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Now Tweed Heads set to suffer highrise

Ken Sapwell

Residents have called on the council to reject government plans to revitalise the Tweed Heads central business district, saying the plans encourage the spread of Gold Coast-style high-rise and totally ignore the community's vision for the town.

They say the plans are almost a carbon copy of the controversial Tweed Heads LEP 2000 which was adopted by a pro-development council after it came to power under

questionable circumstances in 1999.

Tweed Heads residents' association president Laurie Ganter says the new plans ignore a master plan for the town which was drawn up in 2004 following a huge public backlash against the LEP 2000 and its disregard for viewlines and shadowing.

'The 2004 master plan was developed by a leading town planner with the help of a \$650,000 grant and a lot of input from residents and the business community,' he said.

'It was endorsed by the public and the council and everyone fully expected it to be incorporated in the new LEP for Tweed Heads.

'But it seems the master plan has been hijacked by the government and replaced with a new plan which is almost a mirror image of the totally discredited plans adopted in 2000.'

Mr Ganter says he is at a loss to understand why the master plan was ditched and a government-appointed committee established to come up with the current draft plans,

which are expected to be publicly exhibited next month.

Among the big winners under the new draft are the Twin Towns Services Club, the shopping centre owned by retail giant Centro, the NSW Education Department and a car dealership owned by von Bibra at the southern end of the town.

Twin Towns and Centro will be able to go as high as 45 metres where four-storey height restrictions previously applied, while the Tweed Heads primary school site in Stuart

Street is earmarked for 70 metres.

The western end of Bay Street will be lined with buildings 50 metres high which critics say will turn it into a sunless canyon.

'We're horrified by the plans which totally ignore the community's wishes and allow highrise buildings back into no-go areas,' Mr Ganter says.

'It's a onesize fits all plan which the government is also trying to impose on big cities like Newcastle and Wollongong, but the Sydney-based

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A very special Australia Day looms for Kingscliff resident Cynthia Johnson who after 14 years in the country will become a dinky-di Aussie.

Ms Johnson will be one of 20 new Australians who will take part in a citizenship ceremony being held at Bogangar State School next week.

Cynthia, from Switzerland, says it will put her on a par with her Australian-born husband and children Sunny 6, and Luni 4.

Hailing from a remote village near Geneva, Cynthia says her first language is French and she is busy keeping the tradition going with her youngsters.

'But Sunny keeps saying, speak English, you're in Australia now.'

Next Wednesday's ceremony starts at 11am and will coincide with Tweed Citizen of the Year awards.

Photo Jeff 'Fresh off the Boat' Dawson

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Bob Ell sues Cr Milne

Murray Simpson

One of the Tweed's biggest developers has slapped a libel writ on Greens councillor Katie Milne.

The defamation claim has been made by William Robert (Bob) Ell of Leda Holdings, the owner of the massive Kings Forest and Cobaki residential developments.

But a defiant Cr Milne said yesterday the writ will not silence her speaking out on any issue in the public domain.

Cr Milne said the writ was served against her by Anthony Eric Smith of Stacks/The Law Firm on December 20 and was listed in the Supreme Court of NSW for February 1.

'Mr Ell claims I defamed him in a letter I sent on March 30, 2010.

'I am making inquiries about the circumstances under which Mr Ell received this letter,' she said.

She said the writ will not gag her from discussing anything concerning Mr Ell that arises in council.

'I've sought legal advice on whether my participation in council debates would be compromised under conflict of interest rules.

'I have come to the view that I

should continue to participate in such matters in the public interest and in accordance with my role as a councillor.

'Where an item involves any application by Mr Ell I will be voting on the merits of each application.

'Obviously it would most unfortunate for democratic participation in public policy debates and planning and development decisions if vested interests could automatically exclude particular elected representatives simply by initiating proceedings against them.'

Slain businessman

The statement of claim says a letter circulated by Katie Milne to the *Tweed Shire Echo* and other press outlets implied Mr Ell was implicated in the murder of an associate of his, Mr Michael McGurk, and that he had a scandalous association with the murdered man.

Businessman Mr McGurk was slain outside his home in Cremorne, Sydney in September 2009.

A spokesman for Mr Ell said yesterday that due to the legal position Mr Ell would not be available for comment.



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Pooches pampered in the salon

Kate McIntosh

Tamara James isn't your typical hairdresser – for a start, her subjects usually have four legs.

The Cabarita-based dog groomer first took up the hobby as a teenager and is off to Belgium later this year after earning a spot in the world championships. She is among four Australians selected in the first ever national groom team to contest the championships.

She concedes people are often surprised by her unusual hobby.

'People think it's bizarre, the fact that dog grooming can take you overseas,' she said. Tamara, who grew up in a family involved in dog shows, began grooming about 15 years ago.

One of only a handful of master groomers in Australia, she has also competed individually in America in 1998 and in Germany at the 2009 world championships.

Tamara secured a place on the national team after win-



Tamara with two of her beauty queens. Photo Jeff 'Dog's Life' Dawson

ning the poodle section with her standard poodle named Akamanis at the annual NFS Summergroom competitions held last year in Sydney.

Tamara, who owns three poodles, says she prefers the breed for grooming due to the sheen and texture of their coats.

She says it takes up to three hours to prepare a dog for competition. Judges are typically looking at the finish of a

dog's coat, as well as the shape and overall appearance.

'Basically the prettiest haircut that looks the best wins,' she said.

While dog grooming is well established in the UK and US, with regular competitions held and big sponsorship money available, it is still a relatively unknown industry in Australia.

Tamara says she finances her own travel and dog

grooming products. She says dogs are typically groomed from puppies, so they are accustomed to the bathing and preening required for competition.

However, due to customs regulations, she is forced to hire dogs for overseas competitions.

But as most dogs enjoy getting their hair groomed, Tamara says this does not pose a significant handicap.

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bureaucrats who dreamt this up forget we're still a country town of just 7,000 people.

'They have also failed to un-

derstand that the commercial heart has moved from Tweed Heads to South Tweed Heads and no amount of tall buildings will bring it back – we should be trying to cash in on Coolangatta's success as a magnet for holiday makers.

'We're not opposed to high-rise buildings but we don't want them overshadowing the boat harbour and turning the CBD into a sunless canyon without thought to what the community might want.'

March of highrise

Mr Ganter says the draft also ignores height guidelines drawn up by a commission of inquiry into building heights in the town following community concerns about the march of a highrise across the border.

He said plans for two twin towers up to 15 storeys high straddling the main southern entrance into town and more high-rise on the Jack Evans Boat Harbour were more symbolic of Gold Coast-style glitz than the holiday town it really was.

Details of the controversial vision for Tweed Heads were revealed by chief planner Vince Connell in a report to council on the progress of the long-stalled draft plans which are to be incorporated in a new LEP.

Mr Connell said council staff had reached agreement with the NSW Planning Department over a range of amendments after the first draft received 57 public submissions.

Among the main concerns was an overall increase in the heights of buildings in the town and the provision for the twin towers concept, which would allow high-rise at the town's southern end.

He said the council had negotiated some changes, including a reduction in building heights in some areas, but towers will still be allowed on the site of the von Bibra car dealership and Monastery Hill.

The council endorsed his call for 'a concurrent finalisation' of both the draft LEP and a development control plan which gives it teeth, exhibiting both at the same time.

Mr Connell says the biggest problem was maintaining Tweed Heads' unique identity and keeping it separate from its Gold Coast neighbour.

'The amended plans were designed to foster the growth of the Tweed City centre as a modern multi-functional hub in a liveable and viable urban environment,' he said.

Future vision

'Council staff believe the amended plans are more likely closely aligned with the expectations and the future vision for the locality expressed by the Tweed community.'

Mr Ganter strongly disagrees with Mr Connell's view.

'The LEP 2000 has been in place for more than a decade but the town has remained stagnant with vacant blocks dotting the central business district – there is nothing in these new plans which is likely to change that situation,' he said.

■ See history, opposite

Police target violent crime

Violent crime was targeted as part of a cross-border police operation at Tweed Heads and Coolangatta at the weekend.

Operation Unison, which began last Friday (January 14) and continued until Sunday, targeted anti-social behaviour, alcohol related crime and public order issues.

Forty-seven people were arrested and charged with 50 offences.

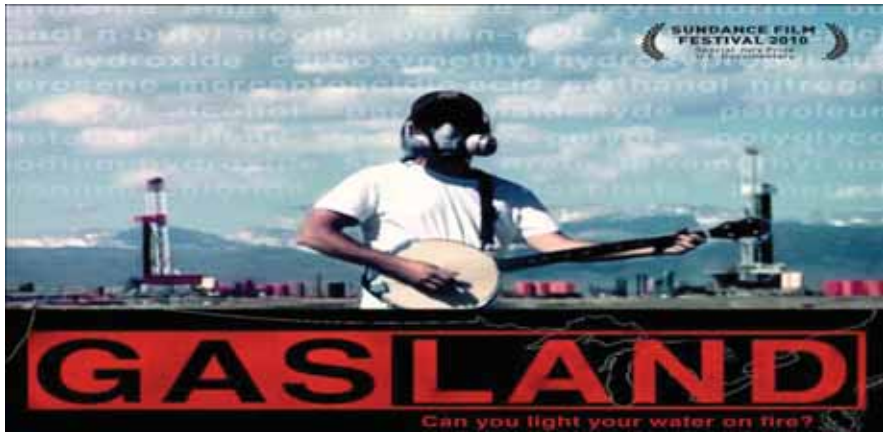
Twenty-five people were charged with drink driving offences, while 10 were charged with public nuisance and three people were charged with possessing a dangerous drug.

More than 30 officers from Tweed Heads Local Area Command, the Gold Coast District and the Queensland Random Drug Testing Unit were involved in the operation.

Tweed Heads Local Area Commander Superintendent Stuart Wilkins said Queensland and NSW police were working together to curb violent crime in the area.

'Anyone doing the wrong thing on either side of the border will be swiftly caught and dealt with,' he said.

Similar joint operations are planned in coming months, focusing on crime prevention.



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Tweed communities dig deep for Qld flood victims

Kate McIntosh

Tweed communities and businesses have rallied to help flood recovery efforts across the border in Queensland.

Working bees, benefit concerts and fundraising events are already taking place across the shire and more are planned in coming weeks.

The Tweed was spared major flooding, despite heavy rainfall which devastated communities across the NSW north coast and southeast Queensland. Locals are keen to help flood-ravaged communities, with many shaken by the scale of the disaster so close to home.

The Tweed Heads Bowls Club has donated \$22,000 to the Queensland Premier's Flood Relief Appeal, with a further \$8,000 already raised through public donations. A benefit concert is planned next Tuesday and one of the coordinators Cynthia Ryan said she expects that figure to rise.



Vivienne Barker, long-term employee of the Tweed Heads Bowling Club and one of the coordinators of the flood relief effort.

The club, which is working closely with the local Salvation Army, is currently taking donations of personal hygiene items, cleaning products and non-perishables.

Cynthia said the response had been overwhelming, with

one patron alone donating \$1,000.

'It's just wonderful. People are just very much willing to give,' she said.

Tweed Shire Council and Tweed combined Lions Clubs are also getting behind fun-

draising efforts, with a series of community barbecues planned across Tweed.

No stranger to major flood events, the Murwillumbah community is also banding together to support Queensland flood victims.

Prominent community members have formed a committee to help coordinate a host of locally organised fundraising events for the Queensland flood appeal.

The committee, which is being headed by local businesswoman Tara Clifford, will liaise with organisers to avoid any clash of dates and help maximise the area's contribution. Fundraising has already kicked off, with over \$5,000 raised last weekend.

All Saints Anglican Church raised more than \$4,000 with a community prayer service and bring-and-buy sale, while Westpac staff in Murwillumbah raised \$1,400 from a morning tea.

All Saints Reverend Colin Tett said Murwillumbah residents felt a sense of solidarity with flood victims.

'Normally we're the ones that get hit by floods, and if we'd been hit this time there would have been people out there saying, "how can we help Murwillumbah?" so the

community feels a real sense of obligation and responsibility,' he said.

'While there's been some terrible things happen, there's going to be a good news story out of this as well.'

The church is also acting as a collection point for donations of toiletries and other essential items, which the Murwillumbah Golf Club plans to truck into Grantham.

Rev Tett said local volunteers also travelled to Ipswich to help flood clean up efforts.

Other fundraising events coming up include Rain-Aid an alternative youth music concert at the Con-dong Bowls Club from 6pm this Saturday (January 22); a mini Cooly Rocks On dance party at the Tweed Civic Centre on January 30 featuring local Elvis impersonator Dean Vegas, and the Tweed Flood Festival at Plantation House on February 19. Murwillumbah's Luffley Cafe is also planning a fundraising dinner for flood victims on February 26.

Hawking highrise has a history

The 1999 Tweed Shire Council elections which resulted in a takeover by pro-development councillors was a watershed in local government, an inquiry found.

Professor Maurice Daly said it proved for the first time it was possible for one man to organise and provide funding to enable a group to get control of a council... to effectively 'buy' it.

Wealthy Murwillumbah businessman Bill Bedser, with the help of many with National Party connections, raised a \$70,000 war chest, including a \$20,000 donation from his company, Domfor.

The kitty was used to finance a record 24 so-called independent candidates in 11 groups under

the Tweed Balance team umbrella in a bid to maximise their chances under the voting system and to launch a media blitz accusing a Max Boyd-led council of mismanagement and incompetence.

The tactics proved stunningly successful, with four new faces joining three former councillors, National Party heavyweight Warren Polglase and two of Boyd's former school mates turned fierce antagonists, Lynne Beck and Bob Brinsmead, securing a 7-4 majority for the Balance team.

Prof Daly put the 1999 elections under the microscope during his inquiry into the council's 2004 elections which led to the council's sacking the following year.

He found that the 1999 campaign was used as a template to ensure the pro-development coun-

cillors clung to power in 2004.

He found that a local developer and a PR consultant controlled a secretive fundraising entity called Tweed Directions.

It raised a war chest of up to \$633,000 from property heavyweights, with 70 per cent coming from developers outside the Tweed, and used it to mount the most expensive council campaign ever run in regional NSW.

The candidates were again branded as independents and organised into separate tickets to take advantage of the preferencing rules and according to papers obtained by the inquiry 'the message to be sold is that [the candidates] are all independents' when in fact, Prof Daly found, they were effectively one party.

Tweed Directions, as well as funding the candidates,

also ran a parallel media campaign to disparage the Max Boyd faction, branding them among other things as the Banana Party (Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anybody).

Six of the so-called independents scraped in with a narrow majority.

In his report, Prof Daly said Tweed Directions constructed a developer-funded campaign in a bid to secure a pro-development majority on the council.

'Candidates selected and supported by Tweed Directions, while presenting themselves as independents, were imposters, being puppets of Tweed Directions,' he found.

'Effectively they lied to the community. The successful candidates were elected under false pretences, based on a deliberate misrepresentation of the reality of their status.'

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Economic report paints a bleak picture for the shire

Luis Feliu

Tweed Shire Council has lifted the veil of secrecy over the final report of the shire's former economic-development organisation after claims it was kept under wraps because it criticised the tender process for the work the group had been doing.

At the council meeting before Christmas, councillors overturned a staff recommendation which tried to keep Tweed Economic Development Corporation's (TEDC) final report confidential due to what general manager Mike Rayner deemed 'commercial in confidence'.

Mr Rayner told councillors this was because historically the TEDC reports had been

dealt with by council behind closed doors. But a motion by Crs Dot Holdom and Warren Polglase to bring the report out in the open was backed unanimously.

Mayor Kevin Skinner said the report showed up the urgent need to 'develop a vision for the future' and praised the efforts of the TEDC and its staff for its strategic planning work over 13 years.

Cr Skinner said he hoped to see the TEDC staff 'become involved' and bring their 'acumen' to the revamped Destination Tweed (the former Tweed Tourism) which recently won the council tender to promote the shire's economic development, the role formerly undertaken by TEDC.

Both TEDC and the former Tweed Tourism were funded by council, with almost half a million dollar annual budget for each, but Destination Tweed won the tender a couple of months ago for both the tourism promotion and economic development roles.

Locals sacked

TEDC was also sacked from its role in providing and monitoring economic data, which went to a Melbourne firm, leaving chief executive Tom Senti and his assistant out of work.

Mr Senti told *The Echo* there was 'nothing' in the report that was commercial in confidence and that it raised some issues which 'affects every single per-

son living in the shire'.

In the report, distributed to Tweed business chambers and media, Mr Senti criticised the tender process that led to the council awarding the contracts to other groups as too 'narrow and limited' with its main focus on tourism-related activity.

The report said 'that whilst tourism will continue to play a significant role in the growth of the Tweed economy, it is important that council does not place an over exaggerated importance or emphasis on tourism as the major driver of the Tweed economy'.

'There is an urgent need to develop real tourism product in the Tweed rather than to continue to rely on natural attractions, festivals and events to drive the tourism sector, as the facts clearly demonstrate that this approach does not deliver appropriate economic benefits in terms of average dollar spend as outlined in the

previous facts on tourism.'

The report revealed the Tweed economy faced a crisis because it had too many pensioners and not enough workers, with more than a third of Tweed residents leaving the shire each day to work.

Poor set of figures

It says the Tweed economy is a 'population driven, serviced based economy; driven by a higher than average aging demographic cohort; suffering at the impact of higher than average unemployment; lower than average disposable incomes; and a tourism industry which only contributes 5.4 per cent to GRP, and suffers from a lack of real tourism product'.

It says that more than 38 per cent of Tweed's future population will be over 65 years of age by 2026, which equates to 45,600 people, which would affect the local economy. Manufacturing contributes 6.1 per

cent and agriculture at 3.2 per cent to gross regional product and employed only 4.2 per cent of the Tweed workforce.

Other facts in the report include that 49.14 per cent of Tweed Shire ratepayers are on the minimum ordinary rate; the shire has a total of 38,004 ratepayers of which 21 per cent or 8,107 are pensioners; the unemployment rate is 5.81 per cent compared to NSW 4.76 per cent; 11,000 of the shire's 30,522 workers leave the Tweed each day to work in other places; and that the Tweed has one of the very lowest work participation rates at 42 per cent, when compared to NSW at 62 per cent and the Northern Rivers at 55 per cent.

The report said the facts confirm the need for the development of a vision and strategy by council 'which encourages and facilitates the broadening and diversification of the Tweed economy'.

Tweed gets in the Aussie spirit

The Tweed is gearing up for annual Australia Day celebrations on January 26. This week *The Echo* previews some of the highlights of this year's program of events across the shire. For more listings visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au.

Bogangar

This year's main shire event will be held at Bogangar Public School. The program gets underway with an official welcome at 11am. Tweed Shire Australia Day Ambassador Steve Bastoni, Richmond MP Justine Elliot and State Member for Tweed, Geoff Provest will be among the speakers. Tweed Shire Australia Day Awards will be presented and a citizenship ceremony will also take place.

Other activities include a game of cricket – eight a side commencing at Burringbar Sports Grounds at 10.30am, damper and Anzac biscuit competitions, as well as displays, musical entertainment, games and stalls throughout the day.

Murwillumbah

Celebrations get underway

at Budd Park from 8.30am with a free barbecue breakfast and live music.

Other events include a display of vintage cars by Tweed Valley Restorers, Murwillumbah award presentations, as well as children and adult novelty events, including sack races, gum boot throwing, egg and spoon races and tug of war.

Tweed Heads

Chris Cunningham Park at Wharf Street, Tweed Heads will play host to a program of 'mad sports', including thong throwing, thongy Ball, cricket, Aussie rules, Zinc face painting and more. There will be Australia Day giveaways at the Visitor Information Centre, Corner Wharf and Bay streets from 9am.

Tumbulgum

A day of family fun gets underway from 8am at Brian Breckenridge Field, Bawden Street, with a free barbecue breakfast. Novelty events include best decorated push-bike and gum boot throwing. From 10am there is a ten-

nis round robin competition and a cricket adults 12 a side – over the bridge versus around the corner. A barbecue lunch will be available from 1pm.

Tyalgum

Events planned include the Tyalgum Cup cycling race, junior and senior Australia v India cricket matches, damper and Anzac biscuit competitions, Australia Day March, Tyalgum Australia Day Awards presentations, as well as children's games and raffles. Festivities kick off at 7am and will take place at Tyalgum Hall and Bruce Bartrim Oval.

Pottsville

The Pottsville Bowls Club have prepared a fun day of bowls for Australia Day that pits man against woman in a 'shirts and skirts' themed competition.

Other features of the day will be a damper and Anzac biscuit making competition and presentation of sports awards. Proceeds for the day will be presented to the Pottsville Branch of the Tweed Coast Rural Fire Service.

Residents enraged at rates on tiny units

Murray Simpson

Tweed Shire Council is on a nice little earner when it comes to rating the Mountain View Retirement Village, say residents, and they are demanding a better deal.

To press their case a contingent of about 20 elderly residents trooped into the council's community access meeting last Thursday seeking action.

Delegation spokeswoman Jude McCauley said the strata-titled retirement village contained 220 units, some not much bigger than the average garage.

Yet every one paid the same rates as the average residential property in the shire.

This was despite the fact that the village maintained its own streets, lighting, sewerage and garbage collection.

Mayor Kevin Skinner said the problem was drawing a line between retirement home villages and other strata-titled properties of which there were thousands in Tweed Shire.

He headed the issue off at the pass by suggesting what was needed was a review of the pensioner rebate scheme.

The current scheme had been frozen for 20 years and he indicated the council would support any moves to increase the rebate.

This drew approving nods from the delegation.

A report prepared by the council's director of technology and corporate services Troy Green said pension rebates cost the council \$1.5 million per year.

The report, to be submitted to the Labor, Liberal and Greens parties ahead of the NSW March State elections, said that while the council agreed with discounts to the pensioner community, it was not the responsibility of local governments to fund welfare such as pensioner rebates.

This cost, up until 1982, was funded by the state. Since then it was funded 50 per cent to 1992 and then 45 per cent since 1993.

The Green report said that since the rebate had not changed since 1989, from a pensioner's point of view the benefit of the rebate had also eroded in real terms.

The report cited a study by the University of New England, in conjunction with the Guyra Shire Council, which said research showed pensioner rebates fell very unevenly among different localities.

Rebates were much higher in coastal areas and some inland rural areas, but were much lower in affluent inner city metropolitan areas.

For instance Glen Innes recorded the highest pensioner rebate of \$25.76 per capita as opposed to \$1.47 in Sydney City. Tweed was between \$16 and \$20 per capita.

The report also found the biggest pensioner burden fell on areas with some of the lowest average earnings per capita.

The report said the Commonwealth government was in the best position to fund the costs of the welfare payments.





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Hastings Point survives rescission

Murray Simpson

Hoots and clapping erupted in the Tweed council chambers as the battle of Hastings Point was finally laid to rest with a win for preservationists.

A bid by a pro-development lobby within the council to overturn a decision last month to cap building heights within the historic coastal village was defeated 4-3 in Tuesday's meeting of the Tweed Shire Council.

This week's vote was the final skirmish in a 14-year struggle by local residents to preserve the unique character of the village.

This week's rescission motion was brought by mayor Kevin Skinner who, in an impassioned speech to the council, said he did not feel it was the right of council to downgrade the zoning of anyone's property.

Cr Phil Youngblutt agreed saying the original development application should be upheld and last month's council decision should be rescinded.

But Councillors Joan van Lieshout, Katie Milne, Barry Longland and Dot Holdom stuck to their guns and voted the rescission motion down.

The vote embeds a policy to

cap heights at eight metres in the main residential precinct.

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 bring in a two-storey limit in the town.

Chief planner Vince Connell last month told the council Hastings Point possessed unique qualities making it different from other small coastal villages on 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 overriding objective of this planning process,' he said.

'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 growth in line with its sensitive location and the limited level available for retail and social services.'

A jubilant president of the Hastings Point Progress Association Julie Boyd said it was the last hurrah in a long and often bitter battle.

Road closures strand residents

Murray Simpson

A lousy Christmas Eve stuck in a car on the wrong side of a flooded creek has one Tweed resident demanding a better alert system for road closures.

John Morrison of Byrrill Creek spent an uncomfortable night in his car on Christmas Eve while his daughter was home alone with a fridge full of food and no one to share it with.

'I couldn't make it across till 5.30 the next morning,' he said.

'There was no warning of potential problems. There has to be a better way.'

He suggested a network of landholders at known flood trouble spots could contact a council hotline to alert residents.



The Byrrill Creek Road ford is up and brimming and local residents caught unawares are stuck on the town side unable to get home. Picture supplied

7pm,' he said.

'This left a number of people stranded till mid morning on Christmas Day. This was well below the minor floods at Murwillumbah so no response was made.'

'This scenario was repeated on Thursday, January 6, when again sudden downpours cut roads and bridges which remained closed until Saturday.'

'Again this was well below minor flood levels and there was no response or posting of warnings.'

'During this event a recently

settled landowner at Byrrill Creek lost a four-wheel-drive vehicle to the flood possibly due to the lack of warnings.

'On Sunday, January 9, bridges and causeways were cut again and remained so till Wednesday morning - and still no alerts.'

Mr Morrison said a network of landholders at trouble spots, and the greater use of river height gauges could help people be more prepared. Using technology to send out such things as text messages would also assist, he said.

Tweed spared worst of floods

Tweed is facing a flood clean up bill of more than \$200,000 after recent heavy rainfalls caused damage to vital infrastructure.

The shire was declared a natural disaster area, amid prolonged wet weather which impacted on roads, crop production and small businesses.

However, the region escaped relatively unscathed in comparison to communities further south on the NSW north coast and across the border in Queensland.

Heavy rainfall caused damage to culverts, bridges and roads across the shire, while high flows and debris also caused damage to the Tweed's floodgates and a number of riverside footpaths.

The weather conditions have also caused an estimated \$25,000 in pothole damage across the Tweed. Council is still assessing flood damage and the final bill is likely to rise.

Rural locations were among the most affected areas in the Tweed.

At Byrrill Creek residents were left stranded after flooding on Christmas Eve isolated the area until the following afternoon.

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End of a long, long road

In the end the resolution came with a whimper rather than a bang. Knowing they would be outvoted if the full complement of councillors turned up, opponents of the height and density building controls for Hastings Point resorted to a newspaper ad proclaiming that a 'Land owners group' represented majority opinion. It was a typical note on which to end the long campaign, the rich and greedy spending up big to promote their views while the genuine majority of the Hastings Point community had to rely on the justice of their position.

The developers' argument, that controls are selfish and will prevent more people enjoying the amenity of the village, is self-serving hypocrisy. It is just as well that other iconic beauty spots around the world were not under the jurisdiction of the Tweed councillors opposing the building controls, Skinner, Polglase and Youngblutt. Can you imagine what they would have done to the Cotswold villages (high-rise accommodation for all the tourists) or the Lake District (marinas all round)? There are places where the open-slasher development model so beloved of the Three Amigos is simply not appropriate, and Hastings Point is one of them.

It's been 15 years since the council decided to initiate the two storey height limit in the village, but the election of a pro-development council in 1999 saw it put on the backburner while developers, who were well aware that time would one day run out, continued to buy blocks and build three-storey walk-ups, exploiting the council's reluctance to act. Tuesday's vote is a victory for people power and the end of a long and tiring struggle.

This is a history of the knockbacks suffered by the community in their efforts to tighten the planning controls and retain the village character of Hastings Point:

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

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.

2010 – In December Tweed Shire Council approves building controls on height and density for Hastings Point. Crs Skinner, Polglase and Youngblutt lodge a rescission motion.

2011 – In January the rescission motion is defeated and residents finally get protection for the village.

But will Bligh survive the media deluge?

Seldom has an Australian politician received the kind of accolades accorded to Queensland Premier Anna Bligh in the wake of the disastrous floods which engulfed her state.

From being a political pariah, whipped by the media and scorned by the voters, she had surpassed St Mary McKillop as a model of virtue and rectitude.

The transformation has been one of those rare political miracles which is just too good to be true. Much too good, and it probably isn't.

Bligh's apotheosis was built on a consummate display of control and compassion, laced with heavy doses of good old fashioned jingoism.

Her all-pervading media blitz turned her into a kind of Mother Queensland – and, incidentally it was a pleasing coincidence that the two states first affected by the floods and the Commonwealth that overrode them, all have women as both head of government and head of state.

But Bligh outshone her rivals, the sun to a roomful of flickering candles.

Her own governor, Penelope Wensley, made only cameo appearances.

In New South Wales both Kristina Kenneally and Marie Bashir tried hard, but were clearly not in Bligh's class. And from the bowels of Canberra, Quentin Bryce, a native banana bender and in fact a former governor of Queensland, barely troubled the scorers.

Julia Gillard was the face and more importantly the cheque book of the Commonwealth, but was deemed by her critics to have come in as very poor second.

This harsh judgment may have been a little unfair to Gillard. Okay, she did not

and could not compete with Bligh for the starring role of guide, comforter and protector, but she did come through with much of the materiel Bligh needed to make the role convincing.

No expense was spared; cash was instantly forthcoming with the promise of more as it was needed, all relevant ministers were deployed in the service and the army was sent in.

is over – well, for the present; there is no guarantee this so called once-a-century event will not recur, perhaps even in the next few months. The cleanup will be prolonged and frustrating, and the rebuilding process even more so.

One problem, of course, is the shortage of tradesmen; almost everyone with a licence is making a fortune out of the mining boom.

As the premier herself is now being forced to admit, a great many Queenslanders now face a very unpleasant and long drawn out future.

by Mungo MacCallum



While Bligh emoted, Gillard acted; it was a support act, sure, but it was a necessary and effective performance.

However her critics, and they were all but unanimous, insisted on portraying it as if she was the bad cop and Bligh the good one.

And they did not hesitate to use the disaster to further their own agendas; writers in the Murdoch press especially thought it would be a great idea if all work on national broadband ceased immediately and the funds and manpower transferred to the rebuilding of Brisbane and its environs.

Which brings us to the very real problems that Bligh now faces, and the reason the canonisation is likely to be a very brief one, so much so that it is unlikely to save her and her government by the time of the next election.

As the premier herself is now being forced to admit, a great many Queenslanders now face a very unpleasant and long drawn out future.

The adventure of the floods

But even if unlimited labour were available, the sheer scale of the operation makes it impossible to fast track.

As the days drag into weeks drag into months drag into years the voters will lose patience and start looking for someone to blame, and their target will, as always, be the government.

Indeed this is already happening; the early line is that the severity of the flooding could have been at least partly mitigated by better management of the Wivenhoe Dam.

The buck is unlikely to stop far short of Bligh's office. Her handling of the crisis to date will probably continue to be held up as a model for others to emulate by at least some of the pundits in New South Wales and Victoria. But in her home state the Murdoch-owned *Courier Mail* is unlikely to be so charitable.

And let us not forget one so far united side-effect: the floods not only deprived a great many voters of their homes, businesses and treasured pos-

sessions; they also meant that almost nobody has had an annual summer holiday. This just could be the final loss which breaks the electorate's back.

It has been truly wonderful to watch the convulsions of the right wing conservatives in the wake of the Arizona shootings.

Suddenly words and images don't matter any more. The crazed rhetoric of Sarah Palin and her Tea Party associates about reloading and targeting was utterly irrelevant: it was just some deranged individual. Oh sure, and of course those Moslems aren't in any way influenced by the propaganda of al-Qaeda and the teachers in the medressahs; the suicide bombers are just nutters who would be nuts anyway.

Indeed, the whole political apparatus of propaganda and spin is a waste of time; it doesn't have any effect whatsoever. And think of all that money wasted on advertising; everyone know all those words and images do absolutely nothing to change people's actual behaviour. So let's hear it for freedom of speech and robust political debate – but only, of course, from the Right, which is, by definition, right.

Okay, the malaise does in fact go deeper; there is an underlying violence in much American culture, and the universal availability of firearms means it frequently manifests itself in deadly ways; it is unlikely that the killer would have created quite so much mayhem if armed only with a baseball bat. But hey, remember the slogan: Guns don't kill people, people do.

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Four Amigos?

The symphony of intrigue currently orchestrated by the management and councillors of this fair shire would rival any plot from an Agatha Christie novel and require more analytical skills to unravel than even the famous Sherlock Holmes could muster.

On the one hand we have a councillor who, having declared himself ineligible to vote on a matter because a family relative is involved, later decides that he is eligible to vote (as part of the Three Amigos) on a separate, but related matter, involving the same relative.

Council's general manager Mike Rayner validates this hypocrisy by declaring it's OK because the relatives are not really close and most of the councillors are involved to some extent in development within the shire anyway.

If this is the case shouldn't it demand even more diligence by management, and even stronger enforcement of the Code of Conduct? Or do we in fact have 'Four Amigos'?

And then we have the extraordinary scenario of council proposing to use the residents' facilities of Noble Lakeside Park [for Seniors Week] in spite of the fact that this council is currently the respondent in a Land and Environment Court challenge by the park owners.

It is intriguing indeed that council's management would accept such an offer without confirming the authority of the source. This offer did not come from the residents' committee, which is the only park organisation with the authority to make such an offer with the approval of a residents' meeting.

The offer came from one of the many park social groups, in response to a request by the park manager (yet another 'Amigo'), without being put to the park residents or even to a vote by their own club members.

Given the pending legal proceedings, it may also be seen as potentially prejudicial to the case, in as much as there is, no doubt, an opportunity to influence the outcome in favour of the owner, by portraying the council, the owner and the residents (despite the disruption to their lifestyle and facilities) as 'one big happy family'.

Roma Newton
Noble Lakeside Park,
Kingscliff

Old Mike please

When I first arrived in Pottsville and attended some council-related meetings and sat on a council committee I was

Reflections on the Queensland floods

■ Why is it that Aussies are so good in a crisis, but then we forget? Is there a mateship gene we have that gets triggered by a disaster, that then turns off again as soon as it's all over?

Many of us have watched in horror over the past couple of weeks as the flood disaster has unfolded across Queensland, NSW, Tasmania and Victoria, affecting our friends and family – destroying their homes, families and lives. The rest of the world has been watching with awe as the Queensland premier became a national hero for her leadership – as well she should; as the news media and social networking media worked together with three levels of government, countless charities, community organisations, us regular folk, and the defence forces, to help those devastated; how a 'mud army' formed itself and marched on Brisbane to start the cleanup; and how many brilliant new ideas have been hatched in the process. A new industry was created in Australia last week where we showed the rest of the world how a major natural disaster can be managed, and led.

And good on everyone who has been involved. Your money or your muscle – the 'Uncle Sam needs you' type call put out by the premier saw a humbling response by thousands as those affected felt the kindness of strangers. While I have family in Brisbane being helped by the 'sludge army' to clean up their house, I wait anxiously for other immediate family members in Victoria to see if they too, will be washed out – some have already been affected; and friends in Tassie start their cleanup.

While Brisbane has seen very impressed with the support that Mike Rayner gave to the community.

He appeared to be exactly the type of person needed for the job. He was approachable, listened to you, responded reasonably and appeared to be distancing himself from the (at the time) outrageous antics of the pro-developer councillors and ex-councillors. He maintained a separation between the administrators and the management team that was right, proper and totally professional. Mike appeared to be the steadying influence needed by the shire residents while the administrators were in place. The council management team adopted his approach and were also totally responsive to community needs.

Can anybody tell me what has happened? Once Mike would have sounded out members of the community, whose opinion he respected, before he arrived

an 'outbreak of magic' as the premier did a brilliant job of leading rescue and now recovery efforts, I can't help but wonder if the goodwill will last. The rest of the world may have been watching with awe how the 'mud army' banded together over the weekend but the news cycles have moved on. It's now another week. Hoons are back on the roads, soaps are back on TV, scammers have started their work, looters are about, and more developments are being proposed for flood plains.

The scale of this disaster provides us all with an opportunity to accept that we and our systems need to adapt – quickly. Everyone needs to take a good look at their own accountability and intention. We need to ask why 4,000 mattresses could be provided instantly, at well run evacuation centres for those who lost their homes, yet homeless people struggle to find a safe place to sleep; why 12,000 people per day volunteer their sweat equity to clean Brisbane while looters are at work; why perfect strangers suddenly become your best friend in a crisis, when they may be neighbours you've never spoken to before.

Insurance companies need to stop arguing about what constitutes a flood, developers need to stop building on flood plains and be required to accept long term responsibility for their developments, development company directors need to be required to give personal guarantees for at least the first decade of their constructions, and politicians need to be required to accept longterm responsibility for their decisions.

at an intended course of action. This has changed and we now see a tendency towards actions and decisions more attuned to, and supportive of, the pro-development councillors he would once have kept at a professional distance.

Many of us have been reluctant to openly criticise Mike because of the great history of cooperation that he laid out. Has the time come to forget the past and suggest to the general manager that his actions are becoming unacceptable to the community and we would like the old professional Mike back?

Terry O'Toole
Pottsville

Yes, Minister

A letter of reply from the mayor, Tweed Shire Council, in response to my concerns regarding the eviction of 11 Long Term Casual (LTC) site holders from the Kingscliff Beach

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It's not OK to take money for a policy you have no intention of paying out on. It's not OK to throw up a quick development, grab your money and run, leaving unsuspecting buyers to bear the brunt of your shortcuts, and it's not OK to make decisions in council or government, then walk away leaving future generations to wear the consequences while you shirk any responsibility at all.

We all have to share this small planet and we if we don't learn quickly to live with each other and our environment, the consequences are abundantly clear. Bertrand Russell once wrote 'The only thing that will redeem mankind is cooperation.' I, for one, live in hope, and watch in despair.

Julie Boyd
Hastings Point

■ Queensland premier Anna Bligh said twice as much water came down the Brisbane river as in 1974, and yet the river peaked at about one metre lower. There's no doubt the Wivenhoe Dam saved lives, and higher destruction. Some estimates put a \$20 billion bill on rebuilding southeast Queensland.

The Wivenhoe Dam needs to be expanded, and both sides

of politics need to get together to plan to save future lives, pain and destruction. These floods have been around since Noah, and they will keep coming. So, if the building of new dams, where appropriate, will greatly help, as Wivenhoe proved, then it must be done.

John Fihelly
Pottsville

■ The awe-inspiring sight of the devastation wreaked upon thousands of Queenslanders by this incredible weather event must make our own council take a very serious look at the potential for the same kind of devastation in our own shire.

In early 2000 when I lived at the bottom of Mt Warning Road I was called by TSC surveyors for permission to shoot levels at my property. Upon asking them the reason for the visit I was told that in the event of a major down-pour it was possible that Clarrie Hall Dam would overtop to the point where the sides of the dam could be severely eroded, weakening the main dam wall and causing a collapse. A wave of water would pour down the valley at a level some 20 metres over the roof of my house. Given that my house had no inundation during the 1974 flood, presumably 20 metres of water over my

roof would mean the absolute annihilation of everything between the dam, Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and all points between.

It is time to put the nonsense of the proposed Byrrill Creek dam to one side and focus on the much more relevant issue of securing Clarrie Hall Dam to protect the entire shire. Council must act and inform us immediately of what it proposes to do about the possibility of such a catastrophe. To do otherwise is reprehensible.

Robert Franzos
Murwillumbah

■ The antediluvian myth was that Australia lacks water. The fact is that Australia's current and growing population lacks adequate capture infrastructure (dams) during floods... and adequate distribution infrastructure (dams), during droughts.

What we have no shortage of is provincial media, myths of consensus that nurture an 'Us and Them', 'City versus Country' mentality... That cynical exercise of the power of the media, propagated as the will of the people, resulted in the Pyrrhic victory over the Traveston dam.

Steve Briskey
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Holiday Park failed to address issues raised, in any informative or comprehensive manner. In fact it brought back memories of the waffle and ministerial advice provided by Sir Humphrey Appleby in the excellent television series *Yes Minister*. One particular piece of advice to the Minister went something like this: 'Minister, you need only tell the people what *you* want them to know, not what *they* want to know.'

In addition to quoting unsubstantiated figures in relation to revenue, from data not accessible for public scrutiny, the mayor's response to my major concern that the selection process used in determining the 11 LTC sites to be terminated was based on limited selection criteria, lacked transparency, fairness and equity, and raised conjecture of discrimination, reads: 'I have reviewed and am satisfied that the selection process used for determination of the LTC sites to be terminated was fair, not discriminatory and had the sole intent of best meeting the business objectives of the Trust.'

Sir Humphrey Appleby would be impressed.

To assure all LTC site holders, Tweed Shire ratepayers and the general public that the probability of the Tweed Shire Council decision-making processes has not been compromised, I have once again requested the mayor to make public complete details of the guidelines and selection criteria used in determining the 11 LTC sites in the Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park to be terminated.

Allan Schmidt
Salisbury, Qld

Something to hide

At last the world media is taking an interest in Julian (Wikileaks).

It seemed to me they were taking a wait and see. It should concern any reporter who gets a good story without fear or favour. I'm not talking about people who report about a pimple on a film star's nose, but there are some of us who want to know what's really going on. The ones who are afraid might have something to hide.

P Zamattia
Crystal Creek

Modest proposal

My friends and I would like to wish you and your fine people a happy New Year and we urge

you to keep up the good work!

We are concerned about the future of our area and the great lifestyle that we enjoy now but which is threatened by bureaucrats in Sydney who have no idea what overdevelopment will do to Tweed Heads and the surrounding area.

We also have a pathetic local council to contend with so, this being the silly season, we have decided that the best form of attack would be for us to secede from the state and create our own principality like Prince Michael of Hutt River in Western Australia.

Make no mistake, we are serious about this as we can't just sit back and watch everything we have worked for go down the tube. We don't have the infrastructure to carry all the proposed development and our inept council can't even give us safe roads as with every shower of rain huge potholes appear and they continue with their bandaid solutions! The only positive thing they have done lately is to increase our rates by 30 per cent.

Anyway we would like to float this idea which seems radical but how else can we take control of our future and where we are going! We have some very bright people in business and in our community. What do you think? Could we form a board of control and be masters of our own destiny? Please have your say!

Bernie O'Brien
Banora Point

The mayoral IQ

In his Don Quixote-like tilt at the Hastings Point LEP height limit, Kevin 07 told the ABC this week he thought people who bought land then zoned for three storeys should expect to build to that height without being bothered by future zoning restrictions.

Other than displaying his ignorance of the maxim 'caveat emptor' (which it might surprise Ken to know applies to developers as well as us ordinary folk), let's try following his (lack of) reasoning to its logical conclusion.

In Kev's County, all council rates would remain as they were when one purchased a property regardless of future rises. We could expect our streets swept by the council once a week (as they were in 1998) rather than once every three years (if we're lucky). People building next to land zoned for environmental protection could expect to continue to commune with nature rather than a three-storey six-pack, or shopping centre, or so-called 'tourist development' five years down the track... need I go on?

It's even possible we could specify that candidates in council elections have a double-digit IQ. Go Kevin!

Jeremy Cornford
Kingscliff

Pensioners pay their way

■ I would really like to know just who commissioned that report suggesting that one way of avoiding the Tweed Shire going bankrupt is to recoup pensioner rate rebates.

I would also like to know who did the 'study', because that would have to be one of the more crackpot ideas to be floated around this area which seems to breed stupid suggestions by the truck-load.

If any political party starts that sort of nonsense it will open the biggest can of worms ever seen. Just about everyone in Australia is subsidised one way or another.

The best way to reduce the

number of pension rebates is to reduce the eligibility. And that means no rebates for owners of property over a certain value, for starters, and/or have pro-rata rebates for part pensioners (partly self-funded).

Alan Davis
Pottsville

■ It made me so angry to read in *The Echo* that Tweed Shire Council is looking for ways to do away with pensioner rate rebates.

Sure, they might not get as much income from their pensioner residents, but neither do they cost them as much as

the younger ones.

When was the last time you saw an aged pensioner hooning around tearing up the road, or deliberately vomiting or urinating in the street, or leaving used syringes about for council to clean up after them?

They don't generate as much garbage, rarely use the pools, don't go on drunken rampages or graffiti public property, etc, etc.

They might be paying less, but they are also using fewer services. They are paying their way!

Lorraine Hegyi
Bilambil

A stitch in time



A year's calamities, and its happier moments, are all preserved in Murwillumbah artist Heather Mathew's first major exhibition opened this week at the Tweed Regional Art Gallery.

Heather used collages stitched in black thread to record each day of 2010 – the highlights like the Icelandic eruption, and the personal moments such as her daughter leaving home, are all faithfully recorded.

Heather has also written a commentary to aid the viewer through the collection of 364 collages.

The exhibition runs till March 27. Heather will also hold a collage workshop for anyone interested on February 20. Photo Jeff 'Pinprick' Dawson

Greens choose candidate

Anti-dam activist and No Rally campaigner Andrea Vickers will fly the flag for the Greens in the March State elections.

Ms Vickers' candidature was announced yesterday and campaign coordinator Terry Morgan she had proven track record on environmental issues.

Ms Vickers is an educational disability assistant and has been prominent in the No Rally and Save Byrrill Creek campaigns.

Ms Vickers yesterday defended her stance saying she was not opposed to development at all, 'just those projects that threaten the special environment and lifestyle we enjoy here in Tweed.'

'Economic development is essential, but that doesn't mean anything goes. I think most people in Tweed want to live on the green coast, not the Gold Coast,' she said.

'Key issues in Tweed for this



election include coastal erosion, water management and making sure the community has a say about big developments like Kings Forest and Cobaki.'

Ms Vickers will officially launch her campaign in February.

'Your vote's worth more when you vote Green. We are the only political party that won't accept donations from property developers and large corporations,' she said.

'I'm keen to discuss the issues, meet people in Tweed, and listen to their concerns.'

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Beware the fortune-tellers peddling genetic tests

Ray Moynihan

An enduring memory of my niece's third birthday party is the fortune-telling session that took place under the dining room table. A creative parent had donned a headscarf and extravagant earrings, and soon there was a line of toddlers waiting to hear about the magic of their future. Looking at the state of the science a decade later, it's highly possible that fortune-telling session was just as reliable as the hi-tech horoscopes currently being sold as genetic tests for common diseases.

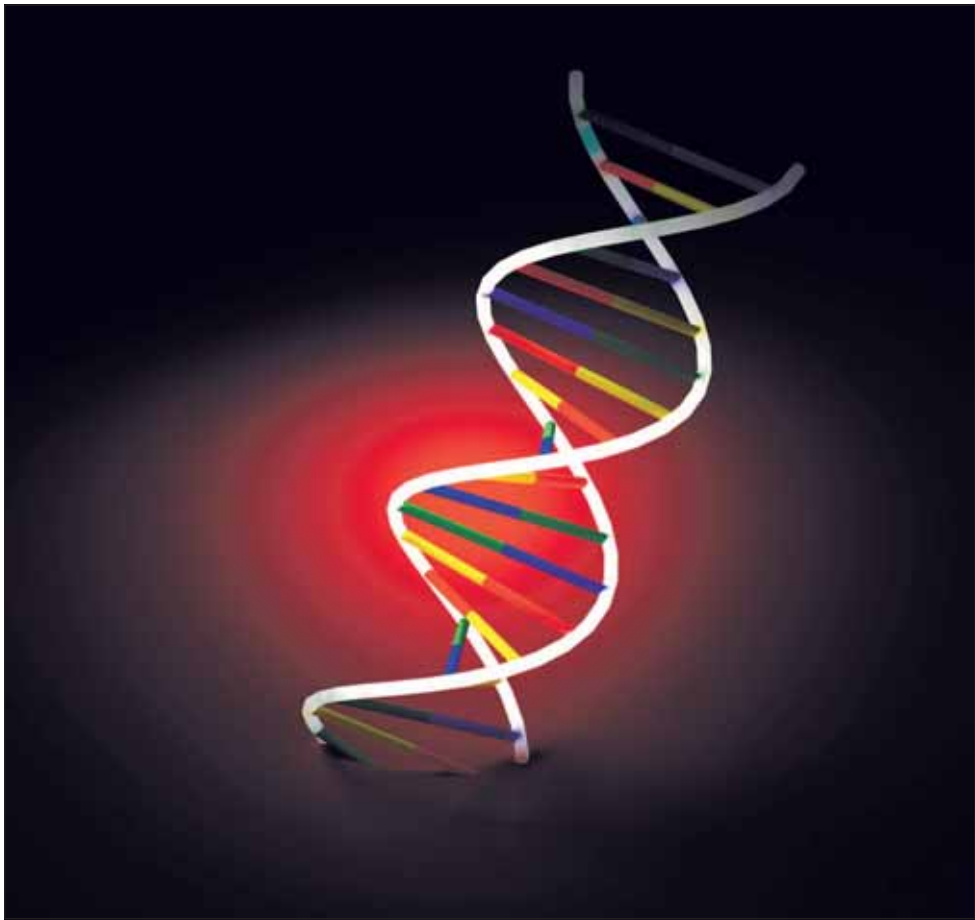
Available over the internet for a little as a few hundred Australian dollars, genetic tests are being ordered all over the world – with many of the companies doing the marketing based in the United States – a nation infamous for its costly and inefficient market-based health care system.

Covert operation

When the Government Accountability Office in the US recently ran a covert operation on genetic tests for fifteen common conditions, including Alzheimer's, breast cancer and restless legs syndrome, it uncovered the most extraordinary mess. It found that identical DNA samples produced wildly contradictory results. One man was told by four different firms that he was at below-average risk, average risk, and above-average risk of suffering both high blood pressure and prostate cancer.

The report claimed genetic tests marketed direct to the public were 'misleading and of little or no practical use.' Yet hundreds of thousands of people worldwide are sending off their saliva samples in good faith and receiving back predictions that can have life-changing consequences, based on tests that remain poorly evaluated and grossly under-regulated.

For anyone concerned about the creeping medicalisation of life, the marketplace of genetic



testing is surely one of the latest frontiers, where apparently harmless technology can help mutate healthy people into fearful patients, their personhood redefined by multiple genetic predispositions for disease and early death.

Hope among hype

Certainly there's promise and hope among the hype, particularly when a rare single gene disorder may be involved. Researchers have used a genetic test to identify infants with a rare form of diabetes who benefited greatly from subsequent therapy. Yet there are many examples of false hopes. Recent findings suggest there's no good evidence that genetic testing benefits people with a history of blood clots looking to make decisions about their treatment, those wanting to know whether anti-depressant drugs will be right for them, or those wanting to identify their individual risk for cardiovascular disease.

Once again a tool that's use-

ful in the lab has escaped like a virus into the marketplace, incubated by entrepreneurs, lazy reporters, and the power of our collective dreams of technological salvation, this time in the form of 'personalised medicine' where treatments are tailored to our individual genetic profiles.

A barrage of recent international reports welcome the potential benefits of the different forms of genetic testing, but warn governments to develop rational policy responses, setting enforceable rules for evaluating this new technology, and regulating its marketing.

A Nuffield Council on Bioethics report found test results can be unreliable, difficult to interpret, and cause further unnecessary testing, concluding many claims for individualised diagnosis and treatment 'seem to be overstated and should be treated with caution.' Another report commissioned by Britain's Conservative Party found results can be 'inaccurate and misleading' and cited calls for 'proper regulation'.

A third recent report from a group based in Cambridge argued the biggest challenge now is to generate an evidence base, so we know when using genetic information can improve global public health in a 'safe, effective and cost-effective manner.' Likewise the medical journals are full of cautionary notes, with one international group of researchers proclaiming it could be decades before personalised medicine tailored to genetic profiles became a reality.

British genetics researcher Professor David Melzer and colleagues argued a couple of years ago that the science of genetic predispositions for common diseases was still so uncertain onlookers may view it as 'genetic astrology, producing entertaining horoscopes'.

The high-profile authors concluded that marketing poorly evaluated tests in this evidence-based age was an 'unwelcome anomaly', and 'preventing misleading claims should also be a priority.' Others have made the valuable

point that getting the regulation right might be as important as the science itself.

Test the tests

While it might seem like an odd idea, tests themselves need to be tested – to see how worthwhile they are. Evaluating genetic tests is a particularly complex business. You've got to assess how well the test measures what it claims to measure, how well the genetic 'defect' or 'variation' predicts actual disease in a person, how useful the test results are in terms of future treatments, and what the social and ethical issues might be.

As with many medical technologies, there's enormous potential for exaggerating the benefits of a genetic test, which is one reason Germany has recently imposed severe restrictions on direct-to-consumer testing. In the United States they're talking of a new test registry on a government website, raising immediate concerns that it could lend legitimacy to unproven and potentially harmful products.

In Britain a government advisory body recently released a set of principles it hopes will be taken up as a voluntary code of practice by the emerging global industry – a pusil-


lanimous response already criticised as helping facilitate marketing, rather than ensure proper regulation. Meanwhile the not-for-profit group GeneWatch warns genetic tests may be used to sell unnecessary preventive medicines to healthy people, and suggests they be restricted to situations that produce health benefits and are ethically just.

Full disclosure


Professor Melzer believes there's a much wider problem of poor evaluation of diagnostic tests. Governments, he argues, should simply mandate a kind of compulsory WikiLeaks for genetic tests, with full disclosure of evidence, 'so people know what junk they're buying.'

As for my niece, she's now a flourishing teenager, still confident that the camel ride predicted under the dining room table will one day come to pass.

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The sales of bicycles are supported by figures released by the Australian government indicating a 32 per cent increase in people choosing to ride a bike in the same period. Australians are choosing the bicycle for transport, recreation, fitness, general health and sport in increasing numbers.

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achieve its objectives. Signed by all federal, state and territory transport ministers, the National Cycling Strategy aims to double the rate of cycling by 2016.

Federal leadership and increased investment in infrastructure, educational and promotional programs will be needed, however, if this goal is to be achieved. The Cycling Promotion Fund applauds the recent federal commitment to the national AustCycle program which will encourage more Australians to acquire the skills they need to cycle safely, but there's more that needs to be done.

The Australian government is facing critical decisions on key transport issues. In 2005 the cost in lost productivity through transport congestion was \$9 billion per year, forecast to grow to \$20 billion per year by 2020.

'We are facing an obesity crisis,' according to the Cycling Promotion Fund, and 'the average Australian would get their daily requirements of physical activity if they walked, rode a bicycle or caught public transport to work.'

'The use of bicycles for transport, recreation and fitness continues to have increasing benefits to the Australian economy and these will continue to increase as bicycle sales continue to grow. The Cycling Promotion Fund calls on the federal government to invest in support of the increasing numbers of Australians who are voting with their feet and choosing to ride a bicycle.'

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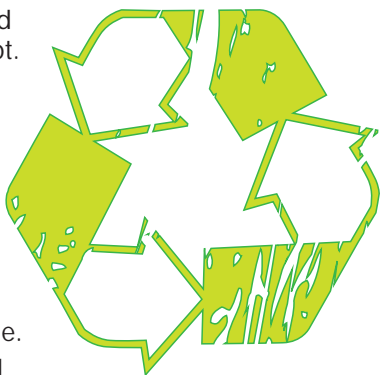
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Television Guide

1. Rafael Nadal gets his games confused as he practises for the **Australian Open Tennis** (Prime, throughout the week, various times), an orgy of spherophilia for tennis tragics.
2. Gorgeous young things Abbie Cornish and Heath Ledger descend into a deadhead druggy love cul-de-sac in **Candy** (SBS1, Saturday, 10.05pm). As morally uplifting as napalm.
3. Our Nicole is Hugh Jackman's love interest in Baz Luhrman's sweeping epic **Australia** (TEN, Sunday, 8.30pm), where the men are men and the kangaroos are hopping mad at all the tourism spinoffs.



FRIDAY 21

ABC 1

4.00 Can We Help? **4.30** The Cook And The Chef **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: The Way We Were** (PG 1973) US romance. Stars Barbra Streisand **2.30** Creature Comforts **3.00** Kids' Programs **6.00** **My Family** **6.30** **Shamwari** **7.00** **ABC News** **7.30** **The 7.30 Report** **8.00** **Chopper Rescue** **8.30** **U Be Dead** (M) **10.05** **The Last Word Monologues** (M) **10.35** Late Edition News **10.50** John Safran's Race Relations (M) **11.20** Being Human (MA) **12.20** rage (M)

ABC 2

5.30 Talking Heads **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** Kids' Programs **7.15** **The Daily Show** **7.35** **Important Things** **8.00** **Navy Divers** **8.30** **Wired** (M) **9.30** **The Tudors** **10.25** **The Wire** (MA) **12.20** I Rock: Highway To Hell (M) **12.50** People Watchers **1.40** Close

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs **5.05** CJ The DJ **5.15** Grizzly Tales From Gruesome Kids **5.35** League Of Super Evil **6.00** Spliced! **6.25** Prank Patrol International **6.50** Good Game SP **7.10** What Do You Know? **7.40** MI

High **8.10** Jeopardy **8.35** Degrassi: The Next Generation **9.00** 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 **1.00** ABC News **2.00** Midday Report **2.30** One Plus One **3.00** Afternoon Live **5.30** Australian Story Classic **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** Australian Story Classic **11.00** ABC News **11.05** 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** Australian Network News **3.00** Big Ideas

SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch **5.05** World News **1.00** Food Lovers' Guide To Australia **1.30** Don Matteo **2.30** Rex In Rome **3.30** Letters And Numbers **4.00** The Journal **4.30** Newshour **5.30** Letters And Numbers **6.00** **Tour Down Under Cycling Highlights** **6.30** **World News Australia** **7.30** **Coast** **8.30** **As It Happened: Apocalypse** The Second World War **9.30** **World News Australia** **10.10** **Erotic Tales** (MA) **10.45** **Missresses** (MA) **11.15** **Movie:**

AV (MA 2005) Cantonese drama **1.10** **Movie: The House Of Sand** (MA 2005) Brazilian drama **3.10** Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News **6.00** **A Fork In Asia: Nepal** **6.30** **Come Dine With Me** Greece **7.30** **More Than A Fiesta** **8.00** **China 21** **8.30** **Tour Down Under Cycling Highlights** **9.00** **Disable Bodied Sailors** **9.30** **Movie: Dororo** (MAV 2007) Japanese fantasy **12.00** **Movie: Golden Chicken** (M 2003) Cantonese comedy **2.00** Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 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** Good Chef, Bad Chef **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful **5.00** Ten News **6.00** The Simpsons **6.30** **Jamie's 30 Minute Meals** **7.00** **The 7pm Project** **7.30** **Oprah In Australia** **8.30** **Movie: The First Wives Club** (PG 1996) US comedy. Stars Bette Midler **10.30** **Outrageous Fortune** (M) **11.30** Late News **12.00** Sports Tonight **12.30** The Late Show **1.30** Infomercials **5.00** Religion

ELEVEN

6.00 Touched By An Angel **7.00** 7th Heaven **8.00** The Brady Bunch **8.30** Neighbours **9.00** Touched By An Angel **10.00** 7th Heaven **11.00** The Love Boat **12.00** Diagnosis Murder **1.00** Jag **2.00** MacGyver **3.00** Cheers **3.30** Roseanne **4.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **4.30** Mork & Mindy **5.00** Happy Days **5.30** The Brady Bunch **6.00** **Family Ties** **6.30** **Neighbours** **7.00** **Everybody Loves Raymond** **7.30** **90210** **8.30** **So You Think You Can Dance** **10.30** **The Late Late Show** **11.30** Cheers **12.00** Roseanne **12.30** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Mork & Mindy **1.30** Happy Days **2.00** The Love Boat **3.00** Diagnosis Murder **4.00** Jag **5.00** MacGyver

ONE HD

6.00 Golf Central **6.30** PGA Tour Of Australia Golf **8.30** ATP World Tour Tennis **9.00** America's Game **10.00** NBL Basketball **12.00** NBA Basketball – LIVE **5.15** Omnispot **5.30** Escape With ET **6.00** Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures **7.00** I Fish **7.30** Sports Tonight **8.00** **NBL Basketball LIVE** – Wollongong Hawks v Sydney Kings **10.00** Pro Series Drag Racing **11.30** Sports Tonight Late **12.00** UFC Marathon **2.45** MVP **3.15** Arsenal Football

PRIME

6.00 Sunrise **9.00** Kids' Programs **10.30** Seven News **11.00** **Australian Open Tennis LIVE** **6.00** **Prime News** **6.30** **Seven News** **7.00** **Australian Open Tennis LIVE**

12.30 **Movie: Bailey's Mistake** (PG 2001) US drama. Stars Linda Hamilton **2.00** Home Shopping

7 TWO

6.00 Kids Time **8.30** Sons & Daughters **9.00** Home & Away **9.30** Shortland Street **10.00** Coronation Street **10.30** Emmerdale **11.00** Hollyoaks **12.00** Murphy Brown **12.30** The Good Life **1.00** Best Of The Morning Show **2.00** Full House **2.30** **Movie: Decameron Nights** (G 1953) UK romance. Stars Joan Fontaine **4.30** Welcome Back Kotter **5.00** Head Of The Class **5.30** Growing Pains **6.00** **A House In Florida** **6.30** **Bargain Hunt** **7.00** **Men Behaving Badly** **7.30** **Ghost Whisperer** **8.30** **Escape To The Country** **9.30** **60 Minute Makeover** **10.30** Living In The Sun **11.30** **Movie: Look Back In Anger** (PG 1959) UK drama. Stars Richard Burton **1.30** 2005 Australian Open Tennis: Nalbandian v Hewitt

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** Baywatch **5.00** The Drew Carey Show **5.30** According To Jim **6.30** **Scrubs** **7.00** **That '70s Show** **7.30** **Gary Unmarried** **8.30** **Ax Men** (M) **9.30** **Movie: Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels** (AV 1998) UK thriller. Stars Jason Flemyng **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Baywatch **5.00** McHale's Navy **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

NBN

5.30 Today **9.00** Mornings With Kerri-Anne **10.00** Kids' Programs **11.00** Infomercials **12.00** The Ellen Degeneres Show **1.00** The View **2.00** **One Day Cricket LIVE** – Australia v England **6.00** **Evening News** **6.30** **Cricket** continues **10.00** **Movie: Lethal Weapon 3** (M 1992) US action. Stars Mel Gibson **12.30** **Movie: Grilled** (M 2005) US comedy. Stars Ray Romano **2.05** **Movie: That'll Be The Day** (M 1974) UK musical drama. Stars Ringo Starr **3.50** Katie Noonan **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** The Hills **2.00** Charlie's Angels **3.00** Just Shoot Me

3.30 Kids' Programs **6.00** **Movie: Scooby-Doo And The Alien Invaders** (G 2000) Animation **7.30** **Movie: Space Jam** (G 1996) US comedy. Stars Michael Jordan **9.30** **Movie: St Trinian's** (M 2007) UK comedy. Stars Rupert Everett **11.40** **Movie: Supercross** (PG 2005) US action. Stars Steve Boyum **1.20** **Movie: Highwaymen** (M 2003) US drama. Stars Robert Harmon **3.00** Charlie's Angels **4.00** Just Shoot Me **4.30** TMZ **5.00** Get Smart **5.30** The Flintstones

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: Tommy The Toreador** (G 1959) UK comedy. Stars Tommy Steele **2.00** Wife Swap USA **3.00** McLeod's Daughters **4.00** Neighbours At War **4.30** How Clean Is Your House **5.00** The Ellen Degeneres Show **6.00** **The Nanny** **6.30** **Friends** **7.00** **The Zoo** **7.30** **Antiques Roadshow** **8.30** **The Mentalist** (M) **9.30** **Law & Order** (M) **11.30** Conan (M) **12.30** Murder, She Wrote **1.25** McLeod's Daughters **2.20** Law & Order (M) **4.20** **Movie: Two Way Stretch** (G 1960) UK comedy. Stars Peter Sellers

SATURDAY 22

ABC 1

5.00 rage (PG) **11.00** The Best In Australia **12.00** Message Stick (G*) **12.30** Best Of Australian Story **1.00** WNBL Basketball – Bulleen v Dandenong **3.00** **W-League Football LIVE** – Brisbane v Newcastle **5.00** NSW Open Bowls **6.00** **Kylie Kwong** My China **6.30** **Best Of Gardening Australia** **7.00** **ABC News** **7.30** **Bed Of Roses** **8.30** **Midsomer Murders** (M) **10.10** **Graham Norton Show** (M) **11.00** Desperate Romantics (M) **12.00** rage (M)

ABC 2

6.00 Kids' Program **7.00** **IPC World Athletics Championships** From Christchurch **7.45** **Republic Of Doyle** **8.30** **Movie: Escape From Alcatraz** (M 1979) US action. Stars Clint Eastwood **10.15** **Movie: The Buccaneer** (G 1938) US adventure **12.25** Perfect Child Mummies **1.15** Sun, Sea & Bargain Spotting **2.20** Close

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs **5.10** Escape From Scorpion Island **5.40** League Of Super Evil **6.05** Stoked **6.40** Outback **8.7.05** Serious Andes

7.30 Good Game SP **7.50** The Tribe **9.10** Close

ABC NEWS 24

4.00 ABC News **4.05** The Quarters **4.15** The Drum **5.00** Big Ideas **6.00** Dispatches **2010** **6.30** Stataline Select **7.00** ABC News **7.30** Contact Sport **8.00** ABC News **8.45** The Quarters **9.00** ABC News **9.30** Landline Extra **10.00** One Plus One **10.30** Stataline 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** Stataline Select **3.30** Foreign Correspondent **4.00** ABC News **4.30** Stataline 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** The Howard Years **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** Stataline Select **2.00** Four Corners **2.45** The Quarters **3.00** BBC World News **3.30** Stataline Summer

SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch **5.05** World News **1.00** **Tour Down Under Cycling LIVE** from Adelaide **3.00** Sketches Of Frank Gehry **4.30** Newshour **5.30** Food Safari **6.00** **Disable Bodied Sailors** **6.30** **World News Australia** **7.30** **Big, Bigger, Biggest** **8.30** **Iron Chef** **9.20** **RockWiz Rewind**

10.05 **Movie: Candy** (MA 2006) Australian drama **12.00** SOS (M) **1.00** Great Australian Albums: I'm Stranded By The Saints **2.00** Drawn Together (MA) **2.25** Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News **6.00** **Here Comes The Neighbourhood** **6.30** **Sarah Wiener And The Kitchen Kids** **7.30** **Dangerous Liaisons** Famous mistresses **8.30** **Tour Down Under Cycling Highlights** **9.30** **Movie: Eager Bodies** (MA 2003) French drama **11.10** **Movie: The Ring Finger** (MA 2005) French drama **1.00** Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 Kids' Programs **10.00** Hit List TV **12.00** Landed Music **12.30** Infomercials **1.30** Everybody Hates Chris **2.00** It's Me Or The Dog **3.00** Big Cat Diary **4.00** 11 Days In Afghanistan **5.00** Ten News **5.30** Sports Tonight **6.00** **Raising Hope** **6.30** **The Gadget Show** **7.30** **Movie: Eragon** (PG 2006) US action/adventure. Stars Ed Speleers **9.35** **Movie: Collateral** (M 2004) US drama. Stars Tom Cruise **11.50** **Movie: What Dreams May Come** (M 1998) US drama. Stars Robin Williams **2.00** Infomercials **4.00** Religion

ELEVEN

6.00 Touched By An Angel **7.00** 7th Heaven **8.00** The Brady Bunch **8.30** Neighbours **9.00** Touched By An Angel **10.00** 7th Heaven **11.00** The Love Boat **12.00** Diagnosis Murder **1.00** Jag **2.00** MacGyver **3.00** Cheers **3.30** Roseanne **4.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **4.30** Mork & Mindy **5.00** Happy Days **5.30** The Brady Bunch **6.00** **Family Ties** **6.30** **Everybody Loves Raymond** **7.30** **Get Smart** **9.30** **Movie: Harlem Nights** (M 1989) US comedy. Stars Eddie Murphy **12.00** Roseanne **12.30** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Mork & Mindy **1.30** Happy Days **2.00** The Love Boat **3.00** Diagnosis Murder **4.00** Jag **5.00** MacGyver

ONE HD

6.00 Liverpool Football **9.00** America's Game **10.00** NFL Total Access **11.00** NBA Basketball **3.00** NBL Basketball **5.00** Omnispot **5.30** The WWE Experience **6.30** M7 Multisport **7.00** Sports Tonight **7.30** Jayco Bay Cycling Classic **9.30** Drift **10.00** 24/7 Jimmie Johnson **10.30** MotoGP Classic **11.30** Ironman Western Australia **12.30** UFC Unleashed **1.25** Bundesliga Football **3.20** Omnispot **4.00** Serie A Football

PRIME

6.00 Kids' Programs **7.00** Weekend Sunrise **9.00** Saturday Disney **11.00** **Australian Open Tennis LIVE** **6.00** **Seven News** **6.30** **Australian Open Tennis LIVE**

12.30 **Movie: Sione's Wedding** (M 2006) New Zealand comedy. Stars Oscar Kightley **2.30** Home Shopping

7 TWO

6.00 Kids' Programs **8.30** Better Homes And Gardens **9.30** The Great Outdoors **10.30** Second Chance Honeymoon **11.50** Big J's Place **12.20** **Movie: How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying** (G 1967) US comedy. Stars Robert Morse **2.40** **Movie: The War Lover** (PG 1962) US drama. Stars Steve McQueen **5.00** About The House **6.00** **Love Thy Neighbour** **6.30** **Born And Bred** **7.30** **Heartbeat** **8.40** **Inspector Morse** **11.00** The Knock (M) **1.15** 1993 Australian Open Tennis Final: Seles v Graf **3.20** 2005 Australian Open Tennis: Hewitt v Roddick

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train **7.00** The Virginian **8.30** McHale's Navy **9.00** Beach Patrol **10.00** NBC Today **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Baywatch **5.00** The Drew Carey Show **5.30** According To Jim

6.30 **Engineering Disasters** **7.30** **Air Crash Investigations** **8.30** **Mega Disasters** **9.30** **The Universe** **10.30** **World War II: The Lost Films** (M) **12.30** Airwolf **1.30** Strikeforce (M) **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Baywatch **5.00** McHale's Navy **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

NBN

6.00 Danoz **7.00** Weekend Today **9.00** Saturday Kerri-Anne **10.00** Kids' Programs **1.00** Fishing Australia **1.30** **Movie: Jungle Girl And The Lost Island Of The Dinosaurs** (C) Animation **2.30** Wildlife **3.30** Discover Downunder **4.00** The Garden Gurus **4.30** Random Acts Of Kindness **5.30** Postcards **6.00** **NBN News** **6.30** **Australia's Funniest Home Videos** **7.30** **The Cube** **8.30** **Movie: The Fugitive** (M 1993) US action. Stars Harrison Ford **8.40** **Lotto** **11.15** **Movie: Head In The Clouds** (AV 2004) US drama. Stars Charlize Theron **1.35** **Movie: Sweeney 2** (M 1978) UK drama. Stars John Thaw **3.30** Skippy **4.00** Infomercials

GO!

6.00 Kids' Programs **1.00** Get Smart **2.30** Here's Lucy **3.00** Green Acres **3.30** The Dukes Of Hazzard **4.30** Privileged **5.30** The Unnatural History **6.30** **Movie: Adventures Of Sharkboy And Lavagirl** (G

2005) US adventure. Stars Taylor Lautner **8.30** **Movie: Spiderman 3** (M 2007) US action. Stars Tobey Maguire **11.30** **Movie: Anaconda Trail Of Blood** (AV 2008) US thriller. Stars Crystal Allen **1.25** **Movie: Evil Never Dies** (AV 2003) US thriller. Stars Thomas Gibson **3.30** Green Acres **4.00** The Dukes Of Hazzard **5.00** Kids' programs

GEM

6.00 **Movie: Tommy The Toreador** (G 1959) UK comedy. Stars Tommy Steele **7.50** **Movie: Piccadilly Incident** (G 1945) UK WWII drama. Stars Anna Neagle **10.00** **Movie: Up Periscope** (PG 1959) WWII drama. Stars James Garner **12.15** **Movie: The Conquest Of Everest** (G 1953) UK documentary **1.50** **Movie: The Lady Killers** (PG 1955) UK comedy. Stars Alec Guinness **3.45** **Movie: Lady L** (PG 1965) US drama. Stars Sophia Loren **6.00** **The Nanny** **6.30** **Wild South America: Andes To Amazon** **7.30** **Blackadder Goes Forth** **8.00** **The Black Adder** **8.30** **CSI** (M) **9.30** **CSI: Miami** (M) **10.30** **CSI: New York** (M) **11.30** Conan (M) **12.30** **Movie: Up Periscope** **2.35** **Movie: The Lady Killers** **4.20** **Movie: Holiday On The Buses** (PG 1973) UK comedy. Stars Reg Varney

stars

WITH LILITH

Super sensitive midweek full moon preludes a portentous late week as Sun/Mars/Neptune in Aquarius announce the shape of things to come...

ARIES: If boss planet Mars rocking into enterprising Aquarius expands your solo plans into shared enterprises that's fine, though emotional frictions could spark during midweek full moon. This week wants you translating inspirational ideas into practical action by grounding them into a

ABC 1

5.00 rage (PG) 6.30 Kids' Programs 9.00 Surfing The Menu 9.30 The Wild Gourmets 10.30 Nicholas Crane's Britannia 11.30 Songs Of Praise 12.00 Best Of Landline 1.00 Best Of Gardening Australia 1.30 Message Stick 2.00 Adventures In Architecture 3.00 Mandela Day 4.30 Kurt Elling Jazz And Orchestra 5.30 Mr Bean 5.45 Dr Who 6.30 Wallace And Gromit's World Of Invention

7.00 ABC News 7.30 South Pacific 8.30 Movie: Bran Nue Dae (PG 2009) Australian drama/musical 9.50 Story Of Bran Nue Dae 10.20 Movie: The Proposition (MA 2005) Australian drama. Stars Richard Wilson 12.05 Mad Hot Ballroom 1.50 Movie: I Dream Too Much (G 1935) US comedy 3.30 The Cook And The Chef

ABC 2

6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 IPC World Athletics Championships From Christchurch 8.00 Joan Baez 9.30 Deconstructing John Kelly (M) 10.00 Extras (M) 10.30 Gimme, Gimme, Gimme (M) 11.00 Hamish Macbeth 11.50 The Last Enemy (M) 12.50 Wyclef Jean's All Star Jam At Carnegie Hall 1.55 Close

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.05pm Kids' Programs 4.30 Escape From Scorpion Island 5.00 Dead Gorgeous 5.30 Prank Patrol International 6.00 Dani's House 6.30 My Life As A Popat 6.55 Kaitangata Twitch 7.20 The Latest Buzz 7.45 The Wannabes 8.10 Majority Rules 8.35 Degraassi: The Next Generation 9.00 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: Sir Richard Branson 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 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 Dispatches 2010 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 Football Asia 11.00 FIFA Ballon d'Or 2010 12.00 FIFA Futbol Mundial 12.30 Speedweek

2.00 Tour Down Under Cycling Highlights

4.30 Dakar Rally Highlights 5.00 Cycling Central 6.00 Thalassa 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Faces Of America 8.30 Immigration Nation 9.35 Catastrophe 10.35 John Adams (M) 12.15 Movie: Love + Hate (M 2004) UK drama 1.50 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 Tour Down Under Cycling Highlights 9.30 Movie: Conversations With My Gardener (M 2007) French comedy 11.20 Movie: Our Father (PG 2002) Chadian drama 12.50 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 Surf Coast Knockout Golf LIVE from Torquay, Victoria 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Sports Tonight 6.00 Raising Hope 6.30 Rules Of Engagement 7.30 Oprah In Australia With Hugh, Olivia, Nicole, Keith, Bono

8.30 Movie: Australia (M 2008) Australian drama. Stars Nicole Kidman 12.00 Cops (M) 1.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion

ELEVEN

6.00 Touched By An Angel 7.00 7th Heaven 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Diagnosis Murder 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 Cheers 3.30 Roseanne 4.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 4.30 Mork & Mindy 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 New Zealand's Next Top Model 8.30 Smallville 10.30 Angel (M) 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 Mork & Mindy 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Jag 5.00 MacGyver

ONE HD

6.00 Jayco Bay Cycling Classic 8.00 Quiksilver Pro Surfing 9.00 Cliff Diving 9.30 Kitesurfing 10.00 Bundesliga Football 12.00 Surf Coast Knockout Golf LIVE 7.00 NBL Basketball LIVE - Perth Wildcats v Adelaide 36ers 9.00 Sports Tonight 9.30 Movie: A Shot At Glory (M 2000) US drama. Stars Robert Duvall 11.30 24/7

Jimmie Johnson 12.00 Omnisport 12.30 ATP World Tour Tennis 1.00 Serie A Football - LIVE 3.00 America's Game

PRIME

6.00 Religion 7.00 Weekend Sunrise 10.00 Home Improvement 10.30 My Wife And Kids 11.00 Australian Open Tennis LIVE - 4th round 6.00 Seven News 6.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE - 4th round 12.30 Home Shopping 5.30 Seven News

7 TWO

6.00 Kids' Programs 8.30 Movie: Step Lively (G 1944) US musical. Stars Frank Sinatra 10.20 Movie: Brave Warrior (PG 1952) Western. Stars Jon Hall 12.00 Movie: The Big Country (PG 1958) US drama. Stars Gregory Peck 3.35 Movie: Short Circuit 2 (PG 1988) US comedy. Stars Fisher Stevens 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 9.30 Live The Dream 10.30 Restaurant In Our Living Room 11.30 Club Reps Aftersun (MA) 12.30 Not Going Out 1.00 2008 Australian Open Tennis: Hewitt v Baghdatis 5.00 Home Shopping

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train 7.00 The Virginian 8.30 McHale's Navy 9.00 Movie: The Horse Soldiers (G 1959) Civil war drama. Stars John Wayne 11.30 Beach Patrol 12.00 Movie: Back To School (PG 1986) US comedy. Stars Robert Downey Jr 2.00 Magnum PI 3.00 The Rockford Files 4.00 Baywatch 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 According To Jim 6.30 That '70s Show 7.30 Gene Simmons Family Jewels 8.30 Movie: National Lampoon's Animal House (M 1978) US comedy. Stars John Belushi 11.00 Boston Legal (M) 12.00 Lost (M) 2.00 Magnum PI 3.00 The Rockford Files 4.00 Baywatch 5.00 McHale's Navy 5.30 Deal Or No Deal

NBN

6.00 Infomercials 7.00 Weekend Today 10.00 Surfsport 11.00 Cybershack 11.30 F Troop 12.00 Kids' Programs 2.00 One Day Cricket Series LIVE - Australia v England 6.00 NBN News 6.30 Cricket continues 10.00 Movie: Murder At 1600 (M 1997) US action. Stars Wesley Snipes 12.20 Movie: Good Fences (M 2003) US comedy. Stars Danny Glover 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 Cribs 1.30 Here's Lucy 2.30 Green Acres 3.30 The Dukes Of Hazzard 4.30 Privileged 5.30 Wipeout 6.30 The Middle 7.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 The Middle 8.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 The Middle 9.30 Movie: Boogie Nights (MA 1997) US drama. Stars Mark Wahlberg 12.30 Watchmen: The Complete Motion Comic (AV) 1.00 The Dukes Of Hazzard 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Privileged 5.00 Here's Lucy

GEM

6.00 Religion 6.30 Movie: Trent's Last Case (G 1952) UK drama. Stars Michael Wilding 8.30 Movie: Life With Father (G 1947) US comedy. Stars Irene Dunne 11.00 Movie: Clash Of The Titans (PG 1981) US action. Stars Laurence Olivier 1.30 The Nanny 2.00 Birds Of A Feather 2.30 Bless This House 3.00 Allo Allo 3.30 Movie: Agatha Christie's Evil Under The Sun (PG 1982) UK mystery. Stars Peter Ustinov 6.00 The Nanny 6.30 Antiques Roadshow 7.30 As Time Goes By 8.00 Allo Allo 8.30 Movie: A Perfect World (M 1993) US drama. Stars Clint Eastwood 11.20 Without A Trace (M) 12.20 Movie: Blue Murder At St Trinian's (G 1957) UK comedy. Stars Terry Thomas 2.00 Home Shopping 4.30 Religion 5.00 Adventures In Rainbow Country 5.30 Today

ABC 1

4.00 First Tuesday Book Club 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 An Island Parish 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Women's T20 Cricket LIVE - Australia v England

6.00 My Family 6.30 Shamwari 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Grumpy Guide To Money 8.30 Gandhi: The Rise To Fame 9.30 Return To Lake Eyre 10.30 Late Edition News 10.40 The Bridge: Sydney Harbour Bridge 11.40 Murphy's Law (M) 12.30 The Clinic (M) 1.25 Movie: Underwater! (G 1955) US drama 3.00 NSW Open Bowls

ABC 2

5.30 Can We Help? 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.00 Kids' Programs 7.15 The Daily Show 7.40 Important Things 8.00 Absolutely Fabulous 8.30 Durham County (M) 9.30 Generation Kill (M) 10.30 Teachers (M) 11.30 Being Erica 12.15 London Live: Girls, Girls, Girls Special 12.40 I'm From Rolling Stone 1.00 Coach Trip 1.30 Close

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs 5.05 CJ The DJ 5.15 Grizzly Tales For Gruesome Kids 5.35 League Of Super Evil 6.00 Spliced! 6.30 Prank Patrol International 6.50 Good Game: SP 7.10 What Do You Know? 7.40 M.I. High 8.10 Jeopardy 8.35 Degraassi: The Next Generation 9.00 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 Foreign Correspondent 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 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia 1.30 Les Misérables 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 Mythbusters 8.30 Man v Wild 9.30 World News Australia

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ABC NEWS 24

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SBS 1

5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 1.00 Food Lovers' Guide To Australia 1.30 Les Misérables 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 Mythbusters 8.30 Man v Wild 9.30 World News Australia

10.00 Facejacker (M) 10.30 South Park (M/MA) 11.30 The World Game 12.30 Movie: The 36th Chamber Of Shaolin (M 1977) Cantonese action 2.30 Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 A Fork In The Road Singapore 6.30 Come Dine With Me Greece 7.30 Why Can't We Predict Earthquakes? 8.30 How To Survive A Disaster 9.30 The World Game 10.30 Movie: Joint Security Area (MAV 2000) South Korean thriller 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 Good Chef Bad Chef 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 6PM With George Negus 6.30 Ten News 7.00 The 7pm Project 7.30 Glee 8.30 Undercover Boss 9.30 Good News Week (M) 10.30 Outrageous Fortune (M) 11.30 Late News 12.00 The Late Show 1.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion

ELEVEN

6.00 Touched By An Angel 7.00 7th Heaven 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Neighbours 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Diagnosis Murder 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 Cheers 3.30 Roseanne 4.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 4.30 Mork & Mindy 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 Futurama 8.30 Supernatural (M) 9.30 Dexter (AV) 10.30 The Late Late Show 11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 Mork & Mindy 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Jag 5.00 MacGyver

ONE HD

6.00 America's Game 7.00 NFL Playoffs - LIVE 2.00 MVP 2.30 Real NBA 3.00 Omnisport 3.30 24/7 Jimmie Johnson 4.00 Red Bull X Fighters 5.00 First Ascent 6.00 NFL Playoffs 8.30 World Football News 9.30 Sports Tonight 10.00 The Pro Shop 11.00 PGA Tour Of Australasia Golf 12.00 Fore Inventors Only 1.00 Sports Tonight Late 1.10 Ironman World Championship - Hawaii 2.10 Omnisport 2.40 Serie A Football 3.45 Mecum Auto Auction 5.30 Omnisport

PRIME

6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Kids' Programs 10.30 Seven News 11.00 Australian Open Tennis LIVE - 4th round 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE - 4th round 12.30 Home Shopping 5.30 Seven News

7 TWO

6.00 Kids Time 9.30 Shortland Street 10.00 Coronation Street 10.30 Emmerdale 11.00 Hollyoaks 11.30 Passport To The Sun 12.00 Murphy Brown 12.30 The Good Life 1.00 Best Of The Morning Show 2.00 Full House 2.30 Movie: Benny & Joon (PG 1993) US comedy. Stars Johnny Depp 4.30 Welcome Back Kotter 5.00 Head Of The Class 5.30 Growing Pains 6.00 A House In Florida 6.30 Bargain Hunt 7.00 Men Behaving Badly 7.30 Heartbeat 8.30 Jonathan Creek (M) 9.40 Maisie Raine (M) 10.50 The Philanthropist (M) 11.50 Last Man Standing (M) 12.50 Not Going Out 1.20 2010 Australian Open Tennis: Roddick v Gonzalez 5.00 Home Shopping

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 Australia's Greatest Athlete 12.00

Quincy ME 1.00 Airwolf 2.00 Magnum PI 3.00 The Rockford Files 4.00 Baywatch 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 According To Jim 6.30 Scrubs 7.00 That '70s Show 7.30 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 Family Guy (M) 9.00 American Dad 9.30 Double Take (M) 10.30 CNNNN (M) 11.30 Russell Brand's Ponderland (M) 12.00 Strikeforce (M) 12.30 Big Joe's Place 1.00 Airwolf 2.00 Magnum PI 3.00 The Rockford Files 4.00 Baywatch 5.00 McHale's Navy 5.30 Deal Or No Deal

NBN

5.30 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 10.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 Home Shopping 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The View 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Alive And Cooking 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Afternoon News 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 NBN News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 Two And A Half Men 8.25 Lotto 8.30 The Mentalist (M) 9.30 CSI (M) 10.30 Embarrassing Bodies (M) 11.30 The Bill Engvall Show 12.00 What Would You Do 1.00 Spyforce 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 Cribs 2.00 Privileged 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs

6.30 Movie: The Bugs Bunny/ Roadrunner Movie (G 1979) Animation 8.30 Pretty Little Liars (M) 9.30 Movie: I Know What You Did Last Summer (M 1997) US thriller. Stars Jennifer Love Hewitt

11.35 Two And A Half Men 12.00 Gossip Girl (M) 1.00 Pretty Little Liars (M) 2.00 Home Shopping 4.00 Just Shoot Me 4.30 TMZ 5.00 Get Smart 5.30 The Flintstones

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: Sands Of The Desert (G 1960) UK comedy. Stars Charles Drake 2.00 Wife Swap USA 3.00 McLeod's Daughters 4.00 Wild South America: Andes To Amazon 5.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 6.00 The Nanny 6.30 Friends 7.00 The Zoo 8.00 Animal Emergency 8.30 Movie: Mona Lisa Smile (PG 2003) US drama. Stars Julia Roberts 11.00 Southland (M) 12.00 Friends 12.30 The Zoo 1.00 Murder, She Wrote 2.00 Home Shopping 4.30 Religion 5.00 Rainbow Country 5.30 Today

ABC 1

4.00 Sleuth 101 4.30 The Cook And The Chef 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 Paul Merton In China 2.00 The Bill 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 My Family 6.30 Shamwari 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Poh's Kitchen 8.30 Australia Celebrates 10.30 Late Edition News 10.45 The Fibros And The Silvertails 11.45 Who Killed Dr Bogle And Mrs Chandler? 12.40 The Chaser's War On Everything (M) 1.10 Movie: The Strange Love Of Martha Ivers (PG 1946) US drama. Stars Barbara Stanwyck

ABC 2

5.30 Can We Help? 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.00 Kids' Programs 7.15 The Daily Show 7.35 Important Things 8.00 Black Books 8.30 Jack Osbourne 9.30 Whitest Kids U Know 10.00 Generation Kill (M) 11.00 Hyperdrive 11.30 Black Books 12.00 Choose Your Own Adventure (M) 12.30 London Live 12.55 I'm From Rolling Stone 1.20 Coach Trip 1.45 Close

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs 5.05 CJ The DJ 5.15 Grizzly Tales For Gruesome Kids 5.35 League Of Super Evil 6.00 Spliced! 6.30 Prank Patrol International 6.50 Good Game: SP 7.10 What Do You Know? 7.40 M.I. High 8.10 Jeopardy 8.35 Degraassi: The Next Generation 9.00 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 Australian Story Classic 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: The True Legend Of The Eiffel Tower (PG 2006) French drama 2.45 Lies 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 What's In That Pill? 8.30 Living The End (M) 9.30 World News Australia 10.05 The Late Session 11.05 Hot Docs: Afghan Star 12.15 Movie: Heart Of Fire (M 2008) German drama 1.55 Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 A Fork In Asia Guilin 6.30 Come Dine With Me Greece 7.30 Lost Worlds Europe in the Middle Ages 8.30 As It Happened: Japan In Ruins Tokyo the day the war ended 9.30 Movie: Jan Dara (MA 2001) Thai thriller 11.30 Movie: Iron Island (M 2005) Iranian drama 1.05 Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 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 Good Chef Bad Chef 4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 6PM With George Negus 6.30 Ten News 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 11.00 The Late Show 12.00 Numb3rs (M) 1.00 Infomercials 4.00 Religion

ELEVEN

6.00 Touched By An Angel 7.00 7th Heaven 8.00 The Brady Bunch 8.30 Neighbours 9.00 Touched By An Angel 10.00 7th Heaven 11.00 The Love Boat 12.00 Diagnosis Murder 1.00 Jag 2.00 MacGyver 3.00 Cheers 3.30 Roseanne 4.00 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 4.30 Mork & Mindy 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 The Brady Bunch 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Futurama 8.30 The Office 9.30 Nurse Jackie (M) 10.05 Californication (M) 10.40 The Late Late Show 11.30 Cheers 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 Mork & Mindy 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Jag 5.00 MacGyver

ONE HD

6.00 Bundesliga Football 7.00 World Football News 8.00 The Pro Shop 9.00 America's Game 10.00 Real NBA 10.30 NBL Basketball 12.30 Pro Series Drag Racing 2.00 MotoGP Classic 3.00 Omnisport 3.30 24/7 Jimmie Johnson 4.00 Sports Unlimited 5.00 Pro Bull Riding 6.00 Golf Central 6.30 PGA Tour Of Australasia Golf 7.30 NBA Primetime 9.30 Sports Tonight 10.00 Arsenal Football 1.00 Sports Tonight Late 1.10 Total Access 2.05 Omnisport 2.35 Bundesliga Football 4.35 Mecum Auto Auction 5.30 Omnisport

PRIME

6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Kids' Programs 10.30 Seven News 11.00 Australian Open Tennis LIVE - Quarter finals 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Australian Open Tennis LIVE - Quarter finals 12.30 Home Shopping 5.30 Seven News

7 TWO

6.00 Kids Time 9.30 Shortland Street 10.00 Coronation Street 10.30 Emmerdale 11.00 Hollyoaks 11.30 Passport To The Sun 12.00 Murphy Brown 12.30 The Good Life 1.00 Best Of The Morning Show 2.00 Full House 2.30 Movie: Company Business (PG 1991) US action/comedy. Stars Gene Hackman 4.30 Welcome Back Kotter 5.00 Head Of The Class 5.30 Growing Pains 6.00 A House In Florida 6.30 Bargain Hunt 7.00 Men Behaving Badly 7.30 Some Mothers Do 'ave 'em 8.10 Are You Being Served? 8.50 To The Manor Born 9.30 Porridge 10.10 Movie: Carry On, Follow That Camel (PG 1967) UK comedy. Stars Kenneth Williams 12.15 The Palace (M) 1.20 Big J's Place 1.50 1988 Australian Open Tennis: Lendl v Cash 5.00 Home Shopping

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train 7.00 The Virginian 8.30 McHale's Navy 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Australia's Greatest Athlete 12.00 Quincy ME 1.00 Airwolf 2.00 Magnum PI 3.00 The Rockford Files 4.00 Baywatch 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 According To Jim 6.30 Scrubs 7.00 That '70s Show 7.30 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 Family Guy (M) 9.00 American Dad (M) 9.30 My Name Is Earl 10.30 Scrubs 11.30 Punk'd (M) 12.00 Quincy ME 1.00 Airwolf 2.00 Magnum PI 3.00 The Rockford Files 4.00 Baywatch 5.00 McHale's Navy 5.30 Deal Or No Deal

NBN

5.30 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 10.00 Kids' Programs 11.00 Home Shopping 12.00 The Ellen Degeneres Show 1.00 The View 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Alive And Cooking 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Afternoon News 5.30 Hot Seat 6.00 NBN News 7.00 A Current Affair 7.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Top Gear 9.30 20 To 1 10.30 The Australian Of The Year Awards 2011 11.30 The Bill Engvall Show 12.00 20/20 1.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.30 Infomercials 3.30 Good Morning America 5.0

ABC 1

4.00 Talking Heads: Victor Bray
4.30 The Cook And The Chef **5.00** Something In The Air **5.30** The Einstein Factor **6.00** Kids' Programs **12.00** Midday Report **12.30** National Press Club Address **1.30** Ben's Zoo **2.00** The Bill **3.00** Kids' Programs **6.00** My Family **6.30** Shamwari **6.50** Australia Day Message **7.00** ABC News **7.30** The 7.30 Report **8.00** QI **8.30** The Trophy Room **9.00** Outnumbered **9.30** Spicks And Specks **10.00** Getting On (MA) **10.30** Late Edition News **10.45** Brat Camp (M) **11.35** Grand Designs **12.25** **Movie: Robbery Under Arms** (PG 1985) Australian action. Stars Sam Neill **3.00** National Press Club Address

ABC 2

5.30 Can We Help? **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** Kids' Programs **7.15** The Daily Show **7.35** Important Things **8.00** Dog Whisperer **8.30** Fat And Fatter **9.30** Salute **11.30** Eataholics **12.25** What Would Happen If... **12.50** I'm From Rolling Stone **1.10** Coach Trip **1.25** Close

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs **5.05** CJ The DJ **5.15** Grizzly Tales For Gruesome Kids **5.30** League Of Super Evil **6.00** Spliced! **6.30** Prank Patrol International **6.50** Good Game: SP **7.10** What Do You Know? **7.40** M.I. High **8.05** Backyard Cricket Smackdown **8.25** Jeopardy **8.50** Degraasi: The Next Generation **9.15** 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** Oz Concert 2010 **2.30** The Safe House **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** Costa's Arnhem Land Odyssey **8.30** Mother Of Rock: Lillian Roxon (M) **9.30** World News Australia **10.05** **Movie: Mary And Max** (PG 2009) Australian animation **11.45** **Movie: Travelling Light** (M 2003) Australian drama **1.20** Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News **6.00** A Fork In Asia Thailand **6.30** Come Dine With Me Greece **7.30** Cyber Guerillas **8.30** Images Of Conflict Photographers in the war zone **9.30** **Movie: The Stranger In Me** (M 2008) German drama **11.15** **Movie: Deadline** (M 2001) Swedish thriller **1.30** Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 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** Good Chef Bad Chef **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful **5.00** Ten News **6.00** 6PM With George Negus **6.30** Ten News **7.00** The 7pm Project **7.30** The Modern Family **8.00** Raising Hope **8.30** White Collar (M) **10.30** Late News **11.00** The Late Show **12.00** Cops (M) **1.00** Infomercials **4.00** Religion

ELEVEN

6.00 Touched By An Angel **7.00** 7th Heaven **8.00** The Brady Bunch **8.30** Neighbours **9.00** Touched By An Angel **10.00** 7th Heaven **11.00** The Love Boat **12.00** Diagnosis Murder **1.00** Jag **2.00** MacGyver **3.00** Cheers **3.30** Roseanne **4.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **4.30** Mork & Mindy **5.00** Happy Days **5.30** The Brady Bunch **6.00** Family Ties **6.30** Neighbours **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Futurama **8.30** The Simpsons **9.00** The Cleveland Show **9.30** Bob's Burgers **10.00** King Of The Hill **10.30** The Late Late Show **11.30** Cheers **12.00** Roseanne **12.30** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Mork & Mindy **1.30** Happy Days **2.00** The Love Boat **3.00** Diagnosis Murder **4.00** Jag **5.00** MacGyver

ONE HD

6.00 Serie A Football **6.30** Manly Surf Marathon **11.30** NBA Basketball – LIVE **2.00** NFL Total Access **3.00** Omnisport **3.30** World Championship Powerboating **4.00** ASP World Tour Surfing **5.00** World Tour Beach Volleyball **5.30** Xtreme Paintball **6.00** Pro Series Drag Racing **7.30** NBL Basketball LIVE – Melbourne Tigers v Sydney Kings **9.30** Sports Tonight **10.00** MVP

10.30 NBA Basketball **12.30** Sports Tonight Late **12.40** NFL Playoffs **3.10** Omnisport **3.40** Bundesliga Football **4.35** Mecum Auto Auction **5.30** Omnisport

PRIME

6.00 Sunrise **9.00** Kids' Programs **10.30** Seven News **11.00** Australian Open Tennis LIVE – Quarter finals **6.00** Prime News **6.30** Seven News **7.00** Home And Away **7.30** Australian Open Tennis LIVE – Quarter finals **12.30** Home Shopping **5.30** Seven News

7 TWO

6.00 Kids Time **9.30** Shortland Street **10.00** Coronation Street **10.30** Emmerdale **11.00** Hollyoaks **11.30** Passport To The Sun **12.00** Murphy Brown **12.30** The Good Life **1.00** Best Of The Morning Show **2.00** Barry Humphries' Flashbacks **6.00** A House In Florida **6.30** Bargain Hunt **7.00** Men Behaving Badly **7.30** Heartbeat **8.40** Pie In The Sky **9.45** McCallum (M) **12.00** Minder **1.00** Leyland Brothers World **2.00** Harry's Practice **2.30** Medical Rookies **3.00** Home Shopping **4.00** NBC Today **5.00** Home Shopping

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train **7.00** The Virginian **8.30** McHale's Navy **9.00** NBC Today **11.00** Australia's Greatest Athlete **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Baywatch **5.00** The Drew Carey Show **5.30** According To Jim **6.30** Scrubs **7.00** That '70s Show **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Family Guy (M) **9.00** American Dad **9.30** Reaper (M) **10.30** Chappelle's Show (MA) **11.30** Nitro Circus (M) **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Baywatch **3.00** Home Shopping **5.00** McHale's Navy **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

NBN

5.30 Today **9.00** Mornings With Kerri-Anne **10.00** Kids' Programs **11.00** Home Shopping **12.00** The Ellen Degeneres Show **1.00** Kids' Programs **2.00** One Day Cricket Series LIVE – Australia v England **6.00** NBN News **6.30** Cricket continues **9.59** Lotto **10.00** **Movie: Lethal Weapon 4** (M 1998) US action. Stars Mel Gibson **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** The Hills **2.00** Charlies Angels **3.00** Just Shoot Me **3.30** Kids' Programs **6.30** Wipeout **7.30** Hellcats **8.30** V (M) **9.30** Fringe (M) **10.30** **Movie: Number 23** (MA 2007) US thriller. Stars Jim Carrey **12.30** Fringe (M) **1.30** Seinfeld **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00** Just Shoot Me **4.30** TMZ **5.00** Get Smart **5.30** The Flintstones

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 Sundowners** (G 1960) US drama. Stars Deborah Kerr **2.30** Skippy **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: The Bridges Of Madison County** (PG 1995) US drama. Stars Meryl Streep **11.10** Hotel Babylon (M) **12.10** Conan (M) **1.05** Murder, She Wrote **2.00** Home Shopping **4.30** Religion **5.00** Adventures In Rainbow Country **5.30** Today



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ABC 1

4.00 Catalyst **4.30** The Cook And The Chef **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 **2.00** The Bill **3.00** Kids' Programs **6.00** My Family **6.30** Shamwari **7.00** ABC News **7.30** The 7.30 Report **8.00** The Bionic Vet **8.30** Ashes To Ashes (M) **9.30** Grand Designs **10.20** Late Edition News **10.30** The Good, The Bad And The Ugly Boot **11.25** Superspy: The Man Who Betrayed The West **12.20** **Movie: Shadow Of The Eagle** (PG 1950) UK drama. Stars Richard Greene **1.50** **Movie: Miss Sadie Thompson** (PG 1953) US drama. Stars Rita Hayworth **11.25** Superspy: The Man Who Betrayed The West **12.20** **Movie: Shadow Of The Eagle** (PG 1950) UK drama. Stars Richard Greene **1.50** **Movie: Miss Sadie Thompson** (PG 1953) US drama. Stars Rita Hayworth **12.45** Coach Trip **1.20** Close

ABC 2

5.30 Can We Help? **6.00** ABC News Breakfast **9.00** Kids' Programs **7.15** The Daily Show **7.35** Important Things **8.00** The Young Ones **8.30** Party Down **9.00** Low Down (M) **9.30** Graham Norton Show **10.15** Father Ted **10.40** The League Of Gentlemen **11.10** Inside The Actors Studio: Jason Bateman **12.00** Planet Rock Profiles: Dido **12.25** I'm From Rolling Stone **12.45** Coach Trip **1.20** Close

ABC 3

6.05am to 4.40pm Kids' Programs **5.05** CJ The DJ **5.15** Grizzly Tales For Gruesome Kids **5.30** League Of Super Evil **6.00** Spliced! **6.30** Prank Patrol International **6.50** Good Game: SP **7.10** What Do You Know? **7.40** M.I. High **8.10** Jeopardy **8.35** Degraasi: The Next Generation **9.00** 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** Dispatches **2010** **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** Don Matteo **2.30** Rex In Rome **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 Anthony Bourdain **9.30** World News Australia **10.05** **Movie: Towards Zero** (M 2007) French mystery **12.00** **Movie: Infernal Affairs 2** (MAV 2003) Cantonese thriller **2.05** Weatherwatch

SBS 2

5.00 Weatherwatch **6.00** World News **6.00** A Fork In Africa Tunisia **6.30** Come Dine With Me Greece **7.30** Judgement Day Intelligent Design On Trial **8.30** Sickert Vs Sargent **9.40** **Movie: Trash** (M 2009) Spanish drama **11.15** **Movie: Cecilie** (M 2007) Danish horror **1.00** Weatherwatch

TEN

6.00 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** Good Chef Bad Chef **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful **5.00** Ten News **6.00** 6PM With George Negus **6.30** Ten News **7.00** The 7pm Project **7.30** Bondi Vet **8.30** The Good Wife (M) **9.30** Law & Order: SVU (M) **10.30** Late News **11.00** The Late Show **12.00** Burn Notice (M) **1.00** Infomercials **4.00** Religion

ELEVEN

6.00 Touched By An Angel **7.00** 7th Heaven **8.00** The Brady Bunch **8.30** Neighbours **9.00** Touched By An Angel **10.00** 7th Heaven **11.00** The Love Boat **12.00** Diagnosis Murder **1.00** Jag **2.00** MacGyver **3.00** Cheers **3.30** Roseanne **4.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **4.30** Mork & Mindy **5.00** Happy Days **5.30** The Brady Bunch **6.00** Family Ties **6.30** Neighbours **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **7.30** The Simpsons **8.30** Stargate Universe **9.30** Star Trek – Next Generation **10.30** The Late Late Show **11.30** Cheers **12.30** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Mork & Mindy **1.30** Happy Days **2.00** The Love Boat **3.00** Diagnosis Murder **4.00** Jag **5.00** MacGyver

ONE HD

6.00 Serie A Football **6.30** NFL Playoffs **9.00** Overtime **10.00** NBL Basketball **12.00** Jayco Bay Cycling Classic **2.00** Eric Cantona: Looking For Manchester **3.00** Omnisport **3.30** ATP World Tour Tennis **4.00** BMX Road Fools **5.00** Tread BMX **6.00** Golf Central **6.30** The Big Break **7.30** Red Bull X Fighters **8.30** The WWE Experience **9.30** Sports Tonight **10.00** UFC 106 **12.00** Sports Tonight Late **12.10** MVP **12.40** Omnisport **1.10** Golf Central **1.35** Arsenal Football **4.35** Mecum Auto Auction **5.30** Omnisport

6.00 Sunrise **9.00** Kids' Programs **10.30** Seven News **11.00** Australian Open Tennis LIVE – Semi finals **6.00** Prime News **6.30** Seven News **7.00** Home And Away **7.30** Australian Open Tennis LIVE – Semi finals **12.30** Home Shopping **5.30** Seven News

7 TWO

6.00 Kids Time **9.30** Shortland Street **10.00** Coronation Street **10.30** Emmerdale **11.00** Hollyoaks **11.30** Passport To The Sun **12.00** Murphy Brown **12.30** The Good Life **1.00** Best Of The Morning Show **2.00** Full House **2.30** **Movie: Home Is Where The Hart Is** (PG 1987) US comedy. Stars Leslie Nielsen **3.00** Welcome Back Kotter **5.00** Head Of The Class **5.30** Growing Pains **6.00** A House In Florida **6.30** Bargain Hunt **7.00** Men Behaving Badly **7.30** **Movie: The Cure** (PG 1995) US drama. Stars Joseph Mazzello **8.40** **Movie: The Prince Of Tides** (M 1991) US drama. Stars Barbra Streisand **12.30** 1995 Australian Open Tennis: Sampras v Courier **5.00** Home Shopping

7MATE

6.00 Wagon Train **7.00** The Virginian **8.30** McHale's Navy **9.00** NBC Today **11.00** Australia's Greatest Athlete **12.00** Quincy ME **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI (M) **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Baywatch **5.00** The Drew Carey Show **5.30** According To Jim **6.30** Scrubs **7.00** That '70s Show **7.30** Aftermath: Population Zero **9.30** Gangs Of Oz (M) **10.30** The Shield (M) **11.30** The Sopranos (MA) **12.30** Strikeforce (M) **1.00** Airwolf **2.00** Magnum PI (M) **3.00** The Rockford Files **4.00** Baywatch **5.00** McHale's Navy **5.30** Deal Or No Deal

NBN

5.30 Today **9.00** Mornings With Kerri-Anne **10.00** Kids' Programs **11.00** Home Shopping **12.00** The Ellen Degeneres Show **1.00** The View **2.00** Days Of Our Lives **3.00** Alive And Cooking **3.30** Kids' Programs **4.30** Afternoon News **5.30** Hot Seat **6.00** NBN News **7.00** A Current Affair **7.30** Getaway **8.30** CSI: NY (M) **9.30** CSI (M) **10.30** Cold Case (M) **11.30** The Bill Engvall Show **12.00** Burying Brian (M) **1.00** Entertainment Tonight **1.30** Skippy **2.00** Infomercials **3.30** Good Morning America **5.00** Early Morning News

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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** The Hills **2.00** Hellcats **3.00** Just Shoot Me **3.30** Kids' Programs **6.30** Wipeout **7.30** Top Gear **8.00** The Middle **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** The Inbetweeners (MA) **9.30** **Movie: The People Vs Larry Flynt** (MA 1996) US drama. Stars Woody Harrelson **12.10** Reno 911 (M) **12.40** The Inbetweeners (MA) **1.10** V (M) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00** Just Shoot Me **4.30** TMZ **5.00** Get Smart **5.30** The Flintstones

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: Arthur** (PG 1981) UK comedy. Stars Dudley Moore **2.00** Wife Swap USA **3.00** McLeod's Daughters **4.00** Getaway **5.00** The Ellen Degeneres Show **6.00** The Nanny **6.30** Friends **7.00** The Zoo **7.30** As Time Goes By **8.30** How Clean Is Your House **9.00** Neighbours At War **9.30** **Amazing Medical Stories** (M) **10.30** **Embarrassing Bodies** (M) **11.30** Conan (M) **12.30** Friends **1.00** As Time Goes By **2.00** Home Shopping **4.30** Religion **5.00** Adventures In Rainbow Country **5.30** Today

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Seagulls Club, Thurs 6-10pm

A last round win by George Xie (pictured below) over Canberra's Junta Ikeda on Thursday gave the Sydneysider shared first place in a second consecutive Australian Open.

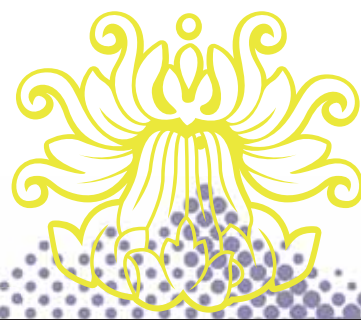
Going into the last round, Xie, 25, was trailing Australian number one Zhao Zong Yuan and Queensland's teenage star Moulthun Ly by half a point but when the leaders drew with each other, Xie was given a chance to tie with them for first place.

At the closing ceremony Xie not only collected the Open trophy but was also awarded the Steiner medal for 2010 Australian Player of the Year.

Many juniors featured among the top ten during the event, a further sign that a new generation is already challenging the 20-somethings who currently occupy the top positions in the Australian Olympic team.

Some wise heads had seen this coming; at the last Olympiad in Siberia, veterans IM Solomon and GM Darryl Johansen agreed that 2010 would probably be their final Olympic appearance.

2011 Australian Open
White: G Xie
Black: M Illingworth
 Opening: Scotch Game
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nge7?! A fingerfehler. Illingworth had prepared 6...Nf6 7.Qd2 0-0 8.0-0



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JANUARY 21
TWIN TOWNS
JIMEOIN

JANUARY 21
THE SOUND LOUNGE
FAMILY VACATION

JANUARY 25
COOLANGATTA HOTEL
KEVIN BORICH'S 'PARTY BOYS'
FEATURING: ANGRY ANDERSON,
JOHN SWAN, KEVIN BORICH, IZZY,
MICK O'SHEA & HARRY BRUS

JANUARY 28
THE DUTCH TILDERS BLUES REVUE
CURRUMBIN SOUND LOUNGE
AND CONDONG BOWLS CLUB
SUNDAY 30

JANUARY 28
CONDONG BOWLING CLUB
LES WILSON'S SWING FORCE BIG
BAND WITH GREG & KATIE
ASPELING

LAST WEEKEND OF JANUARY
DUTCH TILDERS
NORTH COAST TOUR
CURRUMBIN SOUND LOUNGE
FRIDAY 28,
BYRON BREWERY
SATURDAY 29
CONDONG BOWLS CLUB
SUNDAY 30

JANUARY 29
TYALGUM HALL
ANDREW VEIVERS

FEBRUARY 4
CURRUMBIN RSL
FIONA O'LOUGHLIN

FEBRUARY 5
COOLANGATTA HOTEL
DOC NEESON BAND

FEBRUARY 11
COOLANGATTA HOTEL
MASON RACK BAND
ALBUM LAUNCH

FROM FEBRUARY 12
GOLD COAST REGIONAL ART
GALLERY 'OFFSPRING', BY GOLD
COAST-BASED ARTIST FIONA
KENNEDY-ALTOFT.

live entertainment



LAMPLIGHTS THE PATCH
LOUNGE FRIDAY

Carbon Copy the Cat

Hard-working reggae rockers **CC The Cat** are back on the road with an awesome new line-up, launching their much-awaited debut album *Inna Babylon Jungle* across Australia. Two years in the making, their genre-mashing reggae-dub-disco-funk voyage has already been picked up by Triple J and is gathering momentum on the roots/reggae underground.

The show features the anthemic songs and soulful vocals of frontwoman CC the Cat, the amazing dub FX of the band's own soundmaster Boyd Luadaka, the deep reggae grooves of lady bassist Tracy Stephens (Marshall and the Fro, Hussy Hicks), the incredible international veteran Guy Anderton on drums, and notable special guests Julz Parker (lead guitar), Miles Matheson (guitars), Katia Demeester (backing vocals) and Roberto Roschel (trumpet). See them at the **Patch Lounge Coolangatta Thursday**.



CC THE CAT AT THE PATCH
LOUNGE COOLANGATTA
THURSDAY



CASS EAGER
SOUNDLOUNGE
FRIDAY

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Jimeoin

There's a hilarious aroma in the air, so come and join **Jimeoin** as he effortlessly makes you breathe in his witty brand of charming humour – you will leave with the unforgettable stench of happiness. For a good, clean laugh, you can't go past Jimeoin. Born in Belfast, he arrived in Australia at the age of 22 where he found work as a gardener. Whiling away hours communing with nature, he had plenty of

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME

Mandy Nolan

It's my birthday. I'm 43. It's kind of shocking. Assuming that my hedonistic years of imbibing pot, alcohol and nicotine haven't affected my longevity (my nanna is 94 and cranking) I should reach well into my eighties, so this birthday makes me officially middle aged.

I don't mind being old. Getting old is a privilege. Considering most people in the developing world don't make it much past 30 then every year is a bonus. It's just that it's happened so fast. I'm not worried about losing my youthful good looks; I've never been that good-looking to start with.

Sure, I'm striking in that 'how much does that woman look like those black dudes from White Chicks?' sort of way. In fact I think I've got better looking as I've aged. Being a six foot woman has always been a task. You're constantly imposing. Most of the men I dated were incapable of rescuing me. At the first sign of danger they covered behind me and used me for cover.

But time has levelled the playing field somewhat and by comparison I'm doing OK now. I like my face. I like the crows feet around my eyes and the frown line between my eyebrows. I like the line that now travels across my forehead; it suggests that I've been thinking. And laughing. And that I've been angry and sad. I have an emotional history that's etched on the hard drive of my face. And arse. Although you need to know braille to read that little beauty.

I'll never get botox. People with botox just look frightened of ageing, which makes them look like lineless shiny-headed freaks with no story who don't love themselves. I don't want a head like Bert Newton. Or a son for that matter. What worries me about ageing is that I just won't have time to do all the things I was setting out to do. I was intending to do so much more.

I absolutely adore my life. The normal, average, everyday mundanity of it. It's awesome. Like, I'd like to have at least another five kids. But I think my womb would drop out and I've almost run out of husbands. The only promise I've ever made to myself is to never have regrets. Take risks. Achieve your goals. But there's just so bloody much on the to-do list.

So I decided it was time to write my bucket list for the next 43 years. These are things I really want to do before I check out of this overpriced resort called Planet Earth. I want to learn to knit, make a crocquenbouche, do the worm, go shopping naked at Woolies as a protest against overpackaging, milk a cat, play 'House of The

Rising Sun' on the guitar and use it as my set for busking outside my local supermarket, join a drum circle and dance at the farmers' market, clean my car, get the perfect six-pack, (not abs, of beer), tongue kiss Johnny Depp, and his wife, clean the toilet, print all my photos and put them in photo albums, do my tax, get more amalgam fillings and immunise other people's unvaccinated children for whooping cough when they come for sleepovers. I also want to sort out all the shit in the third drawer. I want to get batteries for the remote and I'm going to worm the cat.

I open magazines and am sickened by these gorgeous young overachievers. Sure they're stupid. But they're rich and living the dream. The biggest goal I kicked this week was paying off my pantry. I've had to make new heroes. People over 40 need heroes who are people who didn't really make a go of it until they were in their forties. So here are some new candidates: Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela, Mother Theresa, Albert Einstein, Willie Nelson, Billy Bob Thornton, Margaret Atwood and Grandpa Simpson.

Then there are the hordes of people who haven't figured out what the hell they should be doing until later in life. It's one of life's great riddles. What the hell am I supposed to do? Like maybe I'm not meant to be a comedian after all. Maybe I'm Oprah. But a tall big-nosed white woman version.

Lots of famous people got it wrong to start with. In his thirties, Sylvester Stallone was a deli counter assistant. Then he wrote and starred in *Rocky*. What else is a five foot three guy gonna do. Maybe he should have stuck with cold cuts. Before he became the leading light of the Communist Party, Mao Tse-Tung was a primary school teacher. Who would have thought that his part time hobby could become so lucrative? The infamous Colonel Sanders was on the dole and he didn't start his franchise until he was 65. He came up with nuggets because he needed food that didn't need chewing.

At age 30, Jesus was a carpenter. Who would have thought that he was going to use those next three years after his rather uneventful time at TAFE turning coffee tables and bread boards to become the Messiah? I would have liked to have seen Jesus's bucket list: 'become the king of the Jews, have a really awesome dinner party and then get totally nailed!'



THE LUCKY WONDERS
SPHINX ROCK SUNDAY

time to think and clearly he's done OK for himself since then. He is one of the very few artists to have his own show, which aired on the Seven network in the mid-90s for three seasons. He's appeared on every TV show you can think of (*Thank God You're Here*, *Good News Week*, *Hey Hey it's Saturday*, *Full Frontal* and in the USA on *Late Night's with Conan O'Brien* to an estimated audience of over 13 million), written and starred in hit movies (*The Craic* and *The Extra*), has a DVD with regular collaborator Bob Franklin, *Jimeoin & Bob's Cooking Show* and continues to tour the world to sell-out houses.

In 2010, his travels have continued unabated with performances at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the Montreal 'Just For Laughs' comedy festival as well as tours to New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Ireland and the far east. He also did a run around the outer suburbs of Sydney and got in a spot of fishing in Darwin. The air gets stinky at the **Twin Towns Showroom on Friday.**

Lighting the way

The **Lamplights** are a trio who believe that great music is great music, no matter what the genre. This is reflected in their performances – it is evident that the three share a firm belief that quality songs form the foundation of quality performances. With a wide repertoire, the trio's sound is best described as an organic blend of funk and folk, served with a side of blues, sprinkled liberally with jazz and dished up with a whole lot of heart. The Lamplights are aware that it's when they're having a good time on stage that the audience really engages and they endeavour to play music for the sheer joy of it rather than to simply perform for the benefit of others. Ironically, it's this humble and heartfelt sentiment that attracts the crowds. The obvious pleasure the trio get from making their music draws people in just like the soft glow of a lamplight on a cold, damp night. **Patch Lounge, Coolangatta, Friday.**

JIMEOIN AT
TWIN TOWNS
FRIDAY



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- RainAid**
On Saturday, **James Brody** and friends will host a youth alternative music concert at the **Condong Bowls Club** from 6pm. It will be a great night of music with six bands featuring **Touch**.

- Dance Party**
A mini 'Cooly Rocks On' **Dance Party** at the **Tweed Civic Centre** on **Sunday, January 30** will feature Elvis impersonator Dean Vegas, Dee Jay Jimmy D and local Rock 'N Roll and Rockabilly bands. Cooly Rocks On Festival Director, Bob Newman, is also expecting a large number of modified street cars parading during the afternoon before the music and dance event begins at 5pm Queensland and 6pm NSW time.



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Haldane's Daughters

When you get a bunch of Aussie larrikins and a mad Irish vocalist together and put them in a recording studio in 40 degree heat, feed them beer and wild turkey, **Haldane's Daughters** is what you come up with. Based on the north coast, Andy Burke and Neal Purchase Jnr started jamming and writing songs in October 2009, the perfect mix of Neal's psychedelic garage rock sounding guitars accompanied with Andy's quirky off-beat lyrics is the foundation of Haldane's Daughters. Off to the recording studio for live recordings in Mullumbimby (cheers Jay Krugener and Rhythm Clothing Co for support and up coming promo vid). Grab Jamie Kasdagalis on organ, Paul Brewer on bass and the mighty Jay Krugener on mixing, drums, bass, recording etc and hey we have a few very rocking likeable tunes. Luckily for the lads there was no surf worth talking about the last few months so they could concentrate on the music. A few solo acoustic gigs and band gigs later the band are ready to kick some grooves in your neighbourhood. The latest members of the band are Rob Brown on drums and Lachlan Leckie on bass. See them at the **Sheoak Shack on Saturday.**

Aussie Aussie Aussie

Without doubt Aussies love their Australian rock, so with that in mind this show presents the best of the best – from way back when JOK ruled the airwaves through to the current hits of today. With a powerful sound and a combination of dynamic vocals, hot guitar and drums, this party band is not for the faint hearted. Enjoy classic rock from Daddy Cool, Cold Chisel, The Easy Beats, LRB, INXS, ACDC, Brian Cadd, www.tweedecho.com.au

Skyhooks to name a few.

Aussie Aussie Aussie came into being when the Olympic Games graced our shores in 2000. Originally a short-term venture meant for the duration of the games to pump up our Aussie spirit, the concept was warmly embraced at every performance. After a very successful Queensland tour the band moved north from Melbourne and have been performing at pubs and clubs since. Nearly eleven years later Aussie Aussie Aussie is still serving up the best from our Oz rock heros. The band will Oi, Oi, Oi on **Sunday** at the **Currumbin RSL**.





program guide

THURSDAY
6am **Planet Luv** Glitter
9am **Arts Canvass** Karena
11am **The Bohemian Beat** Riddhi
12pm **Baby Boomers Lunch**
Alan the yesterday man
2pm **Audio Chocolate** Rich
4pm **Future Classics** Matt Meir
6pm **Crossroads** Paul Martin
8pm **Cruisin For A Bluesin** Honeydripper
10pm **The Booty Call** Lainie
12am **On The One** Mr Mantiki

FRIDAY
6am **That Friday Feeling** Nicky
9am **The Spin Cycle** Karin Kolbe
11am **Not The Comedy Show**
Paul & Danno
12pm **Whirled Music** Phil Hurst
1pm **Fab Wah** Tom T Jet
2pm **Grooveyard** Teesha
4pm **Strictly Vinyl** (Happy Days) Inchie
6pm **Chop Suey** Rachi
8pm **Submerged/ Down & Out**
Si Clone Pab & Slinky
10pm **Café Royal** Al Royale

SATURDAY
6am **Buffet Breakfast** Chilla
8am **Musical Kaleidoscope** Jill
10am **Cowboy Sweetheart** Carrie D
12pm **Blues From The Bay** Anthony & Ken
2pm **Paris Cat Alley** Lulu
5pm **Justice & Miss Chi** Justine & Ancika
6pm **Random Rhythms** Ashgirl
8pm **Diggin In The Archives**
Undertaker & Joan of Ark
10pm **Neo Disco** Uberman


SUNDAY
7am **Colours of Byron** Des
10am **Jazz Moods** Jean Brown
12pm **Omnibus** RG Pedicine & Les Schmidt
2pm **Radio Latina** Yolanda & Beta
4pm **The Bay Lounge** Aqua
6pm **Roots And Kulture** D J Selector
8pm **Broken Heart Road** Peggy & Fulton
10pm **Sounds of Africa** Massaganda


SUMMER
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MONDAY
6am **Morning Mix** Kabes
9am **The Lighthouse Lounge**
Andy Travis
11am **Belly** Belly Sisters
12pm **Pregnancy Birth & Beyond**
Nicole Foder
1pm **Inspiration** Rose
2pm **Q's Jazz and Blues** Quentin Watts
4pm **Cruisy Beats** DJ Cruisy
6pm **Grailey Whole Celtic Show**
Margaret Wyatt
8pm **Around The World** Sammy Ibrahim
10pm **Freedom Run** Jimmy & Callum

TUESDAY
6am **Cock a Doodle Doo** Lou
9am **Love Life & Laughter** Pavitar
11am **Byron Business** Phil Daly
12pm **Soul Fyah** Nazar
2pm **The Music Garden** Michael Brereton
4pm **Theme Park** Lyn McCarthy
6pm **Post Modern Backlash**
Hudson Birden
8pm **Radio Mundial** Steve Snelgrove
10pm **Shels Place** Shel

WEDNESDAY
6am **Catch and Grab** Holly Holster
9am **2481 Undone** Nicqui Yazdi
11am **Go Earthcare** Ros Elliott
12pm **Suara Indonesia**
Francesca, Kirana, Judy
1pm **Passport** Tegs & Adsy
2pm **The Junkyard** Stuey
4pm **Cowgirl In The Sand** Mel
6pm **Bongo Gum** Brett Diemar
8pm **Free Range Rhythms** Elixza
10pm **The Freq Consortium** Interval

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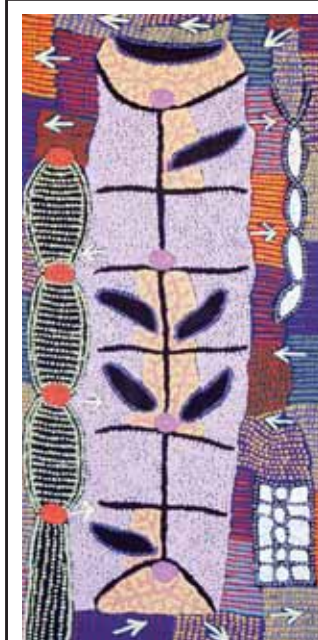
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THURSDAY 20

TWEED

- CLUB BANORA 6PM **LONE WOLF**
- LATITUDE 28 DEG RESTAURANT 6PM **PHIL EIZENBERG**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM VEENIE'S – **SWIZZLE**

GOLD COAST

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB **OPEN MIC AND JAM NIGHT**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 6PM **TONY KRUGER**
- GECKO HOUSE, CURRUMBIN **ECO-EXPLORERS FOR 5-9 YEAR OLDS**
- THE PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA **CC THE CAT**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE**

FRIDAY 21

TWEED

- AUSTRALIA TAVERN 8PM **NITESTAR**
- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB 8PM **KING LOUIE**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **MIDNIGHT BLUES BAND**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **JAMES T**
- LUFFLEY CAFE 7PM **VANESSA HOFFMAN & RADHA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **THE ALDERMAN BROTHERS**
- LATITUDE 28 DEG RESTAURANT 6PM **PHIL EIZENBERG**
- MARTY'S PLACE, CABARITA

7PM NORTH COAST TIME

- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **WILSON & DUTTON**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **DARREN J. RAY**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **THE ZONE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **SMOOTH & GROOVE**

GOLD COAST

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30 **INDER**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **DAVID BARRY**
- CURRUMBIN SOUND LOUNGE 7.30PM **THE ANNUAL FAMILY VACATION – CHASE THE SUN, CASS EAGER & THE VELVET ROPE + CLAUDE HAY**
- LATITUDE 28 DEG RESTAURANT 6PM **PHIL EIZENBERG**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **PORTRAIT**
- THE PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA **LAMPLIGHTS**
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN **VENUS ENVY**
- TWIN TOWNS SHOWROOM **JIMEOIN**

SATURDAY 22

- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **DAVE MURRAY**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- LATITUDE 28 DEG RESTAURANT 6PM **PHIL EIZENBERG**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **RUSSELL HINTON**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS

CLUB 6PM SYD WILSON

- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **LIVEWIRE**
- SHEOAK SHACK 7PM **HALDANES DAUGHTERS**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **DEAN VEGAS**

GOLD COAST

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30PM **BK DUO**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **THE BEAM**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **HEY NOW DJS**
- NORTH BURLEIGH SLSC 7PM **AKASHA**
- THE PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA **DAN MADA**
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN **VIPER ROOM**

SUNDAY 23

TWEED

- BABALOU, KINGSCLIFF HOTEL, 2PM **LIVING ROOM QUARTET**
- CLUB BANORA 11.30AM **DANIELLE GOULLET'S SUNDAY SHOWTIME**
- CAROLINE TAYLOR, 1.30PM **GLENN BRACE**
- MARTY'S AT CABA 1.30PM **CABALEROS**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 4PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- SALTBAR KINGSCLIFF 2PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- SPIHNNX ROCK CAFE 2PM **LUCKY WONDERS**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM **PETER JOHNSON**

GOLD COAST

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 2.30PM **GREG & LAURA**

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- CURRUMBIN RSL 1.30PM **AUSSIE AUSSIE AUSSIE ROCK SHOW**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **EASY SUNDAYS**
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN **SUNDAY SESSIONS**

MONDAY 24

TWEED

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 12 NOON **SMOOTH & GROOVE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **DICK BARNES**

TUESDAY 25

TWEED

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

GOLD COAST

- TWIN TOWNS SHOWROOM 10.30AM **THE ELDER STATESMEN OF AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MUSIC FEATURING REG POOLE (OAM), TED EGAN (AO) AND TERRY GORDON (OAM)**

WEDNESDAY 26

TWEED

- CLUB BANORA 6PM **PAUL ENSBY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB **ALAN ALDERMAN**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **ROY DANIELS**

GOLD COAST

- CUDGEN SURF CLUB 3PM **JON J BRADLEY**

Dutch Tilders Blues Revue

Melbourne based musician, **Dutch Tilders**, will be touring the North Coast during the last weekend of January. **The Dutch Tilders Blues Revue** will also feature internationally and nationally acclaimed violinist, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist George Washing Machine at the Sound Lounge. James Thornbury former front man for American blues band Canned Heat will appear at Condong and Dirk Dubois from Australia's most influential blues/rock band Chain will feature on both nights. Support on all three shows will be by local band Blind Willie Wagtail. He will be performing at **Curumbin Sound Lounge** in the **Curumbin RSL** on **Friday 28**, and the **Condong Bowls Club** on **Sunday 30 January**.



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The Gold Coast Suns name Ablett as captain

Gary Ablett will be the club's first AFL captain. He will be supported by Vice Captain Nathan Bock and Deputy Vice Captain Campbell Brown. The remainder of the leadership group comprises Tasmanian young gun Maverick Weller, big-name recruit Michael Rischitelli, last year's captain Marc Lock, fellow Queensland-raised talent Zac Smith, and tough mid-fielder Daniel Harris.

With the Suns' April 2 AFL debut now just 74 days away, the appointment of the club's inaugural leaders represents an important milestone in the club's short exciting history.

The clubs leaders were selected by the players during a closed vote at the club's pre-season training camp at

Mooloolaba in December. Ablett said he was humbled by the privilege of leading the club into its first season of AFL Premiership football. 'Every player wants the respect of his peers and to be chosen as captain by the players makes the honour of leading the side incredibly special,' he said. 'The Suns captaincy role will be a multi-faceted challenge. We are a new club and with that comes the responsibility of being a leader not only for the players on and off the field but also for the club more broadly. A significant part of my role will be to ensure we as players adhere to our club values and that the club as a whole extends its reach out into the Gold Coast community for all the right reasons.'

SPORT RESULTS

BOWLS

Cabarita Beach Men

Saturday 4th December; Winners: B Gregg and R Watson, Runners Up: I Turnbull and D Hopps, Consolation: B Beetson and R Harper

Saturday 11th December; Winners: R Watkins and S Anderson, Consolation: I Creelman and T Cox.

Wednesday 15th December; Winners: G Lake and P Schofield, Runners Up: R Watkins and W Parr, Consolation: J Hunter and K Liddington.

Saturday 18th December; Winners: A Campbell, G Lake and J Hunter, Consolation: GGoode and S Anderson.

Wednesday 12th January; Winners: D Crow and S Brecard, Runners Up: J Richards and M Fletcher, Consolation: R Allen and K Liddington.

Saturday 15th January; Winners: R Faulkner and B Pilling, Consolation: J Tuckey, J Rannie and D Hopps.

Monday 17th January; Winners: N Brabham and R Harper, Runners Up: J McArdle and E Carsley, Consolation: M Morgan & J Stewart.

Cabarita Beach Women
18.01.11 Social Bowls: Winning Rink – Julian Richards, Ted Tilley, Ken Ross. Consolation – Robyn Creedon, Patsy Pilcher, Jo Fletcher. Raffles: Angela Richards, Robyn Darling, Margaret Hunter.

01.02.11 Club Open Fours entries close. Enter your nominations on sheet on board.

Social Bowls: Tuesdays 9.00 am. Visitors warmly welcomed. Ladies also invited to play Saturdays 1.00 pm. Please phone Club on 6676 2951 and leave message and contact number.

Coaching: Free every Saturday with accredited coaches from 9.00 am

Barefoot Bowls finishes end of January 2011. Those people wishing to play Sunday afternoons, contact Reception on 6676 1135.

Condong Cane Toads
There will be a game on Sunday 23 start 9.30 am. Can all committee members please attend a meeting before the game at 8.30 am. It has been suggested that the days tacking's will be going to the QLD flood relief appeal. All bowlers are welcome members and visitors to help raise money. Please put names on sheet in club or just ring the club on 6672 2238 to put names down thank you.

Condong Men
Wednesday 12th bowls washed out. Thursday 3 bowl pairs shootout 12 teams played winners were G Moss, S Knight,\$40 each r/u P Flack. M Sweetman \$25 each. Raffle winners S Knight, C Douglas. Saturday 38 bowlers played on a bright sunny afternoon, winners R

Fredericks, J Andrassy r/ups P Conroy, G Miller. Raffle winners M Knight, G Colefax. The Final of B Grade fours played J Thurtell, M Knight, S Keen, K Palmer 29 def. A Tonell, B Elvy, C Thompson, R Fuller 13. Condong open fours 2011 was drawn Saturday , Games to be played on or before 6th February. A big thank you to all 4 players who represented Condong for Kids in need at Cabarita.

Cudgen Leagues Ladies
Thurs 13th ladies social results, winners Judy Martin & Faye Turner. Raffle winner Judy Martin. Congratulations girls.

Cudgen Men
Saturday Winners on this day were P. Tindale, G. Tobin & B Cusack and the losing rink went to T. Grimes, J. Neal & R. Hutchinson.

Kingscliff Men
The Club Championships in Open and B Grade singles are forging ahead, the Tweed Valley Shield commenced last Monday and Super Challenge Trials will take place with Silver playing Bronze on Saturday 22nd January. Results of games played in the 2011 Artie Booth Memorial Singles: Saturday 15th January: M Turner d V Lewis; K Liddington d T Hills; J Barnes d K Taylor; G Barrack d B Turner; H Hockey d J Brinsmead; O Simpson d R Armour. Sunday 16th January: O Simpson d K Banks; G Barrack d H Hockey; I Smith d J Barnes; M Turner d K Liddington. The Semi-Finals will be played on Saturday 22nd January: M Turner v I Smith; G Barrack v O Simpson. The first round of the B Grade Singles has been called for Saturday 22nd January: J Brinsmead v D Miller; B Henry v G Hallett; R Phillips v L Rootsey; B O'Kane v B Butler; D Roughley v L Downes. Winners to play Sunday 23rd January. Other games called for Sunday: J Julius v R Lewis; M Scott v T Wonka; K Dawson v J Barnes. Please check the board for all details. Social bowls results: Thursday 13th January: Winners: G Hallett, K Berger, B Raeburn; M Ryan, J Schiemer, F McConnell, G Border. Plate Winners: K Taylor, G Haydon, G Trad. Saturday 15th January: H Hockey, K Liddington, I Smith; G Hallett, D Fines, T Green; J Brinsmead, R Dark, B Beattie. Plate Winners: A Simpson, T Cusack, B Clarke. Tuesday Morning Open Pairs Competition: Winners: F McNamara, T Abrahams. Runners Up: M Kenash, S Goodman. Plate Winners: T Halloran, K Liddington.

The next round of the Tweed valley Shield on Monday 24th January will be played at Kingscliff and Kingscliff will play Coolangatta.

Pottsville Men
Wednesday 12th January 2011
Winners: R. Sherwood – L. Hendry – T.

Fishing the Terra oyster leases

David Solano

Happy New Year everyone! Two weeks off over Christmas but it wasn't quite the weather expected. The floods have affected so many people. My partner's sister's house in Brisbane went under, a lot of things were lost and almost everything is ruined. Sue, my partner, has been in Brisbane helping since the water started to rise along with thousands of other Queensland and New South Wales people.

Fishing over the holiday period was either hot or cold. I didn't travel too far from home and I fished the Terranora Broadwater day after day, still trying to get the hang of fishing the oyster leases.

I figured it out. As your casts have to be so accurate, that is a centimetre off your target, it has scared me in the past as half the time you're retrieving your lures from an oyster or some other obstruction. For some reason last Satur-



Craig Costigan with a nice lizard he caught over the Christmas break

day I was on the money, cast after cast.

The fish were hard to attract as the oysters seem to keep them happy, but I did get on

to some nice 25cm-plus models. I gave up the shallow hard bodies and switched to a gulp shrimp soft plastic and went after some lizards.

It was hard work; I kept catching a heap of little ones but eventually came upon a nice panny in amongst the weeds behind Seagulls.

SHOOTING

Murwillumbah Pistol Club

11.1 Standard Pistol - A Uren 574, D Gazzard 572, A Gazzard 541. 12-Jan-11; Air Pistol - R Rees 568, J Lumsden 562, D Reid 561. Ladeis Air - E Reid 387, A Gazzard 541. 15.1 Standard Pistol - P Norris 616, S Nash 583, D Dowling 575, J Lumsden 559, R Fleming 554, J Hctor 550, W Gray 547, S Stebbing 541, D Stebbing 523, D Gazzard 523. A Uren 521, J Deubel 517, A Gazzard 497, M Rohrick 487, M Fleming 451, R Rees 419. Free Pistol - P Norris 601, D Stebbing 532. Mayleigh Cup - S Stebbing 288. 16.1 Rifle - A Gazzard 701, D Gazzard 641, M Luxton 578, J Lumsden 569, R Cavanagh 569. Australia Day Shooting will start at 1pm. on 25-Jan-11. Plus Air Pistol at 5pm.

Murwillumbah Rifle Club

Fullbore: Shooting was at 800 yards in wet but fairly calm conditions. Scores: S.Waddell 100.14, 1, 101.14; D.Phippard 100.13, 1, 101.13; D.Chittick 99.14, 1, 100.14; T.Matthews 98.11, 2, 100.11; W.Shooobridge 98.11, 1, 99.11. Scope: B.Chittick 119, 2, 122; M.Sforcina 110, 10, 120; PWeeks 108, 11, 119; G.Morris 98. Visitor: N.Sekulic 102. Smallbore: Alan Cronk equalled record with another possible 400. Rama 388, 14, 402; A.Cronk 400, 0, 400; T.Lamb 371, 27, 398; W.Shooobridge 386, 10, 396; G.Morris 350. Visitor: Michele Morris 384. Next events: Smallbore at 50metres on Friday 21st January, starting 1.30pm. Fullbore on January 22 at 900 yards. Field Class Sunday morning January 23.


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☾ First quarter January 12 22:32						
○ Full moon January 20 08:21						
☾ Third quarter January 26 23:57						
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	S 0551	1947	0240	1657	0634,1.71; 1913,1.24	1325,0.40
2	S 0551	1947	0332	1756	0729,1.77; 2008,1.26	0047,0.48; 1417,0.33
3	M 0552	1947	0427	1850	0817,1.81; 2055,1.29	0138,0.47; 1503,0.29
4	T 0553	1947	0526	1939	0902,1.83; 2138,1.31	0225,0.46; 1545,0.28
5	W 0554	1947	0624	2021	0944,1.81; 2218,1.32	0309,0.46; 1623,0.28
6	T 0554	1948	0722	2059	1021,1.78; 2257,1.32	0350,0.47; 1700,0.30
7	F 0555	1948	0818	2133	1058,1.72; 2334,1.32	0430,0.49; 1733,0.34
8	S 0556	1948	0913	2204	1132,1.64	0510,0.53; 1806,0.38
9	S 0557	1948	1005	2234	0012,1.32; 1207,1.55	0550,0.57; 1839,0.42
10	M 0557	1948	1057	2303	0051,1.33; 1244,1.46	0635,0.61; 1914,0.46
11	T 0558	1948	1148	2333	0134,1.34; 1325,1.35	0724,0.66; 1952,0.51
12	W 0559	1948	1241		0223,1.35; 1415,1.25	0822,0.70; 2036,0.56
13	T 0600	1948	1335	0005	0316,1.37; 1515,1.17	0930,0.71; 2129,0.59
14	F 0601	1948	1431	0040	0413,1.41; 1629,1.12	1047,0.69; 2226,0.60
15	S 0601	1948	1528	0119	0511,1.47; 1741,1.13	1200,0.62; 2325,0.59
16	S 0602	1948	1627	0205	0606,1.56; 1844,1.17	1258,0.53
17	M 0603	1947	1725	0257	0657,1.66; 1936,1.23	0019,0.55; 1346,0.42
18	T 0604	1947	1820	0355	0745,1.77; 2024,1.30	0109,0.49; 1431,0.31
19	W 0605	1947	1911	0459	0832,1.87; 2110,1.37	0159,0.42; 1515,0.21
20	T 0606	1947	1957	0607	0918,1.94; 2156,1.44	0246,0.35; 1558,0.15
21	F 0606	1947	2039	0715	1005,1.97; 2242,1.49	0337,0.31; 1640,0.11
22	S 0607	1946	2118	0822	1052,1.93; 2330,1.53	0428,0.29; 1723,0.12
23	S 0608	1946	2156	0929	1140,1.84	0520,0.30; 1807,0.17
24	M 0609	1946	2233	1034	0019,1.56; 1230,1.70	0617,0.35; 1852,0.25
25	T 0610	1945	2312	1139	0111,1.41; 1322,1.53	0716,0.41; 1938,0.34
26	W 0611	1945	2354	1244	0206,1.57; 1420,1.36	0823,0.48; 2029,0.44
27	T 0612	1944		1348	0307,1.56; 1530,1.22	0939,0.53; 2127,0.52
28	F 0612	1944	0039	1450	0413,1.57; 1649,1.15	1100,0.54; 2232,0.57
29	S 0613	1943	0128	1550	0520,1.59; 1806,1.15	1216,0.50; 2338,0.57
30	S 0614	1943	0222	1645	0623,1.64; 1909,1.19	1318,0.44
31	M 0615	1942	0318	1735	0718,1.68; 1959,1.25	0037,0.56; 1407,0.38
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. Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.						





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Tips for first time home buyers

Buying a home can be a long, complicated and frightening process, and it is important to be prepared. Knowledge is power when it comes to negotiating the difficult world of home prices, interest rates and mortgage loans.



For a first time home buyer, there are many factors to consider before you buy. The more information you can gather before you start shopping, the better off you will be.

LOOK BEYOND THE PRICE

When it comes to securing a quality mortgage loan, it is important to look beyond the interest rate to the true cost of the loan, both now and in the future. Read the paperwork, including the fine print, carefully, especially if the interest rate is below market rates.

Upon closer inspection you may find that the interest rate is guaranteed for only a short

period of time, or that it is subject to rise sharply in the future. Your mortgage loan may be the most important contract you will ever sign, and it is essential that you understand your rights and your responsibilities before signing on the dotted line.

In many cases it will make sense to hire a lawyer to review the mortgage paperwork for you.

EVERY SITUATION IS UNIQUE

Every homebuyer will have a different set of circumstances, and it is important for the lender to consider those factors. Some homeowners may plan to move in a year

or two, and they may be able to benefit from a variable rate mortgage. Others will plan to remain in their home for decades, and those home buyers may benefit from the stability of a fixed rate mortgage and its predictable and stable monthly payment.

It is also important for those buying a first home to factor in the additional costs of the mortgage when deciding how much they can afford to pay. Things like closing costs and the high price of private mortgage insurance can drive up costs and eat into funds that would otherwise be available for home improvements, furnishings and other essentials. In some cases sellers may be willing to pay some of the closing costs, and some lenders will be able to negotiate those closing costs downward. The key is to ask those questions before the closing date arrives, and to be prepared to search for a better deal if necessary.

First time buyers should also be on the lookout for any hidden fees. These small nuisance fees can add up to hundreds of dollars on closing day, so be sure to scour your paperwork for any such fees. If you are unsure about the legitimacy of any charge be sure to ask for a valid explanation.

And of course first time home buyers should not lose sight of the home itself in the quest for the perfect mortgage. Any defects should be pointed out to the seller well before the closing is to take place. The costs of every needed repair should be carefully negotiated prior to the purchase, and buyers should always follow up to make sure that all requested repairs have been made. A home is a major purchase, and it is important to make sure that everything has been taken care of before moving in.

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In the midst of the sad flood devastation it was pleasant to get some light relief. Danny Nulliah of Catch the Fire Ministries sent us a press release announcing that while his Victorian group was asking God to stop the rain in Queensland, it 'miraculously' stopped in Melbourne. A later press release asserted that the prayers of his 100 'bible-believing, God-fearing Christians' had stopped the rise of the Brisbane River. These mud-for-brains tossers shouting hallelujah God has saved us when the floodwaters peaked a little lower than predicted must have the attention-span of midges. Who sent the flood in the first place?

Property speculators who've been buying up prime agricultural land on the Cudgen plateau in the hope of a rezoning must be watching with chagrin as the remaining fair dinkum farmers continue to undermine their claims that the land is only good for growing weeds. Retail giant Woolworths has outsourced its sweet potato production from flood-stricken Bundaberg to the Tweed, with Cudgen farmers reaping the rewards. One of them is long-time land tiller, Matthew Pritchard, who reports that the price for sweet potatoes had doubled from \$1.50 to \$3 a kilogram, with Woolworths now paying \$6 a kilo. He says growing conditions on the flood-free plateau are ideal, with cooler temperatures allowing the soil to dry out quickly, enabling a quick rotation of crops.

Backburner made the trip south to Byron Bay on Saturday night. The traffic is as bad as its reputation but one cyclist made it worse: he rode out of a side street and proceeded up the main drag going the wrong way, carrying a passenger on his sidebar and talking on his phone!



The picture is of the Davey family in a rowboat on the Terranora Broadwater in 1892 (that is the caption on the calendar; there is no other info on the original).

Friends of the Tweed River Regional Museum have produced a calendar featuring historical photographs from the museum collection, \$10 each, call 6670 2493. The Tweed Heads Historical Society's research centre and Tweed River Museum are open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11am-4pm and Sunday 1pm-4pm (DST). Groups and schools by appointment.

Bob Ell, owner of the company developing Cobaki Lakes and Kings Forest estates in Tweed Shire, has interests in Sydney too. Leda Holdings has made an application to develop three adjoining lots facing Willoughby Bay in Cremorne. Ell plans to build one enormous nine-bedroom mansion after demolishing the three houses on the site. The mansion, a 'speculative' venture according to Ell in the *SMH*, will be four storeys high, and includes an electric inclinator running 40 metres from the front door to the road and a rooftop tennis court. The DA proposes to destroy more than 40 trees as well as the existing houses, and exceeds North Sydney Council's controls on height and the size of its landscaped areas.

Efforts to help Queensland's flood victims took on a lighter side at Kingscliff's Noble Lakeside Park last week. Residents there raised almost \$1,700 towards the Queensland Pre-

mier's Flood Relief Appeal at their monthly fish and chips night last Friday. Retirees attending the function had already contributed \$573 before one resident burst on to the scene dressed as an ogre and demanded a donation from the ladies in return for not being kissed and cuddled. Eager to escape such monstrous advances, the ladies happily handed over the dosh. This hilarious interlude subsequently raised a further \$265 for flood recovery efforts. Three cheers for the ogre.

Last week's item on pensioner rate rebates wrongly stated that pensioners enjoyed a 50 per cent rebate on their rates, courtesy of the council and the NSW government. The rebate for those on the minimum rate is closer to 25 per cent.

Rural firefighters from Tweed, Ballina, Brunswick and Lismore have been doing their bit to clean up Brisbane after the

flood. Joining the other emergency services and an army of volunteers, the firefighters have been hosing out buildings and removing rubbish since Sunday.

Hastings Point residents were amused to see in the daily paper on Tuesday a full page advertisement paid for by 'Land owners group Hastings Point.' The ad praises the councillors who brought in the rescission motion to try to stop the community's hard-fought height and density controls from going ahead. Although its arguments are specious, they are couched in reasonable language – until you reach the penultimate paragraph where the copywriter abandons reason (and shows his true colours!) by spraying at all and sundry, including *Backburner* and *The Echo's* council reporter. We can only assume that the daily's subs mistakenly took a barely coherent cover note for part of the ad!

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