

## Council to spend millions fighting erosion



Steve Spencer

A crisis meeting to tackle the erosion emergency at Kingscliff has decided to spend an extra \$255,000 in an attempt to stop more of the foreshore from tumbling into the ocean.

Workers this week relocated beach-front cabins further away from the erosion zone to stop them toppling into the sea.

The Tweed Shire Council meeting decided to build another 70 metres of sandbag wall in front of the Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park as a temporary measure.

This is on top of \$140,000 in emergency works taking place in front of the Holiday Park and south of the Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club.

But this money is dwarfed by the \$3 million earmarked by the council to permanently safeguard the crumbling foreshore. And the council is seeking another \$3 million from the state and federal governments to fully fund their anti-erosion project.

Tweed Parks Holiday Reserve Trust

This picture shows the dramatic extent of the erosion in front of the public Kingscliff Beach caravan park after the latest scouring of the foreshore by big tides. Council work crews and contractors relocated around half a dozen cabins to save them from being destroyed by the big tides.

Photo Jeff 'Dropping In' Dawson

manager Richard Adams said in a press release that the trust was trying to protect the source of income the Kingscliff Beach Holiday Park provides for the maintenance and enhancement of Tweed Crown reserves.

### Holiday park flow-on

'Council and the trust understand the important flow-on effect to the local business community which results from tourists staying in the holiday park,' Mr Adams said.

'Council and the trust's long-term strategy is to nourish Kingscliff beach with 300,000 cubic metres of sand extracted from the Tweed River downstream of Barneys Point Bridge.

'Re-nourishment would continue as required in the long term, in accordance with council's exhibited and adopted Tweed Coastline

Management Plan.

'Council has allocated \$3 million in loan funds as its contribution, and at this critical stage would greatly appreciate any financial contribution the state or federal governments are able to provide to implement this project to restore the public amenity of Kingscliff and ensure the commercial sustainability of the Kingscliff community.

'Council, acting as the Trust, will seek urgent representation through the local state members of parliament for emergency funding and to expedite a long-term solution.

The council is in the process of securing a licence to complete these works and has applied for federal regional development funding to complement council funds.

■ See Cabarita van park story, page 3 and Editorial, page 6.

## Rare snail found at dam wall site

Luis Feliu

A Byrrill Creek resident claims to have found an endangered Mitchell's Rainforest Snail near the edge of the proposed new dam wall, as the news of the state government's recent decision to review a ban on the dam hit Sydney media this week.

Resident and anti-dam activist John Morrison told *The Echo* he found and photographed what he believed to be one of the rare pyramid-shaped snails (theresites mitchellae) on a log amid deep leaf litter at Pretty Gully, Byrrill Creek in the shadow of Mt Warning last Monday.

Mr Morrison said he reported the finding to the Australian National Museum's Atlas of Living Australia project which catalogues Australia's biodiversity after he learnt the snail was listed as critically endangered under federal legislation and endangered under NSW law.

The find of the rare, air-breathing land snail comes as NSW Greens MP John Kaye told the *Sydney Morning*

*Herald* the government's plan to dust off the \$67 million dam proposal was 'damaging, expensive and entirely avoidable.'

'The minister has embarked on a war against the environmental protections that were put in place based on sound scientific evidence,' Dr Kaye said.

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, quietly announced the review earlier this month in response to questions from the local ABC News team. The minister had been lobbied by vocal pro-dam Tweed mayor Kevin Skinner, who had used his casting vote to get the new dam plan up, and his factional ally Cr Warren Polglase.

Dr Kaye said the two 'have had their patience rewarded.'

'It took the new Primary Industries Minister less than 100 days to throw out the scientific evidence behind the water-sharing plan and reopen the divisive debate over the future of Byrrill Creek.'

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The Mitchell's Rainforest Snail found in leaf litter near the proposed Byrrill Creek dam site last week. Photo J Morrison

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# Old Stokers church marks 100 years

Kate McIntosh

Cancer survivor Alan Skerritt says it was both a leap of faith and act of insanity that saw him buy Stokers Siding's historic former church.

In a devastating diagnosis, doctors gave him just three months to live after discovering a malignant melanoma in 2004.

It was on a drive down to the Northern Rivers with his daughter that same year that the Brisbane-based businessman first fell in love with the church and after returning from the trip he called his lawyers from his hospital bed and put in an offer.

Alan will throw open the church's doors to the public next month as part of planned centenary celebrations, which will include a range of *Pride and Prejudice*-themed events.

He said the old church continued to hold a special place in his heart and he wanted to mark the occasion.

'It's my place of refuge, I just love it,' he said. 'It's very much in a state of nature and I'm very passionate about it.'

Built by Methodists in 1911, the church has been a place of worship for various denominations of the Christian faith including Presbyterian, Church of England and the Uniting Church.

It was decommissioned in 1982 and has since been privately owned.

Although the church had undergone renovations, Alan says it had retained much of its character.



Alan Skerritt is hosting centenary celebrations at the Stokers Siding church next month.  
Photo Jeff Dawson

'It has that ethos, that atmosphere of a church. It's a very special place,' the company director, and 'professional tourist' says.

After surviving his melanoma threat, Alan was subsequently diagnosed with liver cancer and spent several months recuperating in Europe.

The church has been decorated with artefacts from his

extensive world travels, including a cycling trip from Zimbabwe to Zambia with his two children and a voyage to the Svalbard Archipelago near the North Pole.

Centenary celebrations for the old Stokers Siding church take place on Saturday, August 13, from 10am.

Activities include regency dancing displays, jig and jazz performances, fortune telling,

a secondhand book sale and mock weddings inspired by Scotland's Gretna Green village which became famous for runaway weddings during the 1700s.

A heritage costume ball will also be held at the Stokers Siding Community Hall at 7pm. Tickets are \$25.

For more info contact Alan on 0409 898 385 or email alan-skerritt@hotmail.com.

## Rare snail found at dam site (from page 1)

If Katrina Hodgkinson was looking for something to review, she need go no further than Tweed Council's abysmal failure to look at water reuse and efficiency measures before pushing ahead with a damaging, expensive and entirely avoidable dam project.

'Tweed Council has failed in its duty to minimise water household bills by looking for the lowest cost options. Primary Industries Minister Katrina Hodgkinson has now made herself complicit in their push for an expensive dam.

### Science unequivocal

'The scientific evidence on the Byrrill Creek is unequivocal. The Water Sharing Plan which ruled out the \$67 million dam was based on an extensive survey of the inundation which encountered 12 threatened species. The study showed that the creek itself is largely undisturbed and offered important environmental and recreational values.

'Despite the strength of the case against the dam, Katrina Hodgkinson is questioning the scientific findings and re-opening a divisive debate at the behest of the conservatives on Tweed Council.

'Katrina Hodgkinson is being irresponsible. If she really

understood modern least-cost, integrated water planning, she would have told Tweed Council to look at the cheaper and less destructive options, rather than re-opening the entirely discredited Byrrill Creek dam project.

The council's water manager, David Oxenham, told the SMH that requests to the NSW Office of Water for 'the relevant studies and reports which justified why Byrrill Creek was singled out from all other streams within the Tweed River Area' remained unanswered.

Ironically, in the same issue, a former Tweed council water-unit officer, Paul Taylor, said in a letter to the editor that the Bray Park water treatment plant cost ratepayers close to \$100 million and 'the previous government and the Tweed council see only one way to pay for it: handing huge strips of the coast to developers so they can carve it up into subdivisions: More houses means more water meters means more for council coffers.'

Last year, a lengthy community consultation process on options for boosting the shire's water supply recommended doubling the capacity of the existing Clarrie Hall Dam by raising the dam wall, but that was overturned by Crs Skinner,

Polglase and Youngblutt who pushed through the new dam option instead.

A council report has already identified 45 threatened fauna species, including the giant barred frog, the double-eyed fig parrot, spotted-tail quoll and brush-tailed rock wallaby, with many flora species and two endangered ecological communities in a five-kilometre radius of Byrrill Creek.

### Council warned

Save Byrrill Creek campaigner Joanna Gardner said federal environment minister Tony Burke was aware of the proposed dam and has 'warned the council of the potential application of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act'.

Mr Morrison said the snail was first spotted by his five-year-old grandson during a garden cleanup and returned to the leaf litter beyond the garden area, which is about 200 metres upstream from the site of the proposed dam wall.

He said the find emphasised what the scientific community have been saying all along regarding the importance of the area for biodiversity conservation and Tweed Shire.

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# Locals maintain their van park rage

Luis Feliu

A move for Tweed Shire councillors to reconsider alternative options for the proposed \$22 million beachfront caravan park at Cabarita, including a move to the Camp Wollumbin site just north of the village, was shot down by councillors this week.

Crs Katie Milne and Barry Longland failed to get support from councillors, in their role as trustees of the Tweed Coast Holiday Parks Reserves Trust, to defer a staff recommendation to look into redesigning the caravan park south of Norries Headland in order to remove potentially environmentally significant areas.

Cr Milne told council she feared council would only spend 'good money after bad' pursuing the contentious plan for a new van park and instead should consider other options, including a move to the old scout camp site on the western side of the Coast Road.

Her move comes as coun-

cil released the findings of its public submissions on the plan which showed overwhelming opposition to both the proposed 200-site van park and a 37-lot residential development the trust wants to establish on its land in the village's southern precinct jointly with the Land

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and Property Management Authority (LPMA).

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Cabarita Beach/Bogangar Residents Association spokesman Ashley Baldry said concerns included environmental and social impact, questionable financial viability and a

flawed consultation process.

The association has also called for a 'full inquiry' into the issue after the trust formally tabled the public submissions and preliminary environmental assessments on their plans.

Mr Baldry said analysis of

financial benefit only.

'It is now irrefutable that there is not only overwhelming community opposition to both the caravan park and residential estate developments in the Cabarita South Precinct but that there is no significant support for these projects either.

'This is despite the bullying tactics that Tweed Council took against the executive of the residents association for releasing "confidential" information that showed the true extent of the developer's plans and an orchestrated PR campaign by the LPMA and reserves trust to counter any community opposition during the submission period,' he said.

He said a lot of falsehoods were spread about the plan including that there were no detailed plans for the van park, that it would be over 100 metres from the nearby school and that there was no significant plant or wildlife species on the site.

At Tuesday's meeting, the trustees voted to investigate options for the redesign of the proposed van park by excising potentially environmentally significant areas, to prepare a financial analysis of the revised development and to seek state permission to use parts of the adjacent Crown reserve as a bushfire buffer zone.

the public submissions clearly justified the residents' association concerns 'and vindicates our vocal opposition, despite a concerted campaign to discredit our organisation and the relentless bullying tactics of the developers'.

He says council's own Tweed Coastal Committee opposes the development due to coastal erosion fears, while the majority of supporters of the proposal 'cited the perceived

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moodle (a discreet on-line interactive resource) and a website.

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# Unlocking Tweed's Dutch heritage

Kate McIntosh

The disparate and often overlooked Dutch heritage of the Tweed Shire is now the subject of a new research project.

Dutch-born Tweed resident Martin Jansen in de Wal is investigating the cultural, economic and political contributions of Dutch people currently resident in the Tweed.

Martin, a 73-year-old former teacher, is undertaking the study as part of his PhD at WA's Curtin University.

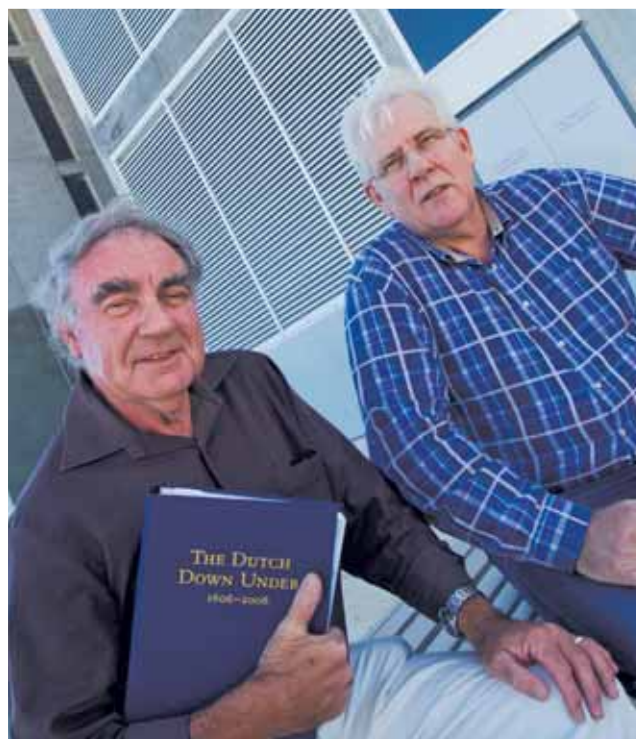
The Dutch constitute the fourth largest group of migrant settlers in the Tweed Shire behind New Zealand, the UK and Germany.

The Dutch cultural heritage is as much a part of the Tweed as Mt Warning and Captain Cook, he said.

Economic hardship post-World War II drove a wave of Dutch migration and Martin estimates there are up to 500 residents of Dutch descent in the shire.

The focus of Martin's research is the civic experiences and activities of the generation of Dutch-born migrants who arrived in Australia as children and found themselves 'between two worlds'.

Martin was himself a teenager when he arrived in Australia in 1951.



Martin Jansen in de Wal, left, and his mentor and colleague Dr Maarten Rothengatter. Photo Jeff 'Neddy Land' Dawson

While a great deal of historical research continues to be conducted into Dutch and other migration to Australia and elsewhere, Martin said the contemporary experiences of migrants once settled and their role in their chosen community was often overlooked.

'The migration story has really been done to death, what we need to look at is what happened after settlement,' he said.

He said Tweed's own Dutch heritage had remained largely under the radar as the Dutch community was fully assimilated and kept a low profile.

He said many had also changed their names and were not easily identifiable.

'The community is certainly not organised, we don't congregate and we certainly don't marry each other,' he said.

'We have fitted in and as-

simulated for so long that we don't stick out.'

However, Martin believes a shift is happening and there is now a growing trend amongst Dutch-born Australians and those of Dutch descent to take a more active interest in their cultural heritage.

Known for their direct, practical approach and brusque manner, Martin said Dutch people were particularly active in business circles.

According to the 2006 census, Dutch people are twice as likely to be owners or managers of small business enterprises than other Tweed residents.

'Historically it's what we're good at,' he said. 'We are the traders of the world.'

Martin delivered his first paper on his research at a national conference on migrant citizenship and social inclusion held at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba in July last year.

He plans to continue his research over the next four years, with a Dutch cultural exhibition and trade fair planned at the conclusion of his PhD in 2015.

Dutch Australian residents of the shire who would like to participate in the research project are asked to contact Martin by email on mjansen2@bigpond.com.



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# Council gives greyhound track the tick

Steve Spencer

Emotions ran high during this week's Tweed Council meeting as greyhound trainers and animal lovers packed the public gallery, shouting at councillors and each other during a debate about a new greyhound racing track in Murwillumbah.

Several hecklers were ejected from the public gallery during the debate, as councillors voted four to three (Crs Katie Milne, Barry Longland and Joan van Lieshout against) to approve the track on the Murwillumbah industrial estate, after the racing club relocates from its current home at Border Park in West Tweed Heads.

Supporters from the Friends of the Hound held a demonstration outside the council chambers just before this week's meeting, bringing along several ex-racing greyhounds they say were saved from being 'put down' after 'failing to run fast enough'.

Angry scenes followed inside the council chamber with mayor Kevin Skinner repeatedly warning people in the public gallery to stop shouting out.

Several people were ejected by security as protesters swapped insults with greyhound breeders.

Three councillors attempted to stop the \$5.6 million project, saying the track would not fit well with the Tweed Shire's image.

Deputy mayor Barry Longland said the land was earmarked for industrial use and not a racing track.

'It's not the best use of this land and the promotion of gambling is not in the public



Left: Friends of the Hound supporters outside council chambers on Tuesday to protest against the proposal to build a greyhound racing track at the Murwillumbah industrial estate. The new track was narrowly approved by councillors. Photo Steve Spencer

interest,' said Cr Longland.

'Our shire will be used as a vehicle to promote gambling. There is no social benefit for the wider Tweed community.'

Councillors were told that only about 80 people attended the dog races, but they would be televised nationally on Sky TV, with Mt Warning as a backdrop in some of the images.

## Using World Heritage area as racetrack backdrop

'I'm not comfortable that our World Heritage area should be used as a backdrop for a racetrack,' said Cr Longland.

Cr Joan van Lieshout said she believed the greyhound racing industry was involved in cruelty to animals.

'We should attract the right industries to the shire,' she said. But Cr Dot Holdom said she

had changed her mind about the greyhound industry after doing 'an awful lot of research'.

She said the industry was the fifth largest employer on the Far North Coast.

'If people knew how many greyhounds are housed in this area they would be amazed,' she said.

Cr Phil Youngblutt said greyhound breeding was no different to the rearing of cattle dogs that were 'bred to work'.

'They are looked after better than many human beings,' he said. 'For many of these breeders it is their life's work.'

Cr Katie Milne said the track would not fit with 'the character of the Tweed Valley' and there was a 2,000-signature petition against the proposal.

'We all know how beautiful these animals are and how sensitive. I don't think they should be using these animals for entertainment.'

# Tweed Valley inspires fantasy trilogy

Kate McIntosh

Banora Point author Cath Sherwood always thought the Tweed Valley was magic.

So much so in fact it inspired her to write a fantasy adventure trilogy set in the Mt Warning caldera.

*Tri'Unia*, the first book in the illustrated Earth Speak series, is the story of what happens when the idyllic existence of three children and their animal friends comes under threat.

Local readers will easily recognise the references to well known places in the Tweed, including Fig Tree Valley, The Siding and Tumble Gum.

Cath, who lived in Murwillumbah for 25 years, says she drew heavily on her own experiences in the area, as well as her affinity with nature and the spiritual world.

'The book is born of years of love of the true magic that life is and making it real in my life,' she said.

'I've drawn strong influences



Cath Sherwood's adventure fantasy series is set in the Green Cauldron. Photo Jeff 'Muddle Earth' Dawson

from the area, from my point of view and perceptions; I've put it all into the book.'

Featuring striking illustrations by Alstonville artist Lisa Knight, the trilogy is aimed at young readers 10 years and over, although Cath says many elements can be enjoyed by adults too.

She jokes that she decided to write her series in the fantasy genre so people could 'make up their own mind if

I'm crazy or not'.

Born in Port Moresby in the 1950s, Caths says her parents nicknamed her 'The Spook' for her ability to contact people on the other side.

After turning 18 she spent three years in an ashram, where she trained in natural healing and massage, going on to work as a counsellor for youth and domestic violence services.

Cath is now seeking sponsorship to help distribute the books and hopes the series will inspire a wider green movement towards protecting the caldera's unique biodiversity.

'We can be the change,' she said.

'We have the technology, the passion and the business heads to be able to do it.'

Cath is currently working on the second and third instalments in the series, which are due for release later this year.

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## Holding back the tide

Is sand replenishment for Kingscliff beach the long-term solution? In addressing the recent dramatic erosion taking place there, council decided to battle on relentlessly against this natural event, despite the huge cost to ratepayers. The plan, apart from building an expensive protective rock wall at the front of the van park like the one recently built for the bowls club next door, is to pump a lot of sand from the Tweed River onto the depleted beach, similar to the sandpumping operation at nearby Fingal Head which re-nourishes the tourist-drawcard beaches of the southern Gold Coast.

But that multi-million-dollar plan went awry as well when too much sand ended up on Kirra, Coolangatta and Rainbow Bay beaches, making them more like a desert landscape and obliterating the world-famous Kirra Point surf break. Both the state governments have battled with that thorny problem for years. Beach erosion is mostly a natural part of the weather cycle and not a 'natural disaster', as some like to call it in order to extract state funding.

Sand replenishment worked temporarily earlier this year when council spent over half a million dollars to restore Kingscliff beach in time for the state surf lifesaving titles held there. It didn't take long for all that sand to disappear and now Tweed ratepayers are wondering when the financial bleeding will stop.

If beachfront cabins have had to be relocated away from the erosion zone, how much longer before the whole van park should be closed down? The park will cost ratepayers dearly if council continues to try to shore it up.

There were no qualms years ago when council closed down the popular Border Park van park at the Jack Evans Harbour foreshore and Kingscliff locals and visitors would probably welcome the beachfront used for passive open recreation. Why throw more millions at it? Do we then move sand pumping operations further south as erosion bites? Where will it all end? Unlike the Border Park facility which was not affected by coastal erosion, the Kingscliff van park really does need closing down, instead of having more money wasted trying to save it.

But the biggest joke on ratepayers is that council, as trustee of these parks, is pushing ahead with an unpopular van park proposal further south at Cabarita: yes, right on the beachfront. Will they ever learn?

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# Abbott spruiks baseless fantasies

Paul Keating sums up Tony Abbott's current political message thus: 'Give me the job or I'll wreck the place.'

Well, it takes one to know one. This was precisely the spirit in which Keating conducted his own campaign to wrest the Labor Party leadership from Bob Hawke in 1991.

He made it clear that he was not going to give up, and unless and until he succeeded he would continue to destabilise the government and deny Hawke any clear air in which to assert his authority.

And eventually the party succumbed; not because they particularly wanted Keating as leader, but because it was the only way to end the impasse.

Most leadership challenges follow a similar path; Hawke's own pursuit of Bill Hayden and John Howard's relentless undermining of Andrew Peacock are obvious examples while Malcolm Turnbull's more gentlemanly removal of Brendan Nelson would probably have gone the same way if Nelson had not effectively given up.

And Abbott's own execution of Turnbull was so speedy only because his backers, led by the ruthless Nick Minchin, made it clear that the alternative was a civil war which would drag on until they got their way.

Seen from outside, these disputes look petty, even childish: the temper tantrums of a spoiled child screaming: 'It's my toy and I can break it if I want to.'

They were of serious, even life-threatening importance to the party, but had little effect on the lives of the general populace.

Abbott, however, has taken the idea to a new and far more dangerous level.

He is now signalling that he is ready and willing to drag the

whole country into recession to achieve his ambition.

Ignoring the scientists, economists, the CSIRO, the federal Treasury, the Productivity Commission and any other rational voices seeking to restore the debate to a sensible level, Abbott continues to barnstorm the country ranting about towns wiped off the map, industries closed down,

erately putting in the boot.

Abbott is, of course, perfectly entitled to oppose the carbon tax and campaign against its introduction.

But he is not entitled to do so by making up totally baseless fantasies with the sole aim of frightening the voters.

Industries are not about to close down; the latest forecast is for the coal industry to

these Treasury forecasts are out by 100 per cent - and the Treasury was just about spot on about the far more disruptive GST - the carbon tax will make very little difference to the domestic economy; it isn't meant to.

It is meant to change spending patterns, not to curtail them. Some things will certainly become more expensive, but as they do, cheaper alternatives will become available - Economics 101.

So far at least Julia Gillard has failed to get this message across due largely to the fact that, as Abbott keeps reminding us, before the election she said there would not be a carbon tax at all; her change of mind since has provoked a backlash of resentment that John Howard's 'non-core' promises never did.

And Abbott is stoking the resentment and thriving on it, and brutally driving down the economy in the process.

There used to be serious strictures on politicians who took this road; the voters punished them for what was seen as putting their own political advantage above that of their country, a stance akin to treason.

That appears not to be happening to Abbott in the present case; his mendacious and short-sighted demagoguery is somehow more acceptable to a jaded electorate than the cause about which they were so enthusiastic less than five years ago.

And if Abbott can indeed induce sufficient fear to force the economy into recession, why, this may be just what he needs to propel him into the Lodge. And then, of course it will all be worthwhile.

As the man said: Treason doth never prosper - here's the reason: When it do prosper, none dare call it treason.

At a time when the economy is vulnerable, the leader of the loyal opposition is quite deliberately putting in the boot.

by Mungo MacCallum



the loss of untold thousands of jobs and the bankrupting of the nation's households - Australia's economy, indeed its entire way of life, reduced to a grim third-world socialism.

And by doing so, he is in grave danger of spruiking a self-fulfilling prophecy, even without the introduction of a carbon tax or any other kind of policy.

Consumer confidence is plummeting and many investment decisions are delayed, not because of fear of a carbon tax but because of the uncertainty induced by Abbott's threat to repeal it.

The housing sector is slipping and retail sales are already in the doldrums.

Obviously Abbott is not to blame for all of the slump; the economic situation in Europe and the United States is contributing to a worldwide reluctance to spend.

But this only makes Abbott's behaviour harder to forgive. At a time when the economy is vulnerable, the leader of the loyal opposition is quite delib-

double in size in spite of the carbon tax. It, like the whole economy, will grow at a marginally slower pace than it might otherwise have.

And the same applies to jobs: overall many more will be created, but not quite as many as without the tax.

Of course, there will be some movement within and between industries, as there always has been; particularly in times of high employment, as we have now and can confidently expect to continue, the Australian work force is a mobile one. But with or without a carbon tax, the prospect has seldom been brighter.

And as for the cost of living: the predicted increase is 0.7 per cent, barely one quarter of that imposed by the GST, and for most people there will be compensation even for that small amount.

The worst off will be a family on \$3,000 a week - yes, a week; these poor souls will be up for just \$10 extra on the weekly household bill.

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# The sky-is-falling-run-for-the-hills-we're-all-ruined tax

■ If you put money into an account to assist your future, it's called investing or saving.

If you borrow money to buy a house to have future residential security, it is a loan but still seen as an investment or a good choice of expenditure.

Yet how can spending money on assisting the efficiency of the natural resource that supplies us everything be called a tax? This is human stupidity at its highest. Calling an investment a cost is just plain idiotic.

The climate changes every day; it's not about climate change, it's about us using our resources more efficiently.

When big business do this, they call it a capital investment or research and development investment because they know it will reap dividends and profits.

Carbon Tax, what crap, it's a Commonsense Community Contribution.

**Dave Burdon**  
Tweed Heads

■ It's ironic that Menkit Prince (Letters, July 14) calls climate science a 'church', given that her view is based on unsubstantiated dogma. She says, 'yes, get rid of polluting coal and oil' but then rubbishes the very mechanism that will get rid of them. By making polluters pay a price that increases over time, our economy will shift from fossil fuels to renewables (because renewables will become comparatively cheaper). It won't 'make us all poorer' as she claims, because we're being compensated. Many of us will be better off.

They aren't 'taxing us for exhaling', they're taxing a few large polluters for burning billions of tonnes of carbon. This carbon has been excluded from the natural cycle for millions of years, and if we burn all of it, it's unlikely our civilisation will survive the ensuing climate catastrophe.

We are already paying for climate change. The number of climate-related natural disasters has more than doubled in the last 30 years, and if we don't make the polluters pay now, we will all have to pay dearly for the damage in the not-too-distant future.

With regards to 'hot spots' see <http://sks.to/hotspot>.

**Yasir Assam**  
Midginbil

■ I have discovered the joys of recycling. It happened when I turned 60 and lived 20 kilometres from town. I hadn't ridden a push-bike for years and it was tough going at first.

But once I pushed beyond the pain and stiffness I discovered the joys of cycling again and I encourage everybody who can to partake of this healthy exercise.

Apart from the fitness angle, cycling is a great time to think. It clears the mind and connects us with nature. We cyclists are also helping our ailing planet by not using nasty, smelly, polluting cars every time we want to go out.

Of course we are still breathing out that nasty carbon gas, but I am working on that, after all we don't want to add to the greenhouse effect by breathing out. Because I do not trust AGW figures I am labelled a global warming denier. Yet I have discovered the joys of the treading, not those powered by engines, but honest to goodness pedal power.

I wonder how many of the global warming alarmists are using push-bikes instead of carbon-coughing horseless carriages. Well, to all global warming alarmists I have this to say. On yer bike.

**Chris Degenhardt**  
Murwillumbah

■ In a June 30 letter Chris Degenhardt covered the gamut from supposed incompleteness of the second law of thermodynamics to '...there is a growing body of scientific evidence that the planet is moving into another ice age,' and asked '...why are so many key politicians and multinational special interest groups indoctrinating us with the dire warning of global warming?' His answer: because '...these people stand to make huge profits from this new economic opportunity.' Huh? Guess he is not familiar with the humungous profits made by the banking and fossil fuel industries that are actually driving the disinformation.

From ice cores covering over 500,000 years we know a lot, including that the climate is very sensitive to small energy inputs (forcings). Transitions between glacial and warm periods were triggered by tiny fractions of a per cent changes in seasonal solar input, due to cyclical variations in the earth's inclination and distance from the sun, amplified by powerful feedbacks that we are now triggering again. Over time changes in snow and ice build up changed the amount of sunlight reflected back into space. As the earth warms the oceans release CO<sub>2</sub>, which being a greenhouse gas causes the earth to retain more of the sun's heat. From the ice cores we know the composition of the atmosphere and the temperature, and from geology we

know the extent of the icecaps. Thus we can work out the difference in forcing between the middle of the last ice age, when the mean global temperature was five degrees cooler, and the present extraglacial: 3.5 watts per square metre, due to the reduced ice sheets, and three watts due to greenhouse gases. Thus we can calculate the climate sensitivity as five degrees per 6.5 watts or about three quarters of a degree per watt. A doubling of CO<sub>2</sub> leads to a climate forcing of four watts, so the sensitivity to a doubling of CO<sub>2</sub> is three degrees. This is not theory, this is empirical.

Our civilisation developed in the unusually stable climate and sea level that has existed since the last ice age, but we have already increased CO<sub>2</sub> by 40 per cent since preindustrial times, and the earth is obviously warming. In fact business as usual is guaranteed to double CO<sub>2</sub> and bring us three degrees, possibly substantially more, of warming this century.

So where is our climate heading? Certainly not to an ice age as claimed by Chris. The net human-caused forcing is already 1.5 watts per square metre, between 10 and 1,000 times larger than variations in solar forcing or other natural forcings. Over the entire surface the human-caused increase in energy input to the earth is 750 terawatts, the equivalent of the heat release from several major hurricanes running all year every year! Humans are now incontrovertibly in control of the climate, but scientists fear our control will be very short lived – as little as just the next few years they warn!

The past climate record shows that in a warmer world additional feedbacks come into play, such as release of methane ice from below shallow seas that can kick in runaway climate change completely beyond our ability to claw back.

The last time the earth was 2-3 degrees warmer than today, three million years ago, the ocean was 25 metres higher, taking away the land now occupied by one billion people. The danger can be much worse: scientists estimate the carrying capacity of a four degrees warmer world this century is less than one billion people!

So to answer Chris's question: most climate scientists, but a small minority of politicians, are issuing dire warnings because... well... what's coming in our children's time is dire. Is this gloom and doom? No! This is reality! What will doom us is the gloomy and

defeatist outlook, stemming from the distorted self-interest of business as usual, combined with the denialist ideologies of their apologists. In fact we have everything we need, if we can inspire courage and generosity of spirit, to save our butts by rapidly deploying a low carbon emission economy while creating fuller employment, and a safer and happier world.

**Paul Taylor, PhD**  
(emailed from Germany)

■ If we don't get climate change sorted, there really is no other question that is going to be so overwhelming in terms of the conflicts, the struggle for resources, the climate refugees and the wars, which will ensue, as well as wondrous local iconic areas like our Great Barrier Reef under attack from increased ocean acidification.

We have to face this new reality. We need to stop making false choices. It's not about whether we can afford to deal with this because of the effect on the economy because there won't be any economy. We have already gone so far beyond what the overwhelming majority of scientists say (350 parts per million) is a sustainable level in which Earth can continue to produce food, water and a healthy environment.

So I applaud the ALP, the Greens and Independents for the Carbon Tax and the plan for a comprehensive clean energy policy. The Gillard government has established Australia, the highest per capita carbon-emitting country in the developed world, as a much-needed international leader in the effort to address climate change. Our government is embracing the carbon-reduction plan as a way to stimulate the economy and keep Australia competitive.

It is designed to protect consumers and ensure a smooth transition for industry. Gillard's proposal includes targeted tax cuts and rebates for consumers drawn from the revenue generated by the carbon price, ensuring that the average Australian does not suffer if busi-

nesses pass on their costs.

I was very pleased to hear Bob Brown last Saturday addressing a press conference in Brisbane, applauding Julia Gillard for her great negotiating skills and saying that she was a person who kept her word. The government has taken bold steps in the effort to combat climate change in the face of a contentious political environment and powerful special interests.

As the world's biggest exporter of coal, Australia is not lacking in well-funded climate deniers. For example, the Institute of Public Affairs, which is funded by major mining and oil companies in Australia, funds and enables fringe climate change sceptics.

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### Koala recovery plan

The launch of Tweed Shire Council's Koala Connect project funded by the NSW Government Environment Trust might encourage Tweed Shire Council to new action.

The Tweed community will continue to insist on a Cobaki recovery plan and a connecting koala habitat corridor, linking Queensland's Currumbin Valley/Elanora koala management plan to the Cobaki area. Tweed Shire Council in its 2010 submission to NSW Planning failed to mention the following koala 'connection' corridors: the Gold Coast City priority linkage - Currumbin to Cobaki (Tweed Shire) bioregional corridor on the McPherson Range and the Gold Coast Currumbin Valley koala rehabilitation plan.

While council's submission was that a SEPP 44 koala plan of management was necessary for the Cobaki Lakes development, NSW Planning made no provision to save the Cobaki koala, when allowing the Cobaki Lakes Concept Plan. The Cobaki Lakes developer has allowed koala habitat, when his consultant stated, 'Revegetation works on the subject site will result in a long-term net gain of approximately 85.47ha of suitable forage and/or corridor habitat for the koala.'

It is now incumbent upon Tweed councillors to provide hope for Cobaki/Currumbin Valley's koalas with a Cobaki koala habitat corridor and a recovery plan.

**Richard W Murray**  
Tweed Heads Environment Group Inc.

### Opportunities missed

I read, with inspiration and unfounded optimism, Katie Milne's letter to the editor on June 23. It is of course reinforcement of the overwhelming community feedback expressed late last year during the Tweed Community Engagement Strategy.

So why then is the same sentiment not expressed/reflected in our Tweed Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan 2011-2021, despite guiding principles of social justice, eco-

economic resilience and sustainability (p10). If it were, then we should not be hearing more talk of coal-seam gas mining and exploration licences for the area. We should not be hearing more talk by Lismore MP Thomas George supporting a Byrrill Creek dam and unsustainable growth and development.

Why is it that motions put at council meetings regarding environment and sustainability issues, eg biodiversity study, climate action, planning

continent where land or water could be contaminated.

'Full safety measures will be in place with constant monitoring and supervision' - ha, ha.

Just check out their current track record. Murphy rules - you better believe it.

**David Lintern**  
Uki

### CSG questions

With regard to the recent media release by the minister for resources and energy, Chris

## Goodbye, old girl

Well, there's fishermen and there's fishermen.

You know the feeling you get when you recognise a name in the eulogy column? I didn't till I turned to the sports page last week.

I recognised the big flathead straight away. I caught her about a month ago; she dragged my kayak up and down Mooball Creek and made my day. When she was safely beside the yak I cursed myself for forgetting the camera, but not for one second did I contemplate killing such a beautiful creature.

A flathead of this size is (as any akubra-wearing fisherman should know) certainly a breeding female, and this one has kept our river populated with tasty fish for many

a year and still had a few more in her. But now she's dead.

A flathead of this size goes on the palate like old boots and I can't help hoping Vic Renz from Beaudesert had a little tummy ache that night.

If you're going to take home a fish, at least do a little research and don't go killing the big breeders just so you can brag about it. My mates believed me. Goodbye, old girl.

**Kenny Grierson**  
Cabarita Beach

■ Several other local fishermen wrote expressing their disgust at our photo. *The Echo* apologises for publishing it; we do not condone irresponsible fishing and we should have known better - Ed.

and development reforms, are voted down nearly every time? Let us find inspiration and optimism by working together to recognise and address the challenges before us, but more significantly realising the collective opportunities that exist.

**Steve Tate**  
Stokers Siding

### Murphy's Law

Over the last 50 of my 70-odd years on this planet I have learned the greatest possible respect for Murphy's Law: 'Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.'

It is poetic in its simplicity and transcends most other complex efforts to predict outcomes on any subject.

Even the technological wonders of NASA have at times fallen to Murphy's Law.

So are we supposed to believe that mining companies, their engineers, politicians - just anyone - is able to resist or avoid this awesome law of human nature?

Somewhere Murphy will be laughing uncontrollably at statements like 'world best practice' and 'industry best practice'.

Put Murphy's Law alongside Nichols's Fourth Law, 'Avoid any action with an unacceptable outcome,' and you have all you could ever need to know about the sheer stupidity of allowing coal-seam gas mining of any sort in any part of any

Hartcher. I congratulate his intention to consult with communities prior to determining the status of an exploration licence application, so we wait for this to happen in the Tweed.

The minister speaks of balancing the rights of landowners and miners' expectations, but will the party with the best (most expensive) lawyer win the day? Who will decide the outcome when the ultimate 'public good' is largely a subjective measure?

Will miners' wishes or claims override a local council's properly researched and logical decision to ban coal-seam gas (CSG) mining? What if this is on state or Crown land - for example, where public water supplies are at risk of being contaminated? In some cases, the oft-mentioned remediation requirement may simply not be practical or possible.

Further clarification of these issues is needed, regardless of the media 'noise' dominating the carbon tax.

In addition, the issue of mining companies, not government, choosing consultants to conduct environmental or other surveys such as community consultation, to my knowledge, has not been resolved. We feel that details such as these need attention to ensure the minister's stated intentions achieve an equitable outcome as consultants can skew results to

please their paymasters. Such action would help restore confidence in government achieving an unbiased result if consultants were randomly chosen.

We are pleased to see ministers voicing sentiments to prevent big business trampling on people's rights, but what we need now is legislative action as the public is sick of hearing so-called 'motherhood' statements and spin.

Also, we will be carefully watching the outcome to any farmers in the Bellata area being confronted with compulsory arbitration by CSG miners. Will they, in essence, be forced to sell out or just leave their land and homes? Likewise the possible intrusion of CSG mining to the fertile black-soil plains of the Moree Shire.

We wonder what plans large multinational mining companies have for our area?

**Phil Latz**  
Stokers Siding

### In your dreams, council

Tweed Shire Council's determination to barge ahead with their proposal for an upmarket, tourist accommodation park (not an affordable-family-holiday caravan park as some seem to believe) on south Cabarita Beach reminds me of a melding of *The Field of Dreams* and a cargo cult.

Firstly, despite an overwhelming 90 per cent objection rate of submissions received, and a rapidly disappearing Kingscliff beachside caravan park, and a dropping in tourist numbers, they insist on pushing the 'build it and they will come' notion. All well and good in a fairytale movie, but equally as unbelievable. They then further insist that this tourist park/resort will bring us immense wealth and prosperity.

This myth is not prosperous, but preposterous!

Presently the Hideaway Motel at Cabarita Beach is in the hands of the liquidators. Cabarita Beach Motel is no more. Our last cargo-cult saviours, Resort Corp, have gone 'belly up', leaving the resort management rights to be recently on-sold by the administrators. The pub has been sold, and most of the unsold accommodation and commercial units have been resumed by one of the lenders. In fact, the occupancy rate of tourist accommodation on the whole Tweed Coast is about 40 per cent (TEDC).

Then along come the great white gods of all things economic (our council) promising us a lifeline, a boom, prosperity beyond our wildest dreams. Well, I am here to tell you, they are not the messiah. They are just naughty boys and girls (apologies to Monty Python... a more credible business consultant).

**Tim Smerd**  
Bogangar

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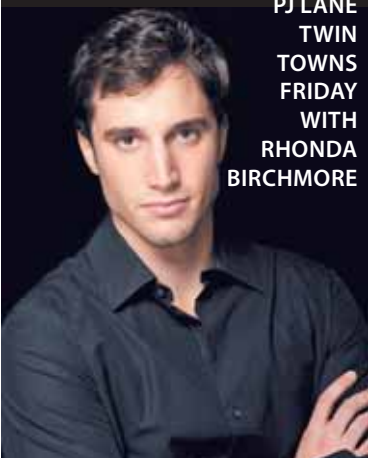
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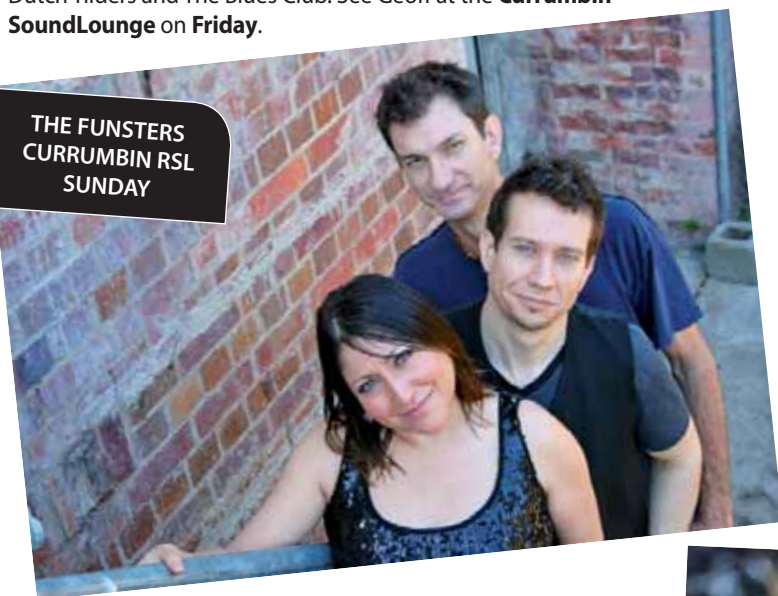
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## Live entertainment

### It's Blues Jim, but not as we know it

**Geoff Achison** has a reputation as a formidable acoustic and electric guitarist, a capable vocalist and a composer of good, funky songs without the clichés. 'It's Blues Jim but not as we know it'. Having taught himself to play in the isolation of rural Australia, he has developed a blues/funk style all his own that can be delicate one moment and explosive the next. Unaware of how the sounds he was hearing on his limited record collection were produced, he invented some of his own techniques – without the aid of pedals or gadgets. As a result, watching this guy wrench sounds from his simple set-up can be something of a spectacle. Geoff also possesses a soulful voice that has evoked favourable comparisons to Joe Cocker or Warren Haynes. An award-winning songwriter to boot, Geoff's live set features an infectious mix of catchy original tunes, improvised jamming and inspired versions of blues and soul classics. He has toured regularly around the globe and won honours on three continents. Years of touring, recording and performing have seen him share stages and open shows with such high-calibre artists as Jorma Kaukonen & Hot Tuna, John Mayall, Clarence 'Gatemouth' Brown, Hubert Sumlin, Levon Helm and Delbert McClinton as well as top Aussies 'Dutch' Tilders, Phil Manning, Jeff Lang and Tommy Emmanuel. Growing up in the small town of Malmsbury, Geoff somehow developed a passion for American blues music and taught himself to play on a beat-up instrument he discovered 'under the stairs' of the family home. In his early 20s he found employment as lead guitarist with Melbourne's top blues band Dutch Tilders and The Blues Club. See Geoff at the **Curumbin SoundLounge on Friday**.



THE FUNSTERS  
 CURRUMBIN RSL  
 SUNDAY

### She's got legs and knows how to use them

**Rhonda Burchmore** celebrates 2011 with her brand-new show, **Legs 11**. This ageless icon of the entertainment industry combines her sensuality, comedy and phenomenal vocal talents in this chronological tale of her life that includes working with showbiz legends, stars, politicians and royalty. Her show features the music from her own 'leading lady' roles and smash hits songs that are significant in her entertaining journey.

From *Birth of the Blues*, *To Sir With Love*, and *Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend* to *Dancing Queen*, Rhonda will pack the show with memorable moments, lots of laughs, a few tears, stunning gowns and sheer entertainment. **PJ Lane**, son of legendary Don Lane, will be Rhonda's special guest and he will perform a few of his own favourite songs, plus a couple of his father's, delivered with bucket loads of chutzpah. **Friday Twin Towns**.

### Doc Span

A melting pot of remarkable sounds, stories, emotional great playing, inspiring lyrics and groove-focused tracks, *Something For The Pain* and *The Treatment* are a cross-continental recording project produced at Matthew Cang's Somerset studio in the UK and partly recorded and written on Doc's back porch on a lap-



LIL' FI AND BILL JACOBI  
 SPHINX ROCK CAFE  
 SUNDAY

top. Originally released as *Spantronics* in Australia, both records were released in the UK in 2006 and 2007 and distributed by MGM worldwide.

**Doc Span** is renowned for his unique smokey voice, expressive tone, soulful dynamics and exciting stage presence. His style is drawn from a personal pilgrimage through the blues with years of jamming with many of Chicago's blues greats while a paramedic at the notorious Cook County jail, hence the *Doc*. Doc's influences include, but aren't limited to: Muddy Waters, Jimi Hendrix, Howlin' Wolf, JJ Cale, Little Feat, Little Walter, James Brown and Big Walter Horton.

Matthew is a soulful musician, multi-instrumentalist, producer, engineer and composer. His annual visits to Australia fostered an exciting musical partnership with Doc Span. A professional guitarist since the age of 17, Matthew played and recorded across Europe with the Sensational Alex Harvey Band and ran prestigious recording studios in London before settling into writing and recording his own material from 'the castle' in south-west Britain.

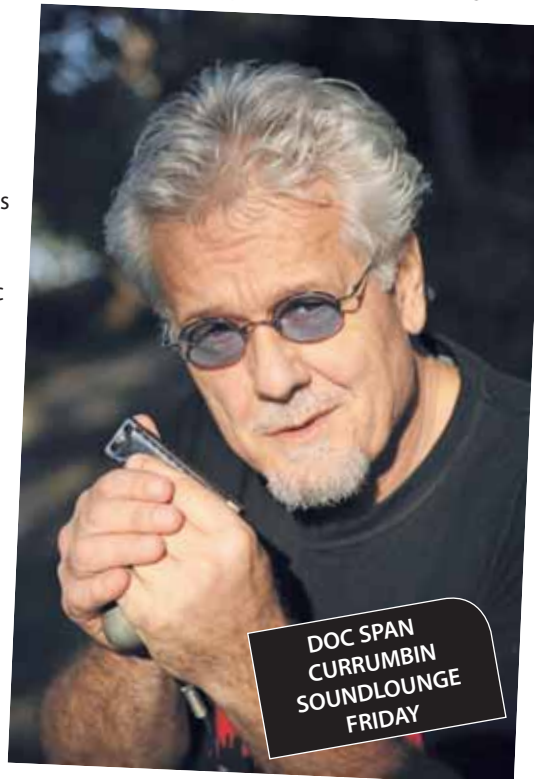
Doc performs and records original and traditional blues with Doc Span Blues.

He also performs, in acoustic format, Delta Blues. Go see the Doc at the **Curumbin SoundLounge Friday**.

### High-energy rock

**Wasabi** are a high-energy rock show that has been playing around south-east Queensland for the past two years building a fan base and reputation as one of south-east Queensland's best live bands.

With a fully computer-operated light show, high-quality sound, and an engaging and entertaining performance every time, Wasabi are more than just a covers band; it's a rock show aimed at keeping the dance floor busy from start to finish. The members of Wasabi are seasoned musicians playing all around Australia and internationally including such venues as Conrad Jupiters, Twin Towns, Treasury Casino, The Shangri-la Hotel Bangkok and Narwana Beach resort Bin Tan Island, Indonesia and performances covered by Australian radio and television. Wasabi play a great mix of



DOC SPAN  
 CURRUMBIN  
 SOUNDLOUNGE  
 FRIDAY

# Soap Box

Mandy Nolan OFF YOUR FACEBOOK



THE OTHER NIGHT I was driving back from a gig when I caught the tail end of a program on ABC radio. A gentleman, whose name escapes me but was clearly an expert in his field, was warning listeners about revealing too much private information about themselves on Facebook. Facebook and all its narcissistic 'tell me about yourself' seductions has created a golden age for internet scammers who now have access to our most private information. And we have offered it willingly, posted on our home pages for all to see. 'Hey here's a pic of me in my bra and undies'. 'Here I am on a pony.' Oh and in case you want to see more of me, here's a whole bloody album! No-one wants to look at other people's albums, particularly when all the photos are of you. Unless it's your stalker. We lock our houses, we have car alarms, but we put out our private information for the world to see. For instance, on the average Facebook we have our name, our date of birth, our marital status; we often have pictures of our kids and their names. We have pictures of our pets. We state the town where we live. These are just the clues your aspiring scammer needs to decode the passwords to your bank accounts, internet accounts, phone accounts etc. You see most people use their children or pets as password names. It's not hard to fish around and find out your parent's names... and let's face it, every single idiot out there wants a trillion people saying Happy Birthday - so everyone's super-keen to reveal their birthdate. The Facebook critic went on to say 'when you get something for free you have to assume that you are the product'. It was chilling. So this giant cybersnake called the internet that brings me social networking opportunities is actually using me? Facebook is just a giant data hoover to sell advertising. Our mindless chat may appear meaningless and inconsequential, but it's highly valuable to those who might be interested in demographic behaviour. We're complicit to a constant social survey about our values, our lifestyle choices and our general behaviour. And if that's not bad enough, Facebook has eaten my

daughters. Whole. Most of the negative media about FB for teenagers has been about bullying or paedophiles. WeirDOS pretending to be 14 but actually being some creepy predator who meets you at the train station then dismembers you. Maybe instead of suggested friends they could create a section dedicated to suggested predators. How about 'Stalker of the week'. Over the school holidays my daughters were denied access to their Facebook accounts for about four days. It was like watching a heroin addict in severe withdrawal. They were listless. They lay in their beds. They became aggressive. They made threats. They cried. Then they started begging to use my step-dad's computer. They bargained. They slammed the door. They didn't shower. They wandered around a house full of humans declaring 'this is so fucking boring there's no one to talk to'. Their eyes had that same hollow stare of the alienated and disconnected. Facebook Zombies. You see if you aren't on Facebook posting photos of yourself receiving comments like 'oh my god you are so hot' then you don't exist. If you're not hot you're just not. I notice on my own Facebook account there are adults addicted to posting virtually every thought they have throughout the day for approval and recognition by their cyber-peers. But they're adults. They can manage the soul-snatching implications of thinking that you have just engaged in a real human exchange. On FB it's far easier to be crueler, to be more provocative, to have an apparently bulletproof persona. But this is just what I call cyber-puffing. The other word I like to use is 'dickheading'. I've read my kid's Facebook raves and the postings from their friends. Every parent should have a look. It's shocking. Even the nicest kids are morons. I want my children back. The ones with real personalities who could have a conversation. The ones who watched a movie with me. The ones who told me I was wrecking their lives. Instead I've got wide-eyed ghouls who feed their souls into the portal they call Facebook. The internet screen has become the virtual pond that young Narcissus died staring into.



classic to modern rock covers that you sing, dance and drink to, giving a polished and genuine performance always because they love what they do - entertaining. After they rocked the house down at **Currumbin RSL** on Anzac Day, the club has asked Wasabi to return this **Saturday**.

## You just can't have too much fun

**The Funsters** are a trio with members Greg Powell (vocals and guitar), Rose Powell (vocals and guitar) and Tom Schache (percussionist). With many years of experience between them such as talent shows and big bands, to studio session work and performances with Grace Knight, Ron Kenoly, Darlene Zschech and Latin Connection, at the Woodford Folk Festival and 2000 Olympic Games Celebrations, **The Funsters** will definitely get the party started! Check out **The Funsters** at the **Currumbin RSL** on **Sunday**.

## What's in a name?

**No Use For A Name** are touring Australia and NZ this July and August, bringing their storied reputation of debaucherous awesomeness that spans nine albums, five continents and a lineup more ready to shred punk rock songs than almost any other lineup in the history of not only Nufan, but dare we say it: the entire history of the galaxy. No, fer real. Check it: New axe-master Chris Rest from Lagwagon and bad-ass drummer Boz Rivera from the Mad Caddies join Tony Sly, who's pretty much approaching legend status. And as if that still isn't enough of an upgrade, Tony went whole hog on bassist Matt Riddle and put him into the hospital where he made him die several times, lose 70 pounds, get rid of his 'diva-like' gallbladder and ultimately emerge lean, mean and full of that brand-new angst that only getting a seven-figure hospital bill can provide. It's backwards, faster, tighter, more technical, thinner, and less drunk, and the end results are the dawn of a new and exciting era from a band of legends, all with fresh perspective and a bunch of new reasons to turn up the flame under the **No Use For A Name** kettle. **Coolangatta Hotel Sunday**.

## Serving up your Green Eggs and Ham

The Dr Seuss books are the source of inspiration for this musical journey with **Lil' Fi and Bill Jacobi**. Lil' Fi is a busy woman. Her performance schedule demands enormous talent and she has oodles to give. Because Lil' Fi views every performance as an emanation from her lounge room she draws her audiences into a delightful web of storytelling and music. Her empowering lyrics and naturally irreverent character make people feel fantastic. Renowned Australia wide as the 'blues singer with an Australian twang' she is a true blues diva. Over the last 15 years Lil' Fi has forged an impressive career as a singer/songwriter. Her credits include five awards for best female blues vocalist, a library of independent and compilation albums and as a much-loved Woodford Folk Festival performer. Bill Jacobi considers himself as one of the luckiest people alive. Now living in Uki he is following a solo career as well as co-performing in Method with Frank Corby (Bondi Cigars). Jacobi's career includes playing with Floyd Vincent and the Child Brides, the Shane Howard Band, Neil Murray and the Rainmakers. He supported Midnight Oil on their *Blue Sky Mining* circuit; he played on the Warumpi Band *No Humbug* album. His touring has taken him around Europe many



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ANDREA SOLER BAND  
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times: he has played countless gigs up and down the coast of Australia. Lil' Fi and Bill Jacobi will be serving Green Eggs and Ham at the **Sphinx Rock Café**. Bring the family and settle in for an afternoon of extreme talent on **Sunday**.

### A July Christmas with Carlotta

**Carlotta** has been a part of the Australian and international entertainment scene for many years. She was the star and producer of the famous Les Girls back in the sixties, which ran for many successful years in the famous King's Cross. She also performs with special guest star, the famous five-time Mo Award winner, Monique St John from Simone and Monique's Playgirls. **Twin Towns Tuesday**.

# THEATRE

## Scarlett O'Hara at the Crimson Parrot

Murwillumbah Theatre Company has chosen a David Williamson play for their latest production. **Scarlett O'Hara at the Crimson Parrot** is about dreams, romance and the magic of the unexpected. The main character, Scarlett O'Hara, is a forty-something incompetent, accident-prone waitress, who lives with her bullying, manipulative mother. Scarlett's brain teems with the characters, situations and dialogue from the movies she loves and consumes like popcorn. But while she is off in la-la land, she may just be missing something magical and exciting



WASABI CURRUMBIN RSL SATURDAY

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# Gig Guide



### THURSDAY 21

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 6PM **PAUL ANTHONY**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **DARRYL KIERNAN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **ARCHIE RYE DUO**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM **VEENIE'S - HOTSHOTZ**

### FRIDAY 22

- BILAMBIL SPORTS CLUB 8PM **WISHING WELL**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30 **INDER**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **STEVE CUMMINS AND THE BARSTUDS**
- CONDONG BOWLS CLUB **IRISH TRIO AND THE DREAMERS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9.30PM **BLIND LEMON**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB 7PM **PAUL MULQUEEN**
- CURRUMBIN SOUNDLOUNGE 7.30PM **GEOFF ACHISON WITH DOC SPAN**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **TWO R MORE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **HIGH NOON**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- MARTY'S @ CABA, CABARITA BEACH 7PM **AARON BISHOP**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **DENNIS DEAN**
- PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA 8PM **KHAN BAND**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **DENNIS CUTHEN**

- SALTBAR KINGSCLIFF **DARREN MARLOW**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB NOON **BOB MILDREN**
- 7.30PM **SWITCH**
- TWIN TOWNS 8.30PM **RHONDA BURCHMORE LEGS 11 WITH PJ LANE**
- UKI HALL 7.30PM **IN THE PRESENCE OF GONGS**

### SATURDAY 23

- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 7.30PM **TWO R MORE**
- CHINDERA TAVERN 3PM **MR TROY**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **RETROACTIVE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9.30PM **ALTAR EGOS & DJ MIKE LIFTIN**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 7PM **WASABI**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **RICHARD BRENT**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MANTRA**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM **MARTIN WAY**
- PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA 8PM **DJ ALFIE ROMEO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF **FOSSIL ROCK**
- SEAGULLS LAKEVIEW LOUNGE 8PM **THE STREET**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **THE AUSTRALIAN BEACH BOYS**
- TWIN TOWNS 8.30PM **FOREVER ROD WITH DAVE BATTAH & ASHLEIGH TOOLE**

### SUNDAY 24

- BABALOU, KINGSCLIFF HOTEL, 3.30PM **ANDREA SOLER BAND**
- BURLEIGH BEARS LEAGUES CLUB 2.30PM **SHANE TEINAKI**
- CORONATION PARK, THE CHANNON **OPERA IN THE PARK**
- CHINDERA TAVERN **DARREN MARLOW**
- CLUB BANORA 11.30AM **LYNNE HYNES** 12.30PM **GLENN BRACE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 3PM **DAN ENGLAND** 8PM **NO USE FOR A NAME**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 4PM **HAVE-A-GO-KARAOKE**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 6PM 3PM **PAUL ATKINS**
- MARTY'S AT CABA, CABARITA BEACH 1.30PM **CABALEROS**
- NEVERLAND COOLANGATTA **EASY SUNDAYS**
- PATCH LOUNGE COOLANGATTA 3.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 4PM **LEITH STUART**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE MT BURRELL 1PM **LIL' FI AND BILL JACOBI**
- SURFERS BEER GARDEN **SUNDAY SESSIONS**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 5PM **DAVE CLAYTON**

### MONDAY 25

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 12 NOON **SHANE TEINAKI**

- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **SHANE TEINAKI**

### TUESDAY 26

- CUDGEN LEAGUES CLUB NOON **JAYNE HENRY**
- MARTY'S AT CABA CABARITA BEACH 7PM **JAM NIGHT WITH ANNETTE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **CRAIG SHAW**
- TWIN TOWNS 11AM **CARLOTTA'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY WITH MONIQUE ST JOHN**

### WEDNESDAY 27

- BABALOU 7PM **SPANISH DANCE NIGHT**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **ANTHONY CLASSEN**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **ROY DANIELS**

### THURSDAY 28

- CLUB BANORA 6PM **BUD MANTHEY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **ARCHIE RYE DUO**
- CUDGEN LEAGUES 6PM **GLENN BRACE**
- KIRRA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **PHIL EIZENBERG'S OPEN MIKE NITE**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6PM **VEENIE'S - SWIZZLE**
- TWIN TOWNS 11AM **TONY FENELON**

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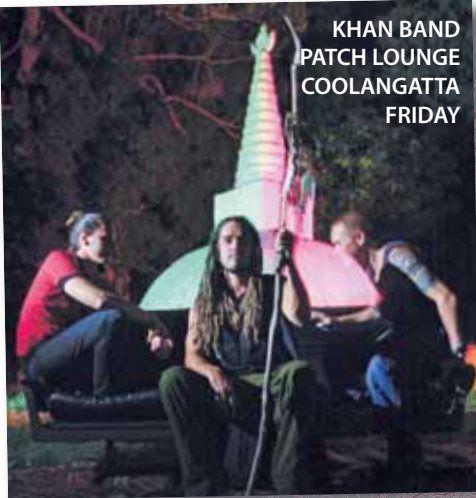


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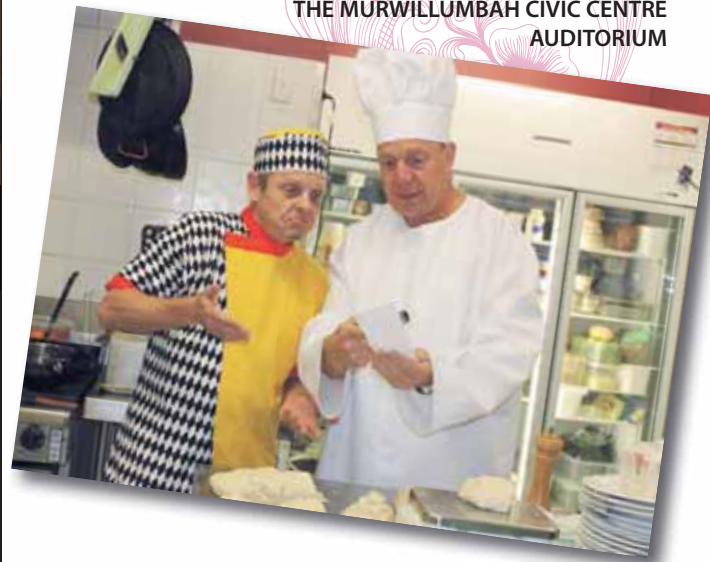
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3. Australian flick **Panic At Rock Island** premieres (NBN, Sunday, 8:30pm). Festival goers are trapped in Sydney Harbour with a deadly virus – vomiting ensues. Spiderbait provides some of the music.



FRIDAY 22

ABC 1	ABC NEWS 24	SBS 2	7.00	7.00	7.30	8.30	9.30	10.00	11.00	
4.00 The Bill (M) 5.00 Can We Help? 5.30 The New Inventors 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.30 Business Today 10.00 Human Journey 11.00 Catalyst 11.30 One Plus One 12.00 Middy Report 12.30 Midsomer Murders 2.10 World's Greenest Homes 3.00 Kids' Programs	4.00 ABC News 4.05 The Quarters 4.20 The Drum 5.00 ABC News 5.15 The Quarters 5.30 Newsline 6.00 ABC News Breakfast 9.00 ABC News 9.30 Business Today 10.00 ABC News 12.30 Newsline 1.00 ABC News 2.30 One Plus One 3.00 Afternoon Live 5.30 Capital Hill 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 10.05 The Drum 10.45 The Quarters 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Capital Hill 12.00 ABC News 12.20 Lateline 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Contact Sport 2.00 BBC World News 2.30 The World This Week 3.00 Lateline 3.40 The Quarters	5.00 Weatherwatch 6.00 World News 6.00 Global Village 6.30 Come Dine With Me 7.30 New York 8.30 Tour de France Highlights 9.00 Movie: Little Red Flowers (M 2006) Chinese drama 10.35 Movie: Confessions Of Pain (MAV 2006) Cantonese thriller 12.35 Weatherwatch	7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond 7.30 The Glee Project 8.30 Britain's Next Top Model 9.30 Sex And The City (M) 10.40 The Late Late Show 11.30 Cheers 12.00 Roseanne 12.30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 1.00 The King Of Queens 1.30 Happy Days 2.00 The Love Boat 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 4.00 Touched By An Angel 5.00 7th Heaven	7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Better Homes And Gardens 8.30 Ghost Whisperer (M) 10.30 AFL Premiership Season St Kilda v Adelaide 2.50 Home Shopping	7.30 Pimp My Ride 8.30 My Name Is Earl 9.30 Movie: Sin City (AV 2005) US action. Stars Mickey Rourke 12.00 Malcolm And Eddie 12.30 Newsradio 1.00 Six Million Dollar Man 2.00 Quantum Leap 3.00 Quincy ME 4.00 Hercules 5.00 Adam 12 5.30 Home Shopping	12.00 Malcolms	6.00 Time Team 7.00 ABC News 7.30 7.30 8.00 Collectors 8.30 Silent Witness (M) 9.30 Hustle 10.30 Lateline 11.15 Beautiful People (M) 11.45 rage (MA)	6.00 Kids' Programs 7.00 Spicks And Specks 7.30 Last Chance To See Kakapo 8.30 Sanctuary (M) 9.15 Riese (M) 9.30 The Tudors (M) 10.30 Crownies (M) 11.30 Cold Feet (M) 12.00 Code Geass (M) 12.45 Important Things 1.10 The Office 1.40 Close	6.00 ABC News 6.05 The Quarters 6.20 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 10.05 The Drum 10.45 The Quarters 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Capital Hill 12.00 ABC News 12.20 Lateline 1.00 BBC News 1.30 Contact Sport 2.00 BBC World News 2.30 The World This Week 3.00 Lateline 3.40 The Quarters	6.05am to 5.35pm Kids' Programs 6.00 Rated A For Awesome 6.15 Almost Naked Animals 6.25 Horrible Histories 7.10 Star Wars 7.35 The Assistants 8.00 Stay Tuned 8.30 Degraasi: The Next Generation 9.00 Close

SATURDAY 23

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5.00 rage (PG) 11.00 Big Chef Takes On Little Chef 12.00 Collectors 12.30 Australian Story 1.00 Foreign Correspondent 1.30 Two In The Top End 2.00 Trekking In Papua 2.25 Space Odyssey 3.00 Shute Shield Rugby Union LIVE – Manly v Eastern Suburbs 5.00 Moama International Bowls 6.00 James Martin's Champagne 6.30 Gardening Australia 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Kingdom 8.30 Marchlands 9.20 Rake (M) 10.15 Doctor Who 11.05 rage (MA)	4.00 ABC News 4.05 The Quarters 4.15 The Drum 5.00 Q&A 6.00 7.30 Behind The News 7.00 ABC News 7.30 Contact Sport 8.00 ABC News 8.45 The Quarters 9.00 ABC News 9.45 The Quarters 10.00 ABC News 10.30 7.30 11.00 ABC News 11.30 7.30 12.00 ABC News 12.30 7.30 Select 1.00 Big Ideas 2.00 ABC News 2.30 7.30 3.00 ABC News 3.30 Foreign Correspondent 4.00 ABC News 4.30 Behind The News 5.00 ABC News 5.30 One Plus One 6.00 ABC News 6.30 Australian Story 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The World This Week 8.00 Four Corners 8.45 The Quarters 9.30 State To State 10.00 ABC News 10.30 7.30 Select 11.00 ABC News 11.30 Foreign Correspondent 12.00 Big Ideas 1.00 One Plus One 1.30 7.30 2.00 BBC World News 2.30 7.30 3.00 BBC World News 3.30 7.30	5.00 Weatherwatch 5.05 World News 7.30 Tour de France Update 7.45 World News 1.00 Opera: Il Trovatore 3.30 In Their Own Words: British Novelists 4.30 Newshour 5.30 Food Sarari: Thai 6.00 Tour de France Highlights 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Engineering Connections 8.30 Iron Chef 9.20 RockWiz (M) 10.00 Tour de France LIVE – Grenoble 2.00 Weatherwatch	6.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 Hit List TV 12.00 Landed Music 12.30 Hit Rater. Com 1.00 Infomercial 1.30 Hook Line & Sinker 2.00 AFL Premiership Season LIVE – Sydney v Western Bulldogs 5.00 Ten News 5.30 Jamie's Thirty Minute Meals 6.00 Ten News 6.30 Expedition Impossible 7.30 Talkin' 'bout Your Generation 8.40 Movie: Mission Impossible II (M 2000) US action. Stars Tom Cruise 11.10 AFL Premiership Season: Essendon v Carlton 1.40 Infomercials 4.00 Religion	6.00 NASCAR Sprint Cup 9.00 This Week In Baseball 9.30 Australian Superboat Championship 10.00 Pro Bull Riding 11.00 World Of Free Sports 11.30 Drive 12.00 World Championship Triathlon: Hamburg 1.00 WWE Experience 2.00 World Championship Swimming 3.00 Extreme Dreams 3.30 World Championship Swimming 5.00 Australian Tarmac Rally: Adelaide Hills 6.00 Fish 6.30 WWE Experience 7.30 Everest: Beyond The Limit 8.30 An Idiot Abroad (M) 9.30 Formula 1 Qualifying LIVE – Germany 11.10 The Ultimate Fighter (M) 1.30 Omnispot 2.00 Rally World 3.00 NASCAR Nationwide Series 4.00 OneAsia Tour Golf 5.00 ATP World Tour Tennis 5.30 FA Cup Classic	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 The Morning Show 11.30 Seven News 12.00 Movie: The Net 2.0 (M 2006) US action. Stars Nikki Deloach 2.00 Dr Oz 3.00 Last Chance Surgery 3.30 Kids' Programs 4.30 Seven News 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News	6.00 Kids' Programs 9.00 Better Homes And Gardens 10.00 The Great Outdoors 11.00 Queensland Weekender 11.30 Out Of The Blue 12.00 A House In Spain 12.30 Passport To The Sun 1.00 Weekend Kitchen 5.00 Great Australian Doorstep 5.30 Man About The House 6.00 Mind Your Language 6.30 Born And Bred 7.30 Heartbeat 8.40 Inspector Morse (M) 11.00 That's My Boy 11.30 Please Sir 12.00 Minder 1.00 Medical Rookies 1.30 Passport To The Sun 2.00 Man About The House 2.30 Leyland Brothers World 3.30 Weekend Kitchen	6.00 Six Million Dollar Man 7.00 The Virginian 8.30 Adam 12 9.00 NBC Today 11.00 Quantum Leap 12.00 Quincy ME 1.00 The Rockford Files 2.00 Malcolm And Eddie 2.30 Newsradio 3.00 Xena 4.00 Hercules 5.00 The Drew Carey Show 5.30 According To Jim 6.30 My Wife And Kids 7.00 That '70s Show	6.00 Kids' Programs 10.30 Entertainment Tonight 11.00 TMZ 11.30 Married With Children 12.00 Here's Lucy 12.30 Spin City 1.00 The Hills 2.00 Dukes Of Hazzard 3.00 Just Shoot Me 3.30 Kids' Programs 6.00 Movie: Stuart Little (G 1999) US comedy. Stars	6.00 Today 9.00 Alive & Cooking 9.30 The Zoo 10.00 Friends 11.00 Murder, She Wrote 12.00 Movie: Some People (G 1962) UK comedy. Stars Kenneth More 2.30 RPA 3.00 McLeod's Daughters 4.00 The Block 5.00 The Golden Girls 6.00 Friends 7.00 The Zoo 7.30 Top Design 8.30 Movie: About Schmidt (M 2002) US comedy. Stars Jack Nicholson 11.10 Conan (M) 12.10 Psychic TV 1.40 Movie: Wild Rovers (M 1971) Western. Stars William Holden 4.10 Movie: Not Now, Comrade (PG 1976) UK comedy. Stars Leslie Phillips

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**WITH LILITH**

This week's Cancerian transits highlight what's being held onto from our past – memories, attitudes or beliefs that need kissing goodbye so we can move on...

**ARIES:** Remember how you hate being pressured? Then hold that thought if you start getting too insistent with others. It isn't in your best interests to be too trusting either, so be wary of volunteering personal information because hidden agendas are in the ascendancy this week.

**TAURUS:** This week's energetic holding pattern suits the Tauran temperament just fine, allowing you to process present deep planetary changes at your own organic pace. The trick with navigating transitions gracefully is not waiting till the last possible moment when things are painful to make your move.

**GEMINI:** This week's word is listen. To other people. To your own intuition, gut feeling, whatever you call it. To what's happening

in the media, on the street, in education, health and social change. Because the more you listen, the more you can hear what isn't being said.

**CANCER:** Cancerians can be the zodiac's most engaging charmers, so don't let this week's edgy aspects ruin your mood. Everyone loves a smiley face; just look at people's response to his holiness the Dalai Lama, your primo Cancerian example of caring for others without taking on their pain.

**LEO:** Your majesty's style is instinctive, but right now it needs to be strategic because others' perceptions will affect how the rest of the month plays out. Communicator Mercury in Leo usually says the right thing but sometimes at the wrong time, so tailor royal proclamations accordingly.

**VIRGO:** You'll get plenty of emotional yoga and mental calisthenics keeping up with people's mood changes this week. Plus remembering happy home requires careful compromise; when arbitrating family dramas your logical mind sees what's needed, but no-one will listen unless you speak to their feelings.

**LIBRA:** Librans love nothing better than a little retail therapy, but dwindling resources suggest developing new priorities for shopping and buying. Your leading lady Venus in the sign of staying at home would much prefer your getting creative at Villa Libra with what you already have.

**SCORPIO:** With planetary energies shaking existing structures into new patterns, it's worthwhile getting really clear about what's

important enough to fight for in your life and what's not. Careful listening and questioning will help handle and communicate this week's strong feelings, your own and other people's.

**SAGITTARIUS:** While this is a serious period for our planetary home, reconnecting with the funny side of life makes it bearable – though being a sensitive extrovert could have its tricky moments this week when your most enjoyable activity is brainstorming and the best day for it Friday.

**CAPRICORN:** You're excused for getting confused with this week's mood swings and changing arrangements – just when you've figured out why others are grouchy they've forgotten all about it. Just agree to disagree because dissent isn't always a bad thing

and diverse views are way healthier than monocultures.

**AQUARIUS:** Oops! Your emotional baggage could be showing this week, which supports closely examining any inconvenient truths that surface concerning the way you relate (or don't) to others. Do this honestly, and you'll find late-week Aries moon useful for fuelling any new resolutions into action.

**PISCES:** Early-week Pisces moon invites quiet times before late-week Aries moon pumps up the volume on everyone airing their opinions. Keep things simple this week by avoiding complications, confusion and drama. Take into consideration how your changing direction or altering course may affect others.











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The generation gap was evident during this week's council meeting after Cr Katie Milne (X generation) asked Cr Phil Youngblutt (pre-baby boomer generation) if he had read her email on cruelty to greyhounds in the racing industry. 'If I get an email from you I delete it immediately,' replied the cantankerous councillor.

Coal-seam gas continues to trouble Tweed councillors, with Cr Katie Milne getting support for an urgent motion to have the general manager investigate how the Moree Shire Council is handling the threat of coal-seam exploration. Moree Council has placed a 60-day moratorium on further surveys, drilling and exploration within the shire to allow time to identify council's position on the mining activity.

Last week's article outlining the history of the Jack Evans Boat Harbour saga inadvertently failed to mention that the federal government contributed \$1.8 million towards the project from its jobs fund after knocking back a submission for \$10.6 million from its infrastructure fund.

Danish university researchers say car drivers are more exposed to airborne pollution than cyclists in heavy traffic, and not the other way around. A team from Copenhagen's Roskilde University equipped drivers and cyclists with personal air samplers while they drove and pedalled through the Copenhagen traffic. The air samples were analysed for particles and for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX, also used in coal-seam gas fracturing or fracking) content. The concentrations of particles and BTEX in the cabins of the cars were 2-4 times greater than in the cyclists' breathing zone. Who would have thought it?

Two of *Backburner's* favourite people, Christopher Monck-



ton, who has been told to stop calling himself a member of the House of Lords because he isn't, and Danny Nalliah, who believes God sends bushfires to kill Victorians for their godlessness, linked up this week when the unscientific viscount spoke at the prescientific pastor's centre in Melbourne. A perfect marriage of minds.

Talking about irrational beliefs, there was recently a win for freedom of religion (and we're not talking about the Rev Fred Nile sabotaging school ethics classes), when an Austrian man won the right to wear a pasta strainer on his head for his driver's licence photo. Niko Alm belongs to the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, whose members call themselves Pastafarians. Alm had applied to wear the kitchen utensil as headgear, claiming it was for religious reasons. Authorities eventually granted him permission after he underwent a psychological assessment to prove he was fit to drive. Members of the church believe their faith was founded by pirates and that global warming and other natural disasters are directly linked to the decline in pirate numbers since the 1800s. Fred has a different set of beliefs.

Above: Dr Willika Kurstjens looks on as midwife Shirin Richards examines Rachel Bryant at Tweed Hospital's new 'shopfront' outpatients department officially opened on Tuesday by parliamentary secretary for regional health, Melinda Pavey.

The new department provides a range of specialist medical, surgical, dental, antenatal services, anaesthetic and nurse clinics in preparing patients for admission. The department has nine consultation/treatment rooms, a plaster room and a large patient waiting area. Photo Jeff Dawson

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