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Height and density controls confirmed for Hastings Point

Ken Sapwell

Jubilant Hastings Point residents were yesterday celebrating an historic victory after Tweed Council adopted a two-storey height limit in most areas of their one-shop coastal village.

Councillors voted four-three to cap heights at eight metres in the main residential precincts after council planners warned that anything higher would undermine the popular holiday town's unique character and threaten its social cohesion.

Future heights and densities will be limited under a development control plan (DCP) broadly in line with interim controls introduced two years ago following a high profile campaign including a nude YouTube protest.

Decision challenged

The decision has been challenged by a rescission motion but residents are confident the DCP won't be overturned unless a key councillor happens to be absent when it's revisited next month.

Developers who had several three-storey projects in the pipeline strongly opposed the move but it ends years of frustration by the local progress association following the council's failure to act on a 1996 decision to initiate a two-storey height limit in the town.

Residents who packed the public gallery cheered when Crs Joan van Lieshout, Dot Holdom, Katie Milne and Barry Longland supported two-storeys in all areas except around the village store and the north-eastern hill where three-storeys are possible.

Chief planner Vince Connell said in a report to Tuesday night's council meeting that some in the community believed the changes were 'unreasonable and unlawful.'

'On the balance of the strong planning and environmental grounds identified in this report, this view is not supported,' he said.

'Hastings Point possesses unique qualities which make it identifiably different from other small coastal villages in the Tweed.

'Distilling its characteristics and developing them in line with the expectations of residents and landowners to project a desired future has been the over-riding objective of this planning process.

'The draft plan has taken all of these factors into account and has been designed to foster Hastings Point as a small coastal village while allowing opportunity for careful growth in line with its sensitive location and limited level of available retail and social services.'

Progress association spokesman John O'Reilly said the decision would help preserve the health of the local estuaries which were a huge drawcard for locals and tourists.

'The Battle of Hastings has been an arduous and torrid fight for the protection of a truly unique asset for all to enjoy,' he said.

'It's involved three court cases including one all the way to the High Court, a nude video with international appeal, parliamentary action, workshops, submissions and thousands of hours of work.

'Greed, ignorance, selfishness and corruption so often seek to exploit those things that are most beautiful.

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Pottsville sisters Hana (left) and Lily Mitchell have both recently represented NSW at national athletics competitions. Photo Jeff Dawson

Pottsville sisters beat the odds

Kate McIntosh

Hana and Lily Mitchell may be legally blind, but they don't lack vision when it comes to following their dreams.

The Pottsville sisters recently represented NSW in national athletics competitions, with both finishing in the medals.

Eleven-year-old Hana took out the gold in the discus and shot-put, as well as a silver medal in the long-jump at the School Sport Australian Athletics Championships in Bendigo.

Elder sister Lily, who has previously attended Australian Paralympics development camps, won three silver medals at the Australian AWD Athletics Championships in Canberra.

The sisters, who suffer from degenerative eye disease cone-rod dystrophy, share a friendly rivalry and an extraordinary sisterly bond, says mum Jo.

'They're connected in so many ways,' said Ms Mitchell.

'As siblings, but also in the empathy they have for the loss of their eyesight.'

Ms Mitchell was unaware her daughters suffered from the hereditary condition, which affects the peripheral vision, until Hana began showing symptoms at eight years of age.

In a cruel double blow, Lily, 14, also lost her sight two years ago.

Ms Mitchell, who works with special needs children, said her daughters' condition had required an enormous adjustment, but that the family had developed strategies of coping.

'Emotionally it was massive,' she said.

'And the stigma that's attached – they didn't want to be different.'

Ms Mitchell says the girls remain fiercely determined, with sport providing an important outlet.

As well as being talented athletes, the girls have also represented NSW in swimming, and study dance and gymnastics.

Film and fashion designs

Lily is keen on a career in film, while Hana is interested in fashion design.

'All I've ever done is try to give them every opportunity to do what they love,' said Ms Mitchell.

She says she encourages her daughters to focus on what they can do, instead of what they can't.

'My mum taught me to be independent and that's what I've done with them,' she said.

'I just teach them that everyone's different and we get on with it. They take it on the chin.'

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Hastings Point wins building controls

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Ironically, in doing so, they often destroy the very beauty they seek to exploit.'

The rescission motion was lodged by Crs Kevin Skinner, Warren Polglase and Phil Youngblutt.

Right: Jubilant Hastings Point residents celebrate the adoption by council of height and density controls for their coastal village after the vote in council chambers on Tuesday. The residents have fought for 14 years to maintain the unique low-key character of Hastings Point. Photo Luis Feliu

Long and winding road for battling residents

This is the timeline of the struggle by the community to tighten planning controls in Hastings Point in order to retain its village character and protect the environment.

1996 – Council resolves to initiate and evaluate a two-storey height limit for Fingal, Pottsville and Hastings Point for the upcoming Tweed 2000 LEP (Local Environment Plan).

2000 – Fingal and Pottsville win two-storey limits but Hastings Point, although smaller, is ignored.

2000 – Hastings Point Progress Association requests the council to implement two-storeys but no action is taken.

2002 – Council planning director publicly promises a locality plan for Hastings Point. The association lodges with council its own draft locality plan calling for reduced heights and development controls to protect the village's character and its environment.

2004 – The council votes to implement two-storeys.

2004 – One week later, a pro-development councillor changes his mind and supports a rescission motion to scrap the two-storey limit.

2005 – Following council's sacking, the administrators try again to initiate a two-storey amendment through the LEP.

2006 – Amendment rescinded while an aged-care facility comprising 262 units known as The Point is determined.

2007 – Prior to approval of The Point, the director general of the NSW Department of Planning and Minister Frank Sartor recommend that the amendment be exhibited, saying it was consistent with coastal policy.

2008 – In April a council-commissioned urban design consultant states that current controls are inappropriate and recommends two-storeys, two dwellings per development for all of Hastings Point until a locality plan is implemented.

2008 – In October council planners recommend implementation of tighter controls, including a two-storey limit. Councillors put decision on hold.

2010 – Tweed Council votes narrowly to adopt a DCP (Development Control Plan) which limits heights to two storeys and imposes new density controls to preserve the town's village lifestyle and easy going holiday atmosphere which makes it a huge drawcard for tourists. Rescission motion lodged, soon to be debated.

Approval to quit 'not needed'

Luis Feliu

Tweed Shire Council boss Mike Rayner has denied he needed to seek approval before quietly resigning his council-sanctioned seat on the board of last year's controversial world rally.

Mr Rayner quit the board without any public fanfare on November 3, exactly two years after councillors authorised him to accept an offer to join the Rally Australia (RA) board.

The appointment triggered a wave of protests from community members with concerns that his position on the board created a potential conflict of interest as head of the consent authority for the event.

But Mr Rayner ignored resignation calls after the Minister for Local Government ruled his appointment was a direct result of a council decision.

He resisted renewed demands to quit after it was decided in August to relocate the rally to Coffs Harbour in the wake of a huge community backlash against the four-day event.

A council spokesperson revealed Mr Rayner had resigned last month when she was asked to comment on a series of questions on his dual role posed in the NSW Upper House last week by MP Marie Ficarra.

She said the general manager did not require approval of councillors to step down, even though they had authorised him to take up the position after he suggested it would help ensure the benefits to the Tweed would be maximised.

'The council did not direct the general manager to take up the position, it authorised him to take up the offer. In the same way, it is the general manager's decision to resign or not,' she said.

The spokeswoman said Mr Rayner remained on the board after the decision to shift the really south to ensure he had a commitment from Rally Australia to consult with council over next year's Speed on Tweed event in Murwillumbah which RA underwrites.

His appointment was the catalyst for a stoush about 18 months ago between Mr Rayner and Cr Joan van Lieshout which erupted when the then mayor publicly questioned whether he should remain on the board.

As a result Crs Dot Holdom and Phil Youngblutt lodged a string of complaints accusing her of not accepting a council resolution appointing him to the board, using the press to call for his resignation and claiming he had a conflict of interest.

The long-simmering row boiled over late last month when Ms Ficarra, a Liberal Party MLC, used Parliament to accuse him and Cr Holdom of being involved in a campaign of complaints to undermine Cr van Lieshout when she was mayor.

The criticism, which came three weeks after Mr Rayner resigned, was followed up a week later with a series of questions about his dual role and other governance issues related to the council.

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Brothel's bright lights to be dimmed

Ken Sapwell

Tweed Council has moved to impose tighter controls over the operation of brothels with a draft development control code (DCP) said to be among the toughest in the state.

Under the draft, hours of operation will be restricted to 6pm to 6am, the number of workers will be limited to eight in any one brothel and lighting and signage will be more regulated.

The proposed DCP also stipulates that brothels must be at least 300 metres from schools, child care centres, homes and cafes and at least 200 metres from bus stops, shops and medical centres.

It will ban neon lighting, flashing lights or lights with moveable parts as well any signage considered to be 'sexually explicit, lewd or otherwise offensive.'

The council voted to put the draft DCP on public exhibition for comment and will also ask the government to introduce a licensing system for brothels, similar to licensed hotels, to deter a criminal element.

Mayor Kevin Skinner has also called for probity checks on brothel operators and Cr Warren Polglase has signalled he will be seeking to limit the number of brothels in the shire to the ten already approved.

Chief planner Vince Connell says the new controls will regulate the appearance, location. scale and operation of brothels in the Tweed area.

'The draft code would be one of, if not the most detailed DCPs regulating brothel developments in the state of NSW,' he said.

Councillors asked the staff to prepare a new DCP after it voted 5-2 in May to reject an application by sex industry worker Susan Stewart for a so-called super brothel in Enterprise Avenue, South Tweed Heads.

The council heard this week that the appeal was upheld although Ms Stewart had agreed to amend her application to satisfy some of the concerns of nearby residents and some local businesses.

They included limiting the hours of operation from 6pm to 6am instead of the proposed 24-hours a day, the installation of CCTV cameras in common areas, the removal of complimentary alcohol and a 12-month trial period.

A report to the council estimates that the council's total legal bill for defending the appeal will be more than $72,000 but Ms Stewart had agreed to pay $42,000 – leaving ratepayers to pick up the remaining $30,000.

Brisbane student Jordan Hondow and her Brisbane Girls Grammar School mates enjoy the new Cabarita streetscaping. Businesses and residents at Cabarita Beach/Bogangar have welcomed the 'new look' for the coastal town after the mayor officially opened some pedestrian-friendly streetscaping last week on the eastern side of Tweed Coast Road.

The $500,000 works, which extend from Palm Avenue to Pandanus Parade, included the construction of medians and new kerb and channelling along the main road, new pavement in front of the shops as well as some extensive landscaping.

Nick Aldridge, coordinator of the Cabarita Youth Service, said that for a long time, Cabarita had felt it was 'the poor cousin to Kingscliff' on the Tweed Coast and it was good to see council had invested money in trying to beautify the main street and surrounds. Photo Jeff 'Tar' Dawson

Holdom opposes new access to subdivision

Ken Sapwell

Tweed councillors will meet with residents in a bid to end another impasse over an access route for a proposed four-lot industrial subdivision at Chinderah.

Developer Wareemba Investments Pty Ltd's hopes of building an access road to the subdivision from Chinderah Bay Drive hit a major hurdle when Kingscliff councillor Dot Holdom objected to the new plan.

The company applied to the council to amend its original access approval which involved concreting over the top of a waterway that studies show support an endangered ecological community.

Residents of a nearby caravan park mounted a belated campaign to save the creek after the council gave conditional approval for the development without debate.

They were upset they weren't notified of the development and that only a few councillors inspected the site before voting.

Dismay later turned to cheers when the developer applied for a new, shorter access which council planners recommended on the grounds it would cause less environmental damage and impact on fewer homes.

But Cr Holdom threw a spanner in the works after telling this week's council meeting that an access road so close to the busy Chinderah interchange would create noise and safety issues.

'It's an appalling outcome for the residents of Chinderah,' said Cr Holdom, who told of the 'horrific noise' from the interchange which she could hear at her house two km away.

The council will defer a decision while it meets with key stakeholders. In the meantime it 'will encourage the applicant to pursue an alternative access'.

Cr Joan van Lieshout said the proposed industrial use of the land was not in character with Chinderah which she believed should stay as a quiet fishing village while Cr Katie Milne said the council should consider rezoning the land.

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For gold diggers – what about a gold pan? Or perhaps a flask to keep cold things cold or hot things hot (like my man)?

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Artemissia's legacy set to live on

Kate McIntosh

Artemissia Alexiou fought a short and ultimately tragic battle, but for mum Kelly Ryan her legacy will last a lifetime.

The Burringbar toddler died in her home on Monday this week, two years after being diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder that attacks the brain.

The three-year-old was the only known case in Australia and worldwide there have been just 99 recorded cases since it was discovered in 1967.

Similar to leukodystrophy, which was portrayed in the film *Lorenzo's Oil,* Sandhoff disease has no cure and sufferers generally do not live past their third birthday.

Speaking to *The Echo* this week, her grieving mother remembered her daughter as a cheeky, quirky and intensely observant child.

She also paid tribute to her daughter's strength and resilience in the face of enormous physical suffering. 'She was the strongest and most courageous person that I have ever met in my life and I think I will ever meet,' she said.

Artemissia pictured with mum Kelly Ryan.

'It felt like everyone around her was actually struggling more with her disease than she was.'

Ms Ryan says her daughter touched the lives of everyone she met and that her life, although short, had served a higher purpose.

'Just to be in her presence was transformational in itself. She didn't have to speak,' Ms Ryan said.

'I believe she came here to teach us lessons of love – every type of element or angle of love that you can experience, she brought those lessons with her.'

Artemissia first began displaying symptoms in the lead-up to her first birthday. She was eventually admitted to Brisbane's Mater Hospital after suffering massive seizures and her body became limp.

There, her family received the devastating news that her condition was most likely terminal.

Six weeks later they brought her home in a vegetative state, unable to hear, see or communicate.

Despite the grim prognosis, Ms Ryan said she never gave up hope that her daughter would somehow beat the odds.

Ms Ryan, along with her mother Colleen and best friend Michelle, devoted themselves to Artemissia's round-the-clock care, while her father Alex Alexiou immersed himself in researching the condition, compiling a blog and seeking the opinion of experts worldwide.

'You've got to have hope, I mean, it was a miracle that she was here every day even after what they told us to go home and expect.'

There were hopes for a breakthrough after Artemissia, whose name is derived from Greek mythology, became the first infant in history to be trialled on an experimental new drug.

Ms Ryan, who is a Reiki master, also took a holistic approach to her daughter's care in conjunction with medical treatment.

She has written a book detailing her daughter's story and her own spiritual journey. Titled *Artemissia: A Spiritual Awakening,* the book draws on her research on religion and philosophy, as well as more than 20 journals she kept throughout her daughter's life.

A funeral service will be held for Artemissia at the Greek Orthodox Church of St Anna at Bundall in coming days.

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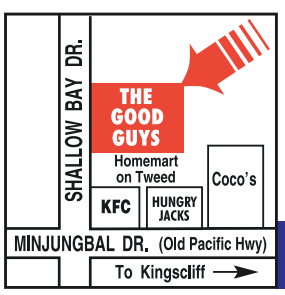

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Paying big time

While the international climate change negotiators dithered at the conference last week in Cancún, Mexico, a Met Office report published last week concluded that, even as public and political resolve to tackle global warming has waned since Copenhagen, the evidence that humanity is heating up the planet has become 'even stronger.'

The consequences of global warming were starkly outlined in the recently-launched Climate Vulnerability Monitor (http://daraint.org), developed jointly by humanitarian organisation DARA and the Climate Vulnerable Forum. The Monitor shows the susceptibility to short-term climate change of 184 countries, assessing the estimated effects of climate change on each country's health, weather disasters, human habitat loss and economic stresses.

According to DARA, half of all economic losses fall on industrialised countries, with the United States worst hit by overall damage costs. Climate change will also seriously worsen global inequalities. Says DARA Director General Ross Mountain, who has headed large UN field operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Iraq, 'If we let pressures more than triple, or worse, no amount of humanitarian assistance or development aid is going to stem the suffering and devastation. Highly fragile countries will become graveyards over which we pour billions of dollars. Low-lying islands will simply not be viable anymore, then disappear. We will all pay and we will pay big time.'

With such social and economic icebergs looming on the horizon, you would think governments would be quick to act. However, a proposal to deal with climate change won't come up for agreement until the next climate summit in Durban, South Africa, in 2011.

We lurch from summit to summit while 'our beds are burning', as the Oils had it. Not all democratic governments are entirely to blame, as they are not receiving urgent imperatives from their voters. So let's brace ourselves – change is coming – and hope that local resilience sees us through.

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WikiLeaks reveals the secrecy fetish

The quick verdict on WikiLeaks is that the principle is critical, but the contents are not all that important.

It is useful but not entirely surprising to learn that the United States regards its ally Saudi Arabia as the greatest source of funding for its arch enemy Al Qaida and that the Saudis would like the US to obliterate Iran on their behalf. It is heartening to hear that the US takes the stories about nuclear co-operation between North Korea and Burma seriously.

And it is almost certainly a good thing that these are now matters of public record. The truths may be inconvenient for some, but there is far more likelihood they will be dealt with in a sensible and serious manner now that they are openly acknowledged.

There will no doubt be other interesting snippets as the slow release of documents continues and the mass media (who, unlike WikiLeaks supremo Julian Assange, appear to be under no threats or constraints whatsoever – funny, that) convey them to the world at large. But so far the bulk of it is at best yesterday's news and at worst just gossip.

Of course we've been lied to about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; in what war have we ever been told the truth? And of course diplomats send bitchy reports back to headquarters about wherever they are based; not only is it their job, but they enjoy it. As ex-diplomat Kevin Rudd pointed out, diplomats rival journalists in their cynical and wisecracking view of the world.

And another thing Rudd got right was that while the massive scale of the leak is a huge embarrassment to the heavies of Washington, they have only themselves to blame. If they didn't want this stuff to become known, they should have taken more care with their security. Which brings us to the critical question of principle: what was so secret about it in the first place?

The zealots who are demanding the head of Julian Assange on a platter tell us that the revelations have placed lives at risk and have compromised the security of nations, but they have supplied absolutely no evidence for either claim. It would appear that most of the cables were stamped 'secret' or 'confidential' almost as a matter of reflex; there is nothing in them to justify the classification.

It is further proof, if proof were needed, that even democratically elected governments become addicted to control for its own sake. In a free and open society the availability of information should be the default position; it is not a matter of the public's right to know, which should be a given, but of the government having to justify any restriction of that right.

It is not enough for the punishers and the straiteners, as Manning Clark christened them, to parrot slogans like 'national security' and 'operational matters' and 'commercial in confidence' in order to suppress what they would prefer not to discuss. They should be compelled to demonstrate that the disclosure would do actual harm. The right to personal privacy is one thing, but the curtailing of public debate by withholding the relevant facts is another entirely.

This is why questions like: 'But is it in the public interest?' and 'Do we really need to know?' are not only irrelevant but downright silly. If these were serious criteria we would immediately abolish the advertising industry and commercial radio and television services would be shut down forthwith.

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>
> **by Mungo MacCallum**

Freedom of expression is guaranteed by the first amendment of the US constitution, but it is not formalised under Australian law. Nor should it need to be. It is the basis of our society.

And this is not, or should not be, a divisive issue: the small government ideologues of the right have just as big a stake in it as have the anti-censorship populists of the left. And for that matter, Julia Gillard and Sarah Palin are equally wrong. Julian Assange may not merit a Nobel Prize, but he sure as hell doesn't deserve to be persecuted either. If we are serious about defending democracy, he is not our enemy but our new best friend.

One of the more obvious revelations from WikiLeaks was the news that self-styled Labor powerbroker Mark Arbib is a tattletale and informer.

Arbib, we are told, regularly briefs the United States embassy about the goings on in the ALP and has done so for years. And why not, say his right-wing colleagues; lots of us do it. Well, maybe; but have they all followed Arbib's lead in asking for anonymity, to be designated a 'protected source'?

Of course, this may reflect no more than a desire on the part of the minuscule apparatchik to be seen as an important player, a key figure in the secret world in the mould of James Bond, or at least Godwin Gretch. But it may also suggest that the Yanks are grooming Arbib as a genuine agent of influence, with a view to using him for more sinister purposes.

This was certainly how ASIO saw the friendship between the former ALP national secretary David Combe and the Russian diplomat Valery Ivanov, a relationship which was completely open, and as a result Combe was declared *persona non grata* by the Hawke government and ostracised by many of his former colleagues.

Given Arbib's unsavoury reputation, such a sentence on him would probably be redundant. But it would be nice to see the message 'Arbib is a fink' painted on the walls of Sussex Street.

At least Cancun was an improvement on Copenhagen; there was something like agreement between the developed and the developing and a general consensus that something needs to be done.

But nothing too specific, and certainly nothing binding. And so once again climate change goes to the backburner. The latest talk fest has resulted in a great many expressions of good intentions but still no binding commitments to actually do something.

A couple of weeks ago the question was: Can Can Cun? Now the answer is: Can Cun Can't. We will heroically resist adding the obvious expletive to conclude this word play.

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Let's have the data

I hear and respond with interest to mayor Skinner's comments on ABC North Coast radio last week (December 10). He discounts 2,000 signatories to a petition in community opposition to the Byrrill Creek Dam proposal. He promotes instead phone calls to his personal office supporting his and fellow councillors' decision as justification to proceed with construction plans.

I challenge Mr Skinner to reveal, in the community and environmental interest, actual data to support his claims. Valid data such as, for example:

1. A comparison of actual community feedback received as part of the Tweed Shire Community Strategic Planning formal public consultation process 2011/21;

2. Population growth figures as presented in the ABS that do not reflect the need for a second dam but can be met through smart water saving policy and measures to secure yield well into the future;

3. Development application pressures and economic interests that override community aspirations and the need to protect and conserve the biodiversity assets for which the region is locally, nationally and internationally renowned.

Mr Skinner has shown complete contempt in his public comments for the democratic processes of local government and that of the regional and national interest. Rather than just 'Shame on you, Mr Skinner', you and your fellow councillors should be held to account.

Steve Tate
Stokers Siding

Save the land

The plans of Tweed Shire Council and the Lands Department to give over public land to caravan parks (read long term rentals) and housing

continued overleaf

Three cheers for Assange and WikiLeaks!

■ If only the wisdom and balance of the December 9 *Tweed Echo* editorial could be 'echoed' by the mainstream Australian press.

The debate around WikiLeaks has nothing to do with the character of Julian Assange, although most intelligent readers must suspect organised character assassination, and fear actual assassination.

It's about the revelation of what most of us have long suspected: our governments are lying to us – constantly, blatantly, and with the assumption of impunity.

Well, guys, in the words of the bard, the times, they are a-changing. All power to WikiLeaks.

Terry Morgan
Tweed Heads West

■ Wikileaks has revealed many interesting political machinations. The most important of the latest leaks seems to be the emergence of quislings, a term Winston Churchill made famous in World War II.

In contemporary usage, 'quisling' is synonymous with 'traitor', and particularly applied to politicians who appear to favour the interests of other nations or cultures over their own. The term was coined in 1940 by the British newspaper *The Times* after the Norwegian Vidkun Quisling, who assisted Nazi Germany after it conquered his own country so that he could rule the collaborationist Norwegian government himself.

So when do you find out who are your quislings without getting leaks from the country they are working with? (Winston did not like ending a sentence with a preposition, but that's too bad). Usually you find out too late.

Have they been effective in changing the government? Do they remain faceless or do you see their faces? The politicians who do not act for their nation may claim it is normal practice to seek out and pass on confidential information to other countries. You normally rely on spies to do this work but if you get this service for free, well that's great.

For Australia let us hope that politicians from other countries will follow the lead Australia now set in this field. Move over Norway, Australia's challenging for top position. It's gold, gold, gold for someone in Australia.

Bruce Williams
Tweed Heads

■ The parallels between the current events associated with WikiLeaks and those that happened over two thousand years ago to an individual in Palestine are amazing. God can certainly be defined as truth. And upholding the truth can certainly be defined as a clear spiritual human value, the most important of all.

When Jesus discovered the abuse of power in the synagogues by those who held office and in the face of it were the offical, elected law brokers, he overturned their objects of abuse. Just as WikiLeaks has done with exposure of the enormous and deadly lies of the USA that have led to countless deaths and universal misery.

When the corrupt authorities needed to 'get rid' of Jesus, they concocted a series of lies and innuendos against him, which incited crowds of ignorant citizens to call for his death. When the corrupt USA authorities needed to 'get rid' of Julian Assange, they concocted a series of lies and innuendos against him and wielded unlawful power to arrest and imprison him.

As in the case of Jesus, I am absolutely sure that the truth will prevail, and the corrupt authorities will by their very actions expose their own corruption. The peoples of the world are now more intelligent and informed than two thousand years ago.

Let us all hope that this will lead to a new and better world based on true human values of truth, love, virtue, peace, and non-violence, which are the same eternal values that Jesus and other great religious teachers, including Mohammad, Buddha and Krishna, taught us all those years ago.

Solihin Millin
Murwillumbah

■ Open Letter to the Prime Minister:
Dear Prime Minister, your outrage that Julian Assange revealed the truth about certain diplomatic indiscretions through his internet company WikiLeaks does not play well with the Australian electorate.

The interests of all electors is access to the best information, even if it embarrasses the current incumbents in the halls of power. Revealing the truth is an act of courage, as those embarrassed by their deeds may be vengeful.

Do you intend to line up with the forces of darkness? Rather than shoot the messenger, I think you should respond to the message.

The leaked news that ALP Senator Mark Arbib has been secretly supplying the embassy of a foreign power with confidential information that affects the workings off the Australian government is of great concern. It fits the definition of espionage, and should result in his immediate dismissal. Anything less will mark your leadership as subservient to the interest of a powerful foreign government, albeit an ally.

We need strong leadership which has the courage to hear and tell the truth and your government should protect Australian interests ahead of the nefarious workings of a diplomatic secret society. Democracy requires transparency. We need the truth. Mark Arbib must go!

Scott D Sledge
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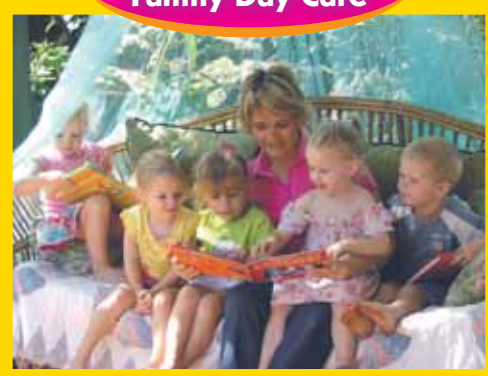

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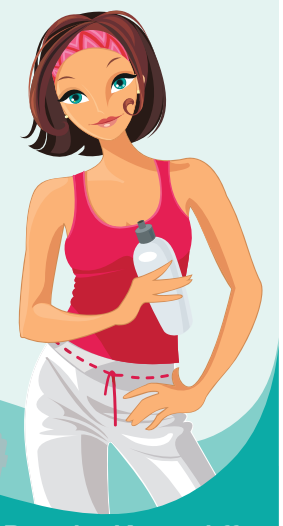

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(read low cost/high density sub rentals) does nothing to benefit current local residents and our environment.

The areas have been re-vegetating successfully, and now represent an opportunity to create a environmental buffer zone around existing subdivisions. The areas could be incorporated into to the existing Cudgen Nature Reserve, which is currently protecting valuable habitat but is somewhat fragmented.

The villages of Cabarita/Bogangar need this bushland buffer for lifestyle and aesthetic reasons, but more importantly the coast needs habitat simply for its own sake.

A cost/benefit study should be undertaken that encompasses the future costs and benefits of building on one of the last bushland areas in the Tweed. This should be an intergenerational study. Will our grandchildren thank us for the extra houses and permanent van sites, or for the natural environment and a permanent buffer against the inappropriate giant structures currently underway?

Chris Core
Bogangar

Cobaki fears

I usually avoid reading articles about new developments. Because I feel sad when these developments replace the beauty of this land we all enjoy and are a part of.

But I'm glad I read the article about the Cobaki Development approval on the front page of *The Echo* for December 8, since it's given me something valuable to share.

In the article Planning Minister Tony Kelly states '[it] would create an enormous number of jobs over the next 20 years, especially in the building industry which needed projects like this to survive.'

Such statements help me see how we have replaced ancient cultures and natural ecosystems, wild animals and virgin forests.

I can only imagine what it would be like to live in a world where the greatest value in society is not the dollar but the land that feeds us and clothes us. Where the councillors make decisions that give back more to the community than they take.

I am glad I read this article. It shows me what I value most. The land, the ancient cultures, the people, and what we have to give and receive. I just hope that it doesn't take us all too long to see it.

Jhana Bowen
Murwillumbah

Code still needed

Remember the 1989 ICAC Inquiry into North Coast land dealings and the 2004/05 Daly Inquiry? Many made submissions about practices found to be corrupt or conducive to corruption. Our submissions contributed to court sentences, discreet and not so discreet retirements and the sacking. Each time we waited impatiently for stronger preventative legislation.

In January 1990 the Local Government Department introduced a Code of Conduct for NSW councillors and staff. The 1993 Local Government Act made Codes of Conduct mandatory. In August 2004 a 73-page Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice document went before NSW councils. TSC endorsement was reluctant. By the time it was released officially in January 2005, the majority councillors led by mayor Polglase were in defence mode at the Daley Inquiry. Misdoings uncovered here shaped the stronger Code of Conduct applied from June 2008.

Why now the opposition to the Codes of Conduct? To oppose the Code of Conduct is to support the actions which brought on both inquiries and support Cr Polglase's questionable call for the code's removal.

We need those Codes of Conduct. They warn the careless and unthinking about pitfalls. Crucial is their ability to curb behaviour conducive to corruption.

Barbara Fitzgibbon
Kingscliff

Bins are rubbish

So-called green recycling bins are an environmental travesty. While governments, including local, plan as though we are not in a post-industrial age, they remain visionless.

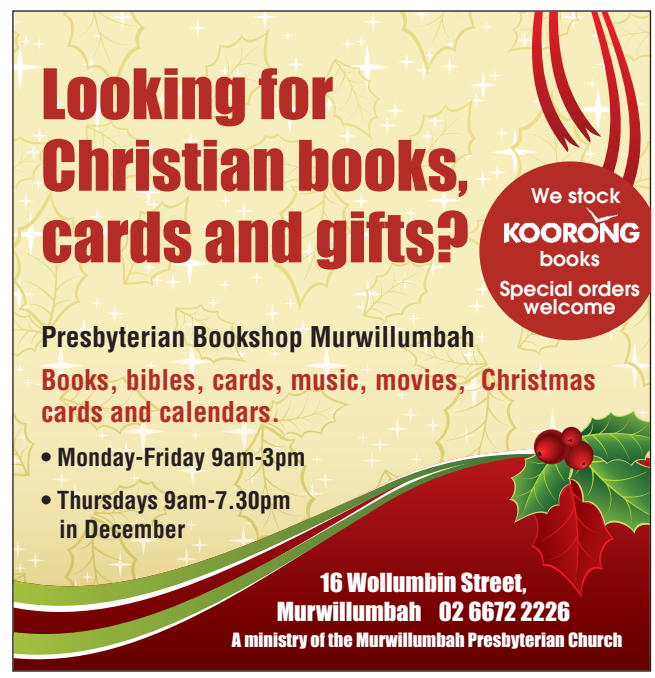
There is no movement toward environmental integrity or sustainability in technological or industry dependence. Movement instead needs to be away from technology dependence by choosing older technologies. The older they are, the more they are sustainable.

The removal of garden 'waste' from backyards is the encouragement of backyard soil depletion. Very little will be picked up from the chipping depot and returned to backyards, and at any rate vehicle movements to pick up chipped garden refuse are environmentally costly.

In a post-industrial world, the lands surrounding where people live – backyards – become vital food provisioners. It is unlikely that oranges will always be coming from California, nor bananas from Ecuador. They do so now because the economic system cannot factor in the finiteness of resources.

A simple way of making use of garden prunings is to cut them into 15 cm lengths with geared loppers for garden mulch. Geared loppers are arguably pre-industrial revolution technology. Whatever the cost of 'green' recycling bins, it would have been better spent subsidising the cost of loppers for Tweed residents. Then we would begin to enter the post-industrial 21st century.

Geoff Dawe
Uki



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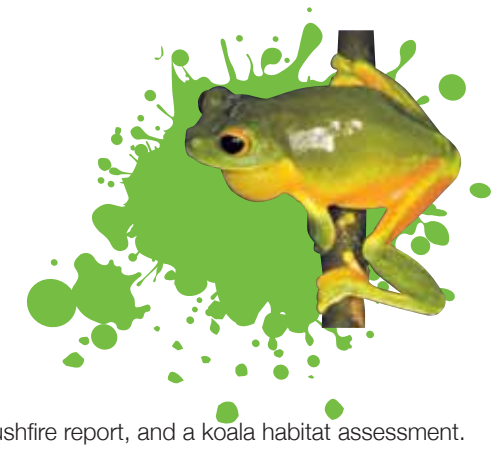

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1. A rom-com about the publishing world, **Suburban Girl** (TEN, Friday, 8.30pm), failed to go ballistic at the box office despite the presence of Sarah Michelle Gellar, better known to true fans as Buffy the Vampire Slayer.
2. Director and all-round zany guy Mel Gibson indulges his fetishes for ultra-violence and strange costumes in **Apocalypto** (SBS1, Saturday, 10.25pm), which has as much to do with Mayan culture as the purported end of the world in 2012.
3. Clive Owen plays the bad guy opposite Denzil Washington in **Inside Man** (TEN, Sunday, 8.30pm), a bank heist/ hostage thriller directed by Spike Lee.

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FRIDAY 17

ABC 1

4.30 Shortland Street **5.00** Something In The Air **5.30** The Einstein Factor **6.00** Kids' Programs **11.00** The New Inventors **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** **Movie: Guess Who's Coming To Dinner** (PG 1967) US romantic drama **2.15** River Cottage Gone Fishing! **3.00** Kids' Programs
6.00 My Family
6.30 Nigella Express
7.00 ABC News
7.30 The 7.30 Report
8.00 Chopper Rescue
8.30 The Silence (M)
9.30 Phill Jupitus Quadrophobia (M)
10.20 Late Edition News
10.30 John Safran's Race Relations (M)
11.00 Being Human (M) **12.00** rage (M)

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs **5.05** CJ The DJ **5.20** Kid Vs Kat **5.35** League Of Super Evil **6.00** Total Drama World Tour **6.30** Prank Patrol **6.55** Good Game: SP **7.10** Rush TV **7.35** M.I. High **8.05** Jeopardy **8.30** Aisling's Diary **8.35** Degrassi: The Next Generation **9.00** Close

ABC 2

5.30 Talking Heads: Les Murray **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** Kids' Programs
6.00 Poh's Kitchen
6.30 Scrapheap Challenge
7.20 The Daily Show
7.40 The Colbert Report
8.00 Rude Boy Food
8.30 The White Stripes (M)
10.00 Powderfinger: The Final Odyssey (M)
11.05 BBC Electric Proms: Razorlight (M) **12.05** The Boyz Are Back In Town (M) **12.50** Live At The Basement: Luka Bloom **1.50** Close

ABC NEWS 24

4.00 ABC News **4.05** The Quarters **4.20** The Drum **5.00** ABC News **5.15** The Quarters **5.30** The 7.30 Report **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** ABC News **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** Landline Extra **1.30** ABC News **2.00** Midday Report **2.30** One Plus One **3.00** Afternoon Live **5.30** Dispatches 2010 **6.00** ABC News **6.05** The Drum **6.45** The Quarters **7.00** ABC News **7.30** Contact Sport **8.00** ABC News **8.30** One Plus One **9.00** The World **10.00** ABC News **10.30** Dispatches 2010 **11.00** ABC News **11.30** The Drum **11.45** The Quarters **12.00** ABC News **12.05** Big Ideas **1.00** BBC News **1.30** Australian Network News **2.00** BBC World News **2.30** Australia Network News **3.00** Big Ideas

SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch **5.05** World News
6.45 UEFA Europa League LIVE – Anderlecht v Hajduk Split
9.10 World News **3.30** Letters And Numbers **4.00** The Journal **4.30** Newshour **5.30** Global Village
6.00 Letters And Numbers
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Tropic Of Cancer
8.30 As It Happened: Blitz Street
9.30 World News Australia
10.00 Erotic Tales (MA)
10.35 Mistresses (M)
11.05 Movie: Lady Chatterley (M 2006) French drama
1.30 Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News
6.00 Global Village
6.30 Sarah Wiener In Italy
7.30 The History Of Singapore
8.30 Welcome To Lagos Nigeria
9.30 Movie: Kekexili – Mountain Patrol (M 2004) Chinese drama
11.05 Movie: The Protector (MA 2005) Thai action
12.35 Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 Ten Early News **7.00** Kids' Programs **9.00** Ten News **10.00** The Circle **12.00** Dr Phil **1.00** Oprah Winfrey Show **2.00** Ready Steady Cook **3.00** Judge Judy **3.30** Infomercial **4.00** Huey's Kitchen **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful **5.00** Ten News
6.00 The Simpsons
6.30 Neighbours
7.00 The 7pm Project
7.30 The Simpsons
8.30 Movie: Suburban Girl (M 2007) US comedy
10.30 Go Girls (M)
11.30 Late News **12.00** Sports Tonight **12.30** The Late Show **1.30** Infomercials **5.00** Religion

ONE HD

6.00 ATP Champions Tour Tennis **6.30** Australian Senior Open Golf **8.30** Golf Central **9.00** Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures **10.00** Transworld Sport **11.00** Overtime **12.00** NBA Basketball **5.15** Omnisport **5.30** FINA World Championship Short Course Swimming **7.30** Sports Tonight
8.00 Friday Night Basketball LIVE – Sydney Kings v Adelaide 36ers
10.00 National Football League **12.30** Sports Tonight Late **1.00** NBA Basketball **3.00** NFL Total Access **4.00** MVP **4.30** Omnisport **5.00** Sportscar Series

PRIME

6.00 Sunrise **9.00** The Morning Show **11.30** Seven Morning News **12.00** **Movie: Leave It To Beaver** (G 1997) US comedy **2.00** Dance Machine **3.00** According To Jim **3.30** Kids' Programs **4.30** Seven News **5.30** Deal Or No Deal
6.00 Prime News
6.30 Seven News
7.00 How I Met Your Mother
7.30 Better Homes & Gardens
8.30 Movie: The Santa Clause 3 (G 2006) US comedy
10.30 Movie: We're Here To Help (PG 2007) Australian drama
12.15 Movie: The Dancer Upstairs (AV 2002) Spanish drama **3.00** Home Shopping

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train **7.00** The Virginian **8.30** McHale's Navy **9.00** NBC Today **11.00** Beach Patrol **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Knight Rider **5.00** The A Team
6.00 Monster Garage
7.00 That '70s Show
7.30 The Boneyard
8.30 Ax Men (M)
9.30 Movie: Phone Booth (MA 2002) US thriller
11.30 Strikeforce (M) **11.55** Airwolf **12.50** Wagon Train **1.45** Magnum PI **2.40** The Rockford Files **3.40** Knight Rider **4.35** The A Team **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

7 TWO

6.00 Kids Time **8.30** Sons & Daughters **9.00** Home & Away **9.30** Shortland St **10.00** Coronation St **10.30** Emmerdale **11.00** Hollyoaks **12.00** All My Children **1.00** Kitchen Time **2.30** **Movie: The Black Knight** (PG 1954) UK adventure **4.30** Murphy Brown **5.00** Head Of The Class **5.30** Growing Pains
6.00 Floyd's India
6.30 Bargain Hunt
7.30 Are You Being Served?
8.10 Porridge Christmas
9.10 Escape To The Country
10.30 60 Minute Makeover
10.30 How Not To Decorate **12.30** Are You Being Served? **1.00** Porridge Christmas **2.00** 1996 Aust Open Tennis: Becker v Chang

GEM

6.00 Today **9.00** Alive & Cooking **9.30** The Zoo **10.00** The Nanny **10.30** Friends **11.00** Murder, She Wrote **12.00** **Movie: Singin' In The Rain** (G 1952) US musical **2.00** Mary Queen Of Shops **3.00** McLeod's Daughters **4.00** The View **5.00** The Ellen Degeneres Show
6.00 The Nanny
6.30 Friends
7.00 The Zoo
7.30 Movie: Where Angels Go Trouble Follows (G 1968) US comedy
9.30 Movie: Giant (G 1956) US epic
1.00 Conan (M) **2.00** **Movie: Evelyn** (PG 2002) Drama **3.50** **Movie: Don't Make Waves** (PG 1967) US romantic comedy **5.50** Alicia Keys

NBN

5.30 Today **9.00** Kerri-Anne **10.30** Magical Tales **11.00** Danoz **12.00** Ellen Degeneres Show
1.00 Ashes 3rd Test Cricket LIVE – Australia v England
3.30 The Cricket Show
4.30 Cricket continues
6.00 NBN News
6.30 Cricket continues
8.30 Movie: Death Defying Acts (PG 2007) UK/Aust drama
10.35 Movie: A Man Apart (AV 2003) US action
12.45 Movie: The Breed (AV 2001) US thriller **2.50** The Avengers **3.50** Mark Vincent **4.00** Danoz **4.30** Good Morning America

GO!

6.00 Kids' Programs **10.30** Entertainment Tonight **11.00** TMZ **11.30** Get Smart **12.00** Here's Lucy **12.30** Seinfeld **1.00** Charlie's Angels **2.00** Wipeout USA **3.00** Just Shoot Me **3.30** Kids' Programs
6.00 Movie: Tom & Jerry – Shiver Me Whiskers (G 2006) Animation
7.30 Movie: The Last Starfighter (PG 1984) US action
9.30 Movie: Private Benjamin (M 1980) US comedy
11.45 Movie: Knockaround Guys (AV 2001) US comedy **1.30** **Movie: Zero Effect** (M 1998) US comedy **4.00** Just Shoot Me **4.30** TMZ **5.00** Get Smart **5.30** The Flintstones

SATURDAY 18

ABC 1

5.00 rage (PG) **11.00** The Best In Australia **11.30** The Best In Australia **12.00** Message Stick (G*) **12.30** Best Of Australian Story
1.00 WNBL Basketball Bendigo v Townsville
3.00 W-League Football LIVE – Adelaide United v Sydney FC
5.00 NSW Open Bowls
6.00 Kylie Kwong: My China
6.30 Gardening Australia
7.00 ABC News
7.30 Bed Of Roses
8.30 Spooks (M)
9.35 Jeff Green (M)
10.25 Graham Norton Show (M)
11.15 The State Within (M) **12.15** rage (M)

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.30pm Kids' Programs **5.00** Trapped! **5.30** League Of Super Evil **5.50** Pat And Stan **6.00** Total Drama World Tour **6.30** Outback 8 **7.00** Totally Wild Antarctica Special **7.25** Good Game: SP **7.45** The Tribe **9.10** Close

ABC 2

6.00 Kids' Program
6.00 At The Movies Summer Special
6.55 Scrapheap Challenge
7.45 Republic Of Doyle
8.30 Movie: It's A Wonderful Life (PG 1946) US drama
10.40 Movie: Going My Way (G 1944) US comedy
12.45 God Made Them Blind **1.45** Sun, Sea & Bargain Spotting **2.50** Close

ABC NEWS 24

4.00 ABC News **4.05** The Quarters **4.15** The Drum **5.05** Big Ideas **6.00** Dispatches 2010 **6.30** Stateline Select **7.00** ABC News **7.30** Contact Sport **8.00** ABC News **8.45** The Quarters **9.00** ABC News **9.45** The Quarters **10.00** One Plus One **10.30** Stateline Summer **11.00** ABC News **11.30** The World This Week **12.00** ABC News **12.30** 7.30 Select **1.00** Big Ideas **2.00** Four Corners **2.45** The Quarters **3.00** Stateline Select **3.30** Foreign Correspondent **4.00** ABC News **4.30** Stateline Summer **5.00** ABC News **5.30** One Plus One **6.00** ABC News **6.30** Australian Story Classic **7.00** ABC News **7.30** 7.30 Select **8.00** Labor In Power **9.00** ABC News **9.30** Landline Extra **10.00** ABC News **10.30** Contact Sport **11.00** ABC News **11.30** Foreign Correspondent **12.00** Big Ideas **1.00** BBC World News **1.30** Stateline Select **2.00** Four Corners **2.45** The Quarters **3.00** BBC World News **3.30** Stateline Summer

SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch **5.05** World News **1.00** La Dame Aux Camélias **3.20** James Ravilious: A World Of Photographs **3.55** Lady Salsa! **4.30** Newshour **5.30** Mythbusters
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Big, Bigger, Biggest
8.30 Iron Chef
9.20 RocKwiz Christmas Special
10.25 Movie: Apocalypto (MAV 2007) US action
12.50 SOS (M) **1.50** Drawn Together (M) **2.45** Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News
6.00 Here Comes The Neighbourhood
6.30 At The Table With…
7.00 UEFA Europa League Delayed – Juventus v Manchester City
8.30 Witches: Myth, Mystery And Truth
9.35 Movie: Welcome Home (MAV 2008) French drama
11.30 Movie: Adam's Apples (M 2005) Danish black comedy
1.10 Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 Kids' Programs **10.00** Hit List TV **12.00** Sports Performer Of The Year Awards **1.00** Australian Festival of Speed **1.30** **Movie: The Life And Adventures Of Santa Claus** (G 1985) Animation **3.00** Landed Music **3.30** From The Ground Up **4.30** Everybody Hates Chris **5.00** Ten News **5.30** Sports Tonight
6.00 The Simpsons
6.30 Movie: Back To The Future Part II (PG 1989) US adventure
8.40 Movie: TBA
11.00 Movie: Hawke (M 2010) Australian drama
12.50 Cops (M) **1.20** Infomercials **4.00** Religion

ONE HD

6.00 ATP Champions Tour Tennis **6.30** Manly Surf **7.00** NBA Basketball **9.00** NBL Basketball **11.00** National Football League **1.30** NFL Total Access **2.30** America's Game **3.30** Omnisport **4.00** Ironwoman Series – Bondi **5.00** FINA World Championship Short Course Swimming **7.30** Sports Tonight **8.00** Australian Festival Of Speed **8.30** Andra Pro Series Drag Racing **9.30** World Rally Championship **10.30** Isle Of Man Tourist Trophy **11.30** The WWE Experience **12.30** Omnisport
1.00 FIFA Club World Cup Football LIVE – 3rd place playoff
3.00 Transworld Sport
4.00 FIFA Club World Cup Football LIVE – final

PRIME

6.00 Kids' Programs **7.00** Weekend Sunrise **9.00** Saturday Disney **11.00** Kids' Programs **2.30** V8 Utes **3.30** MINI Challenge Motorsport **4.00** Touring Car Masters **4.30** What's Up Down Under **5.00** The Outdoor Room **5.30** Sydney Weekender
6.00 Seven News
6.30 No Leave, No Life
7.00 Medical Emergency
7.30 Crocodile Island
8.30 Carols In The Domain
11.00 Movie: Catch A Fire (M 2006) UK action
1.05 Home Shopping

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train **7.00** The Virginian **8.30** McHale's Navy **9.00** The Boneyard **10.00** NBC Today **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Knight Rider **5.00** The A Team
6.00 Fifth Gear
6.30 Engineering Disasters
7.30 Air Crash Investigations
8.30 Mega Disasters
9.30 The Universe
10.30 Movie: Stewardess School (M 1986) US comedy
12.30 Strikeforce (M) **1.00** Wagon Train **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Knight Rider **5.00** The A Team

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6.00 Kids Programs **9.20** Better Homes And Gardens **10.10** The Great Outdoors **11.05** Kids' Programs **1.20** **Movie: Conquest Of Cochise** (PG 1953) US western **2.50** **Movie: The Ambushers** (PG 1967) US comedy **5.00** Destination New Zealand **5.30** The Good Life
6.00 Love Thy Neighbour
6.30 Doctor Finlay
7.30 Heartbeat
9.40 Devil's Mistress (M)
1.30 The Good Life **2.00** Love Thy Neighbour **2.30** 1995 Aust Open Tennis: Sampras v Agassi

GEM

6.00 Movie: Singin' In The Rain (G 1952) US musical **8.10** **Movie: Josephine And Men** (G 1955) UK comedy **10.20** **Movie: Charley Moon** (G 1956) UK musical **12.20** **Movie: Duel In The Jungle** (PG 1954) US adventure **2.30** **Movie: Raintree County** (PG 1957) US drama
6.00 The Nanny
6.30 David Attenborough's The Cold Blooded Truth
7.30 Movie: Guarding Tess (PG 1994) US comedy
9.30 CSI: Miami (M)
10.30 CSI: NY (M)
11.30 Conan (M) **12.30** **Movie: Raintree County** **3.40** **Movie: Duel In The Jungle** **5.30** The Nanny

NBN

6.00 Danoz **7.00** Weekend Today Saturday **9.00** Kids' Programs
1.00 Ashes 3rd Test Cricket LIVE – Australia v England
3.30 The Cricket Show
4.30 Cricket continues
6.00 NBN News
6.30 Cricket continues
8.30 CSI (M)
8.40 Lotto
9.30 Movie: Newcastle (M 2008) Aust surfing drama
11.45 Movie: Body Heat (MA 1981) US drama
1.45 Movie: Good Fences (M 2003) US drama **4.00** Infomercials

GO!

6.00 Kids' Programs **1.00** Get Smart **2.00** Here's Lucy **2.30** Green Acres **3.00** Seinfeld **3.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation **5.30** Unnatural History
6.30 Movie: Twilight Zone – The Movie (PG 1983) US fantasy
8.30 Movie: White Chicks (M 2004) US comedy
10.50 Star Trek: Original Series
1.20 Movie: Dreamcatcher (AV 2003) US fantasy
4.00 Get Smart **5.00** Top Cat **5.30** Wacky Races

Organizing planet Mercury's in a mood, which manifests this week as a rich array of technologic insubordination, mechanical malfunction and interpersonal turbulence. Not the year's easiest week, so remember tolerance given is tolerance more likely to be returned…

ARIES: Being confrontational this week could burn bridges, while alternative C-words like calm, control, concede and compromise will protect your interests. Maintain your truth without challenging anyone else's and take three deep breaths before you say or decide anything. Don't forget to have fun as well.
TAURUS: With general energetics edgy, defensive, tense and argumentative, guess who's playing peace keeper this week. You'll feel like being blunt but treat complaints, however unreasonable, like the cry for help they are, then reward yourself with something utterly indulgent during Friday's Taurus moon.
GEMINI: Decisions aren't easy for anyone this week, but don't jump in just because you're impatient. Think before you commit and avoid insistent bulldozers who won't take no for an answer. That said, plenty of interesting temptations beckon and aren't you just so ready to succumb…
CANCER: With its pre-xmas tizz, this itchy and scratchy week sends out an SOS to your caring, sharing, understanding Cancerian side. If your plans hit snags, do what you do best and think laterally. You bounce back quickly from minor setbacks, so label all setbacks minor.
LEO: While Leos are born for the spotlight, this week you'll do your best work directing the action from backstage. Resist amplifying what goes wrong and expand positive possibilities – tread carefully, like a stalking lion, because anything forceful will send this week's stressy citizens hysterical.
VIRGO: If others aren't too conscientious about promises or responsibilities, be advised that even you, heaven forbid, could accidentally make mistakes this week. Should that happen, apologise and move on without defending or justifying. Get over it – you've got way too much to do and enjoy.
LIBRA: If this kicks off like a week of mistakes and misunderstandings, lacking in cooperation, it's also one of changing moods and reversals which can morph adversaries into supportive allies and put teamwork back on the map. So best not take anything at all for granted…
SCORPIO: This week's certainly not without its exasperating roadblocks and excuses to vent. But Venus is currently buffing up your love lustre, so if you don't engage in petty power clashes, there's no reason you shouldn't be able to turn these into cooperative ventures.
SAGITTARIUS: This week's new moon in Sagittarius flings open your annual window of opportunity for the coming year and of course you're raring to take off, but it's crucial right now to plan for the long term. With enough instant gratification to keep you happy of course…
CAPRICORN: This rough week needs finesse, which fortunately Capricorns have a handle on. So avoid feisty, cranky types who waste time complaining and exercise extra caution when expressing opinions if you don't want screechy feedback. Couldn't care? Step on toes then, but expect to hear squeals.
AQUARIUS: Whether out on the town or firing ideas round the Aquarisphere, this week appreciates your creative flair, fresh ideas and adventurous approach – while simultaneously being a minefield of volatile emotions requiring tact and patience or else total abstinence from human intercourse.
PISCES: Maintaining some kind of inner harmony's essential for dealing with this rock 'n' rollercoaster week's seasonal treadmill, especially now the past seems to be bleeding into the present. Rest and reflection bring the kind of inspiration that arrives in your mind when it's not flat chat.

SUNDAY 19

ABC 1

5.00 rage **6.30** Kids' Programs **9.00** Surfing The Menu **9.30** Mountain With Griff Rhys Jones: Wales **10.30** Beachcomber Cottage **11.30** Songs Of Praise **12.00** Best Of Landline **1.00** Best Of Gardening Australia **1.30** Message Stick (G*) **2.00** Travel Oz **2.30** Why Ancient Egypt Fell **3.30** The Whitlams And The Sydney Symphony Orchestra **5.00** Barockstar: George Frideric Handel

- **6.00 My Family**
- **7.00 ABC News**
- **7.30 The Best Of Mr Bean**
- **8.30 Midsomer Murders** (M)
- **10.10 The Private Life Of A Christmas Masterpiece**
- **11.00 Armstrong And Miller Show** (M)

11.30 Movie: Bush Christmas (PG 1983) Aust drama **1.00 Movie: Holiday Inn** (G 1941) US comedy **2.45 Movie: Mexican Spitfire's Baby** (PG 1941) US comedy **4.00** First Tuesday Book Club

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.05pm Kids' Programs **4.30** The Super Hero Squad Show **5.15** Good Game: SP **5.35** Rush TV **6.00** Oggy And The Cockroaches **6.20** Dani's House **6.50** My Life As A Popat **7.20** Kaitangata Twitch **7.50** The Latest Buzz **8.15** The Sleepover Club **8.40** Degrassi: The Next Generation **9.05** Close

ABC 2

6.00 Kids' Programs

- **6.00 The Nutcracker Story**
- **7.00 Schools Spectacular '10**
- **9.30 Absolutely Fabulous**

10.00 Extras (M)

- **10.30 Gimme, Gimme, Gimme** (M)

11.00 Black Eyed Peas Live From Sydney To Vegas (M) **12.15** Radio 1's Big Weekend 2009: Doves **1.00** US '83 Festival **1.45** Close

ABC NEWS 24

4.00 Four Corners **4.45** The Quarters **5.00** Big Ideas **6.00** Dispatches 2010 **6.30** Stateline Select **7.00** ABC News **7.30** Talking Heads: Neil Armfield **8.00** ABC News **8.30** 7.30 Select **9.30** The World This Week **10.00** ABC News **10.30** Stateline Summer **11.00** ABC News **11.30** One Plus One **12.00** ABC News **12.30** Contact Sport **1.00** Big Ideas **2.00** Best Of Landline **3.00** Stateline Select **3.30** Australian Story Classic **4.00** ABC News **4.30** Stateline Summer **5.00** ABC News **5.30** Landline Extra **6.00** ABC News **6.30** Foreign Correspondent **7.00** ABC News **7.30** One Plus One **8.00** Miracle On Everest **9.00** ABC News **9.30** Dispatches 2010 **10.00** ABC News **10.30** The World This Week **11.00** ABC News **11.30** Australian Story Classic **12.00** Big Ideas **1.00** BBC World News **1.30** Stateline Select **2.00** Big Ideas **3.00** BBC World News **3.30** Stateline Summer

SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.35** World News **10.30** UEFA Europa League **11.00** Les Murray's Football Feature **12.00** FIFA Futbol Mundial **12.30** Speedweek **2.00** Celtic Woman **3.00** Mythbusters **5.00** Cycling Central

- **6.00 Thalassa**
- **6.30 World News Australia**
- **7.30 Who Do You Think You Are?** Shane Bourne
- **8.30 Secrets Of The Human Body** (M)
- **9.30 Warriors: Cortes** (MAV)
- **10.30 Movie: Fanfan La Tupile** (M 2003) French action
- **12.15 Movie: Ashura** (MA 2005) Japanese fantasy

2.25 Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **5.05** World News

- **6.00 ADbc**
- **6.30 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour Of Britain**
- **7.30 Ninja Warrior**
- **8.00 Unbeatable Banzuke**
- **8.30 Survival Stories** From Argentina
- **9.30 Movie: The Dinner Guest** (PG 2007) French comedy
- **11.05 Movie: The Bothersome Man** (MA 2006) Norwegian mystery

12.45 Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 Religion **7.00** Kids' Programs **8.00** Fishin'Trip **8.30** The Hit Rater.Com **9.00** The Benchwarmers Oz Made **10.00** Hit List TV **12.00** Escape With ET **1.00** Australian Rally Championship Review

- **2.00 Ironman Series** LIVE – Coolum

5.00 Ten News **5.30** Sports Tonight

- **6.00 The Simpsons**
- **6.30 Rules Of Engagement**
- **7.30 Modern Family**
- **8.00 The Simpsons**
- **8.30 Movie: Inside Man** (M 2006) US drama

11.05 Movie: American Pie (MA 1999) US comedy **12.55** Video Hits **1.00** Infomercial **4.00** Religion

ONE HD

6.00 Spirit Of The Equestrian **6.30** ATP Champions Tour Tennis **7.00** 24/7 Jimmie Johnson **8.00** ASP World Tour Surfing **9.00** Sports Unlimited **10.00** Bundesliga Football **12.00** Serie A Football

- **2.00 Ironman Series** LIVE – Coolum

5.00 FINA World Championship Short Course Swimming

- **7.00 Sunday Night Basketball** LIVE – Sydney Kings v Perth Wildcats
- **9.00 Movie: Coach Carter** (M 2005) US drama

11.30 FIFA Club World Cup Football Final **1.00** Serie A Football **3.00** Omnisport **3.30** World Rally Championship **4.30** Tread BMX

- **5.00 National Football League** LIVE

PRIME

6.00 Religion **7.00** Weekend Sunrise **10.00** Kochie's Business Builders **10.30** Spirit Of Yachting **11.00** Kids' Programs **3.30** 2010 Variety Bash **4.30** Focus On Christmas **5.00** Three In A Bed

- **6.00 Seven News**
- **6.30 The Vicar Of Dibley**
- **7.30 Border Patrol**
- **8.00 Coastwatch**
- **8.30 Bones** (M)
- **9.30 Castle** (M)

10.30 Crimes That Shook The World (M) **11.30** The First 48 (M) **12.30** Home Shopping **5.30** Seven News

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train **7.00** Australia's Greatest Athlete **11.00** Beach Patrol **12.00 Movie: Lawman** (PG 1971) Western **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Knight Rider **5.00** The A Team

- **6.00 Monster Garage**
- **7.00 That '70s Show**
- **7.30 Gene Simmons Family Jewels**
- **8.30 Movie: Smokey And The Bandit II** (PG 1980) US action

10.30 Boston Legal (M) **11.00** 30 Rock **11.55** Lost (M) **12.50** Wagon Train **1.45** Magnum PI **2.40** The Rockford Files **3.40** Knight Rider **4.35** The A Team **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

7 TWO

6.00 Kids' Programs **9.40** Muppets Christmas **10.35 Movie: My Life With Caroline** (G 1941) US comedy **12.20 Movie: Down To Earth** (G 1947) US comedy **2.30 Movie: The Guns Of Fort Petticoat** (PG 1957) Western **4.10 Movie: Karroll's Christmas** (PG 2004) US comedy

- **6.00 Love Thy Neighbour**
- **6.30 All Creatures Great And Small**
- **7.30 Bargain Hunt**
- **8.00 10 Years Younger**
- **8.30 Escape To The Country**
- **9.45 Great British Journeys**

11.00 Escape To The Sun **11.40** Extreme Health Farm (M) **12.45** 1988 Aust Open Tennis: Cash v Wilander **5.00** Home Shopping

GEM

6.00 Religion **6.30 Movie: Billy Liar** (PG 1963) UK comedy **8.50 Movie: Wonderful Life** (G 1964) UK musical **10.50 Movie: Agatha Christie's The Mirror Crack'd** (PG 1980) UK crime **1.00 Movie: Sunday In New York** (PG 1963) US romantic comedy **3.00 Movie: The Nun's Story** (G 1959) US drama

- **6.00 The Nanny**
- **6.30 Birds Of A Feather**
- **7.10 Bless This House**
- **7.45 Allo Allo**
- **8.30 Movie: True Crime** (M 1999) US thriller

11.00 Movie: The Nun's Story 2.00 Home Shopping **4.30** Religion **5.00** Adventures In Rainbow Country **5.30** Today

NBN

6.00 Infomercials **7.00** Weekend Today **10.00** Kids' Programs **12.00** Surfsport

- **1.00 Ashes 3rd Test Cricket** LIVE – Australia v England

3.30 The Cricket Show

- **4.30 Cricket** continues
- **6.00 NBN News**
- **6.30 Cricket** continues
- **8.30 The Mentalist** (M)
- **9.30 Movie: The Commander** (AV 2003) UK drama

11.30 Primetime Family Secrets (M) **12.25 Movie: Hunger Point** (M 2003) US drama **2.15** The Script **2.30** Infomercials **3.30** Religion **4.00** Good Morning America **5.00** Early Morning News

GO!

6.00 Kids' Programs **12.00** The Hills **12.30** Eclipse Music TV **1.00** Jessica Mauboy **1.30** Kings Of Leon **2.30** Here's Lucy **3.30** Green Acres **4.30** Star Trek: Original Series **5.30** Wipeout

- **6.30 Top Gear**
- **7.30 Two And A Half Men**
- **8.30 Movie: Wild Wild West** (PG 1999) US comedy

10.30 South Park (MA) **11.00** Watchmen: Complete Motion Comic (AV) **11.30** Fur TV (MA) **12.00** Star Trek: Original Series **1.00** Nightmares & Dreamscapes (M) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00** Cribs **4.30** The Hills **5.00** Here's Lucy

MONDAY 20

ABC 1

4.30 Shortland Street **5.00** Something In The Air **5.30** The Einstein Factor **6.00** Kids' Programs **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** The Forsyte Saga **1.30** Once A Soldier **2.00** The Bill **3.00** Kids' Programs

- **6.00 My Family**
- **6.30 Nigella Express**
- **7.00 ABC News**
- **7.30 The 7.30 Report**
- **8.00 Family Confidential** The Mundines
- **8.30 Stephen Fry In America**
- **9.30 Willie's Chocolate Revolution**
- **10.20 Late Edition News**
- **10.30 The Nutcracker Story**

11.20 Dirt Game (M) **12.20** The Clinic (M) **1.25 Movie: Radio City Revels** (G 1937) US musical **3.00** NSW Open Bowls **4.00** The Cook And The Chef

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs **5.05** CJ The DJ **5.20** Kid Vs Kat **5.35** League Of Super Evil **6.00** Total Drama World Tour **6.30** Prank Patrol **6.55** Good Game: SP **7.10** Rush TV **7.35** M.I. High **8.05** Jeopardy **8.30** Aisling's Diary **8.35** Degrassi: The Next Generation **9.00** Close

ABC 2

5.30 Talking Heads: Tony Gaze **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** Kids' Programs

- **6.00 Collectors**
- **6.25 Scrapheap Challenge**
- **7.15 The Daily Show**
- **7.40 The Colbert Report**
- **8.05 Absolutely Fabulous**
- **8.35 Jeff Green** (M)
- **9.35 Peep Show** (M)
- **10.00 Glastonbury 2010: Shakira** (M)

11.00 Hyperdrive **11.30** London Live **12.00** Soundtrack To My Life: Paul Carrack **12.25** London Live **12.55** Live At The Basement: Laughing Clowns **1.55** Close

ABC NEWS 24

4.00 ABC News **4.05** Big Ideas **5.00** ABC News **5.15** The Quarters **5.30** 7.30 Select **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** ABC News **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** One Plus One **1.00** ABC News **2.00** Midday Report **2.30** Talking Heads **3.00** Afternoon Live **5.30** 7.30 Select **6.00** ABC News **6.05** The Drum **6.45** The Quarters **7.00** ABC News **7.30** The 7.30 Report **8.00** ABC News **8.30** Dispatches 2010 **9.00** The World **10.05** The Drum **10.45** The Quarters **11.00** ABC News **11.30** The 7.30 Report **12.00** Big Ideas **1.00** BBC News **1.30** Australia Network News **2.00** BBC World News **2.30** Australia Network News **3.00** Big Ideas

SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch **5.05** World News **1.00** Food Lovers' Guide To Australia **1.30** Spellbound **3.15** The Letter **3.30** Letters And Numbers **4.00** The Journal **4.30** Futbol Mundial **5.00** The Crew **5.30** Global Village

- **6.00 Letters And Numbers**
- **6.30 World News Australia**
- **7.30 William Shatner's Weird Or What?**
- **8.30 Man v Wild**
- **9.30 World News Australia**

10.00 Shameless (MA) **11.00** Entourage (MA) **11.30** The World Game **12.30 Movie: G.O.R.A.** (M 2005) Turkish comedy **2.40** Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News

- **6.00 Global Village**
- **6.30 Sarah Wiener's Culinary Adventures**
- **7.00 At The Table With…**
- **7.30 Who Do You Want Your Child To Be?**
- **8.30 Allergy Planet**
- **9.30 The World Game**
- **10.30 Movie: Sun Valley** (M 1995) Mandarin epic

12.30 Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 Ten Early News **7.00** Kids' Programs **9.00** Ten News **10.00** The Circle **12.00** Dr Phil **1.00** Oprah Winfrey Show **2.00** Ready Steady Cook **3.00** Judge Judy **3.30** Infomercial **4.00** Huey's Kitchen **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful **5.00** Ten News

- **6.00 The Simpsons**
- **6.30 Jamie's Family Christmas**
- **7.00 The 7pm Project**
- **7.30 Glee**
- **8.30 Undercover Boss Australia**
- **9.30 Good News Week** (M)
- **10.30 Outrageous Fortune** (MA)

11.30 Late News & Sports Tonight **12.15** The Late Show **1.00** Infomercials **4.00** Religion

ONE HD

- **6.00 National Football League** LIVE

11.20 Transworld Sport

- **12.20 National Football League** LIVE

3.30 Omnisport **4.00** ATP Champions Tour Tennis **4.30** Real NBA **5.00** FINA World Championship Short Course Swimming **7.30** Australian Rally Championship **8.30** World Football News **9.30** Sports Tonight **10.00** The Pro Shop **11.00** Fore Inventors Only **12.00** Sports Tonight Late **12.15** National Football League **2.45** Omnisport **3.15** World Rally Championship **4.15** Sports Unlimited **5.15** Tread BMX **5.45** Omnisport

PRIME

6.00 Sunrise **9.00** The Morning Show **11.30** Seven Morning News **12.00** Kids' Programs **4.30** Seven News **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

- **6.00 Prime News**
- **6.30 Seven News**
- **7.00 How I Met Your Mother**
- **7.30 Animal Squad**
- **8.00 ICU**
- **8.30 Criminal Minds** (M)
- **9.30 Outlaw** (M)
- **10.30 Journey To The Edge Of The Universe**

11.30 Parks And Recreation (M) **12.00** Grey's Anatomy (M) **1.00** Home Shopping **5.30** Seven News

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train **7.00** The Virginian **8.30** McHale's Navy **9.00** NBC Today **10.00** NBC Meet The Press **11.00** Last Chance Learners **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Knight Rider **5.00** The A Team

- **6.00 Monster Garage**
- **7.00 That '70s Show**
- **7.30 Australia Smashes Guinness World Records**
- **8.00 Whacked Out Sports**
- **8.30 Family Guy** (M)
- **9.00 American Dad** (M)
- **9.30 The Shield** (M)

11.30 The Sopranos (MA) **12.30** Big Joe's Place (M) **1.00** Wagon Train **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Knight Rider **5.00** The A Team **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

7 TWO

6.00 Kids Time **9.30** Shortland St **10.00** Coronation St **10.30** Emmerdale **11.00** Hollyoaks **12.00** All My Children **1.00** Kitchen Time **2.30 Movie: The Loves Of Carmen** (PG 1948) US drama **4.30** Murphy Brown **5.00** Head Of The Class **5.30** Growing Pains

- **6.00 Floyd's India**
- **6.30 Bargain Hunt**
- **7.00 Keeping Up Appearances**
- **8.15 Heartbeat**
- **9.20 Jonathan Creek** (M)

11.50 Airline USA **12.20** Last Man Standing (M) **1.20** 2005 Australian Open Tennis: Sharapova v S Williams **4.00** Leyland Brothers World **5.00** Home Shopping

GEM

6.00 Today **9.00** Alive & Cooking **9.30** The Zoo **10.00** The Nanny **10.30** Friends **11.00** Murder, She Wrote **12.00 Movie: Carry On Jack** (PG 1963) UK comedy **2.00** Wife Swap USA **3.00** McLeod's Daughters **4.00** The View **5.00** The Ellen Degeneres Show

- **6.00 The Nanny**
- **6.30 Friends**
- **7.00 The Zoo**
- **7.30 Animal Emergency**
- **8.00 Airport**
- **8.30 Movie: US Marshals** (M 1998) US drama

11.15 Southland (M) **12.15** Friends **12.40** The Zoo **1.05** Murder, She Wrote **2.00** Home Shopping **5.00** The Garden Gurus **5.30** Today

NBN

5.30 Today **9.00** Kerri-Anne **10.00** Kids' Programs **11.30** Home Shopping **12.00** Ellen Degeneres Show

- **1.00 Ashes 3rd Test Cricket** LIVE – Australia v England

3.30 The Cricket Show

- **4.30 Cricket** continues
- **6.00 NBN News**
- **6.30 Cricket** continues
- **8.25 Lotto**
- **8.30 The Mentalist** (M)
- **9.30 CSI** (M)
- **10.30 Embarrassing Bodies** (M)
- **11.30 Movie: They Shoot Divas, Don't They?** (M 2002) US thriller

1.05 Deadly Surf **1.35** Entertainment Tonight **2.00** Infomercials **3.30** Good Morning America **5.00** Early Morning News

GO!

6.00 Kids' Programs **10.30** Entertainment Tonight **11.00** TMZ **11.30** Get Smart **12.00** Here's Lucy **12.30** Seinfeld **1.00** Green Acres **2.00** Wipeout **3.00** Just Shoot Me **3.30** Kids' Programs

- **6.30 Total Wipeout UK**
- **7.30 Hellcats**
- **8.30 Pretty Little Liars** (M)
- **9.30 Ladette To Lady** (M)
- **10.30 South Park** (MA)

11.00 Gossip Girl (M) **12.00** Pretty Little Liars (M) **1.00** Ladette To Lady (M) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00** Just Shoot Me **4.30** TMZ **5.00** Get Smart **5.30** The Flintstones

TUESDAY 21

ABC 1

4.30 Shortland Street **5.00** Something In The Air **5.30** The Einstein Factor **6.00** Kids' Programs **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** Time Team **1.20** Gavin Stamp's Orient Express **2.00** The Bill **3.00** Kids' Programs

- **6.00 My Family**
- **6.30 Nigella Express**
- **7.00 ABC News**
- **7.30 The 7.30 Report**
- **8.00 The Old Guys**
- **8.30 Museum Of Life**
- **9.30 Kevin McCloud's Grand Tour** Rome, Naples and Pompeii (M)
- **10.20 Late Edition News**
- **10.35 To The Manor Bowen** (M)

11.20 The Music In Me **12.10** The Chaser's War On Everything (M)

- **1.00 Movie: The Fountain** (G 1934) WWI drama
- **2.25 Movie: Hitting A New High** (G 1937) US comedy

4.00 Talking Heads: Jesse Martin

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs **5.05** CJ The DJ **5.20** Kid Vs Kat **5.35** League Of Super Evil **6.00** Total Drama World Tour **6.30** Prank Patrol **6.55** Good Game: SP **7.10** Rush TV **7.35** M.I. High **8.05** Jeopardy **8.30** Aisling's Diary **8.35** Degrassi: The Next Generation **9.00** Close

ABC 2

5.30 Talking Heads: Sue Woolfe **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** Kids' Programs

- **6.00 Treks In A Wild World** Canada
- **6.30 Scrapheap Challenge**
- **7.20 The Daily Show**
- **7.40 The Colbert Report**
- **8.00 The Goodies**
- **8.30 Tim Minchin**
- **10.30 Teachers** (M)

11.30 Being Erica **12.15** London Live **12.45** Live At The Basement: Clint Crighton And Travis Collins **1.45** Close

ABC NEWS 24

4.00 ABC News **4.05** The Quarters **4.20** The Drum **5.00** ABC News **5.15** The Quarters **5.30** The 7.30 Report **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** ABC News **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** Australian Story Classic **1.00** ABC News **2.00** Midday Report **2.30** 7.30 Select **3.00** Afternoon Live **5.30** Stateline Summer **6.00** ABC News **6.05** The Drum **6.45** The Quarters **7.00** ABC News **7.30** The 7.30 Report **8.00** ABC News **8.30** Dispatches 2010 **9.00** The World **10.00** ABC News **10.05** The Drum **10.45** The Quarters **11.00** ABC News **11.30** The 7.30 Report **12.00** Big Ideas **1.00** BBC News **1.30** Australia Network News **2.00** BBC World News **2.30** Australia Network News **3.00** Big Ideas

SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch **5.05** World News

- **1.00 Movie: Offside** (PG 2006) Farsi comedy

2.35 When Elvis Came To Visit **2.45** Sakura Wonderful Jet **3.00** Classical Destinations: Vienna **3.30** Letters And Numbers **4.00** The Journal **4.30** Newshour **5.30** Global Village

- **6.00 Letters And Numbers**
- **6.30 World News Australia**
- **7.30 The Trouble With Sleepwalking**
- **8.30 Extreme Cleaners**
- **9.30 World News Australia**
- **10.00 Hot Docs: Heidi Fleiss – The Would-Be Madam Of Crystal** (MA)
- **11.25 Movie: The Paranoids** (MA 2008) Argentinian comedy

1.15 Countdown To Delirium (MA) **2.15** Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News

- **6.00 Global Village**
- **6.30 At The Table With…**
- **7.00 Taste Takes Off** Fiji
- **7.30 Lost Worlds** Ancient Discoveries: Power
- **8.30 The Last Christmas: December 1944**
- **9.30 Movie: Seven Dwarves** (PG 2004) German comedy
- **11.10 Movie: Nowhere In Africa** (M 2001) German drama

1.35 Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 Ten Early News **7.00** Kids' Programs **9.00** Ten News **10.00** The Circle **12.00** Dr Phil **1.00** Oprah Winfrey Show **2.00** Ready Steady Cook **3.00** Judge Judy **3.30** Infomercial **4.00** Huey's Kitchen **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful **5.00** Ten News

- **6.00 The Simpsons**
- **6.30 Jamie's Family Christmas**
- **7.00 The 7pm Project**
- **7.30 Talking' 'Bout Your Generation**
- **8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles** (M)
- **9.30 Lie To Me** (M)
- **10.30 Late News & Sports Tonight**

11.15 The Late Show **12.00** Numb3rs (M) **1.00** Infomercials **4.00** Religion

ONE HD

6.00 Bundesliga Football **7.00** World Football News **8.00** The Pro Shop **9.00** World Rally Championship **10.00** National Football League **12.30** Real NBA **1.00** NBL Basketball **3.00** Omnisport **3.30** Manly Surf **4.00** World Football News **5.00** The Pro Shop **6.00** Golf Central **6.30** Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures **7.30** NBA Primetime **9.30** Sports Tonight **10.00** Liverpool Football **1.00** Sports Tonight Late **1.15** Omnisport **1.45** Golf Central **2.15** The Pro Shop **3.15** Race Of Champions Motorsport **4.15** Transworld Sport **5.15** Tread BMX **5.45** Omnisport

PRIME

6.00 Sunrise **9.00** The Morning Show **11.30** Seven Morning News **12.00** Kids' Programs **4.30** Seven News **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

- **6.00 Prime News**
- **6.30 Seven News**
- **7.00 How I Met Your Mother**
- **7.30 Minute To Win It**
- **8.30 I Shouldn't Be Alive** (M)
- **9.30 Most Shocking Top 20** (M)
- **10.30 Scrubs**

11.00 That '70s Show **11.30** Parks And Recreation (M) **12.00** Mercy (M) **1.00** Home Shopping **5.30** Seven News

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train **7.00** The Virginian **8.30** McHale's Navy **9.00** NBC Today **11.00** Beach Patrol **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Knight Rider **5.00** The A Team

- **6.00 Monster Garage**
- **7.00 That '70s Show**
- **7.30 How I Met Your Mother**
- **8.00 Scrubs**
- **8.30 Family Guy** (M)
- **9.00 American Dad** (M)
- **9.30 My Name Is Earl**
- **10.00 Punk'd** (M)
- **10.30 Damage Control** (M)

11.30 Strikeforce (M) **12.00** Quincy ME **12.50** Wagon Train **1.45** Magnum PI **2.40** The Rockford Files **3.40** Knight Rider **4.35** The A Team **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

7 TWO

6.00 Kids Time **9.30** Shortland St **10.00** Coronation St **10.30** Emmerdale **11.00** Hollyoaks **12.00** All My Children **1.00** Kitchen Time **2.30 Movie: A Thousand And One Nights** (G 1945) US adventure **4.30** Murphy Brown **5.00** Head Of The Class **5.30** Growing Pains

- **6.00 Floyd's India**
- **6.30 Bargain Hunt**
- **7.00 Some Mothers Do 'ave 'em**
- **8.00 To The Manor Born**
- **9.15 Porridge Christmas**
- **10.15 Not Going Out** (M)
- **10.55 Movie: The Alf Garnett Saga** (M 1972) UK comedy **1.00** Big J's Place **1.30** 2004 Australian Open Tennis: Safin v Federer **4.00** Airline USA **4.30** Harry's Practice **5.00** Home Shopping

GEM

6.00 Today **9.00** Alive & Cooking **9.30** The Zoo **10.00** The Nanny **10.30** Friends **11.00** Murder, She Wrote **12.00 Movie: The City Under The Sea** (PG 1965) UK adventure **2.00** Wife Swap USA **3.00** McLeod's Daughters **4.00** David Attenborough's Life In Cold Blood **5.00** The Ellen Degeneres Show

- **6.00 The Nanny**
- **6.30 Friends**
- **7.00 The Zoo**
- **7.30 Secret Millionaire**
- **8.30 Law & Order** (M)
- **9.30 The Closer** (M)

11.30 Friends **12.00** Law & Order (M) **1.00** The Closer (M) **2.00** Home Shopping **5.00** Adventures In Rainbow Country **5.30** Today

NBN

5.30 Today **9.00** Kerri-Anne **10.00** Kids' Programs **11.00** Danoz **12.00** Ellen Degeneres Show **1.00** The View **2.00** Days Of Our Lives **3.00** Alive And Cooking **3.30** Til Death **4.00** Kids' Programs **4.30** Afternoon News **5.30** Hot Seat

- **6.00 Evening News**
- **7.00 A Current Affair**
- **7.30 The Big Bang Theory**
- **8.00 Top Gear**
- **8.30 Law & Order** (M)
- **9.30 Survivor: Nicaragua**

10.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares (MA) **11.30** Deadly Surf **12.00** You Saved My Life **12.30** Entertainment Tonight **1.00** Skippy **1.30** Infomercials **3.30** Good Morning America **5.00** Early Morning News

GO!

6.00 Kids' Programs **10.30** Entertainment Tonight **11.00** TMZ **11.30** Get Smart **12.00** Here's Lucy **12.30** Seinfeld **1.00** Charlie's Angels **2.00** Hellcats **3.00** Just Shoot Me **3.30** Kids' Programs

- **6.30 Total Wipeout UK**
- **7.30 Movie: Elf** (G 2003) US comedy
- **9.30 The Wedding Date** (M 2005) US comedy

11.20 Seinfeld **1.00** Charlie's Angels **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00** Just Shoot Me **4.30** TMZ **5.00** Get Smart **5.30** The Flintstones

WEDNESDAY 22

ABC 1

4.30 Shortland Street **5.00** Something In The Air **5.30** The Einstein Factor **6.00** Kids' Programs **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** Pilot Guides **1.30** The Wild Gourmets **2.00** The Bill **3.00** Kids' Programs
6.00 My Family
6.30 Nigella Express
7.00 ABC News
7.30 The 7.30 Report
8.00 QI
8.30 The Trophy Room
9.00 Outnumbered
9.30 Summer Heights High (M)
10.00 Review With Myles Barlow (M)
10.30 Late Edition News
10.40 Party Animals (M)
11.30 Movie: Little Devil (M 2007) UK drama
1.10 Movie: Storm Over The Nile (PG 1955) UK drama
3.00 National Press Club Address **4.00** Catalyst

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs **5.05** CJ The DJ **5.20** Kid Vs Kat **5.30** League Of Super Evil **6.00** Total Drama Action **6.30** Prank Patrol **6.55** Good Game: SP **7.10** Rush TV **7.35** M.I. High **8.05** Jeopardy **8.30** Aisling's Diary **8.35** Degrassi: The Next Generation **9.00** Close

ABC 2

5.30 Talking Heads: Neil Armfield **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** Kids' Programs
6.00 Travel Oz
6.30 Scrapheap Challenge
7.20 The Daily Show
7.40 The Colbert Report
8.00 Jail Birds
8.30 Inside The Great Magazines
9.20 Colours By Numbers (M) The Sudokumentary
10.10 Secrets To Love
11.15 The Wrong Side Of The Bus **12.10** The Re-Inventors **12.35** Live At The Basement: Declan O'Rourke **1.40** Close

ABC NEWS 24

4.00 ABC News **4.05** The Quarters **4.20** The Drum **5.00** ABC News **5.15** The Quarters **5.30** The 7.30 Report **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** ABC News **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** Foreign Correspondent **1.00** ABC News **2.00** Midday Report **2.30** Stateline **3.00** Afternoon Live **5.30** Landline Extra **6.00** ABC News **6.05** The Drum **6.45** The Quarters **7.00** ABC News **7.30** The 7.30 Report **8.00** ABC News **8.30** Stateline **9.00** The World **10.00** ABC News **10.05** The Drum **10.45** The Quarters **11.00** ABC News **11.30** The 7.30 Report **12.00** ABC News **12.05** Big Ideas **1.00** BBC News **1.30** Australia Network News **2.00** BBC World News **2.30** Australia Network News **3.00** Big Ideas

SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch **5.05** World News **1.00 Movie: Silence... We're Rolling** (G 2001) Egyptian musical **2.50** Scripts Against Discriminations **3.00** Classical Destinations **3.30** Letters And Numbers **4.00** The Journal **4.30** Newshour **5.30** Global Village
6.00 Letters And Numbers
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Rex In Rome
8.30 East West 101 (M)
9.30 World News Australia
10.05 Movie: Paris (M 2008) French drama
12.20 Anna Pihl (M)
1.10 Movie: A World Without Thieves (M 2004) Mandarin action
3.10 Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News
6.00 Global Village
6.30 Made In Spain
7.00 Sarah Wiener's Culinary Adventures
7.30 Brother No. 2
8.30 Age Of Terror (M)
9.30 Movie: Monsieur Ibrahim And The Flowers Of The Koran (M 2003) French drama
11.10 Movie: The Last Kiss (M 2001) Italian comedy
1.10 Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 Ten Early News **7.00** Kids' Programs **9.00** Ten News **10.00** The Circle **12.00** Dr Phil **1.00** Oprah Winfrey Show **2.00** Ready Steady Cook **3.00** Judge Judy **3.30** Infomercial **4.00** Huey's Kitchen **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful **5.00** Ten News
6.00 The Simpsons
6.30 Jamie's Family Christmas
7.00 The 7pm Project
7.30 Modern Family
8.00 Raising Hope
8.30 NCIS: Los Angeles (M)
9.30 White Collar (M)
10.30 Late News & Sports Tonight
11.15 Overtime (M) **12.15** The Late Show **1.00** Infomercials **4.00** Religion

ONE HD

6.00 Serie A Football **8.30** Golf Central **9.00** Andra Pro Series Drag Racing **10.00** NFL Total Access **11.00** Sports Unlimited **12.00** Ironman Series – Coolum **2.00** Omnisport
2.30 NBA Basketball LIVE
5.00 ASP Surfing World Tour **6.00** Red Bull X Fighters **7.00** Pro Bull Riding **8.00** Manly Surf **8.30** Overtime **9.30** Sports Tonight **10.00** MVP **10.30** NBA Basketball **12.30** Sports Tonight Late **12.45** NFL Total Access **1.45** Omnisport **2.15** Bundesliga Football **3.15** Champions Skins Golf **5.15** Tread BMX **5.45** Omnisport

PRIME

6.00 Sunrise **9.00** The Morning Show **11.30** Seven Morning News **12.00** Kids' Programs **4.30** Seven News **5.30** Deal Or No Deal
6.00 Prime News
6.30 Seven News
7.00 How I Met Your Mother
7.30 Medical Emergency
8.00 Under The Hammer
8.30 Criminal Minds (M)
9.30 City Homicide (M)
11.30 The First 48 (M) **12.30** Home Shopping **5.30** Seven News

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train **7.00** The Virginian **8.30** McHale's Navy **9.00** NBC Today **11.00** Beach Patrol **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Knight Rider **5.00** The A Team

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6.00 Kids Time **9.30** Shortland St **10.00** Coronation St **10.30** Emmerdale **11.00** Hollyoaks **12.00** All My Children **1.00** Kitchen Time **2.30 Movie: Earth Vs The Flying Saucers** (PG 1956) US sci-fi **4.30** Murphy Brown **5.00** Head Of The Class **5.30** Growing Pains
6.00 Floyd's India
6.30 Bargain Hunt
7.00 Keeping Up Appearances
7.40 One Foot In The Grave
9.40 Pie In The Sky
10.45 Wycliffe (M) **12.00** The Professionals (M) **1.00** The World Around Us **2.00** Airline USA **2.30** Harry's Practice **3.00** Home Shopping

GEM

6.00 Today **9.00** Alive & Cooking **9.30** The Zoo **10.00** The Nanny **10.30** Friends **11.00** Murder, She Wrote **12.00 Movie: Jack Fost** (PG 1999) US fantasy adventure **2.00** Wife Swap USA **3.00** McLeod's Daughters **4.00** Secret Millionaire **5.00** The Ellen Degeneres Show
6.00 The Nanny
6.30 Friends
7.00 The Zoo
7.30 Wife Swap USA
8.30 Movie: Two Weeks Notice (PG 2002) US romance
10.30 The Big C (MA)
11.00 Weeds (M) **11.30** Conan (M) **12.30** Friends **1.00** Getaway **2.00** Home Shopping **5.00** Adventures In Rainbow Country **5.30** Today

NBN

5.30 Today **9.00** Kerri-Anne **10.00** Kids' Programs **11.00** Danoz **12.00** Ellen Degeneres Show **1.00** The View **2.00** Days Of Our Lives **3.00** Alive And Cooking **3.30** Til Death **4.00** Kids' Programs **4.30** Afternoon News **5.30** Hot Seat
6.00 Evening News
7.00 A Current Affair
7.30 Two And A Half Men
8.00 Customs
8.25 Lotto
8.30 CSI: Miami (M)
9.30 CSI: NY (M)
10.30 Cold Case (M)
11.30 Deadly Surf **12.00** Eclipse Music TV **12.30** 20/20 **1.30** Infomercials **3.30** Good Morning America **5.00** Early Morning News

GO!

6.00 Kids' Programs **10.30** Entertainment Tonight **11.00** TMZ **11.30** Get Smart **12.00** Here's Lucy **12.30** Seinfeld **1.00** Charlie's Angels (M) **2.00** Star Trek: Original Series **3.00** Just Shoot Me **3.30** Kids' Programs
6.30 Total Wipeout UK
7.30 Top Gear
8.30 The Big Bang Theory
9.30 Movie: Batman – The Movie (PG 1989) US drama
11.00 Two And A Half Men **11.30** Reno 911 (M) **12.00** Starsky & Hutch (M) **1.00** Charlie's Angels (M) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00** Just Shoot Me **4.30** TMZ **5.00** Get Smart **5.30** The Flintstones

THURSDAY 23

ABC 1

4.30 Shortland Street **5.00** Something In The Air **5.30** The Einstein Factor **6.00** Kids' Programs **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** Robin Hood **1.30** Echo Beach (M) **2.00** The Bill **3.00** Kids' Programs
6.00 My Family
6.30 Compass Sounds like Christmas
7.00 ABC News
7.30 The 7.30 Report
8.00 Sleek Geeks
8.30 Rake (M)
9.30 Breaking Bad (M)
11.00 Late Edition News
11.10 Star Of Bethlehem: Behind The Myth
12.05 Movie: A Kid For Two Farthings (PG 1955) UK comedy
1.45 Movie: Two O'Clock Courage (PG 1945) US mystery
3.00 Movie: Road Agent (G 1952) Western **4.00** Can We Help?

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs **5.05** CJ The DJ **5.20** Kid Vs Kat **5.30** League Of Super Evil **6.00** Total Drama World Tour **6.30** Prank Patrol **6.55** Good Game: SP **7.10** Rush TV **7.35** M.I. High **8.05** Jeopardy **8.30** Aisling's Diary **8.35** Degrassi: The Next Generation **9.00** Close

Please note that TV stations like to tinker with things at the last minute and sometimes make changes after this guide has gone to print.

ABC 2

5.30 Talking Heads: Jim Frazier **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** Kids' Programs
6.00 Poh's Kitchen
6.30 Scrapheap Challenge
7.20 The Daily Show
7.40 The Colbert Report
8.00 Mr Bean
8.30 The Royle Family
9.30 Review With Myles Barlow (M)
10.00 Peter Serafinowicz Show (M)
10.30 Peep Show (M) **11.00** Ideal Xmas (M) **11.40** Inside The Actors Studio: Brooke Shields **12.15** Planet Rock Profiles: James Blunt **12.40** Live At The Basement: Jon Cleary **1.40** Close

ABC NEWS 24

4.00 ABC News **4.05** The Quarters **4.20** The Drum **5.00** ABC News **5.15** The Quarters **5.30** The 7.30 Report **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** ABC News **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** Catalyst **1.30** ABC News **2.00** Midday Report **2.30** Stateline Select **3.00** Afternoon Live **5.30** The World This Week **6.00** ABC News **6.05** The Drum **6.45** The Quarters **7.00** ABC News **7.30** The 7.30 Report **8.00** ABC News **8.30** Landline Extra **9.00** The World **10.00** ABC News **10.05** The Drum **10.45** The Quarters **11.00** ABC News **11.30** The 7.30 Report **12.00** ABC News **12.05** Big Ideas **1.00** BBC News **1.30** Australia Network News **2.00** BBC World News **2.30** Australia Network News **3.00** Big Ideas

SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch **5.05** World News **1.00** Food Lovers' Guide To Australia **1.30** Changing Climate, Changing Times **3.10** Iron **3.30** Letters And Numbers **4.00** The Journal **4.30** Newshour **5.30** Global Village
6.00 Letters And Numbers
6.30 World News Australia
7.30 Luke Nguyen's Vietnam
8.00 Gourmet Farmer
8.30 Food Additives
9.30 World News Australia
10.05 Movie: Half Nelson (MA 2006) US drama
12.00 Movie: Silmido (MAV 2004) Korean action
2.25 Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News
6.00 Global Village
6.30 Taste Takes Off
7.00 At The Table With...
7.30 My Mum Talks To Aliens
8.30 Once Upon A Time... Some Like It Hot
9.35 Movie: Captain Alatriste (MAV 2006) Spanish action
12.05 Movie: Arsène Lupin (M 2004) French action
2.20 Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 Ten Early News **7.00** Kids' Programs **9.00** Ten News **10.00** The Circle **12.00** Dr Phil **1.00** Oprah Winfrey Show **2.00** Ready Steady Cook **3.00** Judge Judy **3.30** Infomercial **4.00** Huey's Kitchen **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful **5.00** Ten News
6.00 The Simpsons
6.30 Jamie's Family Christmas
7.00 The 7pm Project
7.30 Bondi Vet
8.30 Law & Order: SVU (M)
10.30 Late News With Sports Tonight
11.15 The Late Show **12.00** Burn Notice (M) **1.00** Infomercial **4.00** Religion

ONE HD

6.00 Serie A Football **6.30** FIFA Club World Cup Football Final **8.00** Fore Inventors Only **9.00** Andra Pro Series Drag Racing **10.00** National Football League **12.30** ATP Champions Tour Tennis **1.00** Ironwoman Series – Coolum **2.00** Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures **3.00** Omnisport **3.30** Arsenal Football **6.30** Transworld Sport **7.30** Sports Tonight **8.00** NBL Basketball **10.00** The WWE Experience **11.00** Mixed Martial Arts **12.00** Sports Tonight Late **12.15** National Football League **2.45** Omnisport **3.15** Champions Skins Golf **5.15** Tread BMX **5.45** Omnisport

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7.00 How I Met Your Mother
7.30 Beat The Star
8.30 Movie: Surviving Christmas (M 2004) US comedy
10.30 30 Rock
11.30 That '70s Show **12.00** Grey's Anatomy (M) **1.00** Home Shopping **5.30** Seven News

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6.00 Monster Garage
7.00 That '70s Show
7.30 The Universe
8.30 Stargate Atlantis (M)
11.30 Strikeforce (M) **12.00** Quincy ME **12.50** Wagon Train **1.45** Magnum PI (M) **2.40** The Rockford Files **3.40** Knight Rider **4.30** The A Team **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

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4.30 Christmas Parade
5.00 Head Of The Class **5.30** Growing Pains
6.00 Bargain Hunt
7.00 Are You Being Served?
7.40 One Foot In The Grave
9.00 All Creatures Great And Small
11.00 The Professionals (M) **12.00** 2009 Australian Open Tennis: Dokic v Kleybanova **3.30** Christmas Parade **4.30** Airline USA **5.00** Home Shopping

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6.00 The Nanny
6.30 Friends
7.00 The Zoo
7.30 Neighbours At War
8.00 How Clean Is Your House
8.30 The Mentalist (M)
9.30 Amazing Medical Stories (M)
10.30 Embarrassing Bodies (M)
11.30 Conan (M) **12.30** Friends **1.00** Murder, She Wrote **2.00** Home Shopping **4.30** Religion **5.00** Adventures In Rainbow Country **5.30** Today

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7.00 A Current Affair
7.30 Top Gear
8.40 Warnie (M)
9.40 Movie: Rogue (M 2007) Aust action
11.40 Jamiroquai **12.05** 20/20 **1.00** Entertainment Tonight **1.30** Skippy **2.00** Infomercials **3.30** Good Morning America **5.00** Early Morning News

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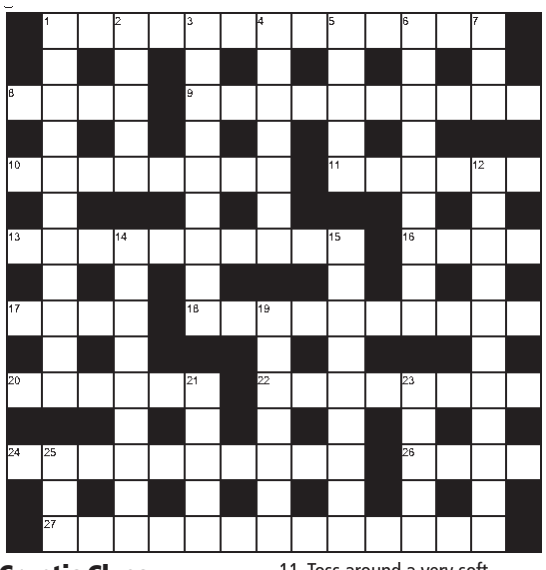
Mungo's Crossword

From *The Week*



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS
1. Romania vastly changed by Christian charity (9,4)
8. Plain girl, new, … (4)
9. … to seethe feathers? Cool it! (6,4)
10. Ian knits clumsily, and gets a black mark (8)
11. Toss around a very soft pencil? That's mean (6)
13. Amalgamations cover argon, nitrogen, sulphur – and ducks! (10)
16. See 1 down
17. English follow the pen – an irritation to the eye (4)
18. Violence? Fufts! (5,5)
20. Particular dock? (6)
22. Rousing calls for tribes around the Spanish river (8)
24. Aimed for a storm of publicity … (5,5)
26. … stop the advertisement! (4)
27. A cruel Asia problem? No, a locally based charity (4,9)

DOWN
1, 16 across. Furtively, students plan vice for a religious charity (2,7,2,4)
2. Tells porkies about new wrinkles (5)
3. Sailor responsible for 10, perhaps and a member of 1 across (9)
4. 999 blokes with a quarter – huge! (7)
5. Requires several directions about the dose (5)
6. Blushing sedan dog, welcome! (3,6)
7. A tree for the second person, they say (3)
12. Sad, wretched fat nun – I consider her a rare and expensive dish! (4,3,4)
14. Guard Germaine around a Fijian city (9)
15. Shun craze, silly; it's just a dog (9)
19. Peacekeeping bodies contain a ring, bit it unwinds (7)
21. 51 support a sign (5)
23. It's a devil, the Spanish drive (5)
25. Alien century, and all the rest (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS
1. Charitable religious organization famous for its bands (9,4)
8. Divisible by two (4)
9. Become calm, coll it (6,4)
10. Mark left by writing fluid (8)
11. Mean, down at heel (6)
13. Type of diving ducks, also called sheldrakes (10)
16. See 1 down
17. Ulcer in the eye (4)
18. Violence, assault (5,5)
20. Particular, decoration (6)
22. Rousing or shrill calls, usually from trumpets (8)
24. Publicity storm, covering press radio and television (5,5)
26. Bung, stopper (4)
27. Australian charity specialising in overseas aid (4,9)

DOWN
1, 16 across. Religious charity run by Roman Catholics (2,7,2,4)
2. One dimensional drawings (5)
3. Teetotaller (9)
4. Huge, colossal (7)
5. Requires, finds necessary (5)
6. Welcome mat for celebrities (3,6)
7. Coniferous tree (3)
12. Large pelagic fish much prized by gourmets (4,3,4)
14. British soldier, member of the Guards (9)
15. Breed of German terrier (9)
19. Unwinds, loosens (of a spring) (7)
21. Sign of the Zodiac (5)
23. Drive forward, urge (5)
25. And the other things (abbrev) (3)

Last week's solution

H	O	L	Y	R	O	M	A	N	E	M	P	I	R	E
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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Seagulls Club, Thurs 6-10pm

Arianne Caoili's Women's World Championship challenge ended last week before it began.

Caoili, a 23-year-old ANU student, failed to turn up in Antakya, Turkey, for her first round match against Chinese star Ju Wenjun and was eliminated from the 64 player knockout tournament.

Caoili had prepared for the tournament, and believed she had chances to become the first Australian woman to survive the first round of a knockout Women's World Championship. However, shortly before the tournament she received a job offer in Luxembourg which was too good to refuse.

White to play and win

The most spectacular game of the tournament so far has come from Russian Baira Kovanova in her upset 2-0 thrashing of compatriot Natalia Pogonina. Kovanova's celebrations did not last long; three days later she was heading home having lost to Ju.

Antakya 2010
White: B Kovanova
Black: N Pogonina
Opening: Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4!? A highly unusual system, popularised by German IM Stefan Bucker. **3...Nc6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Qe2 e6 6.c3 Be7 7.Bb3 0-0 8.d4 Qc7?** Now White gets easy attacking chances. 8...d5, either immediately or after exchanging on d4, was stronger. **9.dxc5 dxc5 10.e5 Nd7 11.Bf4 Rd8 12.Nbd2 Nf8** Sensible defence, but Black's position remains passive. **13.Rad1 b6 14.Bg3 Bb7 15.Ne4 Rxd1 16.Rxd1 Rd8 17.Nf6+! Kh8?** Playing safe, but in reality walking into a storm. After 17...gxf6 18.exf6 Rd1+ 19.Qxd1 Qd7! Black retains good survival chances. **18.Ng5! Rxd1+ 19.Qxd1 Nd8 20.Qh5 gxf6** Too late, Pogonina realises that 20...h6 allows 21.Qxf7!! (21...gxf6 22.exf6!) Nxf7 22.Nxf7 checkmate! **21.exf6 Qc6** (See diagram) Black had relied on this checkmating threat to hold off White's attack but a new surprise is in store... **22.Bd5!! Qe8** Hopeless, but 22...Qxd5 23.Nxf7+! Nxf7 24.Qxd5 Bxd5 25.fxe7! gives White a new queen. **23.Qh6 Bxf6 24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Be5 1-0**

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CHRISTMAS DAY – CLUB CLOSED
SATURDAY 25

DAVID LEE
KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB
MONDAY 27

THE ALDERMAN BROTHERS
KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB
FRIDAY 31

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT
TWIN TOWNS CLUB
DECEMBER 31

SHIHAD
SURFERS PARADISE BEER GARDEN
JANUARY 6

RAPSKALLION + A FRENCH BUTLER CALLED SMITH
CURRUMBIN SOUNDLOUNGE
JANUARY 7

THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS
COOLANGATTA HOTEL
JANUARY 14

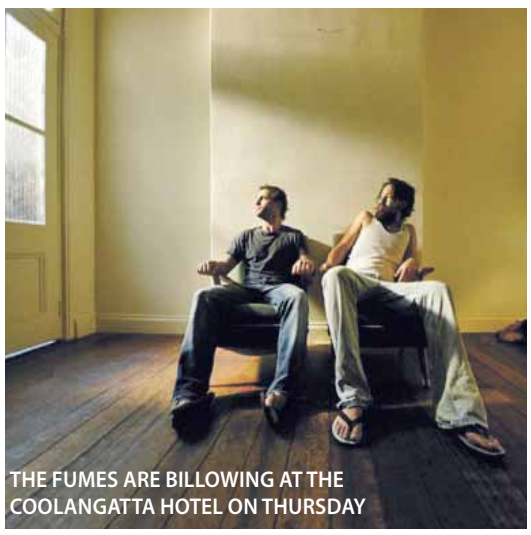
ANNUAL FAMILY VACATION
THE SOUND LOUNGE
FRIDAY JANUARY 21

The Fumes

Ever since **The Fumes** exploded onto the Aussie rock scene in 2004 with a self-titled EP and the critically-acclaimed debut album *Guns Of Gold* in 2006, the infamous blooze-rock duo have left slack jaws, ringing ears and wagging tongues in their wake.
But, in the case of geetar-slinger and mighty-bearded vocalist Steve Merry and drumming prodigy Joel Battersby, the gushing is with good reason. Not so much making a name for themselves as branding it into the consciousness of punters nationwide.
The Fumes have pursued a constant regimen of touring and are blowing into the **Coolangatta Hotel** on **Thursday**.

Taylor and Co

Taylor came about when travelling songwriter David Taylor returned home to collaborate with critically acclaimed musician and long time friend Nick Stewart. Songs from as far as a farmhouse in southern England to the muddy tracks of Vietnam, from Amsterdam to Osaka, and finally recorded in a water tank in the hills of Northern NSW.
In a short space of time, Taylor have taken what


THE FUMES ARE BILLOWING AT THE COOLANGATTA HOTEL ON THURSDAY

began as an acoustic duo, and created a six piece live experience. Now with an impressive opening record and a live performance that shouldn't be missed, Taylor are an essential part of the Australian music scene and are gigging at **Gold Coast Arts Centre** on **Thursday**.

Natural born leader

Natural-born leader and firstborn Australian, the world renowned, award winning **Kerrianne Cox** is coming to town. This Australian singer/songwriter began singing at an early age learning the old songs from the elders of her ancestral home of Beagle Bay

TAYLOR PLAYS AT THE GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE ON THURSDAY

in the threatened Kimberleys, Western Australia. Kerrianne appeared in *Bran Nue Dae* before winning the Best Indigenous Artist Of The Year WAMi award in 1997. Kerrianne has a swag of other awards and has performed internationally and throughout Australia including major events such as 2002 Message Stick at the Sorry Day concert at the Sydney Opera House. She appears this week at the **Sphinx Rock Cafe Friday**.

Chi Chi

Greg and Rose Powell make up the dynamic duo that is **Chi Chi**. Greg, a professional musician, actor and presenter has been seen across Australia in many commercials and a recently released feature film *Spud Monkey*. Rose has been singing since the age of nine. She has garnered the reputation of being one of the premier female voices in Queensland, once heard, never forgotten.
Chi Chi have the fantastic ability to read a crowd and play what their audiences want to hear and perform live on **Friday** in the **Main Bar, Currumbin RSL**.

Getting the timing right

'Calms my heart and clears my mind, living life on north coast time' are the words of North Coast Time's theme song. The Tweed Coast band says they have tried to create a peaceful ambience in their music.

North Coast Time will be doing unplugged versions of their CD at the equally laid back and peaceful Sheoak Shack at Fingal. There will be movies playing behind the band which will showcase some local surf film makers. This evening will feature classic retro 1970s footage from Murwillumbah's Mark Trevithick. The venue is the **Sheoak Shack** on **Saturday**.

Against

Forming in 2001, **Against** has toured consistently around Australia for the last nine years playing with bands such as AFI, Madball, Agnostic Front, Cro- Mags and many more. The band's intensity and conviction are ultimately what separates them from the rest.
This gig gets heavy at the **Elesewhere** on **Thursday**.

They gunna get you

Karma are a very diverse duo that say they 'do it all'. They appeal to any age from 18 to 80 playing hits from the 60s through to today's top songs. Guaranteed to impress, their great harmonies, repertoire and musicianship is what ignites them.
In live scenarios with their acoustic or large band sequencing they always get the party started and are a consistent crowd pleaser and are performing live on **Saturday** in the **Main Bar** of the **Currumbin RSL**.

Fisher of jazz

Stu Fisher has worked with some of the finest jazz artists in the country including The Frank Zappa Tribute Big Band, James Morrison, James Sherlock, Irene Bartlett, John Hoffman and Catherine Lambert.
Stu Fisher is a master of combining charm, humour and great music in the spirit of the Rat Pack with a Live and Swinging backing band of Australia's finest

KERRIANNE COX'S VOX AT THE SPHINX ROCK ON FRIDAY

FRED LANG AT THE GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE ON FRIDAY

KARMA IS COMING AROUND TO THE CURRUMBIN RSL ON SATURDAY

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BORED WITH BURLESQUE

Mandy Nolan

It's always sad when something exciting and different becomes mainstream. When something edgy and confrontational becomes boring. Like Oprah. Like full body tattooing. Like burlesque.

Burlesque is old school. It was basically a rich source of music and comedy that kept audiences in their seats. Knowing a girl in a knee-length pair of knickers is about to twirl her parasol was better than superglue for keeping blokes in their seats. A hundred years ago you'd sneak off to a burlesque show, expecting a hardcore girl with a beard, small breasts and giant thighs writhing upside down on a trapeze with a python encircling her torso.

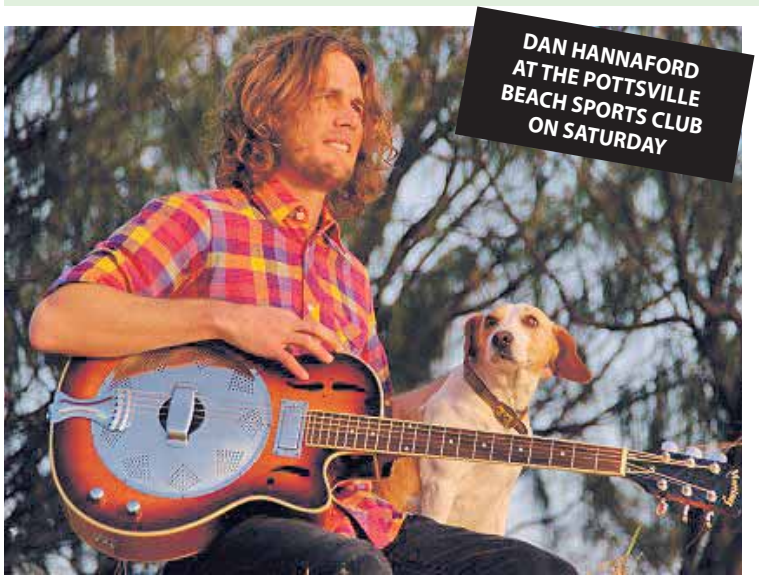
While burlesque as an art form has always primarily focused on sex, involving ribald humour and immodestly dressed women, there has usually been an element of theatre, with plays, musicals, even Shakespearean dramas. Burlesque peaked from about 1840 to 1960. In the last five years it's made a bit of a resurgence, with politically correct audiences suddenly being afforded the opportunity for a bit of dancing titty.

These days every second girl fancies herself as a burlesque dancer. Even I've had a crack at it. (Although I did come out in the buff and get dressed – it's a bit offputting getting a standing ovation for putting your clothes on.) Burlesque is supposed to be funny. It can be provocative and rude but it usually has to be a bit silly. Sticking sequins on your nipples and dancing with a fan while you wiggle your arse is just so, well, as an audience member who'd like to see something entertaining, it's well, it's a bit like watching lawn bowls.

Taking your clothes off a hundred years ago meant something. It was outrageous. It spoke to women's societal role. These days it's just another dose of objectification. I'm sick of perfectly beautiful burlesque dancers. They need to be Olive Oyl thin. They need to be fat. They need to be prepared to take the piss out of themselves. As a woman it's uncomfortable watching a burlesque performance. Some poor girl stumbling around on a pair of heels she can barely manage. I'm like, for god's sake, chuck on some thongs, love, and do the nutbush, now that would be original. And funny.

But no, it's always about emulating the fetishistic past. Feather boa wrapped around her neck like a poultry noose. Pouting lips. Betty Page Fringe. Gotta have a Betty fringe. But Betty had her own cultural context. Pretending to be Betty has none. It's empty emulation. Don't get me wrong, I'm no prude. It's just that if I want to see you do burlesque then you better give me something contemporary, something that gives me a reason to be watching you make a half naked spectacle of yourself.

I usually watch with a growing sadness that someone wanted to be a stripper but couldn't cut the mustard. I've tried pole dancing; those sluts are fit. If I wanted to see a stripper I'd go to a strip show. But I don't want to see a strip show. I don't actually even want to see burlesque. Because I don't think it is burlesque. It's just women dancing in their undies. If you are going to put on a burlesque show, then you better get some edge. Get your breasts to send smoke signals, toot a song with your bum cheeks or drink a beer with your vagina. Otherwise, put on your clothes and go make me a cup of tea. Because that's always satisfying.



DAN HANNAFORD AT THE POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB ON SATURDAY

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the globe. This gigs is set to rip everything up on **Friday** at **Platinum** on the **Gold Coast**.

A Tearful farewell to Ted E

David Strassman has big news on his 2010 Australian tour – it's *Ted E's Farewell Tour*. Tragically, the much adored **Ted E Bare** is announcing his show biz retirement. The pressure, the publicity, the paparazzi, the tabloids and – most of all – Chuck Wood. It's finally too much for one shy bear to handle. Ted E's decided to spend more time with his family. But what family? Where will he go?
As hilarious as ever, the show is a star-studded tribute to Ted E Bare's greatest showbiz moments. And it shares the pain of his struggle, trying to understand where he belongs in the world.
But will Ted E Bare really leave for good? Where will he go, who is his real family, and can this psychologically twisted show survive without its shy side? Could this be the end of everyone? Make sure you find out. **Friday to Sunday Gold Coast Arts Centre.**

VANDALISM ON FRIDAY AT PLATINUM ON THE GOLD COAST

DAVE STRASSMAN SAYS FAREWELL TO TED E AT THE GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE ON FRIDAY

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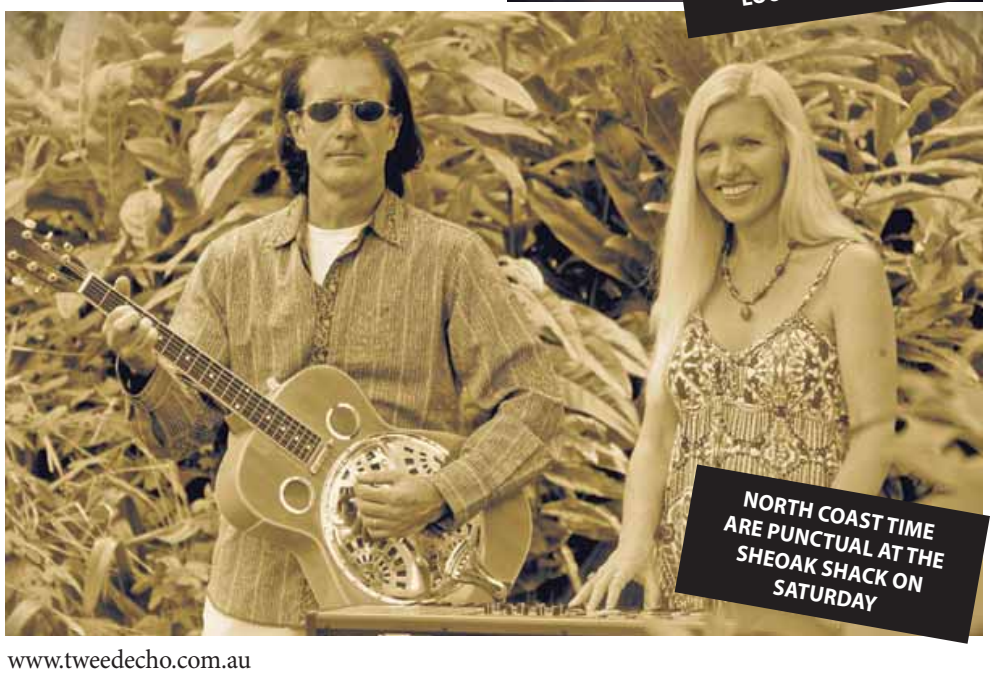
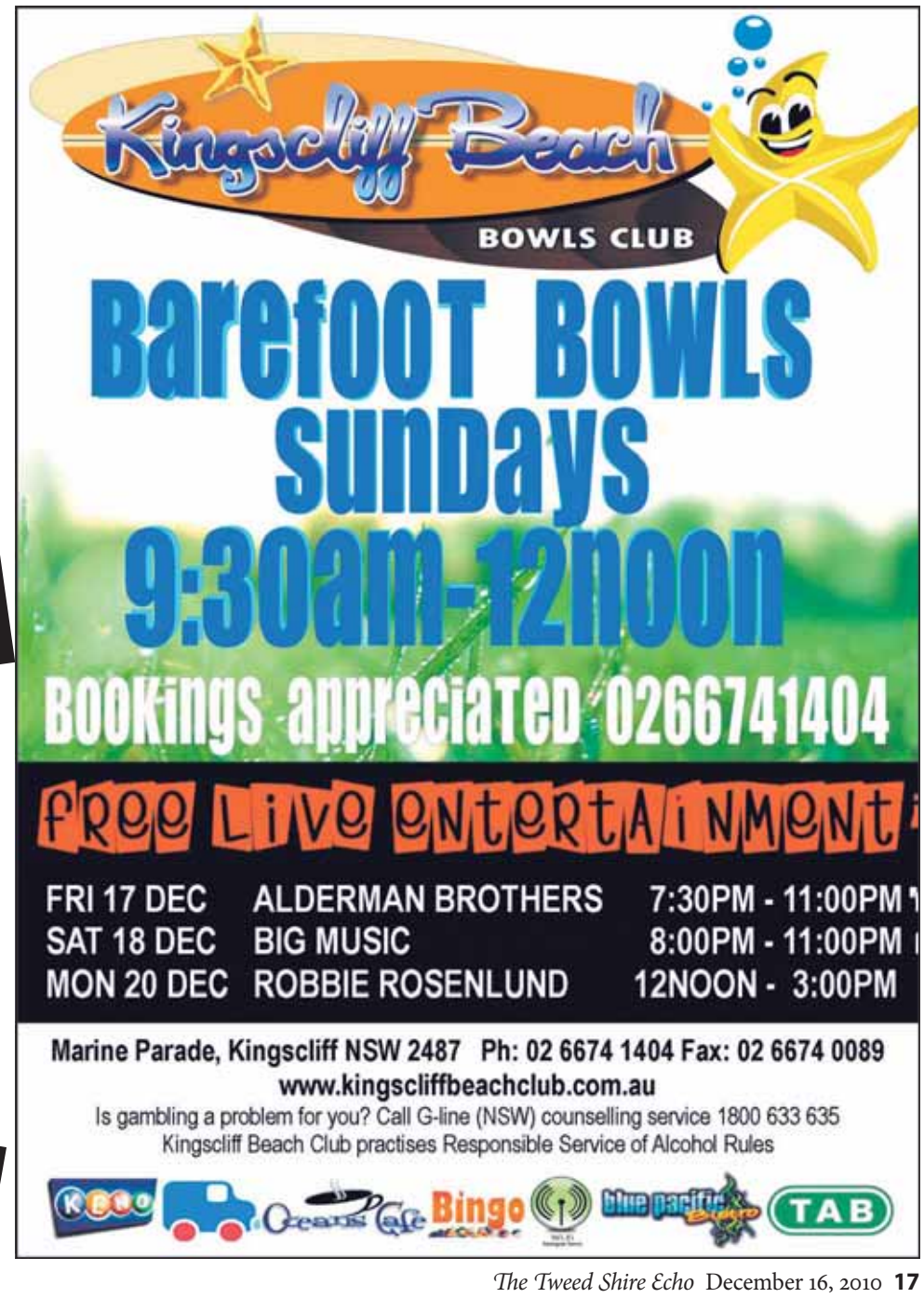


NORTH COAST TIME ARE PUNCTUAL AT THE SHEOAK SHACK ON SATURDAY



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THURSDAY 16

TWEED

- CLUB BANORA 6PM **ROBERT KEITH**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB **GEOFF DUTTON**
- MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 9PM **KARAOKE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM VEENIE'S – **HOT FUDGE**

GOLD COAST

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB **OPEN MIC AND JAM NIGHT**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8.15PM **UNPLUGGED IN THE BASEMENT – TAYLOR**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **THE FUMES**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 6PM **MICHAEL KING**
- ELSEWHERE SURFERS PARADISE 9PM **STEELE JUSTICE LIVE – AGAINST, DRIVEN FEAR, VIN STEELE – SOUNDTRACK**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NIGHT**
- THE PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA **THURSDAY JJJ UNEARTHED JASON DELPHIN**

FRIDAY 17

TWEED

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB **KENNEDY MANSION**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **MESCALITO BLUES**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **CLAY BLYTH**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES **MARTIN WAY – CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**
- ELTHAM HOTEL **BILL JACOBI**
- IMPERIAL HOTEL MURWILLUMBAH 8.30PM **PAUL ATKINS**
- LUFFLEY CAFE 7PM **KEL & THE JAZZ KANARIES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **THE ALDERMAN BROTHERS**
- MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 9PM **DJ HERVE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB **SURF'S UP**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **TREVOR RIX**
- PLATINUM GOLD COAST **VANDALISM & STATIC REVENGER**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **CABOOSE**
- SEAGULLS 8PM **BLIND LEMON**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE 7PM **KERRIANNE COX**
- TERRANORA TAVERN **HAPPY**

GOLD COAST

- BURLEIGH HEADS BOWLS 7.30PM **DAVID LEE DUO**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30 **DON WHITAKER**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **CHI CHI**
- CURRUMBIN SOUND LOUNGE 7.30PM **STRINGMANSASSY SUPPORTED BY ANDREA SOLER**
- ELEPHANT ROCK CAFE **TIM ROURKE**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 8PM **COMEDY IN THE BASEMENT – FRED LANG**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE ARTS THEATRE **DAVID STRASSMAN – TED E'S FAREWELL TOUR**
- MIAMI TAVERN MIAMI 8PM **OSMIUM, THE PASSENGER, SENDING ARTAX, A BID FAREWELL, THE CILIKIS PROGRESSIO PROJECT**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **PORTRAIT**
- THE PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA **LAMPLIGHTS' ALBUM LAUNCH**
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN **RAMJET**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 12 NOON **JIM HANSEN** 7.30PM **THE CHEVROLETS**

SATURDAY 18

TWEED

- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **THE GENES**
- CLUB BANORA 7 PM **GEOFF RAINER**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 6PM **LIVE FOLK/ROCK**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 8PM **BIG MUSIC**
- MURWILLUMBAH HOTEL 9PM **KIM DON'T CAMP**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB **BO JENKINS**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 6.30PM **NITESTAR**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- SALTBAR KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **BLACK PEARL**
- SEAGULLS 8PM **TANGO BLUES**
- SHEOAK SHACK 7PM **NORTH COAST TIME**

GOLD COAST

- BURLEIGH HEADS BOWLS 6.30PM **ROKKS**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30PM **STREET CAFE**
- COOLANGATTA & TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB **DOUG STEWART**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **KARMA**
- ELSEWHERE SURFERS PARADISE 10PM **SECRET LOVE HEROES W/ BASTARDS!**
- GOLD COAST ARTS CENTRE 7.30PM **LIVE & INTIMATE IN THE BASEMENT – STU FISHER QUARTER**
- MIAMI TAVERN SHARK BAR 8PM **NEW MANIC SPREE, END OF THE RACE, NUTS, RACCOONS AND DRAGONS, THE SECRET SILENCE**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **PURPLE SNEAKERS DJS**
- THE PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA **DAN MADA/ SHE J- DJ SET**
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN **VENUS ENVY**
- TWIN TOWNS 8PM **SHARING THE NIGHT (70S SHOW) THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS**

- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **GERRY & THE PEACEMAKERS**

SUNDAY 19

TWEED

- BABALOU, KINGSCLIFF **KATIA**
- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB 2PM **MUSO'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- CLUB BANORA 11.30AM **GEORGE AND LIZA BEAMISH**, 12.30PM **GLENN BRACE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL **LEIGH JAMES**
- IMPERIAL HOTEL MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **MR TROY**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 4PM **BILL JACOBI**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 2PM **OSMOSIS**
- VICTORY HOTEL, MOOBALL 1PM **LIVE JAZZ - HARRY LYNN**
- **BASEMENT BAND**

GOLD COAST

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 2.30PM **JUST THE TICKET**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 1.30PM **ATMOSPHERE (ROCK 'N' ROLL)**
- ELSEWHERE SURFERS PARADISE **ROYALE SUNDAY 'ON THE WALL' LAUNCH W/ NINE SONS OF DAN [LIVE], HEY ARNOLD, GIV**
- LE MONDE KIRRA 1.30PM **FIRE N ICE**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **LOOSE LIPS**
- THE PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA **SOUTHERN SOCIAL CLUB - FEATURING DJ FREDDY FLYFINGAZ**
- SURF CLUB COOLANGATTA 2PM **CRAIG TAYLOR**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM **DAVE CLAYTON**

MONDAY 20

TWEED

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 12NOON **ROBBIE ROSENLUND**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **ROBBIE ROSENLUND**

TUESDAY 21

TWEED

- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **MICAHEL KING**

GOLD COAST

- SURFERS BEER GARDEN BEERGARDEN **TUESDAY DJ & KARAOKE**
- TWIN TOWNS 10.30AM AND 1PM **FIONA MUNROE'S DANCERS COMPANY PRESENTS NUTCRACKER**

WEDNESDAY 22

TWEED

- CLUB BANORA 6PM **WAYNE VITALE**
- TWEED EHADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **BIG WILLY JAMES**

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Simon Kaan *Untitled (Tiki II)*

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BOWLS

Cabarita Beach Women

13.12.10 Christmas Break-up and Presentations - Club members revelled in a very successful evening enjoying a scrumptious banquet prepared by the Social Ladies, good company and good music.
Raffle Winners : Major hamper - Fran McCormack. Minor hamper - Molly Hatcliffe. Ham - Lorna King. Ctn Stubbies - Ron Lee. Guessing Competition - Colleen McArdle
14.12.10 Social Bowls : Winning Rink - Kath Mimauro, Cath Lynch, June Maitre
Consolation - Robyn Creedon, Judy Schmidt, Helen Muller, Lorraine Glancy. Raffles - Joan Griffiths, Robyn Wickbold, Yvonne Hawkey, Estelle Crabb, Shirley Firth, Barbara Cox. Monthly Raffle - Fay Wright Special Raffles: Gingerbread House - Ian McGlashan. Ham - Shirley Firth
President Glenys and our merry band of bowlers would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Festive Season.
Cabarita Womens Bowls has now gone into recess and will resume Tuesday 11.01.2001. Coaching - Coaches have also gone into recess and will resume their Saturday morning sessions 15.01.2011.

Cabarita Men

Wednesday 8th December
Winners: G Lake and P Schofield. Runners Up: R. Tonkin and J. Hay. Consolation Winners: D Crow and S Brecard.
Thursday Night 9th December - Chairman's Trophy.
Winners: M. Hunter, A Campbell and C. Sheppard Runners Up: Y Hawkey, R Watkins and M Azzopardi.Consolation Winners: R Creedon, K Woodward and K Ross.
Monday 13th December
Winners: G. Goode and B. Rae. Runners Up: M Morgan and J. Stewart. Consolation Winners: Woody and D.Hopps.
Tweed District Junior Lawn Bowls Champion: Julian Richards - Cabarita Beach Sports Club

Condong Cane Toads

Cane toads last game for the year was played by 24 bowlers and the winners J Timmins (& ross) K Cusack Kn Lutherborrough(& ross) Runner ups A Tonell, B Mullan, H Ross. The giant Christmas raffle winners B Mullan(hamper) Scott Sager (2 hamper) Kooka (ham) all others had a pick of table J Cameron, Scot Sager, B Mullan, T Crossingham, E Hunt, M Halligan, E Hunt, T Kennedy, D Crannell, S Keen, B Dunne, S Keen, B Mullan, P Fitton, M Wilkins, R Shoobridge, M Chislom, B Hunt, P Rannie, T Crossingham, J Timmins, Nita Lutherborrough. A very Merry Christmasmas to all cane toads and club members and patrons hoping top see you all safe and well in the new year. HO, HO, HO.

Condong Men

Wednesday 8th 30 bowlers Winners L Muir, C Douglas R/U B Young, B Dunne, R Pilon. Lucky ham winners J Walsh, B Wilkins wine R Collins. B Grade semi/final R Fuller 32 def R Kaehler 24. B Grade pairs Final played winners L Muir, C Douglas 28 def B McBurney, K Palmer 14. Thursday 3 bowl shootout pairs winners K Cusack, K Lutherborrough r/u B Wilkins, J Knight. Friday night at Condong jazz club played well attended. Baffle winners S Keen, S Sager, S Keen, E Payter. Saturday bowls 18 players played between rain showers. Coming events Saturday 18th dec Condong Christmas party 6-30pm for 7pm start $12.50 members $17.50 non members bookings essential. RSVP by 15th Dec.

Cudgen Men

With the weather washing out our Monday Mixed Mufti game the bowlers where keen when they took to the greens for Wednesday's Men's Mufti Triples event with the winners being Barry Cusack, Garry Pickett & John Turner and the winners of the losers went to Jack Tom, Warren Shardlow & Ron Toby.
Saturday Men's bowls started off under threatening skies and the weather one out with only 10 ends being completed and the winner on a count back went to Ted Conlon, Darby Lowe & Barry Cusack and the losing winner where Tom Grimes & Brain Murray.

Kingscliff Ladies

Wed.8th Dec.2010. Winners on Rink 17 D.HaLLETT/C.Henry/J.Hansen. R/U on Rink 16. E.Claybourn/J.Maass/B.Mirls. Raffle Winners 1st Elaine Downes 2nd Anne Wonka. Congratulations to all our Championship and Competion Winners.
Open Singles. S.Akers. Open Pairs S.Akers & D.Jones
Open Triples. J.Scher/E.Taylor/W.Butler, A.Grade Singles. L.Willoughby.
A.Grade Pairs D.Madden/L.Willoughby. B.Grade Singles W.Butler. B.Grade Pairs, A.McNamara/A.Wonka
Novice Singles D.James. Senior Singles and Consistency J.Scott. Our Lady Bowler for 2010 is Sandra Akers Well Done.
Wed. 15th Dec.2010 Our End of Year Christmas Party, hope all you ladies enjoyed yourselves. Merry Christmas and look forward to see you all back Bowling in 2011.

Kingscliff Men

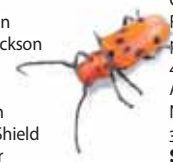
In the Final of the President's Singles R McLeay d J Ritchie. This was a very tightly contested match with both players delivering excellent bowls. Congratulations to both Russell and John. In the Mixed Fours: D Jones, R Julius, S Akers, T Hills d A Wonka, D Whittington, L Willoughby, P Murphy; N Craven, I Smith, C Smith, K Liddington d D Jones, R Julius, S Akers, T Hills. In the semi-final (Skips Only) J Hansen d B Turner and K Liddington is to play S Jamieson on Saturday morning, 18th December. The Final will be played on Sunday 19th December. Social Bowls Results: Thursday 9th December: Winners: A Simpson, T Dimmock, D Gleave; T Carruthers, B Massey, H DeVries; K taylor, M Jabore, D Smith. Plate Winners: A Brown, A Reid, T Hills. Saturday 11th December (No matter how old we are, all boys like playing in the rain): Winners: H Hockey, I Smith, K Liddington; E Watts, R Raeburn, D Smith. Plate Winners: G Hallett, A Simpson, L Morris. Tuesday 14th December: Winners: N Debnam, K Debnam. Runners Up: L Speachup, M Howarde. We are in the season when Christmas Hams are the raffle prizes so come along win yourself a Christmas Ham. In the Men's Three Bowls Pairs played on Monday 13th December: 1st: V Lewis, M James; 2nd: M Jaffrey, M Matteucci; 3rd: C Lockhart, N Taylor; 4th: S Cselka, N Eluhorn; 5th: P Fargher, M Howarde; 6th: D Bennet, K Mitchell. Plate Winners: D Whittington, P Murphy. The Men's Bowls Club Christmas Party will be held this Saturday 18th December. Don't forget to buy your tickets from the front desk. Ten dollars covers your meal and includes beer tickets. Advance Notice: The dates for the 2011 Men's Bowls Club Championships and Competitions are on the notice board as are the nomination sheets.

Pottsville Men

Weekly Results 8th December 2010
Winners: F. Moore – J. Rae
Runners-up: L. Swift – J. Boaden – J. Buckley
Jackpot Winners: B. Cumming – M. Delaney – W. Whitney
Friday 10th December 2010
Winners: F. Brady – B. Parr
Runners-up: R. Cardillo – M. Cahill
Consulation: R. Appleton – R. Horn
Saturday 11th December 2010
Winners: I Sullivan – A. Meighan
Runners-up: D. Moir – B. Kent
Championship Mixed Pairs Final
Winners: M. Comerford – K. Lehfeldt
Runners-up: W. Fielding – F. Fielding
Score: 29-6

Tweed Heads Junior

Bowling Results
Junior Championship Winners For 2010
Open Singles
Winner Mitchell Jackson
Runner Up Brendan Wilson
B Singles
Winner Liam Jackon
Runner Up Jade Clarke
Open Pairs
Winners Lauren Wilson/Mitchell Jackson.
Runners Up Zac Hay/Max North
Open Consistency
Winner Brendan Wilson
Runner Up Mitchell Jackson
B Consistency
Winner Liam Jackson
Runner Up Max North
Frank & Marie Barrell Shield
Winner Sophie Sungar



Tweed Heads Ladies

Wednesday Ladies Pairs:
E. Bradley, L, Hodsdon Def. L. Spencer, V. Philpot. J. Smith, M. Van Runt, Def. J. Ware, P. Reedy. B. Bryant, S. Mckensie Def. L Elsey, P. Griffith. G. Evans, L. Rayward, M. Dare Def. S. Lusby, F. Hewitt, D. Kendall
Thursday Ladies Triples.
F. Hewitt, S. Asser, L, Cuthbertson Def. P. Mann, C. Hawkins, P. Reedy. J. Ware, N. Ward, A. Plowright Def. K. Figura, B. Sydenhan, J. Finney. M. Croghan, J. Dodsley, R. Wallis Def. T. Congdon, S. Hambleton, V. Robinson. J. Ryan, A. Warman, D. Mcnamara Def. H. Reid, J. Rynan, D. Kendall. D. Reynolds, B. Jacobsen, B. Cooper Def. J. Lyon, H. Bardsley, P. Govett. M. Benson, S. Ganter, N. Bell Def. N. Wiswe, M. Kelly, M. Gunton. D. Stewart, V. Pridham, J. Webster Def. J. White, G. Darcey, M. Jarick. C. Keane, E. Titmarsh, J. Withington Def. S. Lusby, K. Davies, B. Bitmead. L, Rayward, B. Bradley, S. Goldsmith Def. L. Spencer, K. Thatcher, M. Purcell. J. Green, E. Simpson, D. Cunnington Def. F. Keech, N. Dowling, C. Graver.
Thursday Ladies Fours:
E. Elford, D. Evans, E. Carter, M. Gwynne Def. J. Redman, B. Orchard, M. Moorhouse, D. Turner. S. Jacobsen, B. Rodger, N, Matheson, J. Pearce, Def. N. Craig, H. Ticehurst, C. Thatcher, S. Rushton

Tweed Heads Men

13 December 2010
Bowls Super Challenge:
Players note that practice games have been scheduled for Saturday 8, 15 and 29 January starting at 9am [NSW time]
A practice match against Tweed Byron Selected teams has been arranged for Saturday 23rd January starting at 9.00am with the Gold and Division 12 sides. The Bronze side will play a practice match against Coolangatta at the same time.
For more information check the Super Challenge notice board located outside the Bowls Shop.
Social Results:
Sun 5 Dec and Tues 7 Dec no bowls due to inclement weather.
Wed 8 Dec – Highest Winning Margin
Green 1: Ken Calvert, Greg Ash; r/up: Clem Jones, Brian Scrase
Green 2: Terry Patton, Gordon Holthouse; r/up: Wal Farr, Mal Rae
Green 3: Bill Finney, Jim Cowen; r/up: Brian Bitmead, Brian Neill
Indoor Green: Ron Hodsdon, Ken Scott, Jeff Walter; r/up: Tony Nicholls,Tom Wotton, John Reid, Ian Mather
Fri 10 Dec:
Green 1: John Asser, Stan Loeber, Ron Sturrock; r/up: Clem Jones, Brian Scrase, Bill Finney
Green 2: Don Shoobert, Jack Barnes, Bob Wike; r/up: Errol Perkins, Ron Hodsdon, Carlo Campana.
Green 3: Harry Moore, Jim Bryant, Leon Harvey; r/up: Ray Connell, Les Morrison, Graham Simpson.
Sat 11 Dec: Chris Garside Jackpot Saturday – No play due to weather conditions.
The Jackpot is now frozen at $1,000.00 until won. Meanwhile a second Jackpot is underway and will replace the current Jackpot when it is won.
CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BOWLS: Members and visitors note: there will be NO bowls on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
All other days it will be bowls as normal.

Tweed Heads Tourers

Last Sunday 12 December the Tourers and Ladies joined together for their Christmas Break-up with play on the Indoor Green. Winners of the Bill Brooks Shield for 2010 were:
Overall winners for the morning were
The Tourers now go into recess until 9 January 2011 when they are scheduled to accompany South Tweed to play at Robina. Check the notice board for details.
On behalf of the Tweed Heads Tourers they wish all Sunday morning bowlers a Merry Christmas, Happy, Healthy New Year and Good Bowling.
GOLF
Chinderah Seniors Social
Results for Thurs 9/12/10 Stableford
Winner A grade Betty Tolley 40 points new h/cap 12. R/up Don Cutting 39 points new h/cap 17.
Winner B grade Doug Burrows 38 points new h/cap 20. R/up Tom Maye 37 points new h/cap 21
Ball rundown to 36 points
Next event 16/12/10 with all events up to Thur 6/1/11 being Stroke & a "Ball" competition only. Competition proper recommences Mon 10/1/11
A Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all.

Murwillumbah Golf

Saturday 11th Individual Stableford in 4 Grades Winner A.Grade G.Bartlett 37 pts R.Up W.Colefax 36 pts B.Grade D.Nelson 42 pts R.Up R.Souter 39 pts C.Grade R.Masiar 46 pts R.Up D.Cormack 42 pts D.Grade A.Roberson 45 pts R.Up S.Berrygan 43 pts N.Pin 8th J.Walker 10th R.Masiar B.R.D to 35 pts c.b

SHOOTING

Murwillumbah Pistol Club

8-Dec-10; Air Pistol - R Rees 585, J Lumsden 567, D Reid 539. Ladies Air Pistol - E Reid 378. 11-Dec-10; Standard Pistol - D Dowling 557, P Norris 557, G Andronicus 556, J Lumsden 545, D Stebbing 545, S Stebbing 534, R Kilpatrick 533, A Uren 530, D Gazzard 523, A Gazzard 513, S Nash 512, P Schlunke 498, J Kilpatrick 476, J Hoctor 473, M Rohrick 428, M Fleming 403. Air Pistol - D Reid 549. Ladies Air Pistol - S Stebbing 380.

Murwillumbah Rifle Club

Fullbore: Monthly trophy winners W Shoobridge and Brett Chittick in Scope Class.
Scores: W.Shoobridge 99.5, 1, 100.5; S.Waddell 98.13, 1, 99.13; D.phippard 97.5, 2, 99.5; D.Chittick 97.7, 1, 98.7; E. McKeever 69.1, 21, 90.1.
Scope: B.Chittick 118, 4, 122; P.Weeks 109, 7, 116.
Smallbore: B.Chitick 389, 16, 405; R.Millingen 387, 14, 401; G.MacMahon 394, 5, 399; W.Sunderland 397, 1, 398; Rama 376, 22, 398; Sam Couch 364, 33, 397; G.Burfoot 358, 36, 394; H.Sadlier 375, 18, 393; W.Shoobridge 379, 13, 392; R.Couch 354, 33, 387; G.Johnston 371, 15, 386; E.McKeever 353, 26, 379; S.Lignieres 257.
Christmas Shoot. 5/12/10. 50 metres – D.Phippard 408; A.Price 403; B.Chittick 401; M.Sforcina 400; A.Cronk 399; G.MacMahon 398; P.Weeks 398; W.Shoobridge 391.
Shot Gun: P.Weeks 23; B.Chittick 22; L.MacMahon 21; A.Price 21; K.Thomson 20; S.Waddell 19; D.Phippard 19; A.Cronk 17; G.MacMahon 16.
Next events: Smallbore on December 17, starting 1.30pm.
Fullbore/Scope on Sunday morning December 19.

Snapper: world's sexiest fish?

Solano and friends: After just missing out on the top 10 sexiest men on the coast vote, David let Sharks cap Daniel Wise and Daniel's stellar 'world's sexiest fish' snapper pose with the eleventh man for posterity.

David Solano

Last weekend the weather was foul again. What to do? None of my mates was willing to get wet.

I got to thinking and it occurred to me that the guy who has won the last two major bream comps on the Tweed fishes the oyster leases around Seagulls and the island that sits between Terranora Broadwater and the Seagull's channel.

How I know this is because I was drawn to fish with him in the last ABT Tournament. His name is Russell Babekuhl and it was great fishing with him in that tournament.

On Saturday and Sunday I hit the leases early around 4am on the end of the outgoing tide.

The fish were there. I could see them eating the oyster scraps and once I zoned my casting right on the edge of the racks, I started to get some interest, but couldn't hook up.

Part of me wished I didn't try that spot, as how are you going to pull a big bream out of such a snag infested place. Well I've seen it done. Russell never let the fish get its head and scull dragged them in. Not pretty fishing but effective in tournaments.

Russell didn't use fancy gear or lures, just an unusual choice of soft plastics; his favourites were the gulp 'Claw' in the 2.5 inch model.

I recently had a fish with Daniel Wise, the skipper of the Sharks AFL team. Dan is a bit of a legend and on Tuesday he was voted in the top 10 sexiest men on the coast (I just missed out), but I did let the midfielder have a photo taken with me and the nice snapper he caught on our fishing trip. HA HA!

■ **If you have any fishing news you would like to share with David, phone 0415 747 969.**

MONTHLY MARKETS

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1st Sun	**Banora Point Farmers' Market**	0417 759 777
1st Sun	**Byron Bay**	(02) 6680 9703
1st Sun	**Pottsville**	(02) 6676 4555
1st Sun	**Tweed Heads**	(07) 5599 1714
2nd Sat	**Kingscliff**	(02) 6674 0827
2nd Sun	**The Channon**	(02) 6688 6433
2nd Sun	**Chillingham**	0437 041 023
2nd Sun	**Lennox Head**	(02) 6672 2874
2nd Sun	**Coolangatta**	(07) 5533 8202
2nd Sun	**Tweed Heads**	(07) 5599 1714
3rd Sat	**Mullumbimby**	(02) 6684 3370
3rd Sat	**Murwillumbah Cottage Markets**	0417 759 777
3rd Sun	**Ballina**	(02) 6687 4328
3rd Sun	**Banora Point Farmers' Market**	0417 759 777
3rd Sun	**Nimbin**	(02) 6689 0000
3rd Sun	**Pottsville**	(02) 6676 4555
3rd Sun	**Tweed Heads**	(07) 5599 1714
3rd Sun	**Uki**	(02) 6679 9026
4th Sat	**Kingscliff**	(02) 6674 0827
4th Sun	**Bangalow**	(02) 6687 1911
4th Sun (in 5 Sun month)	**Coolangatta**	(07) 5533 8202
4th Sun	**Murwillumbah**	0422 565 168
4th Sun	**Tweed Heads**	(07) 5599 1714
5th Sun	**Nimbin**	(02) 6689 0000
5th Sun	**Tweed Heads**	(07) 5599 1714

FARMERS MARKETS

Each Sat	8-11am	**Bangalow**	(02) 6687 1137
Each Thu	8-11am	**Byron Bay**	(02) 6687 1137
Each Tue		**New Brighton**	(02)6684 5390
Each Sat	8am-1pm	**Uki**	(02) 6679 5438

New moon	December 6	04:36
First quarter	December 14	14:59
Full moon	December 21	07:13
Third quarter	December 28	15:18

DECEMBER 2010
Astronomical data and tides

Day of month		Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide height (m)	Low tide height (m)
1	W	0540	1929	0154	1449	0502,1.52; 1716,1.42	1115,0.50; 2327,0.36
2	T	0540	1930	0232	1554	0558,1.63; 1820,1.39	1224,0.42
3	F	0540	1930	0312	1700	**0650,1.74**; 1919,1.37	0017,0.37; 1326,0.34
4	S	0540	1931	0357	1805	**0741,1.82**; 2015,1.35	0106,0.38; **1422,0.27**
5	S	0540	1932	0447	1908	**0829,1.87**; 2106,1.34	0153,0.39; **1512,0.23**
6	M	0540	1933	0542	2007	**0915,1.89**; 2154,1.32	0239,0.42; **1559,0.22**
7	T	0540	1933	0639	2059	**1000,1.87;** 2240,1.30	0324,0.45; **1644,0.25**
8	W	0540	1934	0739	2146	**1043,1.81**; 2324,1.27	0408,0.49; **1727,0.29**
9	T	0540	1935	0838	2226	**1123,1.74**	0452,0.53; 1808,0.35
10	F	0540	1936	0935	2302	0008,1.25; 1202,1.64	0535,0.58; 1847,0.41
11	S	0541	1936	1030	2334	0051,1.24; 1242,1.54	0620,0.63; 1928,0.45
12	S	0541	1937	1123		0137,1.24; 1324,1.45	0710,0.68; 2010,0.49
13	M	0541	1938	1215	0004	0227,1.25; 1413,1.35	0806,0.71; 2054,0.52
14	T	0541	1938	1306	0034	0320,1.29; 1509,1.28	0912,0.73; 2142,0.53
15	W	0542	1939	1358	0103	0415,1.35; 1614,1.22	1022,0.72; 2231,0.54
16	T	0542	1939	1452	0134	0507,1.42; 1718,1.20	1132,0.67; 2319,0.54
17	F	0543	1940	1548	0208	0556,1.50; 1817,1.20	1232,0.59
18	S	0543	1941	1645	0245	0641,1.59; 1909,1.23	0005,0.53; 1324,0.50
19	S	0543	1941	1745	0328	0724,1.68; 1957,1.26	0049,0.51; 1408,0.41
20	M	0544	1942	1844	0417	**0808,1.76**; 2042,1.29	0132,0.48; 1451,0.33
21	T	0544	1942	1941	0513	**0850,1.84**; 2128,1.32	0215,0.45; **1533,0.26**
22	W	0545	1943	2033	0615	**0934,1.89**; 2214,1.34	0300,0.42; **1616,0.21**
23	T	0545	1943	2121	0720	**1020,1.92**; 2301,1.37	0348,0.40; **1701,0.19**
24	F	0546	1944	2203	0826	**1107,1.90**; 2351,1.38	0438,0.40; **1746,0.19**
25	S	0546	1944	2243	0931	**1155,1.84**	0530,0.42; **1834,0.21**
26	S	0547	1945	2320	1036	0043,1.40; **1245,1.74**	0627,0.45; **1922,0.26**
27	M	0547	1945	2356	1140	0137,1.43; 1339,1.60	0727,0.49; 2012,0.32
28	T	0548	1945		1243	0235,1.46; 1438,1.46	0833,0.53; 2103,0.38
29	W	0549	1946	0033	1346	0335,1.51; 1545,1.34	0948,0.55; 2159,0.43
30	T	0549	1946	0111	1450	0436,1.57; 1659,1.26	1107,0.53; 2256,0.47
31	F	0550	1946	0154	1554	0537,1.64; 1810,1.23	1221,0.47; 2353,0.48

All times Eastern Daylight Saving. Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Highway Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 30 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. **Tides in bold** indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less.
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Secret cables passing between Tweed Shire Council and other organisations, including the state government, have been intercepted by internet activists and leaked to *The Echo*. After a feverish weekend of scrutinising the cables for intelligence, our reporter revealed that there is no sign of any. 'It would appear that local government is conducted in a state of imbecility,' he said. Asked to comment, a council spokeswoman said that leaking the cables was 'totally reprehensible as it put staff in danger.' Later she issued a clarification, saying that she meant in danger of having their competence examined. As is customary, the leaker will face trumped-up charges designed to destroy his reputation.

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Speaking of trumped-up charges, a former Uki resident has created and launched a petition in support of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange (www.petition.org.au) and on looking for it, found it to be at the top of the Google search, despite many other similar sites launched this past week alone. The whistleblower website hero was briefly released on bail yesterday on those shonky sex charges from Sweden but prosecutors immediately lodged an appeal which keeps him behind bars.

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A Hastings Point resident says the pro-development councillors backing the rescission motion against their long battle to keep their coastal village unique and free of ugly overdevelopment (see story, page 1) summed it up thus: 'I guess they are just trying to spoil Hastings Christmas.' A 'bah humbug' from the councillors also known as the Three Amigos.

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A bid by Greens Party councillor Katie Milne to rein in the barbs and insults which often fly freely between our spat-prone councillors was the catalyst for one of the more firey exchanges at this week's council meeting. Cr Milne triggered the slanging match after seeking to amend the council's code of meeting practice to require 'councillors to maintain high standards of respectful communication to staff, other councillors and the public at all times'. Cr Dot Holdom took umbrage, arguing that Cr Milne had got it all wrong and should be seeking to change the code of conduct. When Cr Milne interjected, Cr Phil Youngblutt let fly with a few '*excuse me*'s prompting Cr Milne to respond: 'Am I not allowed to breathe?' Cr Youngblutt: 'It would be a good idea if you didn't.' In the meantime Cr Holdom continued to berate her, saying 'the very least you can do is get it right.' Cr Milne demanded to know why her colleague 'needed to be so aggressive' before the council voted 4-3 to uphold the initiative, with Crs Holdom, Youngblutt and Warren Polglase opposed.

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Locals attending Tuesday's council meeting thinking councillors were going to vote on a bigger dam at Byrrill Creek were surprised when the issue was not on the agenda. It appears councillors knew the state government's gazettal of the state's water sharing plan, which may or may not ban any new dams, was imminent. Mayor Kevin Skinner's new mantra is 'the bigger the better and the sooner the better,' as he told *The Echo* this week, and says various planning studies for the dam will still be able to continue while council awaits this decision.

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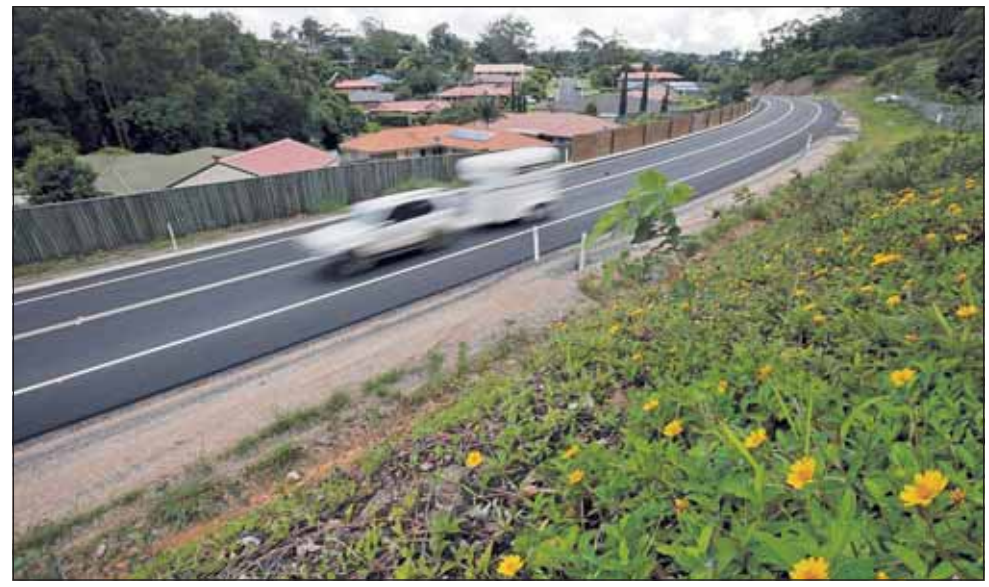
Speaking of doubling the size, our double-vote mayor (he used his casting vote twice to push the dam ahead) gave some parents who attended the recent presentation night at Murwillumbah East Primary School something to chuckle about when they saw the mayor present an award for environmental encouragement. The award recipient no doubt will joke to friends in future that the mayor who wanted to flood, against all expert advice, the beautiful Byrrill Creek area in the shadow of the iconic Mt Warning and World Heritage listed national parks, was giving out environment awards.



The long-awaited new Piggabeen bypass road, known as Tulgi Way, at Tweed Heads West was officially unveiled by Tweed mayor Kevin Skinner last Thursday with locals invited for a morning tea to celebrate the occasion.

The opening of the 1.4 kilometre road has resulted in a major reduction in traffic volumes on the existing Piggabeen Road, making it quieter and safer. More than $5.5 million in federal money was needed to complete the works, first envisaged in the early 1980s. A spokeswoman said council faced many hurdles building the road including legislative compliance, environmental constraints, geotechnical problems and funding issues.

Cr Skinner hailed the new road as a significant project and a key part of the road network, 'given that a town of 12,000 people is to be developed just down the road' (the Cobaki estate project). The road was named Tulgi Way (pronounced Tul-gai) at the request of the local Aboriginal community who say the land was the traditional home of the Tulgigin people (pronounced Tul-g-eye-gan, as in Dulguigan).

Cobaki and Broadwater Village resident Myrna Hughes, one of 540 village residents who use the new road, said the new road surface was 'like floating – we absolutely love it, and we'd kiss it if we weren't too old to get down there'. Photo Jeff 'Road Worrier' Dawson

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