

Happy new year, peeps



South Golden Beach couple Anouk Etournaud and Terry Fitton were two – of an estimated 10,000 – that celebrated the New Year in Byron Bay on Saturday night. Photo Hans Lovejoy

Eve Jeffery

Revellers smooched under a sky lit by fireworks as 2012 was brought in at Byron Bay.

Businesses in and around the town all agreed that the general behaviour of the public was good and most say they had busy trade – a welcome change from the same time last year.

Co-owner of the Byron Bay Hot Bread Shop, Sandra Vickers, says that the 24-hour bakery experienced a great Christmas and New Year's Eve.

'The crowds this year have been one of the most easygoing, cruisy I have seen,' she told *The Echo*. 'They have definitely been very happy and up from last year.'

Cody Prasser, manager of Bay Kebabs, said that the festive season has in general been fairly busy and that New Year's Eve brought more of the same. 'The crowds were great,' said Cody on Monday morning. 'They have been really well behaved and

there were no scuffles. There are still plenty of people around. I have had a lot of people come in from the Gold Coast and Brisbane as well as plenty of regulars and locals.'

The fun also spilled out of town, with both Bangalow Road and Ewingsdale Road lined with cars.

Carol van Rensburg from the Ozigo takeaway told *The Echo* it has been a good holiday season so far with very reasonable crowds and a hectic work load for staff.

The beachfront was the main focus for most party-goers – however, and St John Ambulance superintendent Dennis Trevithick said that the usual injuries of cuts, scrapes and over-consumption were all they had to deal with.

Byron's chamber of commerce (Byron United) president Paul Waters added that it was too early to tell if business has prospered over the holiday period but said the night was a great success. 'The celebration in Apex

Park was a huge success and the area was packed – there must have been five or six thousand people just around the stage area. Everyone I have spoken to says it was giant and it was great that Council managed to have the town pretty much cleaned up by daybreak.'

Police appear to be happy with what they saw as a quiet New Year's Eve event and were in good spirits during the traditional early morning breath-aliser check at the eastern end of town.

The only major issue dealt with by police was an incident at a caravan park on Ewingsdale Road. They are investigating the circumstances surrounding the malicious wounding of two men at about 8.20pm on Saturday evening. Two youths, both 19 years old, were struck by a bottle, possibly fracturing the cheek bone of one of the men, and causing a significant laceration to the face of the other.

Both victims were conveyed to Byron Bay Hospital for treatment and an investigation is underway.

Council overhauls dispute policy

Hans Lovejoy

The way in which disputes between the community and Council are dealt with look to be overhauled under a new policy, which is now on public exhibition on Council's website.

The Dispute Resolution Committee is the current mechanism by which the public can have cases heard; for example a DA or compliance complaint.

As reported in *The Echo* in October last year, John Anderson, aka Fast Bucks, submitted his long-running squabble on illegal dwellings and his MO (multiple occupancy) application to Council's Dispute Resolution Committee.

At the time it was revealed that the committee had not dealt with disputes for around seven years.

Despite Mr Anderson's recent submission, Council has so far failed to reactivate the committee and has instead put up a *Draft Amended Code of Meeting Practice* document to replace the current policy.

It aims to encompass all Council's code of practice for meetings and committees.

Deep within the complex 46-page document is Council's plans to replace the Dispute Resolution Committee and create a Planning Review Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

The Planning Review Committee appears to deal specifically with development applications (DAs), while compliance matters are not mentioned.

The Strategic Planning Commit-

tee will, '...lead research and policy direction on key strategic issues for Byron Shire.'

Another aim according to the charter is '...facilitate strategic policy development on a range of strategic issues concerning Byron Shire Council and is to determine strategic policy.'

Mr Anderson 'special'

Mr Anderson told *The Echo* that his case, among only a few others, is 'special'.

'My case was the only one dealt with in confidential meetings,' he said, 'along with an illegal dwelling case in Myocum, and now the more recent holiday letting cases.'

'As far as I am aware these are the only cases that have been delegated to the general manager.'

Mr Anderson also claims the current crop of councillors are lazy.

'They are making it up as they go along.'

'When it's a legal matter, they always vote for the general manager to manage it – they wipe their hands of any responsibility.'

'Also councillors don't do site visits anymore, so they are only reliant on what staff are saying.'

'When I was on Council we inspected properties and met with owners.'

Council had not responded to *The Echo's* questions by the time of going to press, possibly due to public holidays.

Submissions for the draft policy close Friday, February 10, 2012.

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Man dies after rolling car near Mullum

A young man in his early 20s has tragically died after rolling his car on Left Bank Road near Mullumbimby.

The Echo understands he had just returned from overseas and is from a long-established local family.

Police have confirmed the accident happened at 12.45am on Saturday December 31, however a name is yet to be released.

Flowers have been placed at the scene.



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Bagging the bag for good



Eriko and Sebastien love the idea of reducing single-use plastic bags. Sebastien is from France where such bags have been eliminated after a ban was introduced two years ago. 'At first people were saying, "what am I going to do and how can this work?" Two months later we all got used to it, and now every one brings their own bags.' Photo Jeff 'Bags Full It' Dawson

The Say No To Plastic Bag 2012 campaign has kicked off and is calling on all Byron businesses to adopt a strategy to reduce single plastic bag use.

'We are asking all Byron businesses to support the campaign and stop giving out free plastic bags,' says one of the organisers, Trude Helm.

'If a customer requests one, why not ask them to give a donation to the Say No To Plastic Bag campaign and Seabird Rescue? Just charging a pittance for a bag is all it takes to make people think and bring their own when they shop.'

'Aldi has made this their policy from day one and it surely hasn't affected their sales!' Ms Helm says the main tar-

get of the campaign is having Byron Bay Woolworths and IGA sign the pledge and make the region plastic bag free.

Retailers decline

'We have asked our major food retailers to support our campaign but they have declined.'

Ms Helm says the decision is puzzling. 'Why? In every other situation where a small fee was attached to bag use, people stopped using them.'

She points to other parts of the country and overseas where it has worked.

'A four-week trial in Victoria found that by charging people for plastic bags there was a 79 per cent reduction in the num-

ber of bags used and it raised \$35,000 which was donated to environmental projects.

'Bunnings reduced bag usage by 99 per cent by introducing a 10 cent charity charge on its bags, which then led them to eliminating bags all together. Ikea implemented a similar charity charge and now have no single-use bags.'

She claims a uniform plastic bag levy is another option that can reduce bag usage.

'In Ireland, a plastic bag levy resulted in a 90 per cent reduction in the use of plastic bags with an overwhelmingly positive response.'

'The funds from the levy are placed in an environmental fund controlled by the minis-

ter for the environment, heritage and local government, to be used to cover the costs of administration. It supports and promotes a variety of environmental programs. Revenues from the program are over 30 times the costs of collection.'

Ms Helm says the wallet is still the best route to stopping the plastic bag. 'Come on Woolies and IGA - we know you can do it! We welcome your support for this important initiative. The time to change is now.'

At the time of going to press (a public holiday) *The Echo* could not contact the supermarkets for confirmation of Ms Helm's claims.

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Vale Christopher Keyes

Daniel Schreiber

On December 24, we got together with a few close friends at our rainforest retreat space, sharing food, playing music, and general rejuvenation and relaxation, avoiding the Byron frenzy over the silly season.

During the night, Chris went missing. The following two days were spent searching the

surrounding forest with emergency services crew. With no idea as to his whereabouts, we concluded a likely walkabout, or some form of self-initiatory process. We finally found and recovered his body from the bottom of the fish pond near the house.

Chris is a medicine man, he walks it, talks it, breathes it in every moment of his life and death. It is a mystery to us all how this may have occurred as the circumstances leading up to this shocking event are unknown. There were no indicators to alert us to a possible concern during this rainy dark-moon evening.

It was poignant that his posture, when recovered, resembled that of Xochipilli, the Aztec god of agriculture, flowers, music, song, poetry and dance.

Tlamatinime taught in the Calmecac, 'Flowers and chants are the most elevated things that exist on the earth so as to enter into the ambits of the truth.'

This, along with his pensive demeanor, suggested a conscious departure. We await the confirmation of his cause of



tiful legacy he has left behind in his art, the food forest he helped plant, the dreams he helped seed and the love he has shared.

We love and miss him and will update everyone with details of his funeral, which is expected to be in about two weeks.

In the meantime, we are holding a 'Sunday arvo tea grooves' in honour of Chris on Sunday January 8 at the Lotus Tea House at Starseed Gardens, Byron Bay. Corn and tea all round. Donation on entry, proceeds will go to planting a memorial garden for Chris.

Thank you to everyone for the tremendous love and support. We feel that this shocking tragedy has been made all the more graceful with your help. Keep your candles alight, sing your prayers and send your blessings as Chris passes through the Bardos.

It is wise to remember that the more baggage we have the harder it is to travel. Let's hope we can sever our attachments and reduce his baggage so he can continue to travel at light speed.

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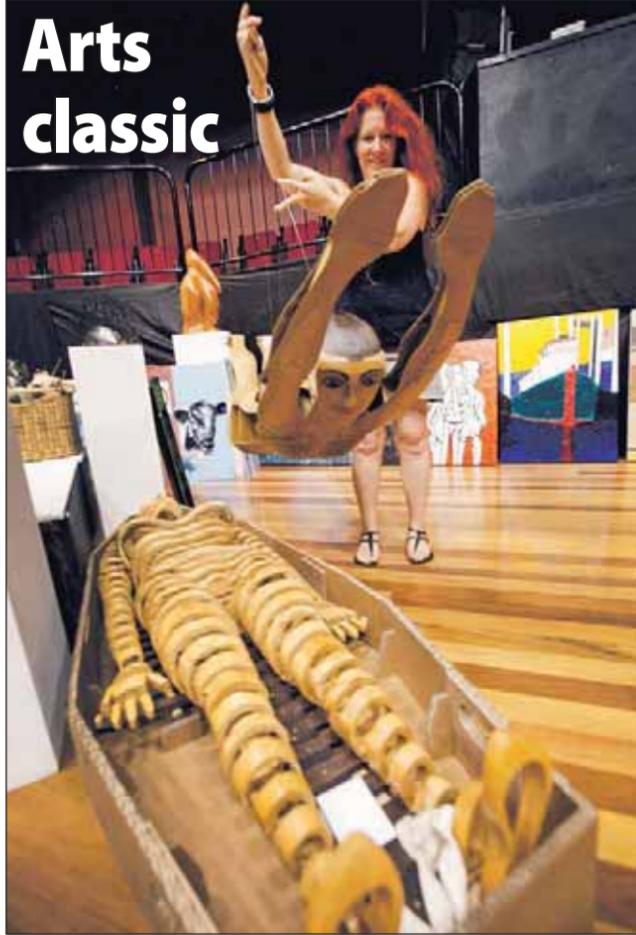
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Arts classic

The Byron Community Centre will be transformed on Friday with over 450 artworks from emerging and established visual artists. The Byron Arts Classic offers a rich six-day celebration of inspiration, creativity and involvement in the visual arts. Photo Jeff 'More Vintage Than Classic' Dawson



Christmas in Bangas

This year's Christmas Eve in Bangalow was a great success, with over 1000 attendees. Darren Pearson told *The Echo*, 'The night always runs without a hitch with none of the problems we usually associate with getting thousands of people together. This event is one to be applauded.' Photo Darren Pearson

Woodford explores its ethical dilemma

Simeon Michaels

The sponsorship deal between coal-seam gas (CSG) mining company Santos and Woodford folk festival has continued to draw strong public criticism despite a bouyant festival line-up and attendance at this year's event.

Santos's \$75,000 sponsorship was directed specifically to the Dreaming festival, an indigenous cultural and music event usually held over the June long weekend, but this year it combined with the Folk Festival in the aftermath of the 2010 floods. The sponsorship was ac-

cepted in the context of dire financial straits for both festivals, and prior to widespread awareness of the dangers of CSG.

'At the time we accepted the sponsorship, the conventional thinking was that coal-seam gas was a better fossil fuel than coal or oil,' says festival director Bill Hauritz. 'There was no-one else to go to,' says Rhoda Roberts, founding director of the Dreaming.

However, the deal became the target of a powerful Facebook protest, calling for a boycott of the festival and the return of the funds to Santos. Performers were also lob-

bied. Festival management reacted by freezing, rather than returning, the Santos funds.

Task force appointed

A task force was then appointed, chaired by ethicist Wendy Sarkassian. Other members include Ian Lowe of the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF), Noel Blair of the Jinaburra Nation and Drew Hutton of Lock the Gate.

An open forum, held on the first day of the festival, attracted an estimated 250 passionately vocal participants.

'The irony is that the Lock The Gate alliance started in

Woodford' says Mr Hauritz, who believes the protest was misinformed and misdirected.

'The real damage here is to the festival, and to all indigenous cultural organisations.

'Attack the companies, attack the government for issuing the licences, but don't make a music festival collateral damage.'

Ironically, Mr Hauritz believes that the protest has cost the festival well over \$75,000 in ticket sales. Nevertheless, with 'an aggregate attendance in excess of 100,000,' the festival has broken budget this year he said. The task force will deliver a recommendation by June 2012.

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Byron Evolve Yoga and Wellness festival is both metaphorically and physically shaping up to be a stellar day of stretching and soul nourishment.

To be held on Saturday January 21, it's a chance to enjoy yoga classes with Australia's leading instructors, as well as medita-

tion, Pranayama sessions, voice and dance workshops.

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Nominations open for Youth Council

Nominations are now open for Byron Shire Council's Youth Council.

To participate you must be a local resident of the Byron Shire and be a young person aged between 12 and 25.

The Youth Council meets monthly in the Council build-

ing in Mullumbimby and assistance can be provided with transport. 'If you're passionate about your community and have an idea that could benefit young people then step on up to the platform,' said current Youth Council member Justin Fenwick.

Nomination forms are available from Council's website or at the front counter from the Byron Shire Council building in Mullumbimby. Completed forms can be sent to belle.arnold@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Nominations close on January 15.

Proposed Byron 'identity' on exhibition

Does 'Don't spoil us, we'll spoil you' send the right message to people visiting Byron Shire?

Chair of Council's Tourism Advisory Committee, Councillor Basil Cameron, said the proposed new community identity is out on public exhibition until

January 23 and Council is keen to find out what residents and the wider business community thinks about the concept.

Cr Cameron urged residents and business owners to have a look at the community identity on Council's website [licExhibition.](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Pub-</p>
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Visitors will also be invited to tell Council what they think of the proposal.

All submissions will be collated and reported to the first Tourism Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting in February 2012 and then to Council.

Liar Bird book launch in Lennox

Local author Lisa Walker is launching her first novel *Liar Bird* at Lennox Bookmark from 10am to 12pm on January 7.

Lisa Walker is an award-winning short story writer.

Her play *Baddest Backpackers* aired on ABC Radio National in 2008, and she has worked

as a wilderness guide and environmental communicator.

According to the book's publicity, 'PR whizz Cassandra Daley isn't afraid of using all the dirty tricks of the trade to spin a story her way. A glamorous city-slicker, she has never given much thought to wildlife until

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Overdevelopment vs affordable housing

Simeon Michaels

The tension between the need for affordable housing and the spectre of overdevelopment is reaching boiling point in our Shire. Proponents of more housing argue that Byron Shire is becoming an exclusive enclave, unaffordable for the average working family.

Often the most vocal proponents of this argument have a rezoning application under their belt, but hypocrisy is not sufficient grounds to dismiss the argument entirely.

It is a fact that median house prices are approximately six times the annual household disposable income, and that rising prices have evicted low-income earners from the coast, or out of the Shire altogether.

Those against development cite the golden goose analogy – sustainability and ecology versus traffic, pollution and noise.

Few can argue it's the tranquillity and underdevelopment which makes this region so attractive.

Is there an objective view of the situation, an overall strategy which has considered all aspects, which can guide our assessment of whether we are over- or under-developing?

Byron Shire Council should have delivered a new strategy in the form of a *Local Envi-*

ronmental Plan 1988 (LEP) by now, but in more recent times it has been caught up with the Department of Planning.

That document's weakness is a combination of poor leadership and a lack of legal acuity, though to be fair, it has been constantly challenged by wealthy developers and a big-brother state government.

Even to this day there is no end in sight. On a state level, however, the Far North Coast Regional Strategy (FNCRS) was ratified in 2006.

Holistic approach

It takes a holistic approach to development, setting 25-year housing targets across the North Coast in the context of population growth, existing infrastructure, ecology, and government funding. It's not perfect, but it's the closest we've got to an objective assessment of how many houses Byron Shire needs, and what it can bear.

The FNCRS sets a target of 2600 new residences for Byron Shire between 2006 and 2031, an average of 104 new residences per annum.

Measured against this baseline, how are we doing?

According to Ray Darney, Council's director of planning, 'We approved about 150 residences per year in 2006

and 2007. Since the economy slowed we've been approving around 100 a year.' Mr Darney estimates 700 approvals since 2006, a fraction above the FNCRS target rate, but close enough to be a good result.

This leaves 1900 houses to be built between now and 2031.

1900 houses by 2031

According to Wayne Bertram, head of strategic planning at Byron Shire Council, there's lots in the pipeline.

West Byron proposes close to 850 residences. Bayside Brunswick proposes 167. Both proposals have been lodged with the state rather than our local council.

Byron Shire Council has rezoned six sites for subdivision in 2010. Of those, Area 4 North originally proposed old-age accommodation or a 37-lot subdivision, but its DA now proposes 49 lots. Another parcel among the six has just lodged a DA for 42 lots.

A proposal for 68 residences at Bayshore Village at Byron Bay is under review by the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

Twenty-nine lots have been released at Tallowood Ridge in Mullumbimby, with 27 to follow in stage two.

It may take some time for all projects to come fruition,

but if all proceed they will yield approximately 1300 residences from major projects alone.

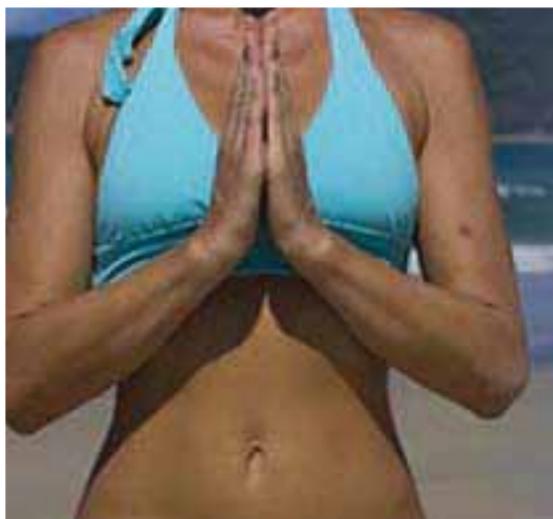
Which raises questions to our current crop of major developers, especially those at West Byron: do you plan to take the whole allocation, or might it be okay to leave something for the rest of the Shire's property owners and tradesmen to do for the next 20 years?

In response to this question, Carolyn Swindell of West Byron's PR agency said, 'With a limited supply of housing land across the Shire, we believe the concern will be less about other developers being denied the opportunity to develop and more about whether the target will be met.'

The surprising comment is in stark contrast to the state government's FNCRS figures and the developments previously mentioned. Byron Shire is clearly already on, or above target.

Large developments have the advantage of concentrating environmental impacts and infrastructure needs into a small area, and provide Council with a big hit of developer contributions.

However, smaller developments which balance population growth with high standards of living are fairer to both property owners and residents.



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Pipeline legend back home



Over 100 of Kieren Perrow's family, friends and supporters celebrated his recent win at Hawaii's Pipeline at the Suffolk Park Pub on Wednesday December 21. He was presented with a framed picture of one of his many barrels during the comp, and expressed his thanks to all his sponsors, family and friends who helped him along the way. He is pictured here with wife Danielle. Photo Ishka Folkwell.

Flickerfest turns 21

Celebrating 21 years, the Flickerfest short-film festival will screen at Bangalow A&I Hall January 20 - 22.

Byron Shire is the first stop in a 37-venue national tour.

Highlights of Flickerfest's Byron program include two short films recently shortlisted for the 2012 Academy Awards - the moving and humorous *I Could Be Your Grandmother* from France and the intimate and heartfelt drama *Raju* from Germany. Flickerfest will also

present a 'Best Of' Australian shorts selection, the Byron All Shorts 2012 - Northern Rivers Short Film Competition and the Flickerlab workshop.

Byron will host the only other presentation of this workshop outside Sydney. Tickets are available at the door or Mullum Bookshop, Barebones Bangalow, or at All Music & Vision (Byron, Lismore and Ballina). For more visit www.iQ.org.au, phone 6684 5577 or email tour@flickerfest.com.au.

Faulkner's all class

Eve Jeffery

Local man Ben Faulkner had an extra reason to celebrate when he came home to spend Christmas with family in Mullumbimby - Ben recently became the recipient of an Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) University of NSW University Medal.

With exceptionally stringent criteria, the University Medal is awarded upon completion of Honours degrees based on academic merit.

Ben, who was born in Mullumbimby in 1981 and went to Durrumbul Primary School and Mullumbimby High School, joined the Royal Australian Air Force where he became an Avionics Technician working on the F-111 Aircraft at Amberly Air Force Base in Queensland.

Ben undertook his first class honours research on the School of Engineering's telescope where he used software coding to integrate electronic components into a commercial astronomy software package.

He graduated from ADFA University in December with first class honours in Electrical Engineering and was awarded the University Medal for his outstanding academic achievement.

Ben says he is grateful for the opportunity the RAAF gave him to attend the ADFA University of NSW campus in Canberra and complete his degree. After spending some time at home over the Christmas break, Flying Officer Faulkner with wife Marina and baby Jasmine will take up a post at RAAF Base Tindal, near Katherine in the Northern Territory.

Stepping the stones alongside substance abusers

Some families in and around Byron area wake up daily to the sadness and confusion caused by a family member's dependency on drugs or alcohol.

Thankfully the Family Drug Support (FDS) 'Stepping Stones to Success' program is a course designed to support and help those around substance abusers.

It's a fortnightly support group which has been running for the past five years.

'We have been running this course nationally for over a decade servicing over 1000 family members,' says Theo Chang who is the course leader for Stepping Stones.

'I have seen the enormous difference from when people enter the course and when they finish. They are stronger, better supported and have skills to

better manage their relationship with the user. More importantly, they can realistically help them towards better outcomes.'

The course aims to increase people's confidence and competence in managing drug issues.

'The sad reality is the user will change when they choose to. However this does not mean families have to remain helpless,' says Theo.

'While there are no guarantees, people who attend the program are very glad they came along. Becoming more resilient and having skills to cope better helps to survive the journey intact - whatever the outcome may be.' The course is run over two weekends in Byron Bay from January 14 to 15 and 21 to 22. Contact Theo on 0402 604 354. For 24-hour support, call hotline 1300 368 186.

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Can this man get a witness?



A man involved in an altercation with police is seeking witnesses to the incident to support his case.

As previously reported in *The Echo*, John Scrivener was stopped by police at the corner of Manns Road and Station Street Mullumbimby around 2.10pm on Tuesday October 25.

An altercation followed and Mr Scrivener was charged with resist arrest and assault police.

At the first court mention in November, Mr Scrivener pleaded not guilty to both charges. He has lodged a complaint with the NSW Police

Service alleging assault and wrongful arrest.

The Echo was contacted by a reader who witnessed part of the incident, and Mr Scrivener wishes to speak to him and anyone else who may have witnessed what happened.

Anyone who may be able to help can call him directly on 0416 085 223. Mr Scrivener faces court again on January 12.

The Echo understands that police have indicated they will not investigate the complaint while the matter is before the courts.

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Non-bank home lenders make a comeback

Simeon Michaels

A local business is seeking to make a first-home purchase possible for families who have been locked out of the bank-lending system.

'Housing prices have dropped since the GFC, and recently interest rates have dropped too.

'That means that there are a lot more people who can afford to make mortgage repayments,' says Darren Webber, recent sea-changer and principal of Low Deposit Property.

'However, the GFC has also made it much harder to secure a home loan; low-doc and low-

deposit loans are gone, loans from non-bank lenders such as Aussie Home Loans have slowed to a trickle.'

The vendor-financing model offers an alternative, says Mr Webber. 'Clients take their loan from the seller rather than the bank. This often means a lower deposit can be used compared to what the banks usually require. The most critical issue in assessing people's suitability for vendor financing remains their ability to afford the repayments on an ongoing basis.'

By giving personal attention rather than a 'tick the box approach,' Webber approves

clients whom the banks have refused. Low-deposit loans charges between one and two per cent higher interest than the banks.

'It's generally accepted that a higher-risk loan attracts a higher interest rate, but the idea is that my clients refinance their loan as quickly as possible.

'Within two to five years of the initial purchase, 90 per cent of my clients have built up equity in their homes, and can show a track record of meeting their loan repayments. That has enabled them to re-finance with a major bank at a lower rate. Our business encourages that.'

Not everybody makes it, however. 'We have a default rate, around two per cent, usually due to someone losing their job. If that happens, they give up the house, and we pay them out any equity they have accrued.'

Vendor-finances still need to be wary; the current market provides perfect conditions for loan sharks to prey on first home buyers desperate for a loan.

'Make sure you can afford the payments, buy the home at a fair valuation, get independent legal advice on your contract, and ask for testimonials,' says Webber.

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Language of mass distraction

Governments tell us that suspicious behaviour should always be reported, so as *Echo* editor I dutifully submit the following.

I firmly believe that bureaucratic language – for the most part – is used against the populace for self-serving and nefarious reasons.

The aim of this style of writing should be to create a readable legal document; however, it tends to be largely incomprehensible to the public. Poor bureaucratic language serves no function other than to create division and the illusion of power.

The subtext of course is that, 'Well, if you can't understand what we are saying, you are obviously not bright enough.' What bullshit. Even though everyone has different cognitive and comprehensive abilities, the general principle of good writing is based on simplicity, not complexity.

Whether legislator, bureaucrat or journalist, it's imperative that words are not misused to obscure intentions. Words are written to say what you mean.

Poor bureaucratic language also results in low participation by the public. It's just one of many reasons behind the poor standing of politicians and bureaucrats in the public eye. The suspicion, of course, is that unnecessarily complex language is written in an effort to hide something. Why else go to so much trouble?

The following excerpt is from Byron Council's *Draft Amended Code of Meeting Practice*. It is by no means the worst piece of bureaucratic waffle ever written, but is a current example. Essentially it's a document to encompass policy for all Council's meetings and committees.

'5. The decision of the [Planning Review Committee] is to be that the application is or is not to be dealt with under delegated authority. No directions are to be given, formally or informally, as to the evaluation of the development application. Where the Committee determines that an application is appropriately dealt with under delegated authority that application may be determined at a time after the Committee meeting.'

It should be a simple code of practice, but instead it's confusing, time consuming and treats us like idiots.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Another hard year ahead for Labor

Julia Gillard's government is entering the new year with a kind of desperate optimism.

After all, what's the alternative? The Labor Party has to hope and believe that things can only get better. 2011 was indeed an annus horribilis, marked by ministers lurching from crisis to crisis, pausing only to occasionally shoot themselves (or sometimes each other) in the foot, and the chaos was reflected in the polls.

But 2012 can't possibly be as bad as 2011 was. Things have to improve, don't they? Well, don't they?

Sorry chaps, but here's the bad news: no they don't, and indeed they could actually get worse. The problem is that just as the government finally looks like pulling itself into some kind of shape, with the carbon tax and the mining tax through parliament and the beginnings of a genuine Gillard agenda emerging, the arse looks like falling out of the world economy. Europe is a basket case and the other industrial power houses – the United States and Japan – are in no position to rescue it, even if they had the desire to do. GFC Mark II looks all but inevitable; the only real questions are what form it will take, how severe it will be, and how long it will last.

Treasurer Wayne Swan comments bravely that the demand from China for our resources will insulate Australia from the worst of it, and it is true that our economy is better armoured than most to withstand a crash. But it would be sanguine to the point of nuttiness to imagine that with the world imploding around it, little Australia will remain untouched. At the very least the economy is certain to slow down considerably, and there is no longer the money available for the stimulus packages which protected both con-

sumer demand and investor confidence last time.

The Reserve Bank, unlike almost all its international counterparts, has a bit of room to play with interest rates, but that's about the only tool left in the shed and it is unlikely to be sufficient. Thus Gillard's reform program will once again grind to a halt, bereft of the funds needed to grease the wheels. In particular the big-ticket items foreshadowed in recent times,

the powerbrokers would eat their own young before having him back.

But within the Gillard camp the foreign minister still has the status of an obsession: sooner or later, perhaps in the next few months, almost certainly by the end of the year, the matter of Rudd must be resolved one way or another. Such is the paranoia that there is even talk of a Gillard supporter moving for a spill before Rudd's few followers

or logic back to the so-called debate over asylum seeker policy, but Abbott's hypocrisy on the issue has reached truly Stygian depths. He objects to sending asylum seekers to Malaysia, because it hasn't signed the refugees convention; well no, but nor had Nauru at the time of John Howard's Pacific Solution, which Abbott now lauds as the acme of policy, and he still wants to turn the boats back to Indonesia, which hasn't signed up either. The answer must be Nauru, which the professionals say would not work as a deterrent because when it was last used almost all the detainees ended up in Australia or New Zealand anyway.

Well, if it doesn't, says Abbott, bring back temporary protection visas – the device of psychological torture by which even those accepted as refugees were not given the rights of residents, in particular the right to bring out their families. This actually resulted in more risks as the wives and children of TPV holders had no alternative but to brave the boats themselves. But we'll think of something – perhaps we could threaten to pull their fingernails out with red-hot pincers to save them from the people smugglers.

All in the name of compassion, of course.

And we cannot start the New Year without congratulating John Howard for being made a member of the Royal Order of the Brown Nose by Her Majesty. He will no doubt keep it on his desk next to his boy scout woggle for Janette to dust every morning. And alarmingly, he claims it is a tribute not just to himself but to his country.

No, Johnnie, it was just for you. Most of us like our honours to be Australian.

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Just as the government finally looks like pulling itself into some kind of shape, the arse looks like falling out of the world economy.

by Mungo MacCallum



like a disabilities scheme, a universal dental service, or any serious tax reform, will be pushed back into the cupboard whence they emerged. And the government will have to devote much of its time and energy in not only trying to cushion the voters against the threat of recession, but in soothing, cajoling and comforting them to try and avoid a collapse of confidence – a task in communications for which both Gillard and Swan have proved themselves to be manifestly unsuited in the past.

At the same time they will continue to be haunted by their twin obsessions: the tyranny of the weekly opinion polls, an absurd distraction regarded as holy writ by politicians and commentators alike, and the ever-present spectre of Kevin Rudd. The possibility of Rudd making a successful challenge for the leadership has always been minuscule and nothing that has happened in the last few months has made it more likely: he has mended few if any fences within the caucus and

have the opportunity to organise their numbers. The idea is lunacy: far from killing off the threat, it would give it credibility and split the caucus in the process. It would not be a show of strength but an admission of weakness.

Look at the history of such moves. In 1971 John Gorton took on Billy McMahon by asking for a vote of confidence, and lost the prime ministership as a result. In 1982 Bill Hayden called a special party meeting to bring Bob Hawke's challenge into the open; he won that round but the impetus it gave Hawke made him irresistible a few months later. And most notoriously of all in 1984 Andrew Peacock demanded that his party rid him of the menace of John Howard: the party room refused and Peacock was forced to resign the leadership – to Howard.

In politics, as in commerce, you never give a sucker an even break, let alone an opponent.

Just ask Tony Abbott. It is probably too late to bring sense

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DPI festival approval a mockery

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) has recommended approval of the Yelgun festival site, as it will provide 'substantial economic, social and environmental benefits', specifically it will attract large numbers of tourists (ie festival tourism). Environmental benefits will supposedly result from 'revegetation and rehabilitation works to be carried out across the site, in particular the replanting of native species along the Marshalls Ridge wildlife corridor and constructed wetlands along the border of Billnudge Nature Reserve'.

It is ridiculous to suggest that planting six hectares of trees in the wildlife corridor will compensate for the ecological impact on the Yelgun-Wooyung area of invasions

of 30,000, 25,000 and 20,000 people in the first year (plus unlimited small events), building up to 50,000 per event in year 4. As for the 'constructed wetlands', this is an addition to the festival proposal apparently made after submissions closed and refers to land on Yelgun Flat to be excavated as a source of fill to construct the festival site's southern carpark. The implications for the Nature Reserve and SEPP 14 wetland don't appear to have been considered and never mind that excavation would be within the 50m buffer required for SEPP 14 wetland.

The DPI also expects us to believe that the ongoing future of the festival site will hinge on the results of ecological monitoring, without providing any detail on how the monitoring

will be carried out, evaluated or acted upon. There is already abundant scientific evidence indicating that festival events will have a severe adverse impact on the area's wildlife and ecological values. There is no practical way to avoid impacts such as artificial night lighting sucking vast numbers of insects from surrounding bushland or massive congregations of people scaring wildlife from adjoining habitat. The DPI bluntly states that the local ecology will recover from each festival event and the proposal is sustainable, without any justification.

The Yelgun festival site adjoins Billnudge Nature Reserve along more than half of its long perimeter, it sits in the middle of regional wildlife corridor, much of the site

is 7k habitat protection and there are numerous local and state policies promoting conservation of the locality. In its 'objective' assessment the DPI has ignored the obvious land-use conflict between conservation and festival tourism at this locality. The so-called trial-and-monitor approach makes a mockery of the DPI's own precautionary principle, as there will be no chance of dismantling the project once started, because of the significant financial investment and infrastructure development involved, including excavation and filling of car parks, road construction and the tunnel through the Marshalls Ridge wildlife corridor, all to be built in the first year.

Andrew Benwell
New Brighton

BYO bag

The Byron Say No To Plastic Bags 2012 campaign starts in earnest now. We ask all Byron businesses to support the campaign: stop giving out free plastic bags. If a customer requests one, get a donation to The Say No To Plastic Bag Campaign and Seabird Rescue. Just charging some pittance for a bag is all it takes to make people think and bring their own when they shop. Aldis has made this their policy from day one and it surely hasn't affected their sales!

Our main target now is having Woolworths and IGA support the campaign to make Byron plastic bag free and sign the pledge.

We thank all those businesses who have already pledged. Have a safe, happy, plastic bag free year...

Dee, Trude, Jemima & Libby
BYO Bag Babes

Woodford and CSG

I boycotted Woodford Folk Festival this year and will do so for three years or until the fes-

tival organisers refuse to take Santos CSG mining dollars.

The festival has compromised itself for three years by taking the dollars from a company which does coal-seam gas mining (fracking). Those people who knew the organisers took Santos dollars and didn't boycott the festival will have to live with their own conscience.

Paul Brecht
Mullumbimby

Harshest critic

Occasionally letter-writers disparage me in these pages. While I may hear about it I never actually read them, not wanting to be distracted by wankers and rose-tinted twats.

I am my own harshest critic and the feedback that counts is what I get in the street, face to face. Offending people is something that I've been mysteriously good at since childhood, so I regard it as my moral obligation to apply that talent to the common good. How noble is that.

Those who want to see and hear less of me had better pray

that the new year brings some long-overdue insight and courage to those you have elected to allegedly look after your interests. At the moment it's the conservatives who are running the show, despite the electoral outcome. You won't find a single member of the Greens or even the Labor Party among middle and senior management; the bureaucracy has been hijacked by the far right. That might go some way to explaining the blatant tolerance of holiday letting versus the blatant harassment of hippies in the hills.

I'm over it.

Fast Bucks
Coorabell

Vaccination objection

As of July 1, 2012, families who have not immunised their children will lose their Family Tax Benefit of \$726 per child per year. If this applies to you there is an easy way around this. All you need to do is fill out a simple one-page form and have your doctor sign it, saying he has 'explained the benefits and

risks associated with immunisation'. Note, he does not need to agree with your decision to sign the form.

This is a particularly insidious direction our government is taking and needs to be countered in any way possible!

You can find the form by googling 'Immunisation exemption conscientious objection form' or simply going directly to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/forms/files/ma-conscientious-objection-form.pdf.

If you are considering immunising your children I highly recommend you do some research first. NaturalNews.com is an excellent place to start.

Myles Davidson
Barkers Vale

Milk and bones

Re Geoff Dawe's article on page 21 of the December 13 issue of *The Echo*. Hidden under the long-winded head-

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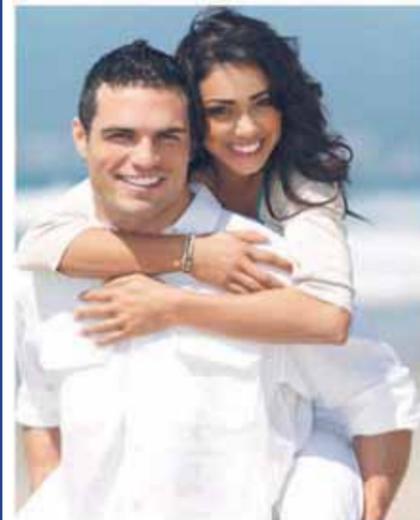
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Young people, it's a call to revolution for Earth's sake

Come gather round young people wherever you are home, and admit that your world is in trouble, big trouble. The powerful greenhouse gas, methane, is bubbling up from huge deposits under the Arctic Ocean. The warming ocean is causing this release, and this release is causing even more warming of the ocean.

It is only your young minds that can conceive and contemplate what must be done. The elders who you may turn to can offer you little assistance, because wisdom is helpless in catastrophe: direct non-violent action is essential. It may seem unfair to dump responsibility on you, but realistically it has come to the point where there

is no other option now.

'You had better start swimming, or you'll sink like a stone.' (All quotes are Bob Dylan lyrics.)

Beware of becoming a sleep walker. It happens to everyone as they get older: the realm of the thinkable narrows. You must keep your minds open because the future of the Earth depends on you. Do not establish yourselves in a pattern of day-to-day survival: if you do, you, all of us, will not survive. Establish yourselves in a context of revolution; it is that disposition which meets the reality of our predicament.

'It'll soon shake your windows and rattle your walls.'

Refusal to participate in coal-fired civilisation is not enough; mere private action will not change the world. Constructive and obstructive civil non-violent action is required. Continue to network with your brothers and sisters all around the world. You have begun this with increasing organisation.

Civil disobedience is no longer an option, it is a necessity.

There is no time left; the process of release of Arctic methane is now growing exponentially. It has already reached gigantic proportions (recent discovery, search: Arctic methane plumes). If allowed to continue it will, probably soon, create an intense hundred-year heat wave that will terminate most life on Earth. It must be stopped. It may be too late, but you must try. Claim your right to survive!

Your goals are clear. The Arctic Ocean needs cooling to stop the methane release. This can be done by stopping greenhouse gas emissions. Firstly, you can shut down and replace all inessential coal and gas activities globally. This is now a matter of extreme urgency, and is no more difficult than past preparations by nations for wars. Secondly, you can cease production of fossil-fueled vehicles and replace them with renewable-energy vehicles. Thirdly, you can mandate a transition to sustainable agriculture and low- and no-meat nutrition. Fourthly, you can begin to remove and se-

quester most greenhouse gases from the atmosphere to cool the global climate. Finally, because of the decades of delay caused by the liars and deniers, you will probably have to undertake geo-engineering to cool the atmosphere while the climate reversal is underway.

The state of the Earth calls for an agricultural, technological, economic, and political sustainability revolution. The Einsteins, Curies, Teslas, Nightingales, Churchills, Gandhis, Griens, Assanges, Maos, Mandelas, and Che Gueveras among you can take the lead. All of you, prepare yourself to be brave! The genocidal psychopathic emitters and their ignorant and misled followers will not change their ways without a struggle. You will need to be ready to stand, fight, and, if necessary, die, for what is good and just. You know that the old ways must be dismantled and replaced, without delay. You realise you have to take responsibility and influence.

'Don't stand in the doorway. Don't block up the hall.'

Stand in the gates and block up the roads, so that your millions of voices will be heard, as they must! Obstruct the Emitters and assist the Sustainers. You are the only people with the capacity, the only people capable of the changes required, simply because you are young and uninvested in the old ways. Your choice is to make your united global stand now for what must be done, or die divided in the squalor and chaos of global climate catastrophe. Seize your future now!

'Please get out of the new one if you can't lend your hand.'

There will be much suffering. Don't worry about the older generations; some will help you, but many will only hold you back with their unadaptable minds and vested interests. You have a much greater responsibility, to your future, future generations, and the future of the Earth. Go for it; there is no time left, and no option left, but intelligently executed, sustainable, global revolution.

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line, 'Biodiversity through the proliferation of life', were some profound and rather amazing pieces of information which half your readers missed entirely. Under the subhead of 'Species thrive' for example, 'there is a direct correlation between the consumption of animal products and the leaching of calcium from the body'.

Just look at the exponential rise in osteoporosis in the population. Especially the elderly who are suffering from breaking bones just by moving!

Then there was the quote from the David Wolfe book *Eating for beauty* - 'a 12 year Harvard study of 78,000 women demonstrated that those

who drink cow's milk are more likely to have osteoporosis and brittle bones.'

Geoff, please write another article that states these facts loudly and clearly. This is so important to all of us deeply misled when it comes to nutrition and health of our bones.

Thanks for a great article although hidden and missed by many!

Lorraine Sntclair
Byron Bay

Support WBC

Has anyone noticed how many of these organisations there are now: save the monkey, save the tiger, save the horse etc? You just have to send \$40 a month, only \$40, and they will send

you a photo of the monkey, tiger, horse or whatever with a small stuffed toy. All for only \$40 a month. They don't say how much of this money goes to administration.

I want to start a 'save the commonsense human group'. If you just send \$40 a month to me care of *The Echo* I will send you a photo of my tummy, so you can see how well I'm doing. All the money sent will be spent locally on food and relaxation. Many thanks.

W B Crompton
Mullumbimby

The best of Berlin

The heading on my previous letter to the editor was not mine, and painted me like

I was really dissing Byron, which I wasn't. The heading I gave my letter was 'Memories of Byron'. The editor used his creative licence to change it to 'The things about Byron that suck'. Hardly what was I was trying to say. But yes, you are right, there are no beaches here in Berlin. There are instead ice rinks everywhere, and skiing close by as well as loads of other fun things to do. Berlin is not for everyone, I am not a big surfer (diver/snorkeller/swimmer/ocean kayaker though) so I don't much miss the waves but others would I'm sure.

There are of course, many many farmers markets here. Literally dozens of them.
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In Durban's wake

Dr Mark Byrne

The wash-up from last month's climate summit in Durban is a mix of the good, the bad and the very ugly.

The good news was the largely unexpected decision 'to adopt a universal legal agreement on climate change as soon as possible, and no later than 2015'. So not only did that recidivist recalcitrant the United States reluctantly agree to be bound for the first time to a legally binding agreement, but so did China (now the world's largest emitter), India and other developing countries.

Just as Australia ratified the Kyoto Protocol but was allowed to increase its emissions, that's not to say, though, that developing nations would be forced to cut their emissions under the coming global agreement.

Other good news stories from Durban included progress on a \$100 billion Green Climate Fund, which is supposed to help developing nations limit their emissions and adapt to the impacts of a warming world. The problem is only South Korea, Denmark and Germany have so far agreed to put money into it.

The bad news was that, while 2015 might be when the agreement is finalised, the US and China managed to delay its likely starting date until 2020. This would be several years past when the International Energy Agency recently estimated global emissions would need to peak and begin to reduce if we are to have any chance of keeping warming to the arbitrary threshold of two degrees over the preindustrial level.

(For a sobering assessment of how hard the switch to a low- or zero-emissions economy is likely to be on a global scale, given the reasonable expectations of people in developing nations for access to the goodies we in the West have long taken for granted, read Andrew Charlton's recent Quarterly Essay, *Man-Made World*.)

Meanwhile, according to a paper last month in *Nature Climate Change*, after a brief lull during the GFC last year global emissions rose by nearly six per cent, the highest increase on record. Current government commitments agreed to at previous climate summits in Copenhagen and Cancun are setting the world on course for climate change of at least four, and possibly six, degrees this century.

As a group of climatologists wrote late last year on the RealClimate blog, 'Even a "moderate" warming of 2°C stands a strong chance of provoking drought and storm responses that could challenge civilised society, leading potentially to



Researchers ignite a bubble of methane on Alaska's Steward Peninsula. Photo from www.worldculturepictorial.com.

the conflict and suffering that go with failed states and mass migrations. Global warming of 2°C would leave the Earth warmer than it has been in millions of years.'

And we haven't even got to the very ugly yet. There is lots of bad climate news, but let's just focus on the Arctic, where warming is happening at twice the global average rate. According to research included in a December 2011 letter to world leaders from the geoscientists comprising the Arctic Methane Emergency Working Group, the Arctic is likely to be ice free in

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That's not only bad news for polar bears. The decrease in albedo (reflected sunlight) and increase in ocean heat absorption will escalate atmospheric and ocean warming in the Arctic, which is already warming faster than anywhere else on Earth. It will accelerate the release of huge stores of methane – a twenty times more potent, albeit shorter lived, greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide – from Arctic permafrost and seabeds.

This appears to be already happening. Russian scientists who have been studying emissions of methane from the Arctic seabed for nearly two decades reported last month that instead of 'torches' of methane up to a few metres across bubbling up from the seabed they had previously recorded, last year they found about one hundred methane 'fountains' up to a kilometre wide in an survey area only one hundred kilometres square. This concentration was a hundred times higher than normal, and

the team, which reported its findings to a meeting of the American Geophysical Union, estimated that there could be thousands of such fountains over a wider area.

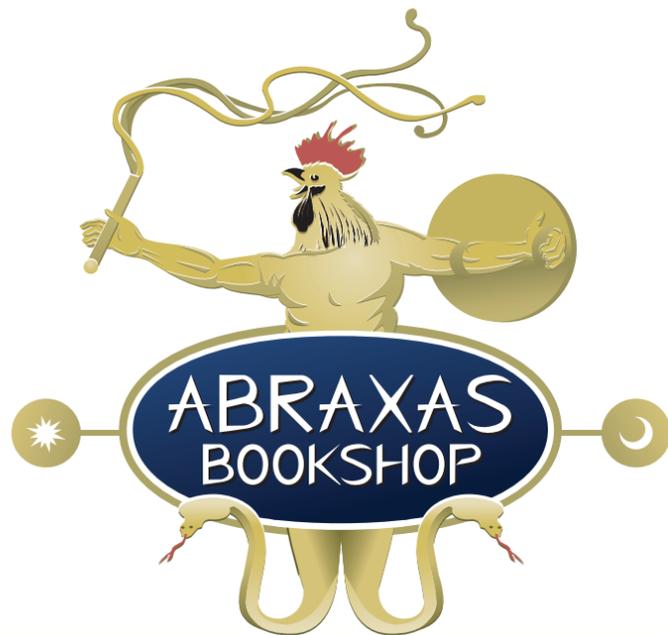
This is distinct from the increasing release of methane from thawing Siberian permafrost, which is one of the tipping points for runaway or catastrophic climate change long feared by climate scientists. Worldwide, the amount of methane in peat bogs and permafrost has been estimated at up to two trillion tonnes, or about a century of fossil fuel

burning. Escalating methane emissions caused by a warmer atmosphere and ocean would dwarf any attempts to limit greenhouse emissions from human sources.

This doesn't mean we should give up on reducing emissions. There are many uncertainties, and the less CO₂ is in the atmosphere, the less extreme future warming and its impacts are likely to be. But the longer we delay radical action, the more it is that we may need to resort to extremely risky technofixes like nuclear energy and geoengineering to reduce atmospheric warming and ocean acidification or to mitigate some of their impacts.

We have perhaps five years to turn this leviathan of a fossil-fuel economy around, but only a global war footing is likely to achieve that. In lieu of which, strap yourselves in while turning off the cabin lights, because the ride is likely to get bumpy sooner than expected.

■ Dr Mark Byrne is an environmental educator who will take up a position as energy market advocate with the Total Environment Centre later this month.



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The dollar talks and bullshit walks

Someone once said that the trouble with California was that it began to believe its own publicity. Could this be happening in Byron Bay? The Byron Myth, I call it. You can see how the place acquired this status – stunning natural beauty, a balmy climate – the sun shines most of the time, as Neil Diamond sang years ago about LA.

A colourful local history and social demographic. No doubt there is a special spirit of place here. I accept that commerce is, like defecation, a necessary part of life. But when commercial interests come to dominate and are allowed to drive a town's agenda I don't see the results being wholly beneficial to the resident community.

There has been something of a gold-rush-town quality to the whole area in recent years. I'm reminded of the Florida land boom of the 1920s (whole suburbs were laid out and advertised, until the speculators

went bust and unfinished roads tailed off into the scrub...).

I believe there are three major factors at work in the world today. Overpopulation, 'laissez-faire' capitalism and deregulation, and so-called 'globalisation'. Other social and environmental issues can in many ways be related to these factors.

While some may rejoice over the burgeoning visitor numbers and attempt to solicit yet more (even paying for press advertisements to puff their own self-interested actions), the Tugun (Bogan) bypass has been predictably a major agent in this influx.

Doubtless some businesses are benefitting from the numbers, but it comes at a cost to the community and has tangible negative effect on the quality of life for many residents in town. It seems to me that these negative effects are glossed over in order to propagate the

Byron Myth. The streets are dirty with the pollution of the throwaway society. Alcohol is consumed on the streets day and night. In the evenings, particularly at weekends and other busy times, there is a feeling of aggression, incipient and sometimes actual violence on its streets, partly linked to alcohol consumption. The footpaths are no longer safe to walk when we have cyclists and skateboarders rolling through the pedestrians.

There is manifold noise pollution, amplified music after the supposed cutoff time, drummers drumming at midnight to the accompaniment of the zoo-like howls and screams of revellers in town and elsewhere.

I suppose this is what commercial interests mean by 'Byron Naturally'? Is it ironic? 'What are you drinking?' 'Byron, naturally.'

I could go on about the

abused public utility the Bay has become in recent years, but I'll desist.

My idea of a rich natural Byron Bay is related to living space, and for all creatures herein. Now here's another irony: the oft denigrated ponded water (tidal fed) from the Clarkes lagoon has transformed into a little living space for bird life. Various waders, a red-headed avocet spent a month there over winter, herons fish there. Black duck have hatched duckling there – natural Byron indeed.

An American resident in San Francisco in 1983 once asked me about moving to Australia. His reason was that he disliked the 'dollar talks and bullshit walks' style he felt infected US society. I regretted to tell him that I believed that particular virus was spreading rapidly.

David Morris
Byron Bay

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Unlike Byron, there is no association limiting stallholder numbers to artificially limit supply and inflate prices so there is more competition and lower prices.

The organic food shopping is massive here. One stall had over 230 organic cheeses all made by the man selling them. Berlin is surrounded by renewable energy production, wind and solar farms everywhere whereas Byron Bay is pretty much coal-fired.

Don't think Byron Bay is the only place with community style living. It's not. Neither is Berlin a huge chunk of metal and glass. There is easily as much accessible forest here as in an around Byron Bay though I find it odd seeing deer, foxes and boar in the wild and realising they are not feral. All I was trying to do was point at the lack of services and high prices to which Byronites have become normalised are not the norm elsewhere.

I love Byron Bay, just not the

high prices and the inertia of community services

Richard McLachlan
Berlin

Psychopath watch

Good article, Hans ('The year I learned to live with lizards', *Echo*, December 20); well summarised.

Having observed the (corporate) psychopaths for over 50 years, I agree, we *must* 'learn how to spot them'. But I suggest we should 'confront them' rather than 'avoid them'.

With 'spotting' in mind, I suggest that their 'high self regard' is not always self-evident. The 'mask' is sometimes good enough to conceal the 'inflated ego' when the objective would benefit.

Also, 'future plans' can exist, frequently including 'climbing the ladder' over others, whatever it leads to. And 'life goals' are usually 'more, more, more'.

Should we start a local (corporate) psychopath watch?

Roger Seccombe
Bangalow

Half a million young Australians at risk of drowning, says RLS

Royal Life Saving says it is a national disgrace that 50,000

children will leave primary school this summer unable to swim, making them highly vulnerable to drowning.

With the same number of children having left primary school without these skills each year for the past ten years, it is highly likely that 500,000 young Australians are currently at an extreme risk of drowning.

Royal Life Saving's CEO, Rob Bradley, says this is a potentially catastrophic community issue that governments, parents and industry groups

can no longer ignore.

Royal Life Saving NSW CEO, David Macallister, said, 'The protection of children's lives has to be the highest of priorities.'

Royal Life Saving warns that a drowning crisis is now looming because of the staggering number of children who leave primary school every year unable to swim the length of an Olympic pool or keep themselves afloat for two minutes.

Royal Life Saving is calling on the federal and state governments to ensure swimming

and water safety becomes a mandatory component of the new national curriculum.

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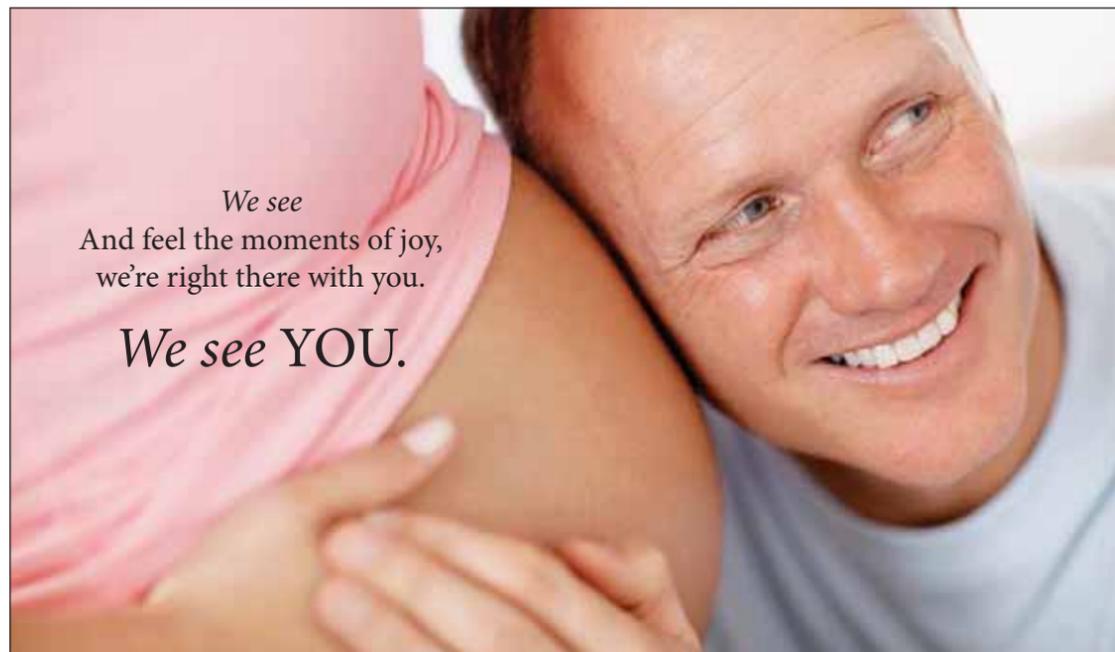
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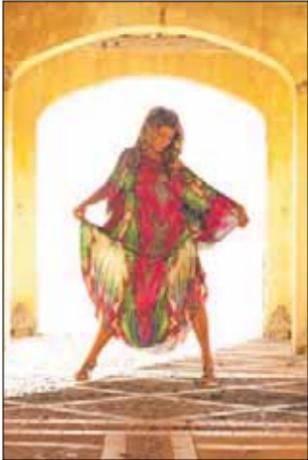
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Summer Holidays



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After twelve years in its current location Byron Music is moving to the historic Norco building at 144 Jonson St, next to Mitre 10. Byron Music will be joining with other local businesses in this iconic local venue which will develop into the North Coast's premier music 'hub' over the next 12 months with some exciting projects in the pipeline. To thank the loyal local customers who have made Byron Music such a success over the last quarter of a century, Manager Craig Potter and his staff will be offering huge across-the-store savings on all stock for the weeks leading up to Friday 20 January, the final day of trading in the current premises. See the store website www.byronmusic.com.au for details.



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TIX FOR DEVA PREMAL & MITEN

For the last twenty years Deva Premal and Miten have taken thousands of people on their joyful journey of ancient mantras and sacred songs. You could be one of them with a chance to win *Password*, the album the pair recorded in Denmark last year. You need to answer just one question: Deva Premal has been touring the world for how many years?

Email to gigs@echo.net.au with subject header 'Deva Music'. Deva Premal and Miten will be performing with special guest Manose 4 and 5 Feb at the Byron Theatre, Community Centre.

TIX FOR YOUR JUKE BOX

Fancy a double pass to see Juke Baritone and the Swamp Dogs, appearing with special guests His Merry Men and White Knuckle Fever at Coorabell Hall on Friday 6 Jan? Then email gigs@echo.net.au and we could make this your lucky day. Email with subject header 'Juke Tix'.

ALL YOUR COASTAL ENTERTAINMENT

...THE SPIRIT OF STONE

SPIRITUAL INITIATE CHICCHAN RECENTLY TOOK A GROUP TO STONEHENGE WHERE SHE CREATED A SACRED CEREMONY, INSIDE THE ANCIENT SACRED CIRCLE, NORMALLY OUT OF BOUNDS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Chiccan will be sharing her experiences of sacred ceremony at the Starlight Wellbeing Expo this weekend.

Why did you go to Stonehenge? Stonehenge was part of an experiential nine-day tour of sacred sites in the UK. During the nine days, the group I led created and took part in three ceremonies relevant to the sites chosen. The first ceremony at dawn, at Stonehenge, on the first day of the retreat, honoured and celebrated the divine masculine in us all. The second ceremony was performed at the Chalice Well in Glastonbury, celebrating the divine feminine, and the third ceremony, celebrating unity, was held in a freshly created crop circle on the (northern hemisphere) Summer Solstice. I am taking a group there again in June 2012.

Why is it so significant... does it still hold the same spiritual significance and importance as it once did, or is it more of an historical site? For me, this sacred circle of stones and the surrounding land is alive with magical qualities and still holds the memories of my ancestors who gathered throughout the seasons to celebrate the movement of the cosmos; a temple to the moon by night and an astronomical alignment with our sun's power during the day. Here they came to stand in awe and share their reverence and gratitude to creation

and each other. Many people from around the world are magnetically drawn to these healing stones which continue to emanate a strong spiritual presence and cultural significance.

What is the importance of sacred ceremony? In these times of change, more and more people feel a calling to come together in joy, peace and stillness to places where they feel safe and free to express their innermost connection to themselves, each other and their divine presence. Sacred ceremonies create a special time and space to reflect, honour and celebrate these qualities together.

Why is the sacred circle usually out of bounds to the general public? As a child, my sister and I played together for hours amongst the stones while on a camping trip with my parents and years later, as a young lover with my partner Raym, I lay on the stones in a passionate embrace. The stones then were in the good care of nature, and no-one would dream of marking them in any way.

Years later, we heard that these gentle giant granite and bluestones had been chipped as souvenirs and people had made fires there and disrespectfully marked the site. The stones are now protected by the English Heritage who have cordoned off the area to the general public to prevent further erosion. Our ceremony however, is held amongst the mossy stones within the circle site, and it feels as fresh and clear as I remember it.

I was saddened to hear about the fence and the restrictive access but I hear that proposals are underway



STARLIGHT WELLBEING EXPO, THURS-SUN AT THE BANGALOW A&I HALL, 9AM-5PM. WWW.GLOBAL-HEALING.COM.

to create more grassed area in keeping with the original site on Salisbury Plains with access and viewing by visitors greatly enhanced.

What will you be offering to visitors at the healing expo? As always, the Starlight Wellbeing Expo promotes healthy minds, bodies and spirit, with workshops, talks, healers and products which showcase the diverse choices we have for ourselves and our planet, right here in Byron Shire.

The sacred ceremony workshop will focus on divine union integrating our male/female polarities. There will be a space for participants to let go of the past, transmuting aspects of ourselves which hold us back from our true essence, creating a clear space for our spirits to join as one, renewing and strengthening our sacred selves.

FINDING HEALING IN THE AUSSIE BUSH...

JULIA KAYTIS IS ONE OF THE PRESENTERS AT THE STARLIGHT WELLBEING EXPO, OFFERING HANDS ON EXPERIENCE WITH AUSTRALIAN BUSHFLOWER REMEDIES.

Do bushflower remedies really work? Yes, but if you think they work like aspirin for a headache then you would be way off the mark! And I wouldn't be using them as a therapist and clients wouldn't be reporting back the positive changes that occur as a result of using them. All healing is a process, just as the creation of disease states is a process that occurs over time. I use the bush essences in my clinic because I find them a particularly effective and valuable adjunct to the Shiatsu therapy that I offer.

How do they work? The work I do with the bush flower essences is predicated on an understanding of the energy body and the multiple and interpenetrating layers and levels of mind, body and spirit. I am a Shiatsu therapist, so I work with a worldview that is based on traditional Chinese understandings of the qualities of

energy, ie flowing, slow, strong, weak, blocked, stagnant, excess, deficient etc. Also on the relationship between the three main energy systems of the body - meridians, chakras and the finer energy bodies beyond the dense physical body.

When energy is out of balance in some or all layers of our being, we may manifest symptoms at any of these levels. Emotional and physical illness can be treated by treating our subtle energy bodies in a more holistic way, not just responding to a superficial symptom at the physical level. This is where the essences come in. It is not at all like offering aspirin for a headache. They are vibrational medicine working directly on the energy field of the person, which is dynamic and multi-layered and includes thoughts, beliefs, feelings as well as encompassing the physical body.

What conditions are they most successful for? I treat the person and not the condition. The condition is the result of an interplay of factors active in that person and manifesting over time. It may have physical,

psychological, spiritual, energetic and inherited components. I work intensively one-on-one with the client and the conversations that we may have about what is going on for them are an essential component of the process.

Increased understanding and awareness, gradually replacing negative with positive behaviours, letting go of fears, analysing conditioning or belief systems that are unproductive for the person; all these things are part of treating the particular 'condition' of a unique individual and can contribute directly to their healing.

If I were suffering from depression or anxiety what would you use to treat me? Anxiety or depression is an imbalance that may express as symptoms in the physical body, or the thoughts, beliefs, spirit etc. So all parts of the whole person need to be considered if they are to be helped to return to equilibrium. We are all unique and our imbalances will express in a pattern particular to us.

It is true that certain of the essences

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▶▶▶ might be indicated for anxiety states, but without knowing much more about the history of the whole person, I would not suggest a particular essence. I would use a combination of essences appropriate for the entire state of being of that person – the anxiety or depression being just one symptom of a much more complex underlying matrix of factors.

To think that depression = the problem and a particular essence = the solution would be superficial and reductionist. It is like comparing the dismantling of a clock to see how it works with trying to understand the nature of time; they are not the same thing and require different approaches.

What will you be sharing at the Healing Expo? All of the above! As a group we will be learning about the particular qualities of some of the essences that can help us reduce confusion, fear and ego-based behaviours. We will look at how we can become calmer, more grounded, more compassionate, confident and courageous; how we can live in a way that is authentic for us. And how we can tune in to a deeper knowing, once these obstacles and accumulations are dissolved and no longer restricting our ability to grow, learn, and love. That is health and balance.

Starlight Wellbeing Expo, Thursday to Sunday at the Bangalow A&I Hall, 9am-5pm. www.global-healing.com.



Willing on Tuesday

Long tall storyteller **Jimmy Willing** is the leader of a wild bunch of country punks called **The Real Gone Hick-Ups**. With the help of the Hick-Ups Willing has created a visionary form of country music that flows far outside the mainstream. Exuberant, passionate and colourful, The Real Gone Hick-Ups are a wonderful escape from a world ever more fenced and regulated. Don't miss them 7pm **Tuesday 3 January**, live at **The Rails**, Byron Bay.

Lil' Fi on Sunday

This **Sunday** kicks off the regular monthly gigs at the **Mt Warning Hotel, Uki. Lil' Fi and the Dirty Rascals** will be performing with various guests throughout the year, the first Sunday of every month. Families are welcome; there's a great playground under the shady trees of the beer garden. Music starts at 2.30pm.

The Not so Missing Link

The Link have been gigging at festivals all around the country this year including Wide Open Spaces in Alice Springs, Kuranda Roots fest, and recently at Island Vibes on Straddie. They have settled into the untapped vein of New Earth Psychedelic Tribal Dance, replacing the computer with live bass and drum kit, and providing nonstop organic dance music. With members of Fatter than Nusrat, Fyah Walk, Mystic Beats, and Indijika they are more than ready to pump the dance grooves at **Durrumbul Hall on Saturday**.

Kate goes La La

It's been an impressive rise to the top for Australian singer, songwriter and vocalist **Kate Elsworth**, through her chart-topping and breaking single *Alive* (Phazing Records, 2011) which was co-produced by house-music icons Dirty South and Thomas Gold. Elsworth, who's best known for her lyrical virtuoso and soulful vocals, has been in high demand on the decks this year, featuring DJ performances at the world's best loved clubs including Amnesia Ibiza and Pacha NY.

Taking time out in Byron Bay, Kate will be gracing the **LaLa Land DJ** booth twice in January, with her first appearance on **Friday** and then again the following **Friday 13th**.

Squeezing the Bluejuice

For the third year in a row, **Bluejuice** are packing the tiniest shorts they can find, dusting off their surfmats, reacquainting their shoulder hair with natural sunlight, and rolling into Byron. Having just released their third and favourite album, *Company*, and having abused the airwaves for months with their devotional ode *Act Yr Age*, the band are preparing the tour van with ripening nectarines and peaches and are ready to roll with their first tour in ages. Catch these crazy jive turkeys at the **Hotel Great Northern on Tuesday 10 January**. Tickets available from www.oztix.com.au and 1300 762 545 and the venue.

Making your Mank at the Lennox

The Sunshine Coast might be home to the Big Pineapple, but the latest noise looking to make a mark on the map is much louder than a giant bright yellow and green piece of fruit – it's called **The Mank**. A

soap box

See Mandy live at www.echonetdaily.net.au

NO ROOM AT ANY INN

There is nothing like constant rejection to make your mind snap. Last week my husband and I and our 2-year-old daughter hit the Pacific Highway to return home after our Blue Mountains Christmas. (This was our Exmas – the other four were distributed to appropriate ex-partners and family members.) After luxuriating in the surrounds of Mosman lunching with an old girlfriend, marvelling at her view of Balmoral and how she managed to get 12 sofas into a sunroom, we strapped into the Commodore and bade our farewell.

After a very cruisey two-day journey to the mountains we were confident that Ivy, our littlest traveller, was quite capable of managing a five-to-six-hour stint. We'd taken the New England Highway on the way down, overnights at Tamworth at a glorious resort that had once been a power station. There was no traffic, we had a two-bedroom apartment with kingsize bed and jacuzzi for just \$165.

We stopped off at vineyards in the Hunter Valley, marvelled at the exclusive horses of Scone, took a dirt road, and drove through hundreds of miles of wildflowers. We reached a roundabout, the wheel of our misfortune. John asked the important question, should we go to Tamworth again? I said, No! Let's go the Coast Road and try something new.

John and I chatted about our various hotel options. After a week of dossing down with family on a series of bad mattresses, I was up for five-star. King-size bed, jacuzzi, plasma. Every cell in my body rejoiced for the sheer thrill of it. Ivy watched a movie, fell asleep, and as we approached Taree we realised that we'd make Port Macquarie without too much fuss.

'Let's stay at Rydges,' I gushed. 'Port Macquarie just fills up with all these inbred Wauchope regional types – they'll all be in the two-star hotels and caravan parks. We're sure to get a room somewhere really nice.'

My arrogance was rewarded with grief. There was nothing. It was 7pm, Ivy had just woken up and started to make sounds about being removed from the car. Even the shit hotels that we scoffed at bore 'No Vacancy' signs. We patrolled the beachfront accommodation. Full Occupancy. We drove around the city. Full Occupancy. We drove around the caravan parks. Full Occupancy. After an hour of flashing neon rejections, we drove out of Port Macquarie. I, as usual, was completely philosophical. 'It's a shit hole anyway, full of old people and yobbos.' I was starting to feel resentment prickling my skin. I felt that childish sensation welling in my throat, the burning lump of disappointment. I wanted to cry.

We had to go to Kempsey. There is no five-star in Kempsey. We were 30 kays outside of a two-star town. John pointed out a remote roadside hotel attached to a pub on the way into town. He joked

that he thought it was just like the Bates motel. He'd once stopped in for a beer, but left after one sip for fear of being raped and murdered. I noticed that there was a vacancy there. John refused to stop.

We hit Kempsey. 'Go to the other side of town,' I declared as we drove past numerous decrepit roadside hotel motels. I hate hotel motels. They're like stinky jail cells with chenille bedspreads and tiny soaps. But I had a plan. Some time ago I had stayed on the river in Kempsey at the Country Comfort, a passably modest but clean and well-located stopover for salesman and weary travellers. We ignored the vacancies at the other providers and went for the Comfort. I couldn't believe it. 'No Vacancy'. Shit. We tried the hotel next door. Just as we pulled into reception the woman who looked like she was made from the same laminex as the check-in desk scrawled a definite NO on A4 and stuck it to her glass door.

We tried the NRMA offering next to McDonald's. One room only. And it was smoking. I considered buying Ivy a pack. I wanted to cry. We sat in McDonald's charging our phones and our DVD. I rang ahead to Macksville. Everything was booked out. I rang every hotel in South West Rocks. Nothing. I tried Coff's Harbour. Every resort or hotel was fully booked. Except for one four-bedroom Villa for \$600. I looked at John; he was pragmatic. 'We'll just drive home.' I wanted to throw a tantrum. My five-star dream had turned into desperate bedlessness in Kempsey McDonald's. I ate a Mighty Angus. I cried into my McFlurry.

I didn't want to keep driving. It was now 10pm. We had been looking for accommodation for three hours. We didn't have enough charge in the DVD for more than a half hour and Ivy was wired – there'd be no sleeping babies for some time yet. Great, fatigue, frustration and a screaming child. John drove out of Kempsey, we drove through Macksville hoping, but nothing. Valla Beach, nothing, so John pushed homewards. Then I snapped. 'I can't do it. We have to stop. I'd rather sleep in the car.' John relented and we broke into a caravan park with 'NO CABINS NO SITES' scrawled in chalk on the entrance board. We pulled up by the river, and John unpacked our bags into the front seat while I squatted on the grass for a piss. It was 11pm.

Then I saw her moving across the lawn. Like an old croc, Salty's eyes gleamed in the moonlight. Obese with skin like the heel of an unshoed foot, Salty stared accusingly at me while I begged. 'Please, I know you have nothing available, we need to sleep in the car... please... we've been everywhere... I can't go on.' She moved off with a 'pay me in the morning'.

So we slept on towels in the back of the station wagon. Ivy was delighted. 'This is 'citing!' We lay in the car, on makeshift pillows, with fleshy thighs bearing down into the cold hardness of the boot. All night I was awakened by the dull ache of discomfort. By morning, caravan park dwellers and fishermen eyed us suspiciously: who were these strange tentless folk who emerged from the wagon of their car fully clothed?

Fortunately one group took pity on us; it turned out they were Salvation Army Officers, and made us coffee. When I told them our sad story, they laughed in commiseration, with one of the chaps reaching out and rubbing my belly. 'Just like in the Christmas Story, love, no room at the inn.' I didn't have the heart to tell him I wasn't pregnant. I just jumped on my fat ass and rode away.

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OKA & Deya

OKA's sound is an organic tapestry of phat earth rhythms in a smooth hi-fidelity sound that is full of uplifting melodies, tones and textures – a celebration of Australian cultures with a very present, powerful and unifying Indigenous cultural overtone running throughout the music. When the raw rhythm of the didgeridoo combines with the OKA-style dance-driven grooves, the energy mustered from their fans is infectious, you can't stand still. Try to imagine Bob Marley meeting Stevie Wonder via the Chemical Brothers, on acid, playing in a steaming forest, and you begin to get the picture. They are joined by the high priestess of dance, **Deya Dova**. When she on stage the atmosphere shifts and tilts on end. Life erupts as this luminous high-energy dance happening explodes. Fusing an exotic mix of dance, world, electro and spine-tingling vocals, her sound is undeniably Tribal. Think the primal power of the Drummers of Burundi meet the refined sonics of Trentemoller, mashed with a twist of Bjork and the radical vocal layering of someone refreshingly unique. **Saturday** at the **Byron Brewery Buddha Bar**.



OKA AT BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR ON SATURDAY WITH DEYA DOVA

Caravana park at the Beach

Sydney-based rootsy rockers **Caravana Sun** are getting set for a massive east tour this January in celebration of their debut album, *Rising Falling*. From the gypsy culture of southern France to the mystery of Ord River in the Northern Territory, the earthy collective take adoring audiences on a soul-moving, body-invigorating journey through the world's cultures. Caravana Sun are a frenetic fusion of roots, surf, ambient and world musical styles. Building a reputation for first-class live shows laden with danceworthy boppy reggae grooves and down-to-earth soulful lyrics, the close-knit high-energy surfing troupe will charm you at the **Beach Hotel** on **Wednesday**.

Making Hay

Award-winning blues one-man band **Claude Hay** returns to sunny Byron this **Saturday** following a busy 2011 year of international touring covering the whole of USA, France and then hitting the road with Canadian blues legend Matt Anderson. Claude is looking forward to revisiting one of the most beautiful parts of the world back in his home country, showcasing some of the tunes from his third album, as yet untitled, but due in mid 2012. Rock, folk and blues. This show is sure to be a foot-stomping dirty blues extravaganza! **Saturday** at **the Rails**.

Baritone gets Merry with White Knuckles

Comprehensively in your face. Like a Muppet with a really bad attitude. These are just some of the words used to describe the utterly intoxicating **Juke Baritone** as he's been travelling the world

with his rascally troupe of manic noisemakers, assaulting audiences with his tall tales of bad love, good times and the evils of the world. Accordions wail. Horns scream. Guitars screech. And the room goes wild as they dance and chant along to this uniquely Australian-sounding psycholonia stomp. If you can think about Tom Waits and Cab Calloway drinking themselves into a stupor before moving to New Orleans and forming a punk band then you might be getting close to a hint of what Juke Baritone and The Swamp Dogs sound like. Gypsy, jazz, rock, dub, punk, folk, reggae, blues and everything between are mashed together into a unique and completely original sound. They are joined by fellow festival players, **His Merry Men** and **White Knuckle Fever** at **Coorabell Hall** on **Friday**.

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GYPSY CARAVANA AT THE DRILL HALL IN MULLUMBIMBY ON SATURDAY

The Kirtan Man

Internationally recognised for his musical abilities to perform the ancient art form of Kirtan and Bhajan, **Vaiyasaki Das** provides a rare opportunity to experience a taste of authentic devotional music from the Vedic tradition. Vaiyasaki, an initiated disciple of Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, spent many years in India and Bangladesh since the 1970s learning the ragas inherent to the various kirtan styles from master kirtan musicians, saints, and singers who inspire whole villages in Bangladesh to join in the ecstatic chanting of the spiritual celebration of kirtan. Since the 70s he has toured introducing raga kirtan and devotional Bengali music in five continents, recorded 12 CDs, and written two books how the kirtan/yoga culture was transplanted to the West. Today Vaiyasaki Das is a much sought-after performer, conducting workshops, performing in concerts and leading yoga festivals and retreats worldwide. His considerable knowledge of the vast repertoire of Indian bhajans has provided the foundation for a new generation of artists, in the flourishing genre of kirtan yoga and mantra meditation.

Saturday at **Coorabell Hall**.

Tickets: \$15 pre / \$20 door. Available: www.kupromotions.com.au. Doors: 6.30pm / show: 7pm.

Gypsies in Mullum

The **Gypsy Caravana** are making a brief visit to Australia with a very special stopover at the beautiful **Mullum Drill Hall**. They will be performing a unique fusion of pure flamenco dance and song, combining the collaboration of the lead singer and guitarist from the famous Andalusian folk fusion

flamenco band (Los Delinquentes) with Deya Miranda Giner (Flamenco dancer) and Belén Gutierrez Rodriguez (Palmas). **Saturday**. Tix: \$20 pre / \$23 door. Available: www.kupromotions.com.au. Doors: 6.30pm / show: 7.30pm. Food by Open Table.

Rowe Your Boat

The **Jed Rowe Band** have just finished recording their second album with Jeff Lang producing. According to Lang, 'Jed's tapped into an



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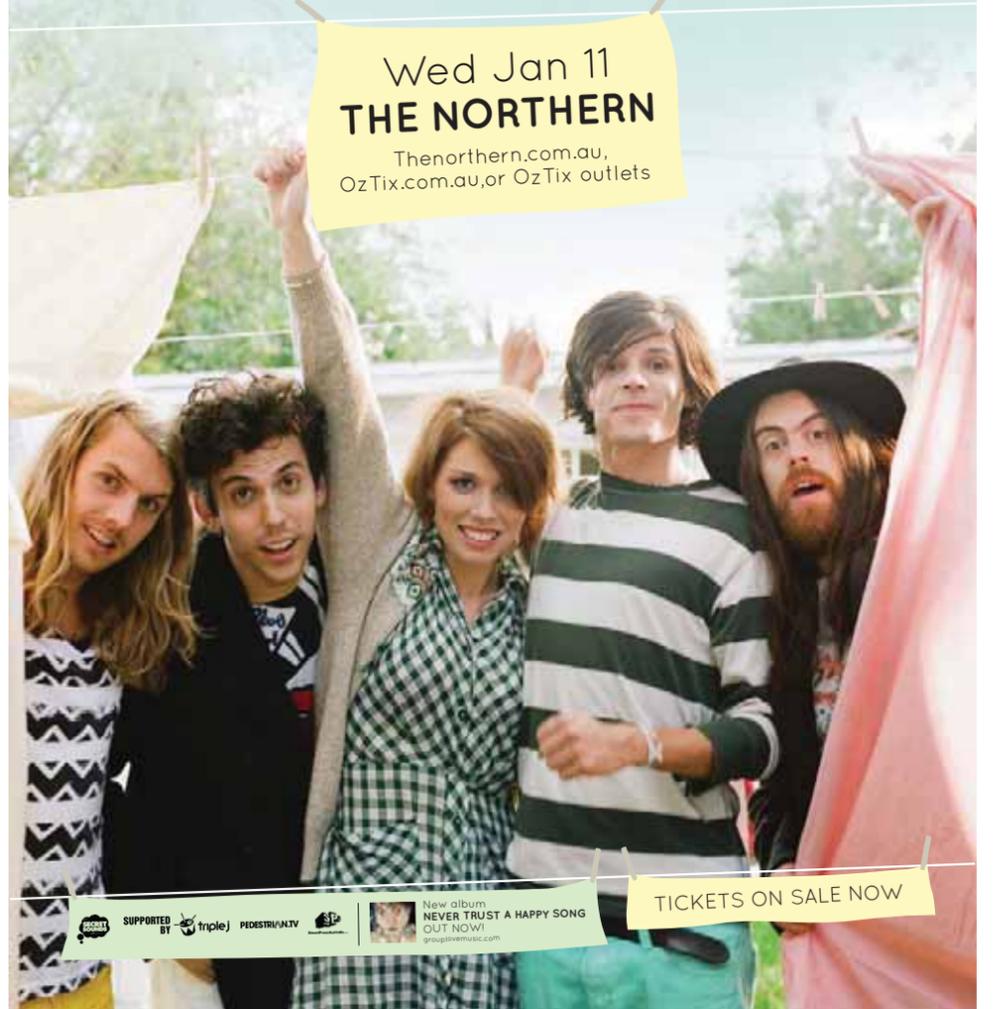
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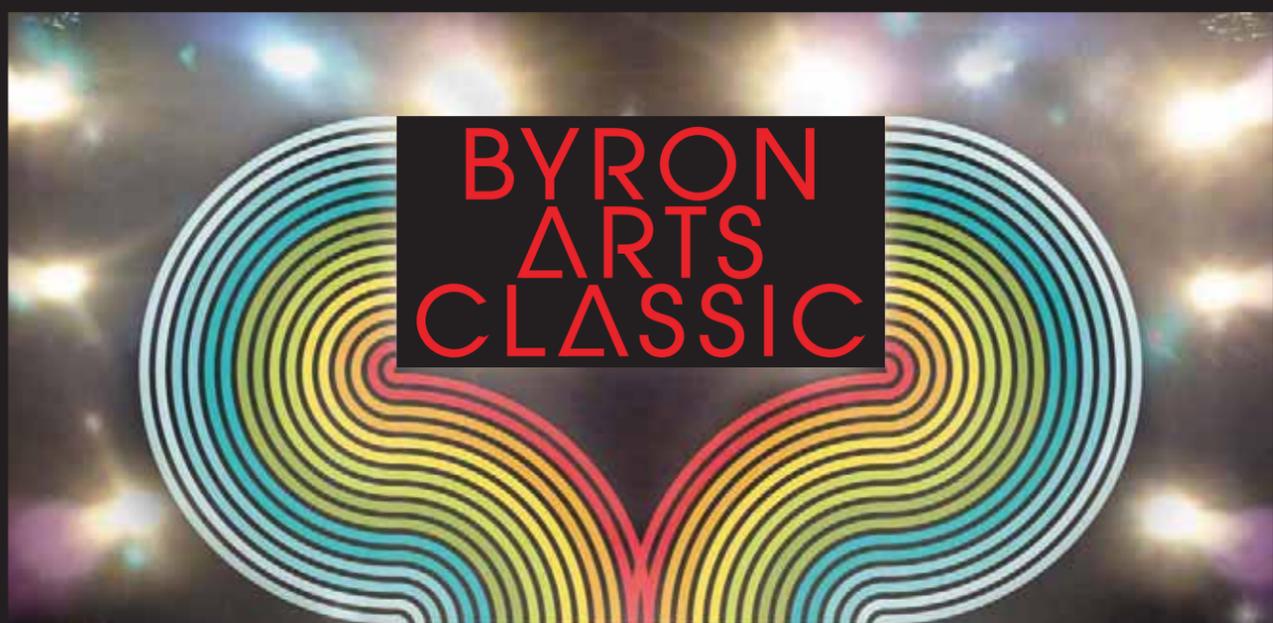
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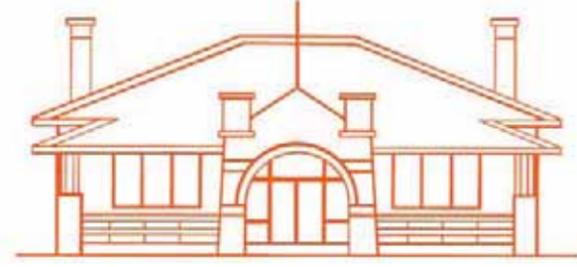


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♈ ARIES: Tennessee Williams, Aries playwright: I don't believe in original sin, guilt, villains or heroes, good or bad people. I don't understand why our propaganda machines are always trying to persuade us to hate and fear others. Why don't we meet these people and get to know them?

♉ TAURUS: Terry Pratchett, Tauran novelist: Some say the glass is either half full or half empty. The world belongs, however, to those who say: What's up with this glass? Excuse me? This is my glass? I don't think so. My glass was full! And it was a bigger glass!

♊ GEMINI: Ralph Waldo Emerson, Gemini philosopher: Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities crept in; forget them. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered by old nonsense.

♋ CANCER: Tom Robbins, Cancerian author: Our lives are not as limited as we think; the world is a wonderfully weird place; no institution can be trusted, but love does work; we could be happy and fulfilled if we only had the wisdom to quit taking ourselves so damn seriously.

♌ LEO: Dag Hammarskjöld, Leo diplomat: The longest

journey is the journey inwards. Listen to the voice within you and you'll hear more clearly the sounds outside. In the point of rest at the centre of our being we encounter a cosmos whose riches we can only glimpse.

♍ VIRGO: John Cage, Virgo composer: My intention is to affirm life. Not to bring order out of chaos or suggest improvements in creation, but simply wake up to this life we're living which is so excellent once one gets one's mind and desires out of its way and lets it act of its own accord.

♎ LIBRA: Mahatma Ghandi, Libran pacifist: Your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits, your habits become your values and your values become your destiny. What you do may seem unimportant, but it's important that you do it.

♏ SCORPIO: Robert Kennedy, Scorpio politician: This short life cannot be ennobled or enriched by hatred. Every act to improve the lot of others or strike out against injustice sends a tiny ripple to join a million other daring ripples in a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: James Agee, Sagittarian writer: Nobody who ever lived is specially privileged; the axe can fall at any moment, on any neck, without warning or regard for justice. We can only be ready by being in tune with the times and prepared to break with tradition.

♑ CAPRICORN: JD Salinger, Capricorn author: You're not the first person confused and frightened, even sickened by human behaviour. Many have been just as troubled as you are. Happily, some of them kept records. Learn from them, and someday, someone will learn something from you. It's a beautiful reciprocal arrangement.

♒ AQUARIUS: Eckhart Tolle, Aquarian metaphysician: You cannot receive what you don't give. Outflow determines inflow. Whatever you think the world is withholding from you, you already have, but unless you allow it to flow out, you won't even know that you have it. This includes abundance.

♓ PISCES: WH Auden, Pisces poet: Those to whom evil is done do evil in return. Behind the lady who dances and the man who madly drinks, the attack of migraine and the sigh, there is more than meets the eye. We must love one another or die.

empathetic style of storytelling that makes for compelling songs; he plays a mean guitar and his band play with a lovely sense of light and shade. The first single is currently getting airplay on Triple J as well as community radio in VIC, NSW, QLD and WA. Catch them at the **Lennox Pub on Wednesday** and **The Rails on Monday** as part of a month-long east coast single launch tour.



THE POGUES, ONE OF THE FEATURED ACTS AT BLUESFEST THIS YEAR

Bluesfest third announcement

It's lining up to be another incredible Bluesfest with festival director Peter Noble revealing more of the line-up for Easter 2012.

Mr Noble says, 'We are so excited about this announcement. It's about the next generation of emerging artist as well as a few artists who are headliners in their own right.'

Acts include **Sublime with Rome, Zappa plays Zappa, Dawes, James Vincent McMorrow, Josh Pyke, Blue King Brown, Eileen Jewell, 1814, Busby Marou** and **Melbourne Ska Orchestra**. Sublime

formed in Long Beach in 1988, and their final performance was in the spring of 1996, shortly before co-founder and frontman Bradley Nowell's untimely death. Rome Ramirez, a 21-year-old northern California native, was introduced to Bud Gaugh and Eric Wilson in 2008. A handful of jam sessions led to a few impromptu shows before officially dubbing themselves Sublime with Rome. Zappa plays Zappa emerged from a mysterious research facility in California to the stages of theatres and festivals across the globe respectfully exposing Bluesfest fans to Frank

Zappa's extraordinary achievements in music! This ain't no concept band. This is Dweezil Zappa. It's about time Josh Pyke played Bluesfest, the man has become one of Australia's best-known singer/songwriters with regular airplay on a wide range of Australian radio stations, a swag of ARIA awards under his belt and a devoted fanbase that seems to be constantly expanding. His recent Australian 'Fans First Tour' sold out across the country in a matter of days and it's no wonder; his incredible knack for storytelling, and an innate ability to weave intelligent lyrics



THE LINK AT DURRUMBUL HALL ON SATURDAY

with warm melodies, places Pyke in a league of his own. For playing times, artist info and ticketing go to www.bluesfest.com.au.

It's Good to be Rich

Catch **GoodRich** when they play **Bangalow Hotel on Friday** and unmask the members, with Bruce Butter vocals and Murray Burns on guitar, Sam Shine on guitar, Jamie Ashforth on guitars and harmonica and Johny McCann on drums. The band plays originals with a surf-rock feel focusing on Brit pop covers from the 80s. Sweet dancing coming your way.

Soler Power

Andrea Soler and band are set to play **The Rails** in Byron Bay this **Wednesday**.

Fresh from playing at this year's Woodford Folk Festival they are sure to be full of good festival vibes and merry tunes to keep the new year swinging. Andrea has been busy in the studio and will be on the road soon launching her new EP *Daydreamer* early next year and will then be heading over to tour in the UK. Be sure to come and check out this local band and be prepared to dance and have a good time!

Firing all Cannons at the Rails

Starboard Cannons Doing play **the Rails on Thursday** with **Chris Aronsten** (fiddle/mandolin), **Jason Caspen** (drums) and **Beth Kimber** (accordion) all accompanying. Five-piece folk bonanza! It's the day before they go into the studio to record our first album so they are bound to be match ready.

A Hoad of Music

Walkaboutfish Records is very excited to announce that Fijian didgeridoo and stringed-instrument virtuoso **Jay Hoad** will be bringing his unique show to the East Coast of Australia for the very first time this January. Jay has spent the last six years touring around the globe, following the sun and his inspiration for music throughout the Caribbean, Southeast Asia, Fiji, Canada and North America, keeping up a relentless touring schedule while passionately learning about third-world culture and every style of music he can sink his teeth into. The result... a very funky and high energy show that sees Jay sitting in a cockpit of instruments including didgeridoo, Weissenborn lap steel, dulcimer, dulcitar, guitar, harmonica, ocarina, djembe, percussion, loops, voice and then some. Mouth, hands and feet work in harmony as Jay fuses many genres of music creating

a sound that's hard to believe comes from just one person. In 2010 Jay was honoured to perform with Bob Marley's Wailers on the Northeast leg of their USA tour and has also recently toured with USA super groups Carbon Leaf and the Temptations. Jay will be visiting Australia numerous times in 2012 performing at some of Australia's largest music festivals including WOMAD in March. **Beach Hotel on Thursday** from 9pm, **Lennox Hotel on Saturday** at 9.30pm and **Sheoak Shack on Sunday** at 4pm.

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CULTURE...

Community Arts Classic

The work of local portrait painter Sabrina Simoni has caught the eye of private art collectors from as far away as Balmain, Darlinghurst and Double Bay in Sydney. Sabrina, from Wilsons Creek, puts her success down to the **Byron Arts Classic**.

'I was an emerging artist when the Arts Classic started up again in January 2010, when one of my portraits was bought by a private collector from Balmain, and this year another portrait was sold to collector from Darlinghurst.

'Then a few weeks ago another collector, this time from Double Bay, bought another of my works', she said.

Sabrina believes 'It showcases the depth and richness of our region's cultural community - which goes well beyond backpacking, beaches and bars.' The Community Art Classic is the re-invention of the longstanding tradition of the former Easter Art Classic. Red carpet opening at the **Community Centre on Friday**.

Side-splitting Comedy

Enjoy **Austen Tayshus** at **Currumbin RSL** on **Wednesday**. His satirical assault may be fierce, but it's funny and informed. Austen's humour is about who we are and how we think and what happened in the cultural melting pot to make us that way. He plays provocateur to our values and measures them against our rather shaky identity as 'Australian'. He has performed all over Australia, the United Kingdom, Los Angeles, New York and Asia and now brings his talents and humour to Currumbin RSL for one night only. Note that content could offend some, particularly the satire impaired. Show starts at 7.30pm with **Matty Marr** as support and **Mandy Nolan** as MC. Tickets on 5534 7999 or at the club. Free kids' club to look after your kids until after 10pm!

Giving Movies the Flick

Celebrating 21 years of short-film excellence, **Flickerfest**, Australia's leading short-film festival, will return to the Byron region for its 14th year in 2012 hosted by local organisers IQ Arts & Eco Centre. Another award-winning program of the best of Australia's and the world's short films, all screening at **Bangalow A&I Hall** from **20 to 22 January**. Flickerfest remains Australia's only Academy®-Accredited and BAFTA-recognised short-film festival and is recognised amongst the best in the world. A record 2200 entries were received for Flickerfest 2012, and a selection of the top 100 shorts were selected in official competition. This impressive and unprecedented number of offenders from all round the world confirms Flickerfest's reputation as Australia's largest and most respected short-film competition.

Flickerfest, A & I Hall Bangalow 20-22 Jan 2012. Festival Program (15+). Tix at the door; or Mullum Bookstore (no BF), Barebones Bangalow (no BF), All Music & Vision +BF (Byron, Lismore & Ballina). For more info on all films screening across the weekend and ticket prices please go to: www.iq.org.au. Ph: 02 6684 5577 or email tour@flickerfest.com.au.

Cowboy in Town

THE SPACE COWBOY: IMAGINATION RULES THE WORLD

Chayne Hultgren aka **Space Cowboy** is fast becoming an international cult figure as he tours the world, claiming 11 Guinness World Records, and has been told that he is Australia's most prolific record breaker. Catch the first run of his show since his return from Europe, Canada and the US as he runs his brand-new Adelaide Fringe Festival show *Imagination Rules The World* at the **Byron Theatre** for five fabulous shows. If you want to catch him in action go to <http://vimeo.com/32625386> to see one of his latest world records in Italy where he gets squashed by 20 motorbikes while laying on a bed of nails! Tickets are at the Community Centre for any one of the five shows from **Friday 13 to Sunday 15 Jan**. Hurry, they always sell out!

Fri 13 Jan 8.30pm. Sat 14 & Sun 15 Jan 5.30pm and 8.30pm \$25 / \$20

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm



2011 was a year for surprises, though with one constant: the continued amazing consistency of Magnus Carlsen.

The Norwegian superstar (above), who can no longer be described as a teenager, started the year ranked just behind World Champion Viswanathan Anand but, after a series of elite tournament victories, ended it with a massive gap between himself and the second ranked player, currently Armenia's Levon Aronian.

Anand, meanwhile, dropped to fourth place and his recent form suggests that the Indian's

world title defence next May against unfancied Israeli Boris Gelfand might not be the cake-walk many have expected.

Gelfand qualified for the world title match after a hard-fought and controversial series of Candidates matches in Kazan in May, a series boycotted by Carlsen.

Carlsen had become fed up with the constant rule, venue and date changes announced by the world body FIDE, whose President Kirsan Iljumzhinov put chess on the front pages by dropping into war-torn Libya in June to play chess against Muammar Gaddafi. Since Gaddafi apparently didn't know the rules of the game, Iljumzhinov played the moves for both sides but still could only manage a draw.

Domestically, no single player dominated but teenagers James Morris, Max Illingworth and Bobby Cheng all enhanced their reputations (and gave themselves a chance for Olympic selection in 2012). Cheng became Victorian Champion at 14 and topped Grandmaster Darryl Johansen again at the Trundle Memorial in Auckland.

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Getting a Handel on Opera

Handel's opera *Rodelinda* was first staged in the early 1700s, but his eponymous heroine, the Queen of Lombardy, is the very model of the modern feminist. She's intelligent, powerful, charming and dependable. When her husband Bertarido is deposed by Grimoaldo, the Duke of Benevento, and disappears, Rodelinda proves herself to be a mistress of Machiavellian intrigue. Fending off those who want the throne as well as those who want her, she remains faithful to Bertarido and deftly manages to save both her husband and the crown. The **New York Metropolitan Opera** company's production of *Rodelinda* screens at **Dendy Byron Bay Cinemas** on **Sunday January 8 at 1pm** and **Thursday January 12 at 10.30am**.

The Life of Akmal

Comedy superstar **Akmal** brings his brand new show *The Life Of Akmal* to **Twin Towns**. He'll be featuring memoirs and extracts from his eponymous book. Topics will cover his experiences growing up in Egypt and migrating to Australia to being kicked out of the Coptic Orthodox Church and finding solace in his newfound religion of Comedy. There are outrageous stories of how Akmal entered the comedy world and insights into the characters he has met along the way that have influenced his career. Akmal continually displays an incredible ability to deal with hot topics in a non-offensive way which has resulted in a long line of appearances on much loved TV shows including *Rove Live*, *The Footy Show* (NSW), *Spicks & Specks*, *Good News Week* and memorable guest spots on the brilliant *Thank God You're Here*. He also hosted the national NOVA drive show *Get This* with Cal Wilson and Ed Kavalee for two years before resigning at the peak of his popularity to head to back to the altar of the art form he loves. Fellow comedian Joel Ozbourn, who has toured extensively with Akmal both nationally and internationally over the last two years, will join him in their improvised audience Q&A promising something different every night.

Saturday at Twin Towns, at 8pm for \$37.



RIZZO (AKA SASHA GILES) HARASSES (SANDY AKA TAYA ORCHARD) IN BALLINA PLAYERS' PRODUCTION OF GREASE AT THE PLAYERS THEATRE 13-21 JAN.

Grease is the Word

Grease, the ever-popular youth musical, will be staged by **Ballina Players** in January.

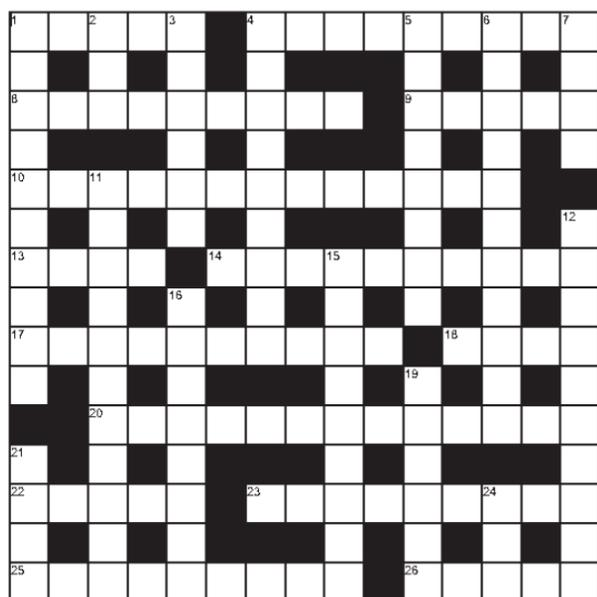
This musical story of love and teenage angst appeals to all generations. It features all the well-loved songs from the classic John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John movie and director Mike Sheehan has incorporated many details from the film. *Grease* will be staged at the Players Theatre from **13 to 21 January**. There will be six evening shows at 7pm and four matinees at 1pm rather than the usual time. Tickets are available at Just Funkin Music, phone 6686 2440.

In Good Spirits

We're famous for being a bunch of navel-gazing, yoga-obsessed, colonically cleansed weirdos. In fact, people flock here just for the sheer novelty of our relentless pursuit of the spirit. So why not have a festival? Inspired by the success of the Mullum Music Festival, **Spirit Festival** will incorporate and promote the many yoga studios, health clubs, health food outlets, cafes, markets, college and community halls for all the activities over the weekend. The central hubs will be the **Mullum Civic Centre** and **Santos**, with workshops, talks, films, dances and more extending as far out of town as **Durrumbul Hall**. The list of teachers and presenters currently includes: Mark Whitwell, Louisa Sear, Simon Marrocco, Simon Borg-Olivier, Deva Premal & Miten, Nomadic Voices, OKA, Future Sound of Yoga, Carmella Byrnie, Gyuto Monks of Tibet, Acro Yoga, Lance Schuler, Mother Maya, Consta Georgoussis, Gwyn Williams, Lucknow Sankirtan, Flo Fenton, Kevin James & Mel, Yeshe, Julie Smerdon, Liz Costigan, Katie Manitsas, 5 Rhythms Dance and much more. **17-19 February** 2012.

For information visit www.spiritfestival.com.au.

Mungo's Crossword



Quick Clues

- ACROSS
- Scent, perfume (5)
 - Cancer stick (9)
 - Forbearance, lack of prejudice (9)
 - Famous fountain in Rome (5)
 - Place for surgery to reverse the effects of dissection (9,4)
 - Bean curd (4)
 - Came back into sight (10)
 - Brother of Flospy and Mopsy (10)
 - Style of jazz singing (4)
 - Large warship (6,7)
 - Derived from the sun (5)
 - Body of water between China and Korea (6,3)
 - A 4 down (9)
 - Odds of one to one (5)

- DOWN
- A 4 down (10)
 - Crude petroleum (3)
 - A 4 down (6)
 - Exercising restraint of desires or passions (9)
 - Shared, allotted (8)
 - One or perhaps two 4 downs (3,8)
 - Sinful, wicked (4)
 - Passenger restraints in vehicles (6,5)
 - Opinion pieces in newspapers (10)
 - Cinematic Queen of the Desert (9)
 - Tormentor, sadist (8)
 - A 4 down (6)
 - A 4 down (4)
 - View, look at (3)

Last week's solution



Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS
- Scent of where all roads lead, according to Giuseppe (5)
 - Supermarket in Greek island had time for a lethal product (9)
 - Dream about a cheer for lack of prejudice (9)
 - Mix, invert but no new fountain (5)
 - About the cult charge, Othello - back to where they'll stitch you up! (9,4)
 - Antipasto future holds bland food (4)
 - Journalist followed harvest fruit and came back again (10)
 - Mopsy's brother (10)
 - Singing of Southern Persian, perhaps (4)
 - Warship destroys sea turtle crib (6,7)
 - Power to fly over the lake (5)
 - Scream, cry of pain, leading to South East Asia - or a maritime part thereof! (6,3)
 - University returns one of its faculties, among other things, to this 4 down (9)
 - Balances short odds (5)

- DOWN
- Worker curve: note about a 4 down (10)
 - Fuel 049 (3)
 - Fair fight about 4 down (6)
 - Territory constrained by change - specialist in exercising restraint (9)
 - Shared proportion with Kelly (8)
 - Emirate cash enough for one or two 4 downs (3,8)
 - Be upstanding for sin! (4)
 - False test bypasses security devices (6,5)
 - Opinionated writing or idealist? Problem (10)
 - Advertising is back for the Queen of the Desert (9)
 - Traveller about right for a sadist (8)
 - Devalued rupee covers nothing for this 4 down (6)
 - Like individual, a 4 down (4)
 - Look at the bishop's place (3)

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

HOTEL BRUNSWICK

WEDNESDAY 4
7:30pm
DR BAZ

THURSDAY 5
7:30pm
ARCHIE RYE

FRIDAY 6
7:30pm
PUSH

SATURDAY 7
7:30pm
BLIND WILLY WAGTAIL

9:00pm
WOODCHOP FIREWORKS

SUNDAY 8
4:00pm-8:00pm
LISA HUNT

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WEDNESDAY 4

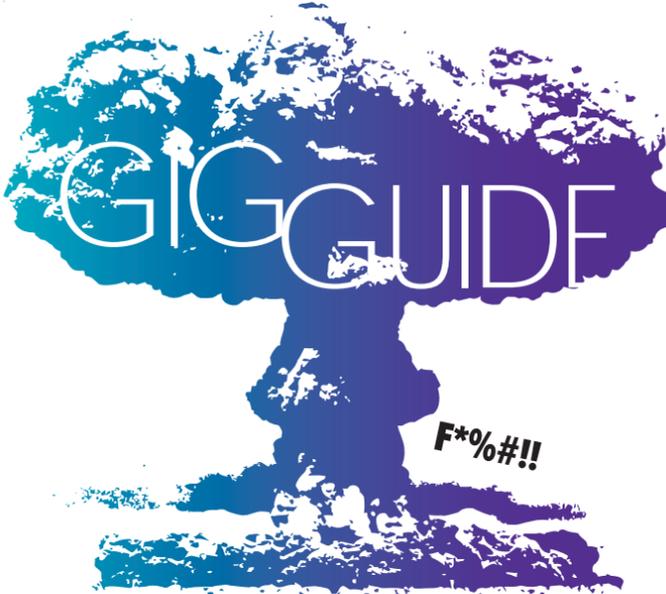
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM 9.30PM **CARAVAN SUN**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **ANDREA SOLER**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **STAFFORD BROTHERS & FRIENDS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **SURFBOARD GIVEAWAY WITH DJ SANCHEZ**
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 7PM **OPEN MIC W MARIO** 7PM **SUNDAY SAFARI PRESENTS 'YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE' FEAT BENI RITON, BLACK ANGUS, DANGEROUS DAN, JIMMY 2SOX PLUS SPECIAL GUEST**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **POLE DANCING COMP**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **BEACH PARTY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **DR BAZ**
- LENNOX HOTEL **JED ROWE BAND**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7.30PM **AUSTEN TAYSHUS W MC MANDY NOLAN & MATTY MARR**

THURSDAY 5

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **JAY HOAD**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **STARBOARD CANNONS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **JAN NETSKY W GARRY FUNKWELL & ANIKI**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **RITON, DANGEROUS DAN & DON NADI**
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 7PM **DJ A SKILZ & REGROOVED DJS & SLINKY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **THIRSTY THURSDAY W DJ QC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **WICKED TRAVEL GIVEAWAYS WITH DJ GETKANE**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 9AM-5PM **STARLIGHT WELLBEING EXPO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **ARCHIE RYE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, BALLINA 7-9PM **MICK BUCKLEY PIANO MAN**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **PHIL & GAZ**

FRIDAY 6

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **BEACHY FRIDAYS CHEAP DRINKS AND NIBBLIES W RUSS WALKER DUO** 9.30PM **KINGTIDE**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **THE WELL SWUNG DADDIES**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **TIN CAN RADIO & TOURISM**
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- COCOMANGAS BYRON MAIN **DJ QC & DJ JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ & HAPPY HOUR**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 8.30PM **JUSTIN DE CANDIA**
- COORABELL HALL 8PM **JUKE BARITONE & THE SWAMP DOGS, HIS MERRY MEN, WHITE KNUCKLE FEVER**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 9AM-5PM **STARLIGHT WELLBEING EXPO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **GOODRICH**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **PUSH**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8.30AM **MARK HEAZLETT AND BAND**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **THE MANK**
- SOUTH BALLINA BEACH VILLAGE 6PM **MICK BUCKLEY PIANO MAN**
- BALLINA RSL 9.15PM **LISA HUNT & BAND**

SATURDAY 7

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **IN THE GROOVE** 9PM **PANDAMONIUM DJS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **THE DAVE SCOTT BAND**

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD BAND**
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 8PM **NATHAN KAYE BAND MAINROOM OKA & DEYA DOVA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **SURFBOARD GIVEAWAYS**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **LADIES NIGHT**
- COORABELL HALL 7PM **KIRTAN MASTER: VAIYASAKI DAS**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 9AM-5PM **STARLIGHT WELLBEING EXPO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **SCOTT DAVEY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **BLIND WILLY WAGTAIL**
- SANDBAR, BRUNSWICK 9.30AM **CAJUN MOON + GUESTS**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **THE GYPSY CARAVANA**
- DURRUMBUL HALL 7PM **THE LINK**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8.30PM **MICK BUCKLEY**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **JAY HOAD**
- LENNOX HEAD SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **LEIGH JAMES TRIO**
- MURWILLUMBAH BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **PRESTON TRAIN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS **AKMAL W JOEL OZBORNE**

SUNDAY 8

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 1PM **SUPER DRY SUNDAYS** 4.30PM **RAGGA JUMP** 8PM **SNEAKY SOUND SYSTEM**

- THE RAILS, BYRON 6.30PM **CLAUDE HAY**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **BELL & BONE**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 2.30PM **GREG KEW**
- BYRON BREWERY BUDDHA BAR 8PM **OKA & DEYA DOVA**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DISCROW & DANIEL WEBBER**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 9AM-5PM **STARLIGHT WELLBEING EXPO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4-8PM **SUNDAY SESSION WITH LISA HUNT**
- SANDBAR, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10AM **WALDO & GOODFELLOW**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 8PM **MULLUM FLICKS 'THE WOMEN ON THE 6TH FLOOR' (W 6.30PM PRE-SHOW DINNER)**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAY AFTERNOON JAM**
- MT WARNING HOTEL, UKI 2.30PM **LIL' FI & THE DIRTY RASCALS**
- BY THE RIVER, BALLINA 3PM **LAURA NOBEL QUARTET**
- NORTH KIRRA SLSC 2PM **REDWINE & CHEESY GRIN JAZZ BAND**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 4PM **JAY HOAD**

MONDAY 9

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **TIM STOKES DUO**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **JED ROWE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON **CLAY BYTH DUO W ASTON SHUFFLE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8-10PM **DJ SANCHEZ & HAPPY HOUR**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **STRETCH**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BACKPACKERS PARTY W DJ TORI**

TUESDAY 10

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **JES HARLEN TRIO**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **SKYDIVE GIVEAWAY WITH DJ DALLAS**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **RHYS BYNON**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **TIGHTARSE TUESDAY W DJ JIMMY D**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8.30AM **JUZZIE SMITH**

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Television Guide

1. The ABC continues its belated interest in the work of the wonderful British writer Terry Pratchett with **Hogfather** (ABC1, Saturday, 7.30), in which Death has to fill in for Hogfather in Discworld's equivalent of Christmas. If you're not familiar with Pratchett's amusing and insightful novels, there's more than 20 to entertain you - find out more in L Space www.au.lspace.org.

2. Laurence Fishburne and Drea De Matteo strut their stuff in the remake of **Assault On Precinct 13** (ONE HD, Sunday, 8.30pm), an implausible crime thriller stuffed with prime cheese and entertaining action. On New Years Eve, a police station is under attack by bad guys. At some stage a prison bus explodes and the good guys escape via an abandoned sewer. What more could you want? Drea De Matteo is perhaps best known for her role in **The Sopranos**, which won her an Emmy. She also owned a clothing store called Filth Mart - just in case you wanted to know.



WEDNESDAY 4

ABC 1
4.00 Chaser's War On Everything (M)
4.30 Can We Help? 5.00 Gardening Australia 5.30 State To State 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Time Team 11.00 Broadside 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Henry VIII 1.30 Boxing For Palm Island 2.00 Robin Hood 3.00 Kids' Programs

6.00 Country House Rescue
7.00 ABC News
7.30 7.30
8.00 Outnumbered
8.30 QI (M)
9.00 The Thick Of It (M)
9.35 Absolutely Fabulous
10.05 The Trip (MA)

10.35 Late Edition News 10.45 Comedy Roadshow (M) 11.35 Raw Comedy 2009 (M) 12.25 Movie: **The Brighton Strangler** (PG 1945) UK horror. John Loder, June Duprez 1.45 Absolutely Fabulous 2.15 The Trip (M) 2.45 Chaser's War On Repeats (M) 3.10 rage

ABC 2
6.00 Kids' Programs
7.00 Spicks And Specks
7.30 Doctor Who
8.30 Misbehaving Mums To Be

9.30 Fast Food Baby
10.30 Sunday Best (M)
11.40 The Baby Borrowers (M) 12.35 How Do They Do It? 1.00 Scrapheap Challenge 1.50 Close

ABC NEWS 24
4.00 7.30 4.30 State To State 5.00 Newshour 6.00 ABC News 12.30 Australia Network News 1.00 ABC News 2.30 Australia Network News 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.45 Indigenous Quarter 6.00 ABC News 6.30 Tonic 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 ABC News 8.30 One Plus One 9.00 The World 9.30 State To State 10.00 ABC News 10.05 Best Of Landline 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Australia Network News 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Australia Network News 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 One Plus One

SBS 1
5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 1.00 Movie: **The Maiden And The Wolves** (PG 2008) French drama 3.00 Letters And Numbers 3.30 World News 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Dakar Rally Highlights
6.00 Letters And Numbers
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Explore Manila to Mindanao
8.30 The Spy Factory

7.00 Cops
8.00 Hopman Cup Tennis LIVE
2.00 Omnisport 2.30 NFL Total Access 3.30 The Ultimate Fighter (M) 4.30 Bundesliga Football 5.30 500 Great Goals

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 10.00 Style By Jury 10.30 Dr Oz 11.30 Morning News 12.00 Movie: **Tiger Cruise** (G 2004) US drama. Hayden Panettiere, Bill Pullman 2.00 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal

GO!
6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 Entertainment Tonight 2.00 TMZ 2.30 Married With Children 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.00 Movie: **Summer Catch** (PG 2001) US comedy. Freddie Prinze Jr, Jessica Biel
6.00 Seinfeld
6.30 Wineout USA
7.30 Mike & Molly
8.00 Two And A Half Men
8.30 Mike & Molly (M)
9.00 The Big Bang Theory
9.30 Movie: **Tomcats** (MA 2001) US comedy. Jerry O'Connell, Shannon Elizabeth

11.30 South Park (M) 12.00 Spin City 12.30 V (M) 1.30 Reno 911 (M) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Just Shoot Me 4.30 TMZ 5.00 Married With Children 5.30 The Flintstones

7TWO
6.30 Martha Stewart Show 7.30 Dr Oz 8.30 Step By Step 9.00 The Hogan Family 9.30 Growing Pains 10.00 Perfect Strangers 10.30 Night Court 11.00 Murphy Brown 11.30 Brisbane International Tennis - LIVE 5.00 Mad About You 5.30 Who's The Boss

6.00 Bargain Hunt
7.00 On The Buses
7.30 The Benny Hill Show
8.00 Brisbane International Tennis LIVE

11.30 Taggart (M) 2.30 The Benny Hill Show 2.30 Australian Open Tennis: 1993 Seles v Graf 5.30 Home Shopping

7MATE
6.30 Wagon Train 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Magnum PI 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 The A Team 2.00 Xena: Warrior Princess 3.00 Monster Garage 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 That '70s Show

6.30 My Wife And Kids
7.00 How I Met Your Mother
7.30 Pimp My Ride
8.30 Hardcore Pawn (M)
9.30 American Pickers
10.30 Banged Up Abroad (M)
11.30 The Sexy Ads Show (MA) 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 Wagon Train 2.00 Magnum PI 3.00 The Incredible Hulk 4.00 Xena: Warrior Princess 5.00 Adam 12 5.30 Home Shopping

NBN
5.30 Today 9.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 Second Test Cricket LIVE - Australia v India 12.30 The Cricket Show 1.00 Cricket continues
6.00 NBN News
7.00 A Current Affair
7.30 RBT

THURSDAY 5

ABC 1
4.00 Chaser's War On Everything (M)
4.30 Can We Help? 5.00 Gardening Australia 5.30 State To State 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Time Team 11.00 Country House Rescue 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes 1.30 My Family 2.00 Robin Hood 3.00 Kids' Programs

6.00 River Cottage
7.00 ABC News
7.30 7.30
8.00 Jimmy's Food Factory
8.30 The People's Supermarket
9.25 Greatest Cities Of The World Rome

10.15 Late Edition News
10.25 **Stephen Fry In America**
11.25 Live From Abbey Road: Michael Buble, The Temper Trap, Little Boots 12.15 Hungry Beast (M) 12.45 The Clinic (M) 1.35 The People's Supermarket 2.25 Jennifer Byrne Presents Brave New Worlds 3.00 rage

ABC 2
6.00 Kids' Programs
7.00 Spicks And Specks
7.30 Doctor Who
8.30 Arrested Development (M)
9.00 The Warehouse Comedy Festival (M)
9.30 **Graham Norton Show**
10.15 Ideal (M)
10.45 Peep Show (M) 11.15 Misbehaving Mums To Be 12.15 Commercial Kings 12.45 Phone Shop (M) 1.10 Scrapheap Challenge 2.00 Close

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SBS 1
5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia 1.30 Inspector Rex 2.30 The Squiz 3.00 Letters And Numbers 3.30 World News 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Dakar Rally Highlights

6.00 Letters And Numbers
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 My Sri Lanka
8.00 One Man And His Campervan
8.30 The Family (M)
9.30 24 Hours In Emergency (M)
10.30 World News Australia
11.05 Stripping At The Pink Paradise (M)
12.35 Movie: **The Girl By The Lake** (M 2007) Italian thriller 2.20 Weatherwatch

SBS 2
5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News
6.00 Global Village
6.30 Sarah Wiener In Italy
7.30 A History Of Scotland
8.35 Behind The Photo War zone
9.35 Movie: **Eden Is West** (M 2009) French drama
11.35 Movie: **A Touch Of Spice** (M 2003) Greek drama 1.30 Weatherwatch

TEN
6.00 Ten News 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 The Circle 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 The Doctors 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Judge Judy 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News
6.30 The Project
7.30 Modern Family
8.00 Rules Of Engagement
8.30 Law & Order (M)
10.30 Medium (M)
11.30 The Late Show 12.30 Infomercials 4.00 Religion

ELEVEN
6.00 Jag 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Charmed 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 The King Of Queens 3.30 Cheers 4.00 Roseanne 4.30 Family Ties 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch
6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch
6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond
7.30 The Simpsons
8.30 Star Trek Next Generation
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11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina 1.00 The King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Charmed 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven

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6.00 National Football League 8.30 World Of Free Sports 9.00 Hopman Cup Tennis 2.00 Airline 2.30 Beach Patrol 3.00 Omnisport 3.30 Airline 4.00 Hopman Cup Tennis - LIVE 12.00 Omnisport 12.30 MotoGP Classic 1.30

Liverpool Football 4.30 Magic Of The FA Cup

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 10.00 Style By Jury 10.30 Dr Oz 11.30 Morning News 12.00 Movie: **Right On Track** (G 2003) US biography. Beverly Mitchell, Jon Robert Lindstrom 2.00 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal

6.00 Prime News
6.30 Seven News
7.00 Highway Cops
7.30 Happy Endings
8.00 How I Met Your Mother
8.30 Movie: **Eagle Eye** (M 2008) US action. Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan

11.00 30 Rock 12.00 Auction Squad 1.00 Home Shopping 5.30 News

7TWO
6.30 Martha Stewart Show 7.30 Dr Oz 8.30 Step By Step 9.00 The Hogan Family 9.30 Growing Pains 10.00 Perfect Strangers 10.30 Night Court 11.00 Murphy Brown 11.30 Brisbane International Tennis - LIVE 5.00 Mad About You 5.30 Who's The Boss

6.00 Bargain Hunt
7.00 On The Buses
7.30 The Benny Hill Show
8.00 Brisbane International Tennis LIVE

11.30 Taggart (M) 2.30 Mad About You 3.00 Australian Open Tennis: 2003 Serena Williams v Clusters 5.30 Home Shopping

7MATE
6.30 Wagon Train 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Magnum PI 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 The A Team 2.00 Xena: Warrior Princess 3.00 Monster Garage 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 That '70s Show

6.30 My Wife And Kids
7.00 How I Met Your Mother
7.30 Swamp People
8.30 Hardcore Pawn
9.30 Operation Repo (M)
10.30 Jail (M)

11.30 Campus PD (M) 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 Wagon Train 2.00 Magnum PI 3.00 The Incredible Hulk 4.00 Xena: Warrior Princess 5.00 Adam 12 5.30 Home Shopping

NBN
5.30 Today 9.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 Second Test Cricket LIVE - Australia v India 12.30 The Cricket Show 1.00 Cricket continues
6.00 NBN News
7.00 A Current Affair
7.30 Getaway
8.30 Unforgettable (M)



FRIDAY 6

ABC 1
4.00 W-League Football 6.00 ABC News
10.00 River Cottage 11.00 Chopper Rescue 11.30 One Plus One 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2011 2.00 Robin Hood 3.00 Kids' Programs
6.00 Grand Designs
7.00 ABC News
7.30 7.30
8.00 My Family
8.30 Midsomer Murders (M)
10.05 Graham Norton Show
10.55 Late Edition News 11.05 Adam Hills In Gordon St Tonight 12.05 rage (MA)

ABC 2
6.00 Kids' Programs
7.00 Spicks And Specks
7.30 Doctor Who
8.30 The Last Man Standing Brazil (M)
9.30 Top Boy (M)
10.20 Fast Food Baby
11.20 Behing Human (M) 1.20 Root Of All Evil: Oprah v Church (M) 1.40 Close

ABC NEWS 24
4.00 7.30 4.30 State To State 5.00 ABC News 12.30 Australia Network News 1.00 ABC News 2.30 Australia Network News 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.45 Capital Hill 6.00 ABC News 6.30 Tonic 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News 8.30 One Plus One 9.00 The World 9.30 State To State 10.00 ABC News 10.05 Best Of Landline 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Australia Network News 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Australia Network News 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 One Plus One

SBS 1
5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia 1.30 Inspector Rex 2.30 The Squiz 3.00 Letters And Numbers 3.30 World News 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Dakar Rally Highlights
6.00 Letters And Numbers
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Coast
8.30 As It Happened War for the Atlantic
9.30 As It Happened Chronicle of the Third Reich
10.30 World News Australia
11.05 Movie: **Eight Miles High** (MA 2007) German drama 1.05 Movie: **Family Hero** (M 2006) French drama 3.00 Weatherwatch

6.00 Letters And Numbers
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 My Sri Lanka
8.00 One Man And His Campervan
8.30 The Family (M)
9.30 24 Hours In Emergency (M)
10.30 World News Australia
11.05 Stripping At The Pink Paradise (M)
12.35 Movie: **The Girl By The Lake** (M 2007) Italian thriller 2.20 Weatherwatch

SBS 2
5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News
6.00 Global Village
6.30 Recipes For Summer Entertaining
6.45 Sarah Wiener In Italy
7.30 Brick City
8.30 The Staircase (M)
9.30 Movie: **Dhoom 2** (M 2006) Bollywood
12.10 Movie: **2 Become 1** (M 2006) Cantonese romantic comedy 1.55 Weatherwatch

TEN
6.00 Ten News 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 The Circle 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 The Doctors 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Judge Judy 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News
6.30 The Project
7.30 Jamie's Great Britain
8.30 Movie: **Ghost** (M 1990) US drama. Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore
11.10 The Late Show 12.00 Movie: **New Best Friend** (MA 2002) US drama. Mia Kirshner, Meredith Monroe 2.00 Valentine (M) 3.00 Infomercials 5.00 Religion

ELEVEN
6.00 Jag 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Charmed 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 King Of Queens 3.30 Cheers 4.00 Roseanne 4.30 Family Ties 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch
6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch
6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond
7.30 Movie: **Bratz - The Movie** (PG 2007) US comedy. Skyler Shayne, Janel Parrish
9.40 Sex And The City (MA)
10.50 The Late Late Show 11.40 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Charmed 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven

ONE HD
6.00 Hopman Cup Tennis 2.00 Airline 2.30 Beach Patrol 3.00 Omnisport 3.30 Airline 4.00 Hopman Cup Tennis - LIVE 12.00 NBL Basketball - Perth v Melbourne 2.00 Omnisport 2.30 National Football League 5.00 NFL America's Game

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 10.00 Style By Jury 10.30 Dr Oz 11.30 Seven News 12.00 Movie: **Buffalo Dreams** (G 2005) US drama. Adrienne Bailon, Simon Baker 2.00 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal

6.00 Prime News
6.30 Seven News
7.00 Highway Cops
7.30 Better Homes & Gardens
8.30 Wallander (M)
10.30 Maneaters
11.30 That '70s Show 12.00 Along The Andes 2.00 Home Shopping

7TWO
6.30 Martha Stewart Show 7.30 Dr Oz 8.30 Step By Step 9.00 The Hogan Family 9.30 Growing Pains 10.00 Perfect Strangers 10.30 Night Court 11.00 Murphy Brown 11.30 Welcome Back Kotter 12.00 Brisbane International Tennis - LIVE 5.00 Mad About You 5.30 Who's The Boss

6.00 Bargain Hunt
7.00 On The Buses
7.30 The Benny Hill Show
8.00 Brisbane International Tennis LIVE

11.30 Escape To The Country 1.30 The Lakes 2.00 Australian Open Tennis: 2009 Dokic v Kleybanova 5.00 Home Shopping

7MATE
6.30 Wagon Train 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Magnum PI 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 The A Team 2.00 Xena: Warrior Princess 3.00 Monster Garage 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 That '70s Show

6.30 My Wife And Kids
7.00 How I Met Your Mother
7.30 Megastructures
8.30 Banged Up Abroad (M)
9.30 Reaper (M)
10.30 Jersey Shore (M)
12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 Wagon Train 2.00 Magnum PI 3.00 The Incredible Hulk 4.00 Xena: Warrior Princess 5.00 The A Team

NBN
5.30 Today 9.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 Second Test Cricket LIVE - Australia v India 12.30 The Cricket Show 1.00 Cricket continues
6.00 Evening News
6.30 A Current Affair
7.30 Two And A Half Men
8.30 Movie: **A Few Good Men** (M 1992) US drama. Jack Nicholson, Tom Cruise
11.20 Movie: **Bad Boys** (M 1983) US drama. Sean Penn, Reni Santoni
1.15 Movie: **Scars Of Dracula** (M

1970) UK horror. Christopher Lee, Dennis Waterman 3.05 Skippy 3.30 Entertainment Tonight 4.00 Danoz 4.30 Good Morning America

GO!
6.00 Kids' Programs 1.00 Seinfeld 1.30 Entertainment Tonight 2.00 TMZ 2.30 Married With Children 3.00 Power Rangers Samurai 3.30 Movie: **The Clique** (PG 2008) US comedy. Ellen Marlow, Elizabeth McLaughlin 5.30 Movie: **Adventures Of Shark Boy And Lavagirl** (G 2005) US adventure. Taylor Lautner, Taylor Dooley
7.30 Movie: **Uptown Girls** (PG 2003) US comedy. Brittany Murphy, Dakota Fanning
9.30 Movie: **Waiting...** (MA 2005) US comedy. Ryan Reynolds, Anna Faris

11.30 South Park (M) 12.00 Spin City 12.30 Undercovers (M) 1.30 Rubicon (M) 2.30 Reno 911 (M) 5.00 Bratz 5.30 Tamagotch!

GEM
6.00 Today 9.00 Alive & Cooking 9.30 The Zoo 10.00 Friends 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 12.00 Movie: **Jailhouse Rock** (PG 1957) US musical drama. Elvis Presley, Judy Tyler 2.00 Friends 3.00 McLeod's Daughters 4.00 The Golden Girls 5.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show
6.00 Friends
7.00 The Zoo
7.30 David Attenborough's Tiger-Spy In The Jungle
8.30 Law & Order (M)
9.30 The Commander (AV)
11.30 Conan (M) 12.30 Psychic TV 2.00 Movie: **Laughter In Paradise** (G 1951) US comedy. Joyce Grenfell, Hugh Griffith 4.00 Murder, She Wrote 5.00 The Golden Girls

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SATURDAY 7

ABC 1 5.00 rage (PG) 11.00 Adventures In Architecture 12.00 My Family 12.30 Unlikely Travellers 1.00 WNBL Basketball LIVE - Bullen v Townsville 3.00 W-League Football: Canberra v Adelaide 5.00 Diving With Aliens 6.00 The Great Rift 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Hogfather 9.10 Single-Handed 10.45 Grumpy Guide To Work (M) 11.45 rage (MA)

ABC 2 6.00 Kids' Program 7.00 Whites 7.30 Pieces Of Me 8.30 Movie: It Started In Naples (G 1960) US comedy. Clark Gable, Sophia Loren 10.05 Movie: Frenzy (M 1972) Hitchcock thriller. Barry Foster, Jon Finch 12.00 Top Boy (M) 12.50 Scrapheap Challenge 1.40 Close

ABC NEWS 24 4.00 Big Ideas 5.00 ABC News 6.00 Tonic 6.30 Message Stick 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News 8.45 Arts Quarter 9.00 ABC News 9.45 Health Quarter 10.00 ABC News 10.30 State To State 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Catalyst 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 Select 1.00 Big Ideas 2.00 ABC News 2.30 Message Stick 3.00 ABC News 3.30 Foreign Correspondent 4.00 ABC News 4.30 State To State 5.00 ABC News 5.30 One Plus One 6.00 ABC News 6.30 Australian Story 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The World This Week 8.00 Four Corners 8.45 Finance Quarter 9.00 ABC News 9.30 State To State 10.00 ABC News 10.30 7.30 Select 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Foreign Correspondent 12.00 Big Ideas 1.00 BBC World News 1.30 Tonic 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 Message Stick

SBS 1 5.00 World News 5.05 World News 1.00 Opera: La Pietra Del Paragone 3.45 Robert Lepage 3.55 The Beauty Of Books 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Dakar Rally Highlights 6.00 Oz And James Drink To Britain 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Big, Bigger, Biggest 8.30 Rockwiz 9.30 Movie: The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (MAV 2009) Swedish thriller 12.10 Movie: Dragon Tiger Gate

(M 2006) Cantonese action 1.50 Weatherwatch SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 A Fork In The Road Ireland 6.30 Risky Business 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? 8.30 Maestro A Portrait of Valery Gergiev 9.30 Movie: Read My Lips (MAV 2001) French thriller 11.35 Movie: 13 (Tzemeti) (M 2005) French thriller 1.15 Weatherwatch

TEN 6.00 Kids' Programs 12.00 The Doctors 1.00 Life Unexpected 2.00 Good Chef Bad Chef 2.30 Orangutans: People Of The Forest 3.30 Making Tracks 4.00 Escape With ET 5.00 Ten News 6.30 Movie: Dr Dolittle 2 (PG 2001) US comedy. Eddie Murphy, Kristen Wilson 8.30 Movie: The Siege (M 1998) US action. Denzel Washington, Bruce Willis 10.50 Movie: Love And A Bullet (AV 2002) US action. Anthony Criss, Kent King 1.00 Ally McBeal (M) 2.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion

ELEVEN 6.00 Jag 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Charmed 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 King Of Queens 3.30 Cheers 4.00 Roseanne 4.30 Family Ties 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch 6.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 Frasier 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.30 Frasier 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.30 Star Trek: Voyager 11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Charmed 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven

ONE HD 6.00 Arsenal Football 9.00 WWE Experience 10.00 NFL Total Access 11.00 X Venture Corporate Games 12.00 NBL Basketball - Perth v Melbourne 2.00 WWE Experience 3.00 Crash Test Humans 4.00 Places We Go 5.00 Holiday Dream Team 5.30 I Fish 6.00 Hopman Cup Tennis LIVE 12.00 NBL Basketball - Wollongong v Townsville 2.00 Omnisport 2.30

NBL Basketball - Perth v Melbourne 4.30 Magic Of The FA Cup 5.30 500 Great Goals PRIME 6.30 Kids' Programs 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 9.00 Kids' Programs 12.00 Australian International Equestrian 1.00 Minute To Win It 2.30 Beat The Star 3.30 Movie: D3 - The Mighty Ducks (PG 1996) US comedy. Emilio Estevez, Jeffrey Nordling 5.30 Mercurio's Menu 6.00 Seven News 6.30 No Leave No Life 7.00 Movie: Robots (G 2002) Animation 9.00 Movie: Jersey Girl (M 2004) US comedy. Ben Affleck, Liv Ullmann 11.10 Movie: Jaws 3 (M 1983) US thriller. Dennis Quaid, Lea Thompson 1.10 Home Shopping

7TWO 6.30 Queensland Weekender 7.00 Great South East 7.30 Creek To Coast 8.00 Better Homes And Gardens 9.00 The Great Outdoors 10.00 The Hogan Family 10.30 Growing Pains 11.00 Perfect Strangers 11.30 Night Court 12.00 Murphy Brown 12.30 Welcome Back Kotter 1.00 Brisbane International Tennis - LIVE 7.00 Heartbeat 8.00 Brisbane International Tennis LIVE 11.30 Taggart (M) 2.30 Australian Open Tennis 2003: Venus v Serena

7MATE 6.00 The Jeff Foxworthy Show 6.30 Wagon Train 7.30 The Incredible Hulk 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Magnum PI 12.00 Knight Rider 1.00 The A Team 2.00 Xena: Warrior Princess 3.00 Hercules 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 Monster Fish 6.30 Mighty Structures 7.30 Mega Movers 8.30 Shockwave 9.30 Mega Disasters 10.30 The Universe 11.30 Unsolved Mysteries (M) 12.30 Man V Food 1.00 Knight Rider 2.00 The Incredible Hulk 3.00 Wagon Train 4.00 Magnum PI 5.00 Adam 12 5.30 Home Shopping

NBN 6.00 Danoz 7.00 Weekend Today 9.00 The Cornish Invasion Of South Australia 1.00 Second Test Cricket LIVE - Australia v India 12.30 The Cricket Show 1.00 Cricket continues 6.00 NBN News 6.30 Australia's Funniest Home Videos 7.30 Movie: Secondhand Lions (PG 2003) US come-

dy. Michael Caine, Robert Duvall 8.40 Lotto 9.45 Movie: Blame (AV 2010) Australian drama. Damian de Montemas, Sophie Lowe 11.45 Movie: Enter The Dragon (AV 1973) US action. Bruce Lee, John Saxon 1.40 Movie: The Hollywood Mom's Mystery (M 2004) US comedy. Justine Bateman, Elizabeth Peña 3.30 Skippy 4.00 Infomercials GO! 6.00 Kids' Programs 2.30 Married With Children 3.30 Spin City 4.30 Just Shoot Me 5.30 Total Wipeout USA 6.30 Top Gear USA 7.30 Movie: City Slickers (PG 1991) US comedy. Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern 10.00 Movie: Memoirs Of An Invisible Man (M 1992) US comedy. Chevy Chase, Daryl Hannah 12.00 Total Wipeout UK 1.00 Top Gear USA 2.00 V (M) 5.00 Bratz 5.30 Tamagotchi

GEM 6.00 Movie: Jailhouse Rock (PG 1957) US musical drama. Elvis Presley, Judy Tyler 8.00 Infomercials 9.30 Movie: Barnacle Bill (G 1957) UK comedy. Alec Guinness, Irene Brown 11.20 Movie: Jules Verne's Rocket To The Moon (G 1967) UK comedy. Burl Ives, Troy Donahue 1.45 Movie: Ensign Pulver (PG 1964) US comedy. Burl Ives, Walter Matthau 3.55 Movie: The Getting Of Wisdom (G 1977) Australian drama. Julia Blake, Dorothy Bradley 6.00 The Golden Girls 6.30 Movie: The Secret Garden (G 1993) US fantasy. Kate Maberly, Maggie Smith 8.30 CSI: NY (M) 9.30 CSI: Miami (M) 10.30 CSI (M) 11.30 Conan (M) 12.20 Psychic TV 1.50 Movie: Devil Girl From Mars (PG 1954) UK scifi. Hazel Court, Peter Reynolds 3.20 Movie: Ensign Pulver 5.30 The Golden Girls

ABC 1 4.00 Chaser's War On Everything (M) 4.30 Can We Help? 5.00 Gardening Australia 5.30 State To State 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Time Team 11.00 Best Of Landline 12.00 Middy Report 12.30 Monarch Of The Glen 1.30 The Free Range Cook 2.00 Robin Hood 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 The Drum 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 Who's Been Sleeping In My House? 8.30 The History Of Safari 9.25 Kevin McCloud: Slumming It 10.15 Late Edition News 10.25 Silent Witness (MA) 11.20 Place Of Execution (M) 12.10 Darling Buds Of May 1.00 Movie: Captain Kidd (PG 1945) US action. Charles Laughton, Randolph Scott 2.30 Hungry Beast (M) 3.00 rage

ABC 2 6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 Spicks And Specks 7.30 Doctor Who 8.30 Haven (M) 9.30 The Runaway (MA) 10.15 Graham Norton Show 11.00 Dragon's Den 12.45 Sanctuary (M) 12.50 Scrapheap Challenge 1.45 Close ABC NEWS 24 4.00 ABC News 4.05 The World This Week 4.30 One Plus One 5.00 Newshour 6.00 ABC News 12.30 Australia Network News 1.00 ABC News 2.30 Australia Network News 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.45 Environment Quarter 6.00 The Drum 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 ABC News 8.15 Press Club Selection 9.00 The World 9.30 State To State 10.00 ABC News 10.05 The Drum 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Australia Network News 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Australia Network News 2.00 Newshour 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 7.30 Select

SBS 1 5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia 1.30 Inspector Rex 2.30 ADbc 3.00 Letters And Numbers 3.30 World News 4.00 The Journal 4.30 Futbol Mundial 5.00 The Crew 5.30 Dakar Rally Highlights 6.00 Letters And Numbers 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Mythbusters 8.30 Freddie Flintoff Versus The World (M)

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MONDAY 9

ABC 1 4.00 Chaser's War On Everything (M) 4.30 Can We Help? 5.00 Gardening Australia 5.30 State To State 6.00 ABC News 10.00 Time Team 11.00 Best Of Landline 12.00 Middy Report 12.30 Monarch Of The Glen 1.30 The Free Range Cook 2.00 Robin Hood 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 The Drum 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 Who's Been Sleeping In My House? 8.30 The History Of Safari 9.25 Kevin McCloud: Slumming It 10.15 Late Edition News 10.25 Silent Witness (MA) 11.20 Place Of Execution (M) 12.10 Darling Buds Of May 1.00 Movie: Captain Kidd (PG 1945) US action. Charles Laughton, Randolph Scott 2.30 Hungry Beast (M) 3.00 rage

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SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 China 21 6.30 Sarah Wiener Culinary Adventures 7.00 Eating Art 7.30 Don't Grow Old 8.30 Judgment Day Intelligent Design on trial 9.30 The World Game 10.30 Movie: The 36th Chamber Of Shaolin (M 1977) Cantonese action 12.30 Weatherwatch

9.30 Wilfred (MA) 10.00 South Park (M) 10.30 World News Australia 11.05 The World Game 12.05 SOS (M/MAV) 1.10 Movie: Cinderella (MA 2006) South Korean horror 3.00 Weatherwatch SBS 2 5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 China 21 6.30 Sarah Wiener Culinary Adventures 7.00 Eating Art 7.30 Don't Grow Old 8.30 Judgment Day Intelligent Design on trial 9.30 The World Game 10.30 Movie: The 36th Chamber Of Shaolin (M 1977) Cantonese action 12.30 Weatherwatch

TEN 6.00 Ten News 7.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 The Circle 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 The Doctors 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Judge Judy 3.30 Infomercial 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.30 The Project 7.30 Modern Family 8.00 Rules Of Engagement 8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles (M) 9.30 The Glades (M) 10.30 Medium (M) 11.30 The Late Show 12.30 Infomercials 4.00 Religion

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CINEMA REVIEWS ★★

THE IRON LADY

Margaret Thatcher, like John Howard, polarised public opinion. I was never an admirer (of either), but it must be conceded that Phyllida Lloyd's bittersweet bio-pic is neither hagiography nor hatchet job. It opens (minus intrusive credits) with the aged Thatcher being brushed aside by a suited gent as she approaches the counter in a grocery shop. The scene is one of cruel irony, for at the very outset we see the frail old lady, returned to the setting from whence she came as a child, a victim of the aspirational (or 'I'm alright Jack') mentality that she championed throughout her career. Abi Morgan's scrambled but always coherent screenplay then randomly jumps to and from different periods of the former prime minister's life, reflecting fractured images and recollections of the past as they flash into the mind of a woman who is losing her grip on reality and living increasingly in the

bubble of memory. Without re-writing history, the volatile politics of the period – miners' strikes, IRA bombings, the Falklands War – are not so much breezed through, with at times shocking use of archival news footage (the sinking of the *General Belgrano* will remain forever inexcusable to many) as given thumbnail sketches. The temper of the times is well established – only the most blinkered feminists would deride her achievements – allowing for Lloyd to eke out what made Thatcher tick. That an old-fashioned boy-meets-girl romance should emerge from the tempest is the movie's real surprise. Meryl Streep is superb – watch the beautifully studied shots of her stooped walk as, like a tragic Shakespearean heroine, she shuffles through her empty palace. Jim Broadbent as Thatcher's late husband Dennis, haunting her lonely widowhood, is reliably good, if a little more robust than I always imagined the fellow to be, while Olivia

Colman as daughter Carol brings a true sense of family to the piece. Intractable haters will resent Lloyd for finding the human being behind the twin-pearled, bellicose colossus, but if you can get over your prejudice you'll find the film provocative, insightful and unexpectedly sad. ~ **John Campbell**

TOWER HEIST

A suspension of disbelief is not the only prerequisite when viewing a celebrity heist flick. Equally important is an abandonment of any tendency to analyse what is actually happening on screen, for the unlikely scenarios and implausible situations invariably come thick and fast. They certainly do in this, an enjoyable but instantly forgettable piece of post-Chrissie nonsense that never makes up its mind whether it is comedy or drama. Also disconcerting is the proposition of Ben Stiller as Josh, the leader of a motley crew who plan to relieve the penthouse owner, Mr Shaw (Alan Alda), a Wall Street Croesus (everybody's favourite new bad guy), of his ill-gotten millions. The best line comes as an aside during an introductory scene in which Josh, the majordomo at a New York apartment tower of fabulously wealthy tenants, asks new employee Enrique (Michael Peña) '... and do you know what all these people are buying?' 'White neighbours?' is the pawky reply. There then follows a sort of half-hearted attempt at iconoclasm, but when it comes to mocking extreme wealth and deriding the selfishness that it frequently nurtures, you know that, deep down, the bloated and privileged of Hollywood just don't have the heart for it. Without a typically rascally contribution from Eddie Murphy, however, it would be as flat as a tack, notwithstanding his tired old Amos'n'Andy in a black beanie shtick. As Slide, the experienced crim called in to help the klutzes, who also include an obese Jamaican chambermaid (Gabourie Sidibe) who is a dab hand at safe-breaking (see what I mean about implausibilities?), Murphy at least brings some tang to the blandness. Casey Affleck cast as Charlie, a fellow conspirator and father-to-be, is a dead loss, as is Téa Leoni, the token dame as an FBI agent. The cinematography is beautiful, particularly in the

opening nocturnal shot of the Big Apple and the cleverly conceived climax. And of course, the guys triumph in the end, but it's disappointing to see that it's all about slaving over a golden car. ~ **John Campbell**

PUSS IN BOOTS

As a general rule, it's fair to say that the split screen is no more than a gimmick. Used as a gentle prod to round up wavering attention, it is unusual to come across it in a cartoon feature – but yes, it was called for in this latest, over-worked outing of the *Puss in Boots* fairy tale. Dreamworks Studios, considered by experts to be running a close second to Pixar/Disney (I can't tell the difference), have produced a ravishingly beautiful movie that, in most sequences, fairly glows with golden light. Opening with an oddly risqué scene in which Puss (Antonio Banderas) is dressing and leaving a cute Persian, whose name he can't remember, after a night of love, the story then follows a long, circuitous route, set in Quixotic Spain, that has our hero in pursuit of a handful of legendary beans. During his adventure Puss teams up with a rather unctuous Humpty Dumpty (Zac Galifianakis) and, in a peculiar mish-mash of characters, encounters Little Boy Blue, Jack and Jill, a septuagenarian Jack of Beanstalk fame, the Goose that lays the golden egg and, among others, a sexy black cat (Salma Hayek) that, for all I know, may have prowled in from *To Catch A Thief*. The plot, requiring close scrutiny, is derailed somewhat by an over-long flashback to the orphanage where Puss met Humpty, but the animation is loaded with the sort of inventiveness that can't fail to stimulate fertile young minds (which is unarguably an excellent thing). There is also enough wit and irony in the dialogue to keep grown-ups entertained, but the approach feels helter skelter – as though the creators were trying to fit in every new idea that came into their heads. It's good fun and the kids around me seemed to enjoy it, but for mine it had neither the emotional gravity of *Rango* nor the varying and believable characterisations of *Cars 2*. The best is saved till last when the cats do a beaut dance routine at the Glitter Club. **John Campbell**



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Country - town - seaside

Victoria Cosford



Especially during holidays the question surfaces. Where do you recommend for dinner? Asked not only by locals but also by visitors, it is a question with which I always have difficulty, on several levels. First of all, the delicate matter of consistency, or rather its lamentable lack, means that I may gush over a recent restaurant experience and urge friends along, only to be told afterwards that it had definitely failed to live up to the hype. This inconsistency is, besides, a function of the fact we live in a largely touristy, seasonally-determined area - although why Noosa is never guilty of this I will never comprehend.

Then there is the potent matter of subjectivity: I may love a place to pieces but that is just my personal response, linked possibly, probably, to the mood I was in and the company I was keeping. Finally, specifics would really assist me in handing out advice - advice, I reiterate, based on one woman's opinion. In other words, are you looking for somewhere romantic and intimate or somewhere hip, noisy and popular? With or without a view? Dealing in a particular cuisine, perhaps - Japanese or French or vegetarian or family-friendly, please-all-palates? There may indeed be a lack of reassuring conformity in the restaurant experience up here but what there also is is a catholic range of places to eat - and a big range at that; we are not poorly served in this regard.

I spent 2011 dining out at a wide cross-section of these places - and others in other parts of the state and the country - far too numerous to comment on. Quite by coincidence, however, the last handful included a respectable representation of those I would file under the heading of Location, the sub-headings being Country, Town and Seaside.

Wilson's by the Creek is the restaurant back of Coorabell, part of the pampering Peppers group and attached to its hinterland retreat. It is too easily overlooked because there it is utterly off all beaten tracks; it is also, in its quiet, hidden-away manner, quite stunning, both in environs and in

food. Chef Adam Hall took over less than a year ago and his signature dish of coffee-smoked duck is a thing of beauty. Especially when consumed out on the wooden deck of the glorious building with manicured lawn before you and rainforest enveloping you and the absolute stillness of being, it feels, in the middle of nowhere. Adam might, for a special, unfold fresh tuna and salmon in spring roll wrappers, bake then slice and send it all out in a sublime broth of kaffir lime with squiggles of tenderest squid. It's clever, inventive, fresh and exciting food here, a triumph of technique.

In Byron Bay, cafe one one one has had a huge year: dramatic renovations transforming this popular caff into the sort of space, arching ceilings and open kitchen, you find in the Big Smoke. And now available most nights for dinner, for the type of rustic European food for which it has since opening five years ago garnered a loyal local following. Mushrooms - field and exotic - arrive in a little jar amidst a tumble of toasts, the fungi steeped in thyme and garlic. Supple scotch fillet a generous whack of impeccably cooked flesh on a silverbeet bed; spatchcock glazed in honey. Walnut meringues and hand-made dark chocolate to finish. Gorgeous, gutsy food. On top of all that chef/co-owner Jade Campbell-Scott has just written a cookbook of the cafe's recipes, available via their website.

For a seaside location the Byron Beach Cafe might just be unmatched. A sunset prosecco out on the deck; the soft tendrils of subtly spicy squid tongue-dissolving; swordfish mounted on top of kipflers and spinach; baked peach halves scattered with crunchy, nutty streusel. You can feel quite hideously privileged, sitting up there above the waves, in a place which, moreover, for the second year in a row, has just been awarded Silver for best tourism restaurant and catering at the NSW Tourism Awards.

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whynotbyronbay.com.au

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The Restaurant at The Byron at Byron
Breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days
77-97 Broken Head Road
Byron Bay
6639 2111

With a focus on fresh local produce, the Restaurant at The Byron at Byron showcases fine food with passion. Dine in style overlooking a spectacular rainforest background and select from the seasonal menu which includes an enticing degustation dinner. **Happy Hour:** Join us from 4.30-6.00pm every day, for a relaxing drink on the deck with \$10 cocktails, \$6 wines and \$5 beers.

▶ BYRON BAY CONTINUED



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 Cnr Jonson St & Lawson St, Byron Bay
6680 9666
 www.balcony.com.au

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O-pes Restaurant & Bar
 Breakfast, lunch, dinner
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 Shop 7-8, 90-92 Ballina St, Lennox Head
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Rae's Fish Cafe
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6685 5366
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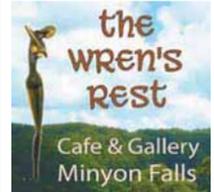
Blackboard at the Beach
 Breakfast & lunch Wed-Sun
6687 4333
 www.blackboard.net.au

Recommended in the Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011, this cruisy café is in Lennox Head's best location away from the hustle and bustle, with beautiful ocean views. Walk straight in from the beach to enjoy the superb café fare on offer for breakfast and lunch.



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

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



The Wren's Rest
 Fri-Sat 10.30am-10pm
 Sundays 10.30am-3.30pm
 School hols Wed-Thur 10.30am-3.30pm
 Minyon Falls Rd, Minyon Falls
6688 2361
 thewrensrestminyonfalls.com.au

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6680 7055
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Italian at the Pacific provides a bustling atmospheric restaurant, dishing up contemporary inspired Italian cuisine. We're introducing an exciting menu of taste plates, antipasti, fresh pastas and main dishes. With our new Ocean View Bar, we ensure all our guests have the opportunity to enjoy some of Byron's finest cocktails and wine.



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 byronbaypizza.com

The Byron Bay Pizza Company is dedicated to making the best take 'n' bake pizzas on the planet from the finest locally farmed and ethically produced ingredients. Come & check out our little pizza factory at **THE KIOSK @ The Byron Bay Tourist Village** where you can grab a pizza (hot or take 'n' bake) as well as fantastic coffee and more!
Treat yourself - It's food you can feel good about.



Uncle Tom's Pies
 At the Gateway to Mullum
 Mon-Fri: 6am to 6:30pm
 Sat: 6:30am to 6:00pm
 Sun: 7:00am to 6:00pm
6684 4041
 rich@rd.au.com

This iconic pie shop is now Byron Shire's "Little Secret", still serving a full range of traditional, handmade pies with the option of mushy peas and potato. We also do **great espresso coffee, fresh sandwiches, salads, fruit salads and slices.**
 Come on in for a milkshake, sit down and watch the world go by. Hope to see you soon.



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 7am - 10pm
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 Reservations:
6680 9960

Café by day, Italian restaurant by night. Targa is dishing up contemporary Italian fare, seven days a week, Genovese Coffee and a small but interesting wine list of local and Italian varietals.



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 72 & 72a Burringbar St, Mullumbimby
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 Mon-Fri 8-4, Sat 9-2
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 Wed-Fri from 4pm
 Sat from 2pm
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 50 River St, New Brighton
 www.yumyumtreecafe.com.au

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Earth 'n' Sea Pizza and Pasta
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 www.earthnsea.com.au
6685 6029

Earth'n'Sea Pizza and Pasta has been a vibrant part of the Byron dining scene since 1976. Their basic philosophy is to buy the best produce locally and make their food from scratch. This family restaurant offers great service in a friendly environment. The menu not only has 22 different pizzas - it also has great pastas and salads as well as gluten free options. Fully licensed. **FREE** underground parking available.



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 BYO
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6685 3101

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 Selection of flat breads. Large range of vegetarian pizzas and pastas. Gluten-free base available.



O-Sushi
Byron Bay Woolies Plaza, Jonson St **02 6685 7103**
Coolangatta Showcase on the Beach **07 5536 5455**
Broadbeach The Oracle, 12 Charles Ave **07 5570 2166**
 www.osushi.com.au

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Horizons
 Lunch from 11am
 Dinner from 5.30pm
 Brunch Sundays from 10am
 Phone: (07) 5536 2277
 or visit
 www.twintowns.com.au

Overlooking the sparkling blue waters of the Jack Evans Boat Harbour at Twin Towns is Horizons restaurant. Enjoy a friendly atmosphere with casual indoor or al fresco dining where you can take in our spectacular views. Bring a friend to Horizons for High Tea available Monday to Saturday in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4.30pm for an extra special afternoon delight!



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 B'fast: Sun 8.30am-11am
 Lunch: Wed-Sun 11am-3pm
 Dinner: Wed-Sat 5.30pm-9pm
6685 6470

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Santos Trading Warehouse
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6685 5685

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Wilson's by The Creek
 Open Fri, Sat, Sun
 Lunch 12-3pm
 Dinner 5-10pm
 139 Newes Rd, Coorabell
6684 7348
 Bookings essential

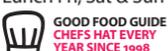
Discover Wilson's By The Creek Restaurant tucked away in the Byron hinterland. Newly open to the public, the elegant restaurant offers a truly gourmet experience, accompanied by Peppers renowned personal service. Savour the incredible flavours of the hinterland for a romantic dinner or gathering with friends, as Head Chef Adam Hall inspires you with his seasonal menu brimming with local produce.



Luscious Foods
 1/6 Tasman Way, Byron Arts & Industry Estate
6680 8228
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Surfers stay on pulse with ocean

With the largest online audience of surfers and coastal users in Australia, Coastalwatch.com has been the go-to place for surfers for over 10 years. Now, Australia's premiere coastal resource site is launching its new full-featured extension, Coastalwatch Plus, a premium service that will make it simple for surfers to stay on the pulse with the ocean.

With a sleek new look, Coastalwatch Plus provides state-of-the-art surf forecasting and wave-tracking technology that breaks down swell and wind information into easy-to-interpret graphics and more accurate surf reports based on better buoy information, so surfers never miss out on any of the action. Over 100 high-res cameras enable real-time vision of Australia's coast, from popular locations such as Bondi, Byron Bay, Burleigh Heads, Jan Juc, Winki and the Margaret River to smaller coastal towns including Bermagui and Lorne.

Kim Sundell, Coastalwatch CEO explains, 'Coastwatch's audience encompasses surfers of all ages, disciplines and skill levels.

'Our users are looking for a more refined solution for their surfing and coastal activities. Unfortunately these days, not many people have the time to get to the beach daily, so we are

providing them with the tools to plan their trips around the ocean's movements.'

Exclusive tools, such as the new wave tracker and customisable SMS and email alerts, have been designed to keep everyday surfers one step ahead of the swell and notify them when it's on at their favourite spot.

New features also include an online diary for members to record their surfing adventures, new photo and video galleries to post and view the latest surfing footage, plenty of surfing, environmental and breaking news to keep surfers engaged through flat spells and the power to connect with fellow surfers.

Coastalwatch Plus will engage users in a way that has not been seen in the digital surf media, keeping members dialled into conditions wherever they are on the Australian coast.

A free 15-day trial is available for first-time users; following that subscriptions start from \$1.35 per week. As an added bonus, new members will receive \$110 worth of surfing gear, including a subscription to *Surfing World* magazine when they sign up.

To find out more visit plus.coastalwatch.com or phone 1800 207 502.

SPORT RESULTS

BOWLS

Mullumbimby Ex-Services Men

24 December Mixed Social Offspring bounces Mainspring, P Rose (visitor), B Rose, Son R Gower 33 def I Pettendy, Dad P Gower, M Holton 13. E Thomas (visitor), D Blake, N Lee 24 def J Thomas (visitor), S Thomas, J Canabou 11. G Porter, R Wainwright, R Fenwick 24 def J Naoum (visitor) B Doorsman (visitor), G Naoum 19.

28 December Social

Son Naoum, D Blake, P McDonald 31 def L Boyter, Dad Naoum, T Fenwick 12. G Marsden, A Pyzer, B McClymont 31 def De Brotherhood Henry 10. S Henry, R Fenwick, J Curr 33 def P Allen, J Scott, J Canabou 11

1st round Mixed Pairs Saturday 14

January entries open. Play every Wednesday and Saturday plus Muff 15 January at 9.30am

Ocean Shores Men

Sat 31/12 End of time Pairs Challenge -1ST M James & R Roberts, 2ND W Sprengel & T Mason, 3RD B James & K Roberts, 4TH B Payne & M Haines. Twilight bowls recommences on Tues 3RD Jan. Entries for Club C/ Ships close on 9TH Jan.

BRIDGE

Brunswick Valley

19/12/11 - 6 Table Mitchell. N/S: 1st gross; Mary Solway/Freda Star; 2nd gross; Sybil Easterbrook/Janine Murray; E/W: 1st gross; Gerry Withey/Alleyne Withey; 2nd gross; Diana Gall/Jean Elliott. We meet at Brunswick Heads Community Centre on Monday and Saturday. Seated by 1245. Guests welcome. If partner required, or information

regarding Bridge lessons, please tel Phyllis Keyte (02 6684 1103)

Ocean Shores

21/12 - 5 Table Mitchell. N-S: 1st gross: J Selleck/B Simons; 2nd gross: T Ellis/M Boyle. E-W: 1st gross: B Hurst/E Bridgeman; 2nd gross: S Perry/M Porter

28/12 - 3 Table Party Bridge

with Instant Scoring: 1st : S Van Rossum; 2nd: P Sultas; 3rd: F Star. We meet @ Ocean Shores Country Club every Wed. evening. Seated by 6:15pm. Contact Pam: 66803871

GOLF

Ocean Shores Men

Monday 26 Dec - Medley Stableford 1st Graham Conway 49pts, 2nd Philip Mansfield 40pts, 3rd Steven Pilcher 39pts

Wednesday 28 Dec - Single Stableford.

Chris Appel Electrical Servies

Div 1 - 1st Hilton Stephenson 40pts,

2nd Peter Slater 39pts, Lindsay Roser 38pts

Div 2 - 1st Chris Appel 39pts, 2nd

Raymond Darney 39pts, 3rd Brian Allen 39pts

Friday 30 Dec - Blue Marked Challenge.

Hotel Brunswick

Winner - Jeremy Deale 72

A Grade - Matt Weir 73, B grade - Tom Whitaker 72, C grade - Jeremy Deale 72

Saturday 31 Dec - Festival Cup - Single

Stableford.

Reflections Restaurant

Winner - Paul Watts 46pts

Div 1 - Leo Predergast 42 pts, 2nd

James Mangleson 42pts, 3rd Anthony Watt 41pts

Div 2 - 1st Paul Watts 46pts, 2nd

Brian Allen 41pts, 3rd Robert Toone 39pts.

World Junior Championships in Burleigh

The iconic point break of Burleigh Heads on Australia's Gold Coast will play host to the final of the 2011 World Junior Championship of surfing in a move that represents a homecoming for the event sponsor, Billabong.

The Billabong World Junior Championships Gold Coast, Australia, will be held at Burleigh Heads from January 21 to 29 this year. It is the third and final event on the 2011 ASP World Junior Championship tour.

The event brings together the world's top 48 junior surfers (aged 15 to 20) from countries including Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Japan, Tahiti, South Africa, France and Portugal.

It is the first time the event has been held on the Gold Coast and, being just three weeks prior to the commencement of the 2012 ASP World Tour at nearby Snapper Rocks, means the world's best professional surfers and future stars will gather in the same city for a showpiece month of surfing.

'Billabong has not had the opportunity to bring a major event to the Gold Coast since 2000 so this is something of a homecoming,' said Billabong's brand manager, Andrew Flitton.

'The last event we staged here was a Billabong Pro world tour surfing event down at Kirra so what better way than to return with an event that showcases the future stars of surfing.

'Burleigh is one of the world's best sand-bottom points, which is great for high performance surfing, and it is also an amazing place for spectators to get close to the action.'

Defending World Junior

Ocean Shores Men Vets

22.12.11 Stableford - 63 Starters - Winner: Keith Kennedy 41 points C/B, Runner up: Arthur Donaldson 41, Third: Peter Slater 40, Fourth: Tony Cornell 38 C/B. Juan "Jimmy" Price scrubbers ball: Noel Keil.

29/12/11. 4 Man Ambrose... 1st. Ian

Opperman, Michel Boyle, Ken Lange and Cliff Chidlow 51 7/8 Pts. Runners Up.. Stewart Carey, Peter Keogh, Denis McCulloch and Glen Henry 56 1/4 pts. N.T.P. 3rd John Conqueror..8th Graeme Llewellyn..17th Michel Boyle..The Jimmy Price Scrubbers balls "The Carroll Group".

TABLE TENNIS

Mullumbimby

Fred Newman defeated John Harrison 3-2 in the singles competition on countback, when both players completed the round robin with one defeat. Fred had gone down to Mark Smith in a close tussle 3-2 and 11-8 in the fifth. Chris Strybos & Erich Riemermann successfully defended their doubles title (from last week) by defeating Mark Smith & John Harrison 3-1.

There will be no play over the next two Thursday's. Play resumes on 12th January 2012. All welcome, we play is at the Mullumbimby Tennis Clubhouse, Byron Street Mullumbimby, Thursday evening 6.30pm



Reigning World Junior Champion Jack Freestone from the Gold Coast will be looking to defend his title on home turf at Burleigh Heads in 2012.

Champion Jack Freestone, who resides just a few beaches south of Burleigh, said the luring of the event to the Gold Coast is a significant moment for junior surfing.

'To finally have a world junior event on the Gold Coast is amazing, let alone having it at Burleigh which is one of the most high-performance waves in the world,' said Jack.

'The backdrop for the event is sick. When you're out in the water there are people standing on the rocks and they're hooting and hollering and being the Australia Day weekend there will also be a lot of Australian pride going down.

'It is a great outcome for surfing and we are thankful for the support of each of the event partners in allowing us to bring the event to the Gold Coast,' said Flitton.

start. Also, build on your skills with our table tennis robot.

Enquiries phone Mark 0409 473 517 or Chris 6684 1468.

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Bruns Heads 6628 4495
1st SAT Murwillumbah 0417 759 777
1st SAT Lismore Con Artists 0407 124 991

1st SUN Byron Bay 6685 6807

1st SUN Lismore Car Boot 6628 7333

2nd SUN The Channon 6688 6433

2nd SUN Lennox Head 6687 8618

2nd SUN Alstonville 6628 1568

3rd SAT Mullumbimby 6684 3370

3rd SAT Murwillumbah 0417 759 777

3rd SUN Uki 6679 5921

3rd SUN Nimbin 6689 0000

3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot 6628 7333

3rd SUN Ballina 6687 4328

4th SUN Bangalow 6687 1911

5th SUN Lennox Head 6687 8618

5th SUN Nimbin 6689 0000

SATURDAYS

Byron Community Bazaar 10-2pm 6685 6807

FARMERS MARKETS

Each TUE New Brighton 6684 5390

Each TUE Organic Lismore 6628 1084

Each WED 7-11am M'bah 6684 7834

Each THU 8-11am Byron 6687 1137

Each FRI 7-11am Mullum 6684 5390

Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow 6687 1137

Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki 6679 5530

Byron Bay Camping & Disposals

For Redback work boots and tents
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BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE

CHARITY GOLF DAY

Mullumbimby Golf Course.
Saturday January 7 - 12.30pm shotgun start
Four person Ambrose.
Lots of prizes - All proceeds go to charity.
Enquiries or to register call the Pro Shop on
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☉ First quarter	January 1	17:14
☽ Full moon	January 9	18:30
☾ Third quarter	January 16	20:08
☀ New moon	January 23	18:39

JANUARY 2012 Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	S 0551	1947	1244		0240,1.35; 1430,1.28	0836,0.71; 2057,0.55
2	M 0551	1947	1336	0025	0322,1.37; 1530,1.20	0944,0.73; 2146,0.58
3	T 0552	1947	1429	0059	0427,1.41; 1638,1.15	1057,0.71; 2240,0.59
4	W 0553	1947	1522	0134	0522,1.46; 1746,1.15	1205,0.65; 2333,0.59
5	T 0553	1947	1616	0214	0614,1.53; 1845,1.17	1301,0.57
6	F 0554	1948	1709	0258	0600,1.60; 1934,1.21	0022,0.59; 1347,0.49
7	S 0555	1948	1801	0346	0743,1.67; 2017,1.25	0108,0.54; 1429,0.42
8	S 0556	1948	1851	0439	0825,1.74 ; 2058,1.29	0150,0.50; 1506,0.35
9	M 0556	1948	1937	0536	0903,1.80 ; 2137,1.33	0231,0.46; 1543,0.30
10	T 0557	1948	2020	0635	0943,1.83 ; 2217,1.37	0313,0.43; 1620,0.26
11	W 0558	1948	2100	0735	1024,1.84 ; 2300,1.41	0356,0.41; 1659,0.23
12	T 0559	1948	2138	0836	1105,1.82 ; 2344,1.44	0442,0.40; 1738,0.23
13	F 0600	1948	2215	0938	1149,1.75	0530,0.42; 1818,0.26
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15	S 0601	1948	2330	1141	0121,1.49; 1326,1.53	0719,0.49; 1948,0.36
16	M 0602	1948		1244	0216,1.51; 1424,1.40	0825,0.53; 2040,0.42
17	T 0603	1947	0011	1348	0316,1.54; 1533,1.29	0940,0.55; 2140,0.47
18	W 0604	1947	0057	1454	0421,1.59; 1652,1.23	1100,0.52; 2245,0.49
19	T 0605	1947	0147	1558	0528,1.66; 1808,1.24	1216,0.44; 2349,0.48
20	F 0605	1947	0242	1659	0630,1.74 ; 1914,1.28	1321,0.35
21	S 0606	1947	0342	1755	0728,1.82 ; 2009,1.33	0049,0.45; 1415,0.27
22	S 0607	1946	0444	1845	0820,1.87 ; 2058,1.38	0145,0.41; 1502,0.22
23	M 0608	1946	0547	1930	0908,1.89 ; 2142,1.42	0235,0.38; 1545,0.21
24	T 0609	1946	0649	2010	0951,1.86 ; 2224,1.44	0323,0.37; 1626,0.22
25	W 0610	1945	0748	2046	1032,1.80 ; 2304,1.44	0408,0.39; 1702,0.26
26	T 0611	1945	0845	2119	1111,1.71 ; 2344,1.44	0451,0.42; 1737,0.32
27	F 0611	1945	0940	2152	1146,1.60	0533,0.48; 1809,0.38
28	S 0612	1944	1033	2224	0021,1.43; 1222,1.48	0616,0.54; 1842,0.44
29	S 0613	1944	1126	2257	0101,1.42; 1300,1.36	0701,0.60; 1915,0.51
30	M 0614	1943	1219	2332	0145,1.40; 1344,1.26	0752,0.66; 1955,0.57
31	T 0615	1943	1312		0233,1.40; 1438,1.17	0853,0.70; 2045,0.62

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MASSIVE GARAGE SALE 7 & 8 Jan, 8am onwards, moving overseas, everything must go. 8 Jarvis St, Clunes

BRUNS cnr Byron St & Booyun Lane 8 Sat, clothes, ladies, baby, books, h-hold

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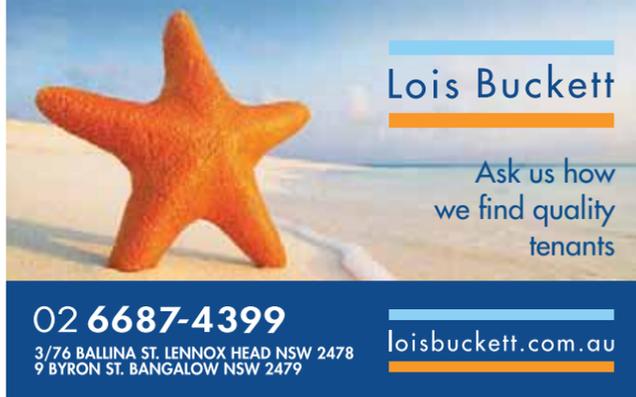
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Young people in NSW more worried about stress and school than ever before: national youth survey

Young people in NSW are more worried about school and study and coping with stress than ever before according to the country's largest annual survey of young people.

And despite recent efforts by governments and others to promote positive body image, young women in the state registered their highest level of concern around the issue since it was added to the survey in 2006.

Mission Australia's 10th National Survey of Young Australians tested the views of close to 14,900 young people in NSW (almost 46,000 nationally) between the ages of 11 and 24 (98 per cent aged 11-19). In addition to their concerns it surveyed what young people value, who they turn to for advice, what activities they engage in, concerns for the country and how they feel about the future.

When asked to rank their personal concerns from 15 issues, school/study problems was ranked most frequently in the top three by 38.1 per cent of NSW respondents, followed by coping with stress at 36.1 per cent and body image at 32.4 per cent.

Anxiety around school/study problems and coping with stress jumped significantly from recent surveys.

Concern for school/study problems has increased by more than 20 per cent since the 2009 survey while coping with stress has jumped by almost 17 per cent.

The increase in concern has been greatest among NSW's 15-19 year olds. In 2010, 29.8 per cent ranked school/study problems as a big issue, this year it is 43.5 per cent. Last year, 33.1 per cent in this age

group considered coping with stress a top-three issue; this year that figure jumped to 43.4 per cent.

One of the most notable results from the 2011 survey has been the growth in concern about body image among young women in NSW.

Body image

In 2009, body image was ranked as a top three issue by 27.2 per cent of young women in the state. In 2010, 33.3 per cent considered it a top-three concern. But in the 2011 survey, 41.1 per cent of young women in NSW ranked it as a major concern – a growth of close to 14 per cent in two years.

And in a new question, when asked whether or not they knew where to go for support about their chief concern, more than one in five young people in NSW said they had nowhere to go.

Mission Australia's spokesperson, Eleri Morgan-Thomas, said uncertain economic times, high youth unemployment and a constant pressure to perform scholastically were all potential factors in increasing concern around stress and school/study.

'We often overlook the large number of demands young people face these days: everything from personal relationships to the expectations of parents, peers, schools, the wider community and young people themselves,' said Ms Morgan-Thomas.

'When compounded by gloomy economic forecasts, high youth unemployment and escalating pressures to perform in school it's no wonder we've seen such a large increase in worry about stress and school.



For young people in NSW, the stakes have never been higher.

'As for the rise and rise in concern about body image among young women in the state, I think that tells us that well-meaning efforts to combat

the problem by governments and others have failed to make an impact and need to be re-considered.

'Despite young people in NSW being more "media literate" than ever before, unrealis-

tic and unachievable images of physical perfection seem to be causing concern among young women at levels we've not seen before in previous surveys.

'It's worth noting that young people are not just worried about their personal body image but also how the media continue to promote an unhealthy concept of beauty. It places an enormous amount of pressure on them.

'Nowhere to go'

'One of the most worrying developments in this year's survey has been that more than one in five participants in NSW don't feel they have anywhere – or anyone – to go to about their main concern.

'I think that's a sign to parents, schools, community organisations, governments – anyone that plays a role supporting adolescents – that we need to lift our game in communicating to young people the avenues available to them for help and information.'

For the second time, the survey asked young people for their views on the most important issues facing Australia.

As in 2010, leading the responses in NSW was environment with 46.7 per cent ranking it as a 'top-three' national issue followed by alcohol and drugs (29.0 per cent) and economy and financial matters (20.9 per cent). Environment was the major issue for all age groups and for both males and females in NSW.

More than one in two 11-14-year-olds in the state ranked environment as their leading concern for the country.

'In terms of young people in NSW nominating the environment as the most impor-

tant issue facing the country it's clear from their responses they believe urgent action is required on a number of fronts,' said Ms Morgan-Thomas.

'What's particularly interesting is that despite the vigorous debate around Australia's proposed carbon tax over the last 12 months – with many contributors voicing doubt about global warming – young people's concern around the environment in NSW has remained relatively constant since last year's survey.'

Despite the survey showing that young people are shouldering a diverse range of serious concerns – often from a tender age – it also detected a significant level of optimism in the future.

Optimistic

Close to two-thirds of participants in NSW were positive about the future while only a little more than nine per cent were negative. The remaining 27 per cent were neither.

'When we asked NSW participants to tell us how they felt about the future. The answer was resoundingly optimistic.

'Young people in NSW – as they are throughout the country – are also incredibly grounded. When asked what they value, financial security lags way behind family and friends and that's very encouraging,' said Ms Morgan-Thomas.

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Everybody needs good neighbours – as long as they keep their distance

Life in the suburbs hinges on a delicate, unwritten code of conduct between neighbours, according to a University of Queensland sociology researcher who has won a prestigious award for her work on neighbourly relations.

'Neighbours seem to expect each other to keep their distance and respect privacy most of the time, but also to be there when needed,' said Lynda Cheshire, of UQ's School of Social Science.

'Because no-one really talks about these expectations, we end up with a precarious balance between familiarity and privacy, where breaches of this unwritten code are almost impossible to avoid.'

Dr Cheshire says it is ironic that although there was a huge outpouring of goodwill and neighbourly support dur-

ing the Queensland floods in January 2011, in recent years councils have been dealing with dramatically higher levels of official complaints about problem neighbours.

This is part of a global trend: complaints lodged with councils about neighbours have reached unprecedented levels around Australia and internationally.

Dr Cheshire said actual numbers of disputes were not necessarily on the rise, but neighbours appeared to be increasingly choosing to take their complaints through official channels.

'People are often reluctant to deal with disputes "over the back fence" because they dislike confrontation,' Dr Cheshire said.

However official complaints had always been just the 'tip of

the iceberg.'

'The vast majority of disputes and problems between neighbours go unreported,' she said.

Dr Cheshire was named as a winner of a prestigious UQ Foundation Research Excellence Award, which will provide \$80,000 for her to continue studying conflict and relations in the suburbs.

'Neighbours can be a source of all kinds of nuisance, aggravation and distress,' she said.

'Excessive noise or odour, inadequate levels of property maintenance, roaming animals and general forms of antisocial behaviour can all potentially interfere with the enjoyment of one's home and neighbourhood.'

Homebound residents – such as the elderly – were particularly vulnerable to

the effects of neighbourhood stresses, Dr Cheshire said. People who were disconnected from family and other social-support mechanisms also suffered when local support from neighbours was absent.

Dr Cheshire, an Australian Research Council Future Fellow and a sociologist in the UQ School of Social Science, said it appeared expectations were changing about how neighbours should behave.

'Our research will use neighbourhood complaints as a lens for understanding changing expectations of how neighbours should behave,' she said.

Dr Cheshire said councils were keen to understand why complaints were on the increase.

'Our work will yield important insights about changing expectations and the patterns

of disputes in the suburbs and in increasingly dense urban areas.'

Dr Cheshire said it was possible the rise in official complaints was indicative of a breakdown in neighbourly relations as society became more mobile and residents' lives more privatised and 'home centred'.

'We are less likely than ever to know our neighbours,' she said.

Her research project would ask whether people were becoming less considerate of the effects of their conduct upon those living nearby.

'Perhaps we are less tolerant now when our neighbours' private lives overflow into our own,' she said.

'Neighbourhoods are changing as a result of gentrification, increased density and urban

expansion into rural areas. Influxes of new residents have come into existing suburbs.

'This has contributed to residents being less likely to know their neighbours. We suspect residents may be less tolerant of new neighbours if they perceive neighbourhood changes as being beyond their control.'

But Dr Cheshire said the enormous outpouring of community goodwill and assistance during the Queensland floods in January was an overwhelming indicator of the level of goodwill among neighbours.

'The floods showed us that community and neighbourly spirit is still very much alive and well, still overwhelmingly positive, and a much, much greater influence on most people's lives than the conflicts that we are seeing reported to councils,' she said.

Housing supply at tipping point

The Residential Development Council (RDC) said the Australian government's National Housing Supply Council - State of Supply Report 2011 confirms what the industry has long known - that there is an ever-

widening gap between the demand for homes and the number being delivered.

Caryn Kakas, executive director, Residential Development Council, said the report found that there is a projected housing shortfall of 215,000 dwellings nationally and growing.

'The report identifies major gaps between the demand for homes and the available supply with the disparity being particularly pronounced in NSW and Queensland.

'This is the result of a significant number of barriers impeding the housing market.

'These include record levels of development taxes and charges, inefficient planning systems and the failure of governments to de-

liver linking hard and soft infrastructure to new communities.

'The gap between supply and demand is projected to rise to 640,000 homes over the next twenty years. If we want to ensure this is not the future of housing in Australia, the tipping point for action is now.

'Solutions include investing more funds into successful programs, such as NRAS, that specifically target the supply of homes to low and moderate income earners. We also must undertake a long-overdue, radical reform of the planning system to give the industry and the broader community greater certainty.

'At the same time, we need to ensure that funding for infrastructure is shared equitably



Concept of the West Byron proposal, which will be the only development of any significance in Byron Bay in twenty years, if approved.

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Growth in gap between underlying demand and adjusted net supply including cumulative gap (number of dwellings)

Year ended 30 June	Medium household growth	Adjusted net medium supply growth (a)	Annual growth in gap between underlying demand and adjusted net supply	Cumulative gap
2010	-	-	-	186,800
2011	162,600	134,600	27,900	214,700
2012	164,200	135,300	29,000	243,700
2013	165,100	135,900	29,100	272,800
2014	164,800	136,500	28,300	301,100
2015	164,800	137,100	27,700	328,800
2020	163,500	140,300	23,300	456,400
2025	162,200	142,100	20,100	556,900
2030	161,900	145,300	16,700	640,200

Source: National Housing Supply Council projections based on McDonald and Temple medium household growth scenario; National Housing Supply Council projections based on trends in dwelling completions; see Appendices 2 and 3 for full details. Note: (a) Adjusted net medium supply growth is additional supply less estimated demolitions, with resulting net production discounted by 5.9 per cent to account for dwellings unavailable to meet underlying demand.

rather than burdening just once market segment.

'Crucial to successfully tackling Australia's housing supply problems is a holistic, integrated approach from all levels of government to support the delivery of new homes.

'The federal government's involvement must be matched by leadership from the states and territories to support a more affordable future.

'The release of this report could not have come at a better time for the newly appointed minister for housing, the Honourable Robert

McClelland. It provides a clear picture of the issues facing the sector that are hampering its ability to supply housing.

'It is vital, if we are to build a

strong economy and meet the housing demands of our growing population, that the obstacles to delivering new housing are removed.'

HIA view

The Housing Industry Association also commented on the government's new report.

According to HIA's Graham Wolfe, 'The latest National Housing Supply Council report highlights that as a nation, we must embark on a significant housing policy reform agenda if we are to reinvigorate the residential building sector and keep the great Australian dream of home ownership a reality. 'Although all housing indicators point to a weak market, the chronic undersupply problem in Australia continues to grow.

'The independent report produced by the National Housing Supply Council shows that the gap between underlying demand and supply grew by 28,200 dwellings during 2009/10 to a total shortfall of 186,800. This demonstrates that there is a problem with housing supply and that there need to be specific policy actions to tackle it.

'Unfortunately the forecast by the Council for the short to medium term shows a further increase in the undersupply problem, with building approvals remaining sluggish. The report predicts at current rates over the next 20 years we are faced with an undersupply as high as 640,000 dwellings which is not inconsistent with the trends that HIA's own modelling has identified.'

With the less than encouraging outlook of the report, HIA has welcomed the focus on housing issues in the recent federal ministerial reshuffle.

'Given the disparity between demand for housing in Australia and current supply there

is a long way to go,' said Mr Wolfe. 'But the appointment of Mr McClelland to a dedicated housing and homelessness ministry is a very positive sign that the government recognises the

challenges confronting the residential building sector and the broader community.'

Mr Wolfe said addressing excessive and inefficient taxation, and land supply, remain high priorities for the housing industry if it is to bridge the housing undersupply gap.

'Taxation, levies and charges on a new house and land package can be in excess of 40 per cent of the purchase price. Independent economic modelling shows that the taxes on a new home are often in excess of the price of the land.

'Access to land for development is equally a problem, and it demonstrates that there is a role for all levels of government if we are to tackle the availability and affordability of housing for Australian families.'

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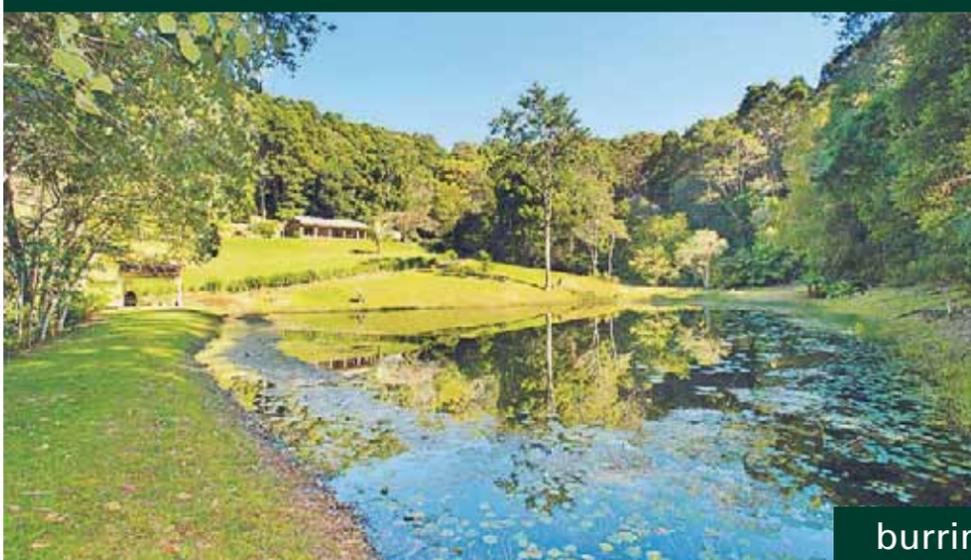
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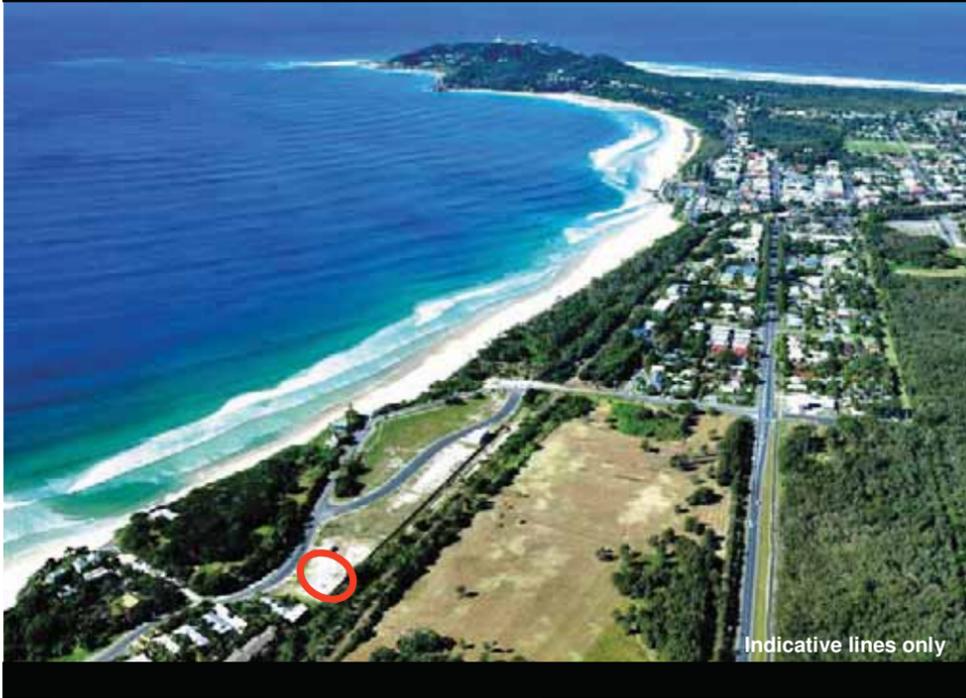
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- 5 acres with a sophisticated self sufficient solar power system
- Split level open plan living
- Covered entertaining area
- Two double garages

Address
13 James View Court,
Coorabell

Open Inspection
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10.30 - 11.00 am

For Sale \$1,298,000

Original farmhouse of Anderson Hill



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- Private 2.5 acres of near level land
- Beautifully refurbished with charm & character
- 3 large bedrooms, plus nursery/study
- Separate accommodation for guests
- Plunge pool with outdoor entertaining area

Address
143 Tandys Lane,
Anderson Hill

Open Inspection
By Appointment

For Sale

Tranquil waterfront lifestyle



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- Immaculate home situated with direct access to Brunswick River
- Large 1,127 sqm block
- Council approval for a pool and 5th bedroom conversion

Address
24 Berrimillah Court,
Ocean Shores

Open Inspection
Saturday Jan 7,
11.30 - 12.00 noon

Open to offers

Spacious apartment with glorious ocean views



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- Amazing ocean views in a peaceful, convenient location
- Tastefully renovated, open plan, large bedrooms
- Close to beach, Brunswick, shops and transport
- Lock-up-garage with ample storage

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1/3 Nunyar Court,
Ocean Shores

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- 1.9 acres gently sloping land
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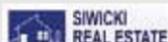


Brunswick Heads 4 Riverside Crescent 4 3 3

Picture Perfect Riverfront Family Home

- ▶ Prime position overlooking the gorgeous Brunswick River
- ▶ HUGE 2 level solid brick North facing home with guest accom
- ▶ Expansive covered front & rear verandas with views
- ▶ Tandem garage perfect for boat/caravan, easy walk to town & beach

Web Id: 706579
Price: \$850,000
Agent: Heidi Last
0416 072 868
Co-Agent: Russell Siwicki
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AUCTION

Possum Creek 196 Friday Hut Road 3 2 2

48 Fertile Acres (19.5HA) With Your Own Private Valley

- ▶ 3 bedroom home plus 1 bedroom cottage plus 1 bedroom cabin
- ▶ Remnant rainforest plus 20 acres of mature planting
- ▶ Private creek with swimming holes where platypuses play
- ▶ Organic orchard and veggie garden, surplus water

Open: Sat 7 Jan
11:30am - 12:30pm

Auction: Sat 4 Feb
onsite 11am

Agents: Kaye Wilkie
0412 856 208

Michael Gudgeon
0419 495 494



Mullumbimby 1 Hottentot Crescent 4 2 1

Owners' Circumstances Have Changed, Now Priced For Quick Sale!!

- ▶ Stylish split level design, cathedral ceilings & timber floors
- ▶ Level 704m² child friendly backyard & rear lane access
- ▶ North facing covered deck & short walk to Mullum Steiner School
- ▶ Separate study, guest wing or teenage retreat with side access

Price: Offers over \$499,000
Open: Sat 7 Jan
10am - 10:30am
Sat 14 Jan
10am - 10:30am
Agent: Heidi Last
0416 072 868



Possum Creek 597 Friday Hut Road

Ill Health Forces Sale

- ▶ Popular location, timber home on 3 acres
- ▶ Includes self contained cabin
- ▶ Wildlife sanctuary, organic veggie garden
- ▶ 5 mins to Bangalow, 15 mins to beaches

Web Id: 695698 3 1 2

Open: Sat 7 Jan
10am - 11am

Price: \$795,000

Agent: Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208
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Goonengerry 26 Bayview Drive

PRICE REDUCED: Owners Keen To Move And Motivated To Sell

- ▶ 360° vista and just 25 mins to Byron Bay
- ▶ 4 acres in quiet, no through lane
- ▶ Charming 3 bed home + 1 bed s/c studio
- ▶ Solar HW & power. Potential to extend (STCA)

Web Id: 644548 3+1 2 2

Open: Sat 7 Jan
1pm - 2pm

For Sale: REDUCED Offers over \$690,000

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1/50 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom plus wc, town house, DLUG
- Ideal location in beachside suffolk
- 1 of 3 in quiet, private complex
- Tiles, timber and leafy courtyard

INTEREST OVER \$520,000



5 Comet Close, Byron Bay

- In-town duplex, near Max's shop
- Deceased estate
- 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, large shed
- Freshly painted and very tidy

MAKE AN OFFER



59 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park

- 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms plus WC
- Direct beachfront
- Excellent holiday let figures
- Pool, outdoor decks, lush garden
- Impeccably maintained

INTEREST OVER \$1.6m



Fig Tree Hill, Lennox Head

- Vacant 2.25 acres with amazing ocean views
- Spectacular panoramic position
- Architect plans available
- 70 metres of frontage, ensures privacy

INTEREST OVER \$650,000



49 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park

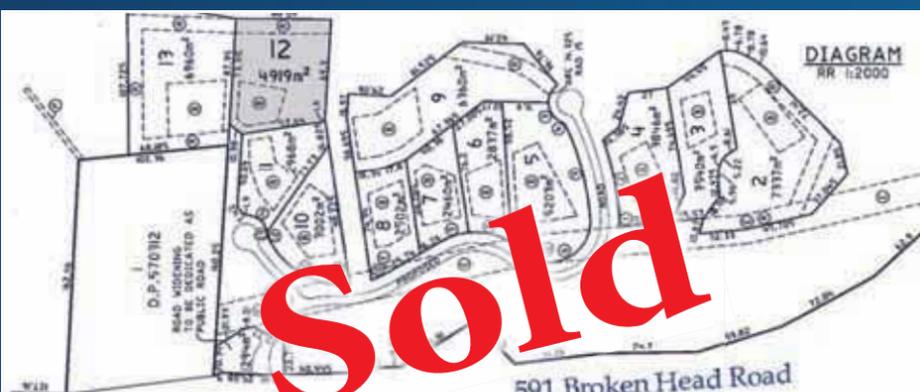
- Direct beachfront residence
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms plus wc
- Eclectic balinese/beach house style
- Indoor/outdoor living/2 lounge areas
- Operating as luxury holiday let
- Suit owner occupier or astute investor

\$1,699,000



1/14 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park

- Beachside suffolk duplex
- 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, SLUG
- Renovate and relax!
- Great entry level property



12/591 Broken Head Road, Broken Head

- Vacant land in eco-hamlet
- Private natural living environment
- Elevated with ridgeline views
- Exclusive and private community



3/19 Oceanside Place, Suffolk Park

- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms plus WC
- Town house in beachside location
- North-east aspect
- High ceilings and airy
- Wrap around courtyard

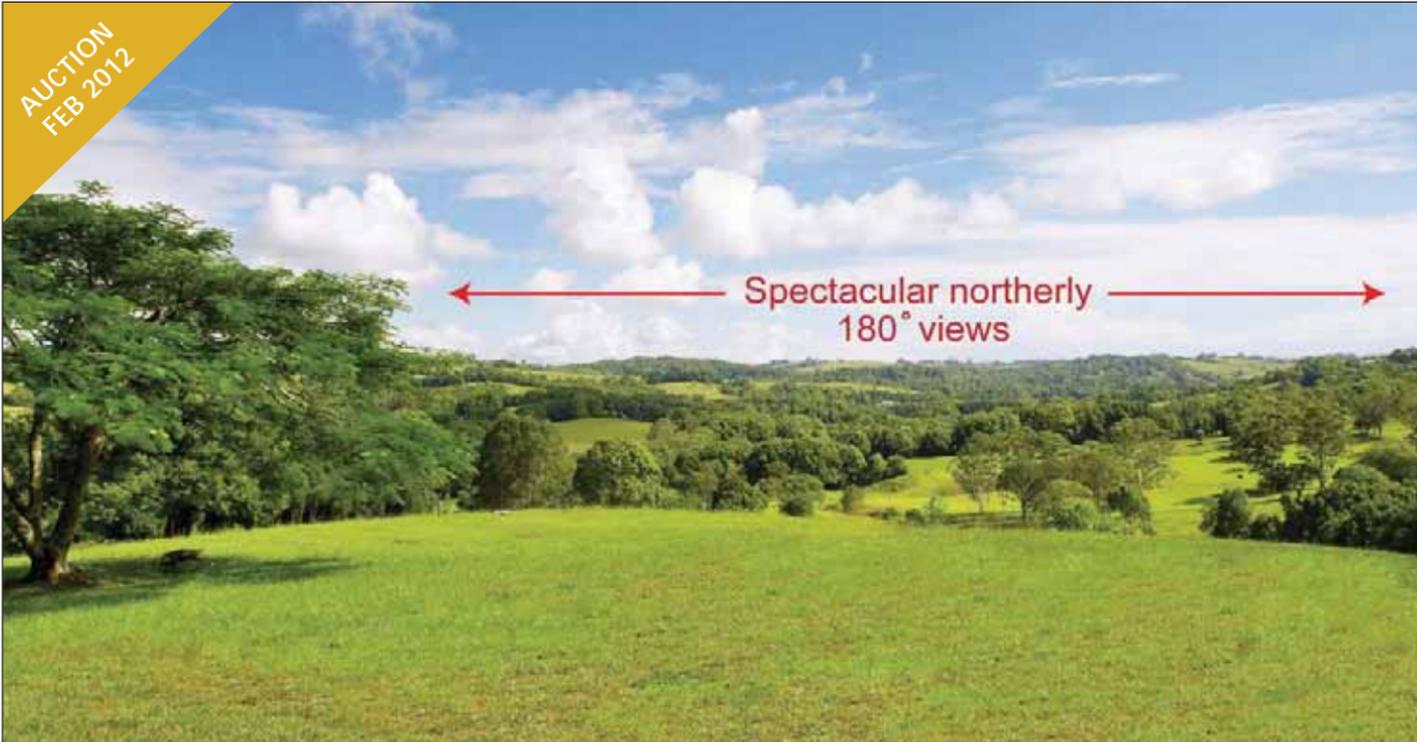
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Auction February 2012 - Inspection by appointment

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**AUCTION – THE BEACH COTTAGE
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- Dado walls & ornate ceilings
- 3 bedrooms, fire place, timber floors
- Stroll to the beach, river, park & shops
- 506m2 block of land eastside

Inspect Thursday & Saturday 11-11.30am
This Lady is going to Auction on
21 January 2012 at 11.45am,
if you would like to inspect call me,
Peter on 0411 801 795.



16 Peter Street, South Golden Beach

AUCTION – BEACHSIDE TOWNHOUSES

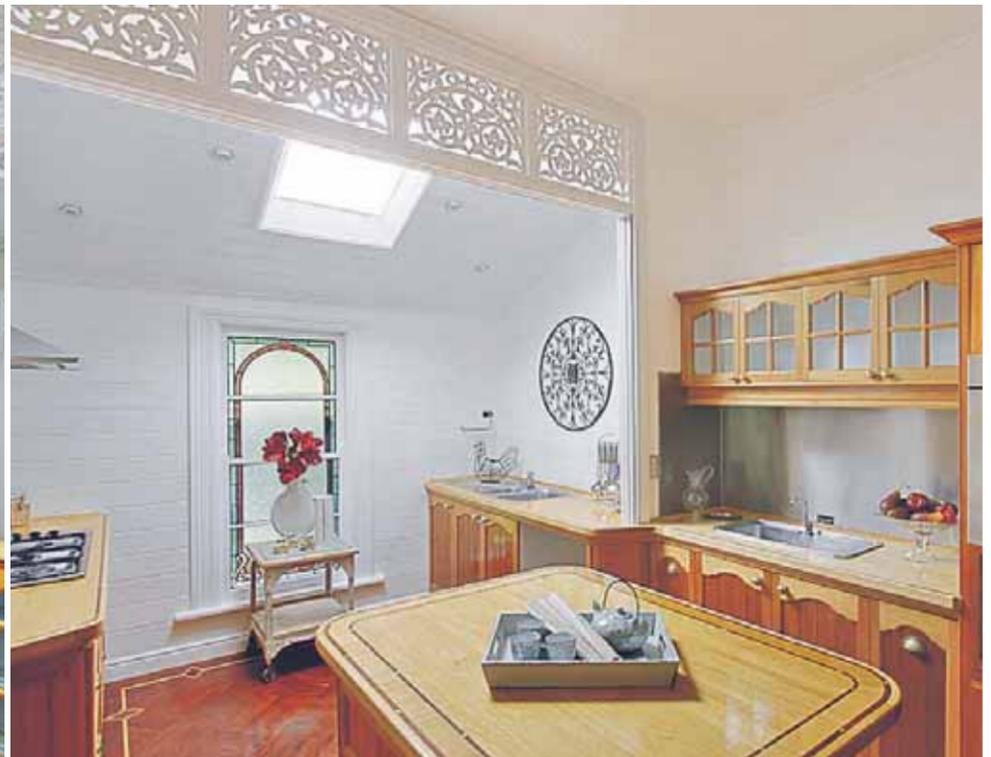
- Opportunity rarely knocks to buy
- 2 x 2 bedroom beachside townhouses
- In the highly sought after village of South Golden Beach
- Stroll to the waters edge
- Buy now and secure your super
- Owners are committed to a sale January

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63 CARLYLE STREET, BYRON BAY – PRIME LOCATION

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**Auction: 11am On-Site Saturday
February 11th, 2012**

View: Thursday 4pm & Saturday 11am

**Contact: Tony Farrell 0417 212 692
tfarrell.byronbay@ljh.com.au**

- Original timber home
- 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms + study
- 1,012m² (approx) block of land
- Rear lane access
- Renovated kitchen
- Renovated bathrooms
- Easy access to beach & town centre
- Golden opportunity in central location

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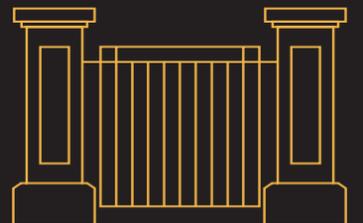
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SUPERB RENOVATION – BANGALOW

Wow what a wonderful makeover on this well located 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home 200m from the Bangalow CBD.

With particular attention to detail the bathroom, kitchen and internal layout with the use of space together with polished floors, elevated ceilings and enormous outdoor covered entertaining north/east deck makes this home special.

Other features include double carport, reverse cycle air conditioning and gorgeous rural views.



**AUCTION PRICE GUIDE:
INTEREST FROM \$545,000**

9 CAMPBELL STREET, BANGALOW
**To be auctioned on site 28th January
Price Guide: Interest from \$545,000
Contact Scott on 0412 296 872 or Hillary on 0409 007 213**

FREE AS THE BREEZE – BYRON BAY

Discover this well positioned, elevated home in a leafy street in the Bay. You'll experience a peaceful home setting with great views and proximity to all the local beaches, cafes and entertainments, while retaining your privacy.

Enjoy the split-level design, allowing privacy between the main bedroom with built-ins and en-suite, the two bedrooms with a separate sitting room/office and a large open plan living area and kitchen/dining room, together with a superb northern verandah looking over a vast green tree line.



**NOW FOR SALE
\$685,000**

14 SHELLEY DRIVE, BYRON BAY
**Now For Sale \$685,000
Contact Scott Harvey on 0412 296 872**

SUPERB RENOVATION – BANGALOW

Just minutes away from the cafes and boutiques of Bangalow village, this gorgeous original Queenslander with such features as stained glass windows, polished hoop pine flooring and 10ft ceilings are all seamlessly combined with the comfort of contemporary living.

A spacious layout features 4 generous bedrooms, open plan living/dining, new bathroom and separate laundry. From the kitchen, French doors lead you out to a huge north facing undercover verandah cleverly designed to capture the cooling breezes in summer and wonderful winter sun.



**NOW FOR SALE
\$735,000**

25 PALM LILY CRESCENT, BANGALOW
**Now For Sale \$735,000
Contact Scott on 0412 296 872 or Sonia on 0409 033 250**

TOUCHING NATURE – BANGALOW

Enjoy the quiet end of town and discover this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with never to lose rural views to spot koalas, wallabies and the wildlife that abounds.

Features include open plan living, modern granite chefs kitchen, solar panels, rainwater tank, R/C aircon, a spacious fenced backyard, a variety of fruit trees, double garage with remote control doors and handy north facing covered entertaining area. Very child friendly with close council reserve and playground, this family home awaits.



**AUCTION PRICE GUIDE:
INTEREST FROM \$595,000**

51 TRISTANIA STREET, BANGALOW
**To be auctioned on site 28th January
Price Guide: Interest from \$595,000
Contact Sonia on 0409 033 250 or Scott on 0412 296 872**

Property in Focus

Beyond Beautiful – 7 Creekfront Hectares

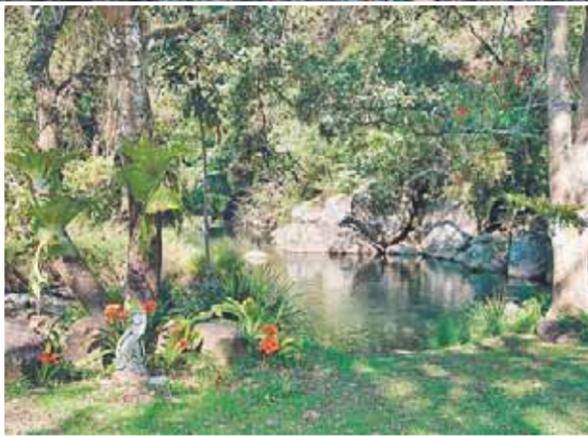


An eco paradise! Incomparably beautiful in every way.

Creekfront acres with swimming holes, spring water, mountain views, rock escarpments, clean and very well fenced paddocks, rainforest, organic orchard.

Plus. Non-toxic natural and amazingly handcrafted home with the emphasis on sustainability and solar efficiency. This has style!

Plus. Guests cabin, sheds, hot tub and fully imported sauna – it's great!



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Price: 1,290,000

Agent: Mark Cochrane Real Estate 6684 2663

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Auction**

Tranquil Tweed Valley

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With a welcoming feel of peace and relaxation, this truly unique property offers the perfect place to relax, unwind and meditate your cares away.

- * Fully renovated, four bedrooms, master with ensuite
- * Gourmet kitchen, study & Gym
- * Two split system air conditioners
- * North-East aspect with ocean & hinterland views
- * 10 acres (cleared & treed areas)
- * Dual Living plus storage shed
- * Four car accommodation
- * 5 minute drive to local store & 20 minute drive from the beach

Carool is set against the magnificent backdrop of the Tweed Valley Hinterland.

Auction:

Auction in the Renaissance Room, Twin Towns 6.00pm EDST, 31st January 2012

View: Saturday 11.30am-12.30pm

Web ID: 518849

Contact: Tony Parsons 0405 554 667



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92 Sunrise Blvd, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm

1 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am

PRD OCEAN SHORES

5 Peter Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.45pm

14 Goondooloo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.45am

25 Coomburra Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.45pm

33 Coomburra Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.45pm

PROFESSIONALS MULLUMBIMBY

3 Skyline Road, Billinudgel. Sat 1.15-2pm

LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE

55 Dress Circle Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 11-11.30am

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Lot 3 Pinegroves Road, Tyagarah. Sat 12-12.45pm

OUR HOUSE ONLINE

1 Banksia Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am

13 James View Court, Coorabell. Sat 10.30-11am

24 Berrimbillah Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.30am-12pm

1/3 Nunyar Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

597 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek. Sat 10-11am

1 Hottentot Crescent, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am

26 Bayview Drive, Goonengerry. Sat 1-2pm

SCOTT HARVEY REAL ESTATE

14 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am

25 Palm Lily Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am

AUCTIONS

PROFESSIONALS MULLUMBIMBY

Auction 12pm onsite February 4th

175 Moffatts Road, Billinudgel. Inspect Wed & Sat 12-1pm

Auction 10.30am onsite February 18th

788 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

Auction onsite 11am Saturday Feb 4th

196 Friday Hut Rd, Possum Creek. Inspect Sat 11.30am-12.30pm

LJ HOOKER BRUNSWICK HEADS

Auctions 11.45am January 21st at the Brunswick Heads RSL Auxiliary Hall

2 Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads. Inspect Thu & Sat 11-11.30am

LJ HOOKER BYRON BAY

Auction 11am onsite Saturday Feb 11th

63 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Inspect Thu 4pm & Sat 11am

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Auctions onsite January 28th

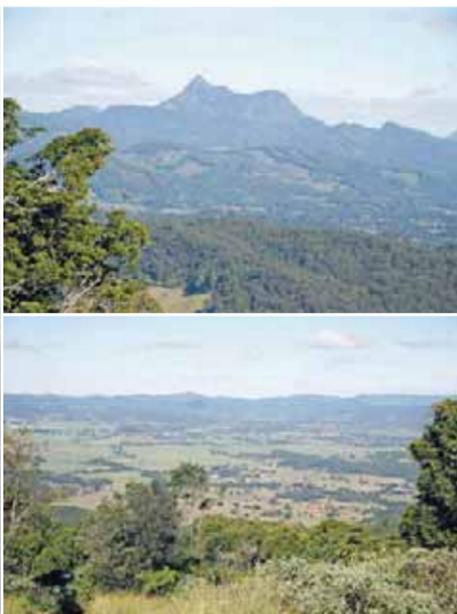
9 Campbell Street, Bangalow. Inspect Sat 12-12.30pm

51 Tristania Street, Bangalow. Inspect Sat 12.30-1pm

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Auction 6pm EDST, January 31st in the Renaissance Room, Twin Towns

680 Carool Road, Carool. Inspect Sat 11.30am-12.30pm



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A happy new year to everyone, notwithstanding the Mayan calendar and climate change. It seemed to pass relatively peacefully in the Shire apart from a punch-up in a caravan park.

Best wishes to Gary Chigwid-den, retiring editor of the *Byron Shire News* and ubiquitous presence in Byron Bay public life over the last 20 years or so. Gary certainly improved the fortunes of the *News* when he came on board, and he will be a hard act to follow for the new editor, Digby Hildreth from APN's daily the *Northern Star*, which has taken on some of the journos from the defunct *Tweed Daily News*.

The efficacy of the police drug sniffer dogs comes into question yet again after the pooches visited the Tropical Fruits NYE rave several times and failed to detect a single substance. Either it was a remarkably altered-state-free night or the dogs should stick to customs work and explosives detection.

From today (January 3) you can expect to pay two bucks to park your car at the Broken Head Nature Reserve, unless of course you have an annual National Parks pass. NPWS puts it down to the need to fund conservation works. We suppose user-pays is a logical way to support conservation but *Backlash* looks back wistfully when so much more of the coastline was free to visit. But we've had it pretty good for a long time in Australia, haven't we?

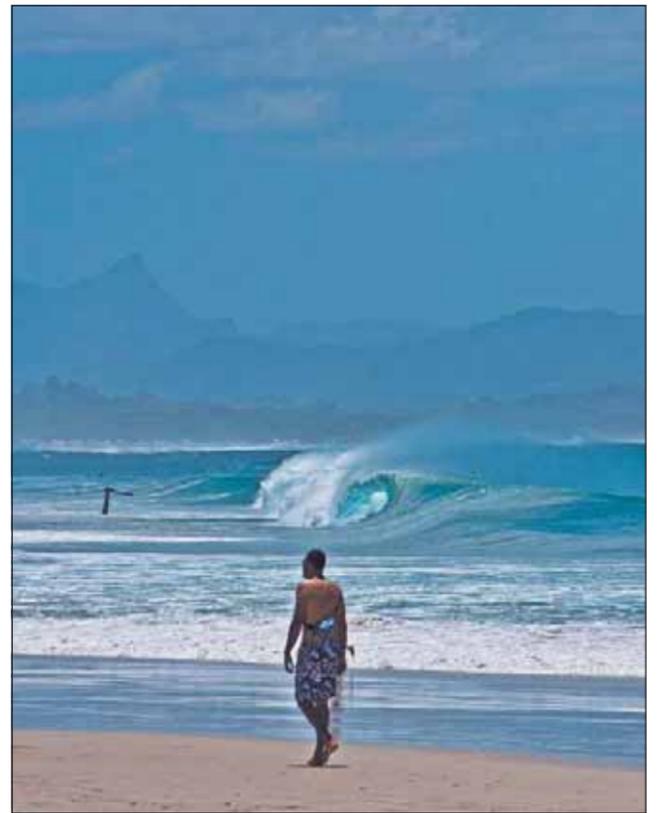
Erowid.org, home of the Psychoactive Vaults, reports that in 1606 the British Parliament passed 'The Act to Repress the Odious and Loathsome Sin of Drunkenness'. Requiring those convicted to pay their fines to the local church parish, the Act begins: 'Whereas the loathsome and odious Sin of

Drunkenness is of late grown into common Use within this Realm, being the Root and Foundation of many other enormous Sins, as Bloodshed, Stabbing, Murder, Swearing, Fornication, Adultery, and such like...' The prohibition didn't work and nothing much has changed, except that other drugs are demonised instead. Oh hang on, swearing and fornication aren't as sinful as they used to be.

We are told by Google Alert that supermodel Elle Macpherson was kayaking at The Pass last Thursday. Not as good as the Keith Richards visit, but a celebrity sighting nevertheless. Star footballer Gil Crespy reckons Elliot Gould was in town as well, but we doubt it.

According to Media Monitors (www.mediamonitors.com.au), the top ten issues mentioned in Australia in 2011 were, in descending order, carbon price, Libya, asylum seekers, euro debt crisis, Afghanistan, Queensland floods, Japanese earthquake, Rugby World Cup, Christchurch earthquake and World Cup Cricket. The carbon price dominated the radio waves with 369,612 mentions, while Afghanistan was the internet favourite with 70,258 mentions. Libya topped the charts on TV (373,843), no doubt because it had the best visuals.

Psychopath alert: *Bloomberg News* revealed that the US Federal Reserve didn't tell anyone of a 'combined \$1.2 trillion bailout on December 5, 2008, [on] their single neediest day. Bankers didn't mention that they took tens of billions of dollars in emergency loans at the same time they were assuring investors their firms were healthy.' Questions surround whether Australian banks NAB and Westpac also asked for bailouts at the same time.



It was all swell between Christmas and New Year at Byron Bay, with surfers enjoying excellent conditions. Photo Shey Ivanov

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