **PISCES:** The enemy of vagueness and procrastination, this week's about structure, form, boundaries, plan management, productive action, practical applications and service. It's for making an honest inventory of what you have to offer and assessing which particular outdated ideas need to hit the out tray.

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WEDNESDAY 24

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **SCOTT DAVY**
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- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **GARRET KATO**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE THEATRE 8PM **FELIX RIEBL - INTO THE RAIN TOUR**
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 7PM **OPEN MIC W MARIO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **SURFBOARD GIVEAWAY W DJ SANCHEZ**
- OWL & PUSSYCAT, BYRON 7PM **HOMEGROWN COMEDY W MC NICK PENN**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **WICKED WEDNESDAY W DJ CARL WALKER**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **MONKEY MONEY AUCTIONS**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **BEACH PARTY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MOVIE NIGHT: FUN IN ACAPULCO**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **PERUVIAN BATTLESHIP DJS**

THURSDAY 25

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **ASH GRUNWALD W THE GRAINS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **BLAKE SABAN**
- OWL & PUSSY CAT, BYRON **BELL & BONE**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DUBSTEP INVASION 2: SHOCKONE + 3RDEYE & SAMMY K**
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 8PM **OWL EYES**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **WHERE'S THE DUBSTEP IN THIS TOWN?**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **WET T-SHIRT EXTRAVAGANZA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **CLAY BLYTH**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 6.30PM **JIMMY DOWLING**
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY **THE DIEDI VINE BAND**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 8PM **GEORGE SMILOVICI THE COMIC VOLCANO**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **THE BIG GIG HARLEY BREEN, ELLEN BRIGGS, MANDY NOLAN**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **BRAINTEASERS TRIVIA**
- UNIBAR, LISMORE **RUBY BLUE**
- TATT'S HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **KYLE WATSON & FRIENDS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS **THE AMAZING RHYTHM ACES**

FRIDAY 26

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **FAT ALBERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **BEACHY FRIDAYS LEIGH JAMES 9.30PM CHEAP FAKES**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **CAROLA CHRISTIAN & THE DIRTY FUNK BAND**

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- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 8PM **LUCIE THORNE CD LAUNCH W JIMMY DOWLING & ILONA HARKER**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE THEATRE 11.30AM & 6PM **STANDING NOW - FUSION OF THEATRE, DANCE, HIP HOP, AERIAL, CIRCUS & DIGITAL MEDIA, SCU ROOM, BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM SCINEMA - SPACE**
- OWL & PUSSY CAT, BYRON 6PM **ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING CANCER CHARITY EVENT - 5 BANDS**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **ROB PIX + AND OH! & NUBI**
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 8PM **DOWNWARD DOG**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON MAIN ROOM **DJ QC, LOUNGE BAR DJ PENNY DROPS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ GETKANE**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **PATRIOT'S PARTY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 6.30PM **TIM STOKES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **TRES HOMBRES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BLUES CORP**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL **ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **BARWICK BAND**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8.30AM **PAUL KLIMMER**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL 7PM **ART EXPO OPENING PARTY**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 7.30PM **CLAY BLYTH**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **ALTOWAVE**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **THE HARD WORD**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **GLEN MASSEY**
- TATT'S HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **RICH LATIMER & FRIENDS 9PM BLAKE SABAN THREE**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS **ALTIYAN CHILDS**
- BURLEIGH BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **THE CHRIS COOK BAND**

- SCU ROOM BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM **SCINEMA - EXTREME LIFE PARTY W SKA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ DALLAS**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DISCROW & DANIEL WEBBER**
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR MAIN ROOM 8.30PM **SI FIXION 8PM BEERGARDEN: CHARLIE MAYFAIR**
- OWL & PUSSY CAT, BYRON 9PM **DJ MATT WALKER + COCKTAIL HOUR**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF THIS BAR SHOW**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ QC LOUNGE BAR DJ JIMMY D**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 6.30PM **WANDERING EYES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **MATT BUGGY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **THE ONE TOO MANY BAND**
- LULU'S CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ANDY HOLM**
- MULLUM FOOTY CLUB **PASSION (PASH ON!) DJS STRAWBERRY SUME, BEN ABRAHAMS & POP!**
- OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL 10AM-4PM **ART EXPO**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7.30PM **BLUES PLANTATION**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **PIANO BAR W MICK BUCKLEY**
- BURRINGBAR SPORTS CLUB 7PM **LOOSE TUESDAY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **BLACK MUSTANG**
- LENNOX BOWLING CLUB 6.30PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**
- BALLINA RSL 7.30PM **DIRTY DICKS THEATRE RESTAURANT 8PM MAMBISES - LATIN AMERICAN SALSA SHOW**
- TATT'S HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **KATIE BROOKE 9.30PM DEE LAVELL & SPECIAL GUESTS**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 8PM **GEORGE SMILOVICI THE COMIC VOLCANO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS **GRAEME CONNORS**

SUNDAY 28

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **JOSH BOOTS DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **TRE HOMBRES 8PM DJ SLINKY**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **HOLLAND**
- SCU ROOM BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM **SCINEMA - VISIONS ACTION FINALE W LEIGH DAVISON**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE THEATRE 1PM & 6PM **BRIGHT LIGHTS PRESENT THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ MUSICAL**
- OWL & PUSSY CAT, BYRON 6PM

- COCKTAIL HOUR & SANTA CRUZ SUNDAY SESSIONS W SPECIAL GUEST DJ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 5PM **JACK O'LEARY 7PM ALICE BLU**
 - BANGALOW BOWLO JAM **OPEN MIC & KIDS' MOVIES**
 - HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **SUNDAY SESSION: MULLUM HIGH FUNDRAISER LISA HUNT W SPECIAL GUESTS THE SOLDIER CRABS**
 - BANGALOW HOTEL 12.30PM **JACK THORNCROFT**
 - SANDBAR, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10AM **WALDO KNIGHT**
 - YUM YUM TREE CAFE, NEW BRIGHTON 11.30AM **ANDY HOLM**
 - MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 5PM **DANIELLA FINKENAUER'S COWGIRL CABARET W MC MANDY NOLAN**
 - OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL 10AM-4PM **ART EXPO**
 - OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 1PM **JAM SESSION**
 - BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAY AFTERNOON JAM**
 - OPP RAMADA BALLINA 10AM-3PM **WETLAND CARE AUSTRALIA FUN DAY**
 - BY THE RIVER RESTAURANT, BALLINA 3PM **EMMA OVENDEN QUARTET**
 - CHINDERAH TAVERN 3PM **JON J BRADLEY**
 - ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **BILL JACOBI**

MONDAY 29

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **BELL & BONE**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **CLAY BLYTH**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ SANCHEZ**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **MEXICANO SHOW**
- OWL & PUSSY CAT, BYRON **HOSPITALITY PARTY**
- SCU UNIBAR, EAST LISMORE **NATIONAL BAND COMP HT 3: SOUL REFERENCE, ZARA MEOW, HEADPHONE SYMPHONY, THE ARGONAUTS, BLOOD, GUTS & FIRETRUCKS, INSIDE OUTLAW**

TUESDAY 30

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **HARRY HEALY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **QUIZMEISTER COMEDY TRIVIA NIGHT**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **MICK MCHUGH DUO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **SKYDIVE GIVEAWAY W DJ DALLAS**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **COYOTE UGLY TABLETOP DANCERS**
- OWL & PUSSY CAT, BYRON **TASTE OF OPC**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS & JAM**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 9AM **MICK MCHUGH**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 8PM **KIRK L'ORANGE BAND**

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9.30pm
POLAR NATION

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DJ SLINKY

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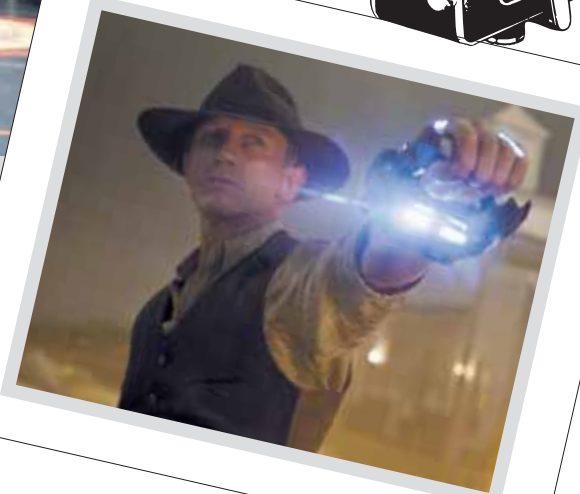
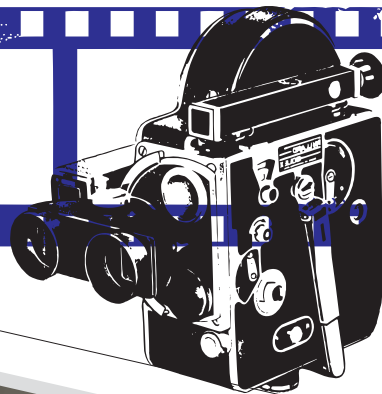
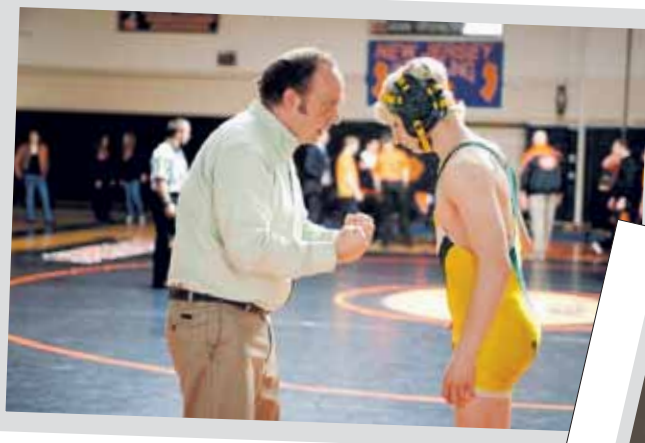
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cinema reviews



Cowboys And Aliens

Just before the obligatory Armageddon that brings to a close this chuckwagon of tripe, the pretty heroine, who a few scenes earlier had emerged from a fire in the nude (shucks – you only see her from behind) tells Jack Lonergan (Daniel Craig, besotted with himself since he got the Bond gig) that 'you've got to stop thinking'. If only they'd emblazoned those words on the glossy poster... I probably stress it too much, but whenever you see in the credits of a movie that eight

writers are responsible for its script then you can usually bet on the end result making about as much sense as a packpoo ticket. Not that there is anything uninteresting about the idea of the alien from outer space lobbing in unexpected locations – 'Paul' and 'Super 8' are both fab recent examples of what might be achieved with such a theme when it is underpinned by an idea that is more developed than director Jon Favreau's fevered desire to squeeze as much flash animatronics and high-camp violence into what he would present, with zilch credibility, as witty cross-genre innovation. The

monster from the black lagoon, super-hero comics, spaghetti westerns (as well as a shot suggesting an homage to John Ford's classic *The Searchers* that would make the great man turn in his grave), Butch and Sundance and the Hole in the Wall gang – they and scores of other references are all thrown higgledy-piggledy into the mix, as well as repeated, quick flashbacks that I couldn't figure out at all. One minute the aliens, who have hands coming out of their stomachs, are impervious to anything that the cowboys throw at them, the next they are being brought down by the Chiricahua's spears... then there is the moment in battle when the mean rancher saves the Indian chief's life and they do that silent, blokey nod to each other... And who can possibly know what possessed Harrison Ford to so demean himself? Mercy! This is spectacularly awful. ~ **John Campbell**

his druggie mother. Mike's passion is the school Greco-Roman wrestling team that he coaches (*The Blind Side* raised its saccharine head but was soon dismissed) with little success. Their fortunes take a turn for the better when Kyle joins them and the sport, as it invariably does, becomes a metaphor for Mike's travails – and if Kyle's unexpected prowess in it is a wild coincidence, writer/director Thomas McCarthy sells it with consummate ease. As he did in *The Station Agent* (2003), and almost without your noticing, McCarthy quietly creates a wholly absorbing story from the most mundane components and unassuming characters – bald, podgy Mike wears daggy jumpers, smokes secret ciggies and is neglectful of daily chores; unmotivated Kyle speaks in the typical teenager's monotone; Paul's wife Jackie (the wonderful Amy Ryan) has her hands full with two little daughters. For comic relief, Bobby Cannavale reprises his 'Agent' role as Terry, Paul's cuckolded best mate who finds an outlet for his garrulous energy in supporting the boys' improving performances. An unforeseen crisis – the crux of the matter, it forces Paul to own up to himself – comes with the appearance of Kyle's mum, Cindy. It strikes a slightly jarring note, because she is played by Melanie Lynskey, the Kiwi actress immediately (and for me, too strongly) identified as the loopy girl who jumped Charlie's verandah in *Two and a Half Men*. But it's hardly enough to spoil a film that is disarming, elevating and ruefully funny. ~ **John Campbell**

Win Win

'What good is it for a man to gain the world yet lose his soul?' Mike (Paul Giamatti) is a New Jersey lawyer whose practice is on the slide. To supplement his income with a government allowance, he volunteers to be the guardian of Leo (Burt Young), an elderly client in the early stages of dementia. But he doesn't fulfil his duty of care, instead letting Leo be shunted off against his will to a nursing home. Complications arise when Kyle (Alex Shaffer), Leo's troubled grandson, arrives from Ohio after running away from

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The real facts about the Government's carbon pricing



Big polluters will pay not families

The carbon price will be paid by around 500 of the biggest polluters in Australia. It is not a tax on ordinary Australians. Polluters will pay for the pollution they are causing.

All the money raised will go to jobs, households and building a clean energy future

The Government's tax cuts and increased payments are targeted at those who need them most. The Government will stand up for pensioners, low and middle-income earners and families doing it tough. 9 out of 10 households will get a combination of tax cuts and increased payments.

Carbon pricing will cut pollution and drive investment in clean energy

The Gillard Government's plan will cut carbon pollution and drive investment in clean energy technologies and infrastructure like solar, gas and wind. It will help build the clean energy future Australians deserve. And it won't just help us – it will help our children and our grand children. It will cut 160 million tonnes of pollution – the equivalent of taking 45 million cars off our roads.

The rest of the world is acting

The rest of the world is acting and Australia can't afford to remain a big polluter in the low pollution world of tomorrow.



Message from Justine

Scientific evidence has confirmed our planet is warming. And after years of debate and deliberation, most Australians agree the time to act is now.

Australians want to do the right thing by the environment. We are a confident, creative nation that's up to the challenges of tackling climate change.

That's why the Federal Government is implementing a comprehensive plan for a clean energy future for our nation. Under this plan, Australia will cut at least 160 million tonnes a year of carbon pollution from our atmosphere in 2020.

That is the equivalent of taking over 45 million cars off the road.

Australia's biggest polluters, not households, pay the carbon price. The revenue raised will support investment in renewable energy, protect jobs and help households with tax cuts and increased payments. Taxpayers in Richmond earning \$80,000 or less will all get a tax cut, most will get at least \$300 per year.

Carbon pricing is a reform we need to keep our economy competitive, to protect our environment and do the right thing for our children and future generations.

Yours sincerely,

JUSTINE ELLIOT MP
FEDERAL MEMBER
FOR RICHMOND

Delivering a clean energy future



Supporting low income households

Through tax cuts and increases to Government payments, all low income households will be provided assistance that covers at least 100 per cent of their expected average impact of the introduction of the carbon price. Many will be better off.

Some low-income households might not receive enough assistance through tax cuts or Government payments to offset their average expected cost impact under a carbon price. These households will be able to claim the new \$300 annual Low Income Supplement to ensure they receive enough assistance as they adjust to changes in their costs of living after the carbon price is introduced.

Small business

Small businesses will not be required to pay a carbon price.

Small businesses will not have to count or monitor their carbon pollution or electricity use. They will not have to fill in a single form as part of the carbon price reform.

The impact of a carbon price on small business will vary and most small businesses will not be significantly affected. Small business will see benefits flow from an increase to the small business instant asset write-off thresholds to \$6,500. This boost to the threshold will help increase cash flow, which assists growth and investment in new assets, some of which could be more energy efficient.

Tax reform

The Government will provide an \$8 billion tax reform package, including \$7 billion of tax cuts, from 1 July 2012 targeted at low and middle-income earners. Around 60 per cent of all taxpayers will get a tax cut of at least \$300 from 1 July 2012. Every taxpayer up to \$80,000 will get a tax cut, and no one will pay more tax.

The tax cuts will be delivered through major structural reform that increases the tax free threshold from \$6,000 to \$18,200. This means over one million more Australians will no longer need to fill in a tax return.

Carers and people with a disability

More than one million Australians with disability and carers will receive household assistance through their Disability Support Pension or Carer Payment. This will cover at least the expected average increase in living costs that results from the introduction of a carbon price.

People with essential medical equipment needs

People holding a Commonwealth concession card who have high home energy costs because they rely on essential medical equipment will also be able to claim the Essential Medical Equipment Payment of \$140 through Centrelink. This is in addition to their other assistance.

This extra payment is to make sure they to not face extra costs for using their medical equipment under the carbon price.

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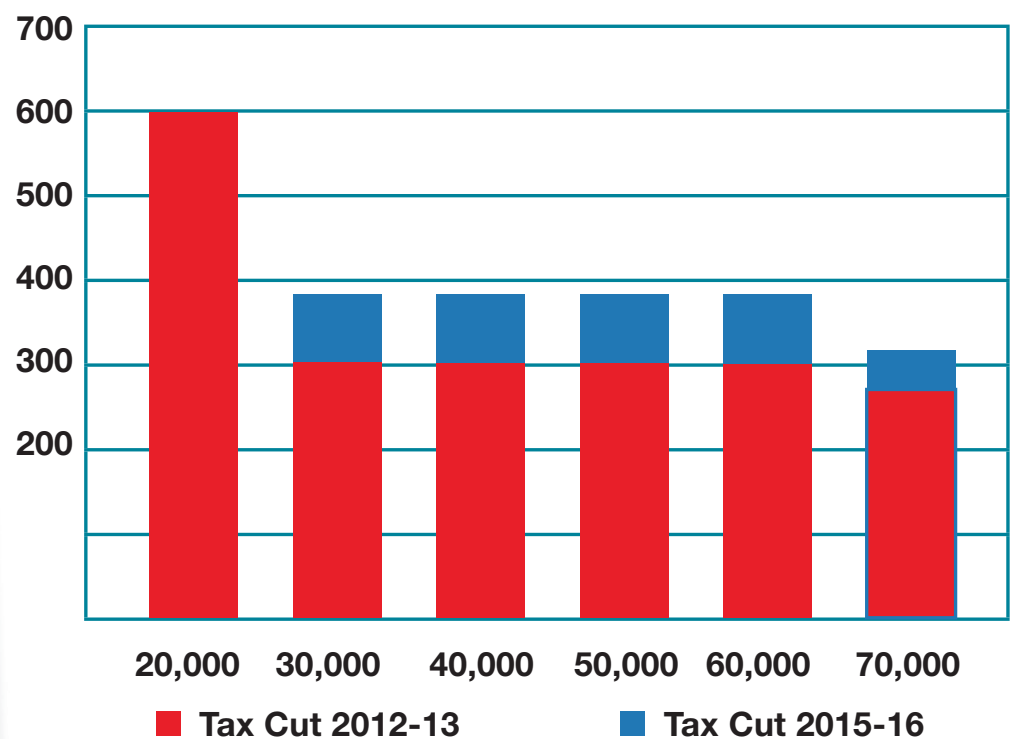
Support for working Australians

Around 86 per cent of tax payers in Richmond will receive tax cuts with the vast majority receiving a tax cut of at least \$300.

The tax cut will be permanent. From 2015-16, further permanent tax cuts will provide assistance for a floating carbon price to at least the end of the decade.



Tax Cut (\$)



Self-funded retirees

Senior Australians who are self-funded retirees and hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card will receive an additional payment with their Seniors Supplement.

This will be worth \$338 for singles and \$255 for each eligible member of a couple.

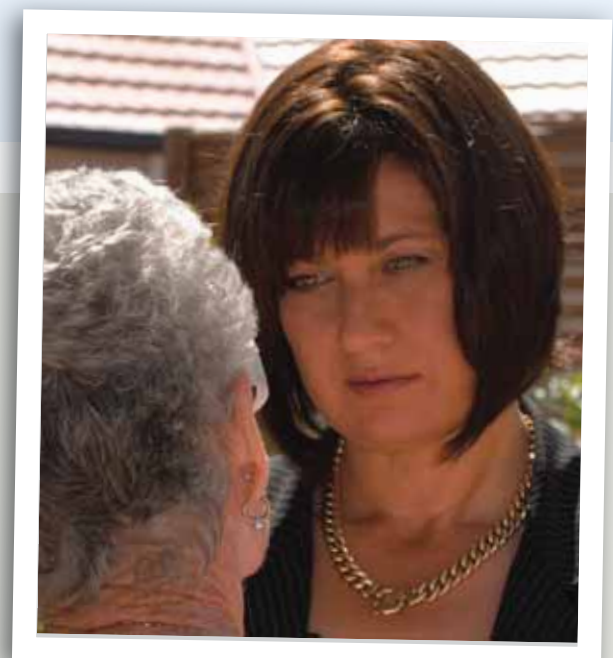
In addition, self-funded retirees may also be eligible for tax cuts.

Students and job seekers

To assist students with the expected impact of carbon pricing on their cost of living, student allowances such as Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy will increase by an amount equal to 1.7 per cent of the maximum rate.

Students in part-time work and jobseekers who find a job will also receive tax cuts.

A person earning \$25,000 per year will get a tax cut of around \$523 per year from 1 July 2012.



Pensioners to receive advance payment

More than 3 million Australian pensioners will receive household assistance to help them with increased living costs as a result of the introduction of a carbon price. Pensioners will receive assistance through a Clean Energy Advance and a Clean Energy Supplement connected to their pension. Part-rate pensioners who pay tax may also be eligible for tax assistance.

The Clean Energy Advance will be paid as an up-front and tax exempt lump sum payment of up to \$250 for a single and \$190 for each eligible member of a couple. This payment will be provided to pensioners in May-June 2012 to help meet additional costs for the nine months from 1 July 2012 to when the first instalment of the new Clean Energy Supplement is paid from March 2013.

Household assistance for Richmond

What Richmond residents can expect



More than 29,900 pensioners in Richmond will receive an extra \$338 extra per year if they are single and up to \$510 per year for couples combined, in their pension payments.

More than 12,700 families in Richmond will receive household assistance (up to \$110 per eligible child for families receiving the Family Tax Benefit A and up to \$69 per year in assistance for families receiving the Family Tax Benefit B).

More than 2100 self-funded retirees in Richmond will receive an extra \$338 per year in assistance for singles and up to \$510 per year for couples combined.

More than 6600 Jobseekers in Richmond will get up to \$218 extra per year for singles and \$390 per year for couples combined.

More than 2900 single parents in Richmond will get an extra \$289 per year.

More than 3,200 students in Richmond will get up to \$177 extra per year. The amount they get will depend on their rate and type of payment.

In total, more than 51,600 people in Richmond will receive household assistance through the transfer system.

On top of this, taxpayers in Richmond with annual income of under \$80,000 will all get a tax cut, with most receiving at least \$300 per year.

Working together for a clean energy future

The science is clear
– our planet is warming

We know that the warming is changing our climate: causing sea levels to rise; meaning that there will be more days of extreme heat; meaning that we are at risk of more bushfires and droughts; meaning that great icons like the Great Barrier Reef are at risk. That warming is caused by carbon pollution, by human activity, and we need to cut carbon pollution.

The Gillard Government is taking action to tackle climate change by putting a price on pollution and assisting business and households transition to a clean energy future.

“I’m proud to be part of a government that is taking action to tackle climate change and build Australia’s clean energy future,” Justine Elliot said.

“The carbon price is not a tax on households — around 500 of the biggest polluters in Australia will be required to pay for their pollution under the carbon pricing mechanism.”

“And every dollar raised will go to support jobs, households and to invest in clean energy and climate change programs.”

“Nine out of 10 households will receive assistance through a combination of tax cuts, higher family payments and increases in pensions and benefits.”



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Blood Bones & Butter

The memoir of Gabrielle Hamilton



Victoria Cosford

When Gabrielle Hamilton opened her tiny restaurant in New York twelve years ago, she had no idea what she was embarking upon. Not only had she never owned a restaurant before but neither had she ever been the chef, or even the sous-chef, of one. A decade later, she was named New York's Best Chef. Her restaurant Prune was described by food critic Frank Bruni as a 'formidable influence, a small restaurant with a large footprint... widely and fervently loved'.

Prune was Gabrielle's family nickname when she was young, growing up in New Jersey in a castle 'built into the burnt-out ruins of a nineteenth-century silk mill' to parents who threw legendary parties. This is how her memoir begins. *Blood Bones & Butter* is not only a fascinating insight into an extraordinary character but one of the most potent accounts of a food sensibility I have ever read. Much more than a kitchen confidential, it is the story of a woman whose early lessons in self-reliance and survival stamped upon her an uncompromising work ethic, whose endless jottings in notebooks inspired her to enrol in a writing course at Michigan University, and who unapologetically offers herself up warts and all with just the right doses of humility so that she is impossible to dislike.

On the contrary, how can you not love someone who writes like this? 'Then the sun started to set and we lit the paper-bag luminaria, which burned soft glowing amber, punctuating the meadow and the night, and the lamb was crisp-skinned and sticky from slow roasting, and the root beer

was frigid and it caught, like an emotion, in the back of my throat.' Or this: 'Everyone thinks cooking is "fun", but not for the same reasons they think it will be. They think it's the same as trying out a new recipe for brownies like you do at home, with the radio on.'

Gabrielle did her writing course and in the process realised that she loved cooking more: it was something 'so manageable and tactile and useful' unlike 'certain literary pursuits (such as) illuminating the fog surrounding the human condition.' The 30-seat restaurant she opened, after two decades of working in some capacity or another with food, was conceived as a platform from which she could reproduce, conjure up peak food moments throughout her life, like the gouda and warm salted potato she ate in Amsterdam, like the wild greens called horta she ate in Greece 'that (Margarita) boiled in salted water to tame drabness and then drowned – delicious death! – in her own olive oil'. Reading a Prune menu on line I see dishes like roasted marrow bones with parsley salad, braised dandelions with mastic and feta, calvados omelette – and long, as usual, for New York New York.

Gabrielle Hamilton will, however, be in Australia in early October for the Sydney International Food Festival (SIFF), as part of the World Chef Showcase (October 1 and 2). She is appearing both those days and will, I imagine, be utterly watchable, as is her memoir, published by Chatto & Windus, utterly readable.

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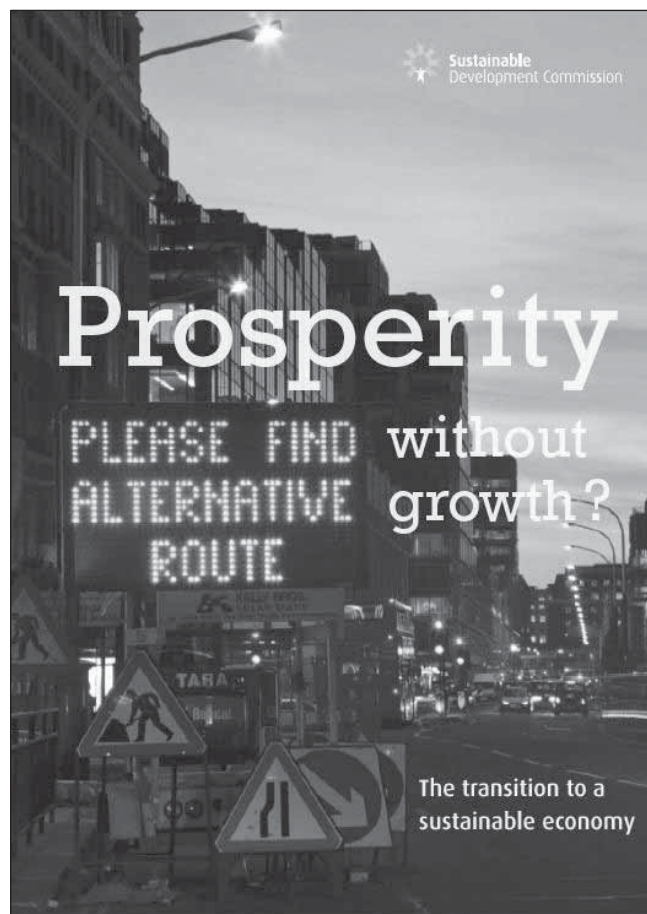
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Fixing the illiterate economics of relentless growth



Prosperity without growth by Tim Jackson

Reviewed by Colin Cook

Published in 2009, *Prosperity without Growth* is a very timely read. The UK riots, the refusal of US Congress to countenance tax increases on the wealthy and the international chorus of 'the elites' to 'restore/maintain growth' at the most recent hic-cough in the global financial system, all relate to the subject matter of this well-researched look at where we are and where we ought to be heading.

'Growth'

The term 'growth' is commonly understood to mean an ever-increasing GDP figure – GDP being a measure of a 'society's busyness'. It can be seen as 'a fair reflection in broad terms of rising incomes', and since we continue to spend more and more on commodities and services, it can be argued that we would not do so unless we valued them. Hence, increasing per capita GDP is taken as a reasonable measure of greater prosperity. But this conclusion is tempered by increasing inequalities within a population; an increase in the national average GDP can easily mask a significantly large disadvantaged population.

Jackson analyses growth in detail. The modern economy must grow because labour efficiency is continually improving – we produce more for less labour. He demonstrates that labour productivity is a two-edged sword; producing the same amount of goods and services more efficiently means some will lose their jobs; producing more with the same labour means more resource

depletion/ecological impacts. We need more 'stuff' in our lives because we have invested material goods with attributes way beyond their strictly utility purposes. 'Consumer goods provide a symbolic language in which we communicate continually with each other... About what really matters to us: family, friendship, sense of belonging, community, identity, social status, meaning and purpose in life' (page 50).

Technology delivers an ever-increasing array of goods and innovations so we need to keep updating our possessions so they continue to fulfil these needs; this latest gizmo heading for obsolescence is a powerful driver of economic growth. In consequence, we demand 'growth' from our politicians.

The growth of GDP needs continually increasing consumption of non-renewable resources – oil, coal, steel, etc. If we economise and recycle, can we de-couple growth of GDP from these ecological limits? 'No way', says Jackson. The chapter, 'The Myth of Decoupling' makes the case indubitably.

Prosperity

The capabilities, the possibilities of members of society 'to flourish', translates to 'prosperity' for Jackson. He writes, 'Physical and mental health matter. Educational and democratic entitlements count too. Trust, security and a sense of community are vital to social wellbeing. Relationships, meaningful employment and the ability to participate in the life of society appear to be important almost everywhere'. Jackson characterises the world today as having 'islands

of prosperity' within 'oceans of poverty'.

There is evidence that rising national GDP figures enable citizens to flourish better; being at the top of the social pile does give benefits of health and happiness. But there is much data showing that growth of GDP per capita above \$15,000 (in 2005 dollars) does not yield the population at large significant benefits. Recent work in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) shows that 'Inequality has damaging impacts across the nation as a whole'. There is an underlying theme throughout the book that the world needs greater equality – for social cohesion, to make fairer use of its resources, to give everyone a chance 'to flourish', to enjoy their talents and op-

portunities within the ecological limits available.

Prof Jackson's study calls for major changes. Summarising he writes, 'In the first place we need to establish ecological bounds on human activity. Secondly there is an urgent need to fix the illiterate economics of relentless growth. Finally, we must transform the damaging social logic of consumerism'. They comprise a daunting agenda demanding action from all sectors of society. This is the 'must read' chapter.

Capitalism

The economic model to which Jackson refers is, of course, capitalism and he is obliged to devote several pages to the question, Is this the end of capitalism?

There are several observations that may well 'frighten the horses!' The need to... increase public control over money supply, the need for more public ownership to yield necessary infrastructure for people to 'flourish', stronger regulation... the commercial media. 'The capitalist model has no easy route to a steady state position. Its natural dynamics push it towards... expansion or collapse'.

The observations 'A capitalist economy runs on debt' and 'A fundamental principle of capitalism is that these liabilities (aka financial debts) attract interest over time' are of particular interest if you have read anything about usury – the charging of interest on loans. Many argue that interest can never be repaid save by pushing others to take out other interest-bearing loans – or 'losing their shirt', maybe bankruptcy. Increasing global indebtedness and 'shirt losses' seem to confirm this. Jackson does not go down this path.

Different systems

Jackson points out that capitalism exhibits varying characteristics under various circumstances – even nationalising banks when it suits! But

economic growth and minimal regulation of commerce are accepted features of a 'good' capitalistic economy. He asserts that investment in capital assets will remain 'critically important' but systems will be very different from the way capital markets work today.

And is it 'The End?' It might remain as capitalism, 'But not as we know it' he quotes.

Conclusion

What you take from a timely read of this provocative book will depend on your optimism versus your pessimism. Jackson makes a plausible case for the possibility encapsulated by the title. He writes, 'For the advanced economies of the western world, prosperity without growth is no longer a utopian dream. It is a financial and ecological necessity'. But the case rests on fundamental changes in us humans – our behaviour, and value systems – and there is the rub.

■ Professor Tim Jackson is Economics Commissioner on the Sustainable Development Commission – an independent advisory body to the UK government. He is also 'Professor of Sustainable Development' at the University of Surrey.

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Brunswick Valley Cancer Action Group AGM Thursday 25th at 1pm at 23 Fern St, Mullum. Following the meeting final arrangements to be made for Friday 26th Daffodil Day.

Mini fete

Mini-fete August 27 9am-2pm at Byron Aged Care, Butler St, Byron Bay, BBQ 11am, variety of stalls. Donations of cakes, produce and saleable goods are very welcome.

Byron Sophia

Thursday, 25 Aug, 1-3pm, Byron Sophia Study & Discussion Group, Masonic Centre, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay: Extra-Terrestrial Prophets as a Force for Change. Visitations have been recorded throughout history – Are they from

Cosmic Neighbours, giving us a few prods? – presented by Karen Carruthers from UFO Research Byron Bay. Information: Celia 6684 3623.

Byron Bay Market

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Bloomsbury talk

Recognised Bloomsbury authority Sandra Pollard will explore the Bloomsbury Group and the lives and art of their painters at the next ADFAS talk, in the Bangalow A&I Hall on Monday, September 5, beginning 6.30pm sharp, with wine and refreshments to follow. Guests are welcome, \$20,

pay at the door. Full program on the ADFAS website, membership and other enquiries to Carole Gamble on 6684 4996.

St Anselm's

St Anselm's Anglican Church, Ocean Shores – as from September, there will be two services a month at Ocean Shores. On the first Sunday of each month there will be Holy Communion and on the third Sunday there will be service/fellowship/lunch. Both services will commence at 11am and will continue to follow a more informal style of worship. Everyone is very welcome!

Bangalow Historical Society fundraiser

On Saturday 27 August, a fundraiser will be held at Heritage House, the Deacon Street location of the Bangalow Historical Society's museum and tearooms. For \$15 a head, adults will be able to eat a delicious gourmet chargrill (plus dessert) between 10am and 3pm, with a \$2 kids' sausage sizzle also available. For details phone Heritage House 6687 2183.

Anxiety sessions

Members of the Byron Shire community are invited to a series of six free sessions introducing key strategies for the non-medical management of anxiety. To be held in Byron Bay on Thursday mornings. First class commences on

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Raising daughters?

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Wilson's Creek night

Friday 19 August – all welcome for a cosy evening with delicious food. Screening of *The Economics of Happiness*. Funds raised will be donated to Helena Norberg-Hodge and Wilson's Creek Public School. Dinner at 6pm, movie at 7:30pm.

DEADLINE FRIDAY NOON



Shake off the winter blues and sell

Online Australian real estate agent, www.forsaleforlease.com.au, is urging all potential vendors to shake off the winter blues and follow some easy strategies to get their properties ready for the Spring-selling onslaught.

According to Michael Atwell, founder of ForSaleFor

Lease.com.au, Spring is usually the most optimum time to sell a home as the largest numbers of buyers are actively searching for a new home between September and November.

Vendors come out in full force in the Spring season, eager to tempt enthusiastic buyers, who have held back during the colder months.

With the lacklustre winter real estate season nearly over, sellers may easily improve their chances in selling their house more effectively by simply outshining the flood of list-

ings that appear in the Spring-time market:

Spring clean, literally. Tidy and de-clutter your home is the number one priority. As obvious as this tip is, a spotless, fresh-looking house is much more attractive than presenting a house filled with month-old newspapers, dusty benches and dirty windows. Make your property look its best. If you can't do it yourself, hire a cleaner for half a day.

Clean floors, windows and mirrors - Make all these shine and twinkle.

Have flowers arranged throughout the room - get buyers excited about Spring by showcasing the season inside your home. Clean up outside and create street appeal. This includes mowing the lawn, raking leaves, cutting back bushes, removing cobwebs and check if outside lights are working. Take quality and powerful photographs for the relevant real estate sites. Use a wide angle lens and shoot external shots in the evening.

Wet tiles and driveways before taking the

shot for maximum effect. Towels and manchester need to be perfect - showcase the house at its finest.

Most houses are overfurnished so remove some of the furniture to make rooms more spacious.

At the same time, try not to sell a home without any furniture. Hire furniture if need be. Pets are a no-no. Pet smells inside the home is not a selling point, so keep pets away from open inspections if possible.

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Women less 'stressed' about mortgages than men

Home loan lender RAMS reckons that even with the difference in income earning capacity and workplace participation between Australian men and women, women were less likely to suffer mortgage stress than men.

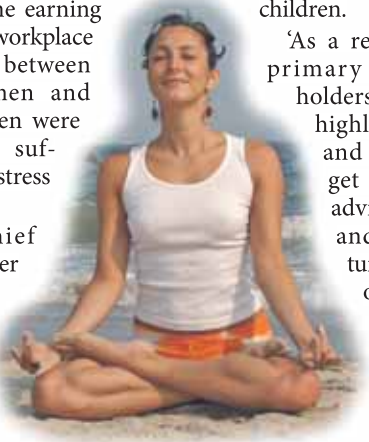
RAMS chief operating officer Susan Bannigan said, 'Home-owners can find it challenging to

juggling finances. This is especially true of woman with children.

'As a result, female primary mortgage holders tend to be highly organised and quicker to get professional advice on offers and loan features, which in our experience make them less likely to get into difficulties.'

According to RAMS, home loans are now far more flexible financial products than in the past, with options that allow borrowers to reduce their mortgage payments for several months at a time during a lifestyle change such as parental leave, freeing up cash flow for other priorities. Many borrowers remain unaware of these facilities.

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Additional features include Vantage System; 3 large sheds; 4 rainwater tanks, a 6 megalitre dam, a bore, a reestablished old remnant rainforest; mixed fruit orchard; vegie garden; stabling for a pony; chook pen; children's playground; wine cellar; monitored security and a backup generator.

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Elevated and private, this 13 acres of a "tenancy in common" really has "got the lot". The timber two storey home has character and charm with a fantastic covered outdoor area. The gardens are sensational with a great variety of established fruit trees. The home has two bedrooms plus loft, separate lounge with fireplace. Renovated kitchen and bathroom. Separate storage room and separate laundry. There are two guest cabins on the property. Dams, creek and plenty of land to grow your own vegies or house some pets. L/N 3504



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Private and tropical and only 10 minutes from Mullumbimby this gorgeous 1.43ha (3.53 acres) offers a character timber home, charming and interesting. Plus a stunning hexagonal studio/yoga space/temple. The home has two bedrooms, one being lofted with its own deck overlooking the superb gardens. A separate lounge, timber floors and a relaxing sun deck. Good kitchen and single bathroom. A second studio provides for extended family or guests. Orchards, vegie gardens, spring water and an added bonus of architects plans to create a dual occupancy. L/N 3526.



SIX BEDROOMS - OCEAN VIEWS \$1,300,000

Elevated huge architect designed timber home set up for communal living. Six bedrooms, four bathrooms and lots of sunny decks overlooking Tyagarah Nature Reserve and Cape Byron. This new Community Title offers 14ha of common land - the share is 8600m². Many potential alternatives here. L/N 3533.



VIEWS AND PRIVACY IN BURRINGBAR \$569,000

Set in a quiet cul de sac this 17 acres is a very special spot! Panoramic views of ocean and mountains, see the sun and moon rise from the covered verandah. The steel frame contemporary home offers open plan living, timber floors, three bedrooms, bathroom and two toilets. The native gardens are a haven for birds and wildlife and there is an established fruit orchard. The property has potential with great studio sites and is within 25 minutes of Byron Bay. L/N 3537.



THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN MULLUMBIMBY \$795,000

Lush tropical gardens with a good selection of fruit trees on a very private acre + (4552m²) right in the middle of town. The timber home has an open plan kitchen, dining and living area with timber floors and raked ceilings. Four bedrooms, a spacious bathroom plus second toilet. The master bedroom has a study attached. Plenty of covered verandahs to take in the ambience of this special property. L/N 3519.



ARCHITECTURAL EARTHY DESIGN \$949,000

Fantastically located just minutes from beaches and shops. This northerly facing acre and a half features an exquisite contemporary rammed earth home with inground pool. Four bedrooms, big open plan layout, poolside verandahs and new modern, classy kitchen and bathrooms. Bright family room, timber features and a separate garage/studio with facilities. Delightful in every way. 6725m² L/N 3525.



HUONBROOK HIDEAWAY \$650,000

Privately located in the lush rainforest of Huonbrook at 187 metres above sea level, this hardwood timber cottage has frontage to Coopers Creek, rich volcanic soil and abundant wildlife. The home has a spacious living area, separate kitchen, two bedrooms and a large 40m² deck, timber floors and a slow combustion fire for those cool nights. The owners have enjoyed this paradise for nearly 30 years, it is being offered for sale for the first time. Sha (12 acres). L/N 3497

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Local photographer Keith Christie captured this image of a lightning strike at sea from the Brunswick Heads south wall.

Premier of SA Mike Rann wants approval by his government of BHPBilliton's radical expansion of its mine at Olympic Dam, near Roxby in South Australia. This will make it the largest uranium mine in the world. Once it comes on tap after approval in about four years' time, it will be exporting 19,000 tonnes of yellowcake a year. Uranium used in the Fukushima plant came from Olympic Dam. Here's a 12-minute clip explaining why we should do everything we can to lobby polities and the media in the next two weeks to stop the expansion: www.roxstop-action.org.

Mystery surrounds the departure of new Writers' Festival director Candida Baker after just one event. Did she walk, or was she pushed? The committee isn't saying, but *Backlash* reckons it wasn't a good look to invite *Pravda* to be the major sponsor.

We reckon our resident comedian Mandy Nolan and her hubby John are onto some pretty revolutionary stuff with the standup comedy workshops for people with demen-

tia. Maybe not as dramatic as Oliver Sack's *Awakenings* but important nonetheless. Read the story on page 15.

Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick has launched a guide to assist women who have experienced human rights violations, and been failed by processes in Australia, to use international complaint mechanisms to seek redress. The excitingly named *Mechanisms for advancing women's human rights: A guide to using the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and other international complaint mechanisms* can be downloaded from www.humanrights.gov.au/sex_discrimination/publications.html. It might be an avenue for those suffering bullying at Byron Council - see the latest opinions on that issue on page 11.

If you use public transport, or would like to if there were enough of it, make a difference by having your say in Byron Shire Council's Transport Survey. The survey is available via Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

Participants can also enter a prize draw for a chance to win money.

While on transport, here's one for local cyclists visiting Sydney in October: the 28th Bi-

cycle NSW Spring Cycle will be held in Sydney on Sunday October 16. Join thousands of people in the 55km Classic Ride or the new 16km City Ride. See more at www.bicyclensw.org.au/content/springcycle.

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