

Labor sweeps to power across the state but Nats hold the north

Michael McDonald

Labor swept back into power across the state at Saturday's election but had little effect on the National Party dominance of the north coast. In fact it went backwards in the Tweed, sitting ALP member Neville Newell going down to the Nats' Geoff Provest.

In the two electorates Byron Shire finds itself in, there was little contest from Labor. With around 74% of the vote counted, Don Page held Ballina with 17,621 primary votes compared to ALP's Melanie Dorian's 7,760, while Thomas George held Lismore with 18,867 to ALP's Peter Lanyon's 9,098.

Of the other contestants, the Greens again proved to be the third force in north coast politics. John Bailey took 20% of the vote in Ballina and Andy Gough 18% in Lismore. In Ballina Democrats candidate Ben Smith, he of the free beer, polled 1.8% of the vote and Flora Boyd of Australians

Against Further Immigration took 1.3%. In Lismore the Democrats' Julia Melland took 2.4% of the vote.

Ballina Shire proved to be Mr Page's stronghold, his highest counts coming from the booths at Alstonville, Ballina, Ballina East and Lennox Head. In Byron Shire Mr Page won ten of the eleven booths, with Mr Bailey taking Suffolk Park. Mr Bailey outpolled Ms Dorian in nine booths while Ms Dorian was ahead of him at Ocean Shores (694-619) and Billinudgel (130-92). Mr Bailey took his highest count in his home town of Mullumbimby, with 919 votes to Mr Page's 994 and Ms Dorian's 432. In the Lismore booths of Federal and Wilsons Creek, the Greens' Andy Gough won convincingly.

Of local third party lobbyists concerned with the election, TOOT felt its campaign was effective. TOOT volunteers handed out information about the rail policies of

the Nationals, Greens and ALP at polling booths along the line and at other regional centres.

TOOT spokesperson Karin Kolbe said, 'We asked people right across the region who wanted to send a message that we want trains on our tracks to write the word "TOOT" at the bottom of their ballot papers after voting. Despite being banned from handing out leaflets at the polling booths showing people how to TOOT their vote without invalidating their vote, and a deliberate misinformation campaign by some parties, scrutineers have reported that a significant number of voters have "TOOTed" their vote.

'Samples taken within the Lismore and Ballina electorates showed that up to one in four voters participated. Counts taken at polling places in Mullumbimby and Lismore found TOOTing rates at 24% and 26% respectively.

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Get your cart into gear

Story & photo Lou Beaumont

Start oiling those machines... the Bangalow Billycart Derby is on again. The organisers of this year's Derby, Tony Heeson and Beth Powditch, pictured, are urging all those budding speedsters and cart constructors to get busy now.

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The Billycart Derby started as an initiative of the Bangalow Chamber of Commerce in 1994 to counteract the Pacific Highway bypass of the main street. It created an opportunity to reclaim the street and celebrate the community of Bangalow. Now in its 12th year and voted the Byron Shire's Community Event of the Year at the Australia Day Awards, it promises to be bigger and better than ever.



Spectators, sponsors, volunteers, scrutineers, engineers, competitors, the derby needs you - it's your day, so get involved.

Stay tuned for further details or visit: www.bangalowbillycart.com.au.

For sponsorship or media enquiries, please email Beth Powditch at byronbaypublicity@bigpond.com. For all other enquiries contact Tony Heeson at wallaby@nor.com.au.



Don's Party: Ballina MP Don Page in a happy mood at the Ocean Shores booth. Photo Jeff Dawson

Yelgun festival site under scrutiny

The proposed festival site at Yelgun has proved to be a hot topic for the north of the Shire, with the community scheduled to discuss it again at Ocean Shores last Monday night.

The proposed festival site is located at Pacific Highway and Jones Road, Wooyung and the Pacific Highway, Ocean Shores. Predominantly undeveloped land surrounds the site, with rural properties to the north and

west and the Billinudgel Nature Reserve to the south and east.

A letter and report by planning consultants on behalf of the Yelgun Progress Association (YPA) has been sent to Byron Shire Council in objection to the DA for a Place of Public Assembly - Music Festival and Temporary Camping Ground for the Splendour in the Grass Festival at Wooyung and Ocean Shores. The YPA is

asking for the development application be refused on grounds of inadequate assessments of impact on the local area and amenities.

The YPA's objections pertain primarily to the impact from the festival, and other events planned for the site, with regard to traffic congestion and site access, noise from traffic and events themselves, environment (impact on fauna and neigh-

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Domestic violence worker for Shire

Byron Shire's Women's Resource Service has had funding approved to employ a specialist domestic violence worker for the Shire. It will be a month or two before the worker is active in the Shire, but it is permanent funding and a great boost to the service.

The domestic violence worker will work four days a week, extending his/her skills across the Shire; working one day in Ocean Shores, one day in Byron Bay, one day in Bangalow and the other in Mullumbimby.

Kassa Bird of the WRS said, 'We are thrilled that our application for funding to the Area Assistance Scheme, a subgroup of DoCS, has been approved. We are the first Shire in the Northern Rivers region to have such a position funded.'

'Our application to the AAS went via council, and Robin Masters, Community Development Officer at Byron Shire Council, is one of the people who has wholeheartedly supported us. She was responsible for approv-

ing the original submission before alerting the AAS Committees to the request.

'The appointment of this specialist means that police, the courthouse and hospital emergency departments all have a crisis support worker to refer people to straight away.

'Before now, there was confusion about who and where to refer victims of domestic violence. When called out to a domestic situation, victims were given the option to go with the police for their safety. However, the police didn't really have anywhere to tell them to go from there.

'Victims will now have direct access to this crisis support worker, who in turn will know exactly what resources to call upon for each individual situation.'

If there is anyone wanting to find out more about the Domestic Violence Support Worker they can contact Kassa Bird at the WRS on 6684 4299 (Mon-Wed) or email wrs@linknet.com.au any time.

\$5.8m in intervention funds

The Consortium of Neighbourhood Centres will receive more than \$5.8 million over the next three years to implement the Early Intervention Program on the Far North Coast, said Ballina MP Don Page last week.

Mr Page said the Consortium, which includes local Neighbourhood Centres, pre-schools, kindergartens,

child care centres and health services, would receive \$5,867,609 from the NSW Department of Community Services.

He said the Early Intervention Program aims to enhance child wellbeing and strengthen families. The program includes case management, home visiting, and parenting programs.

Nats hold the north

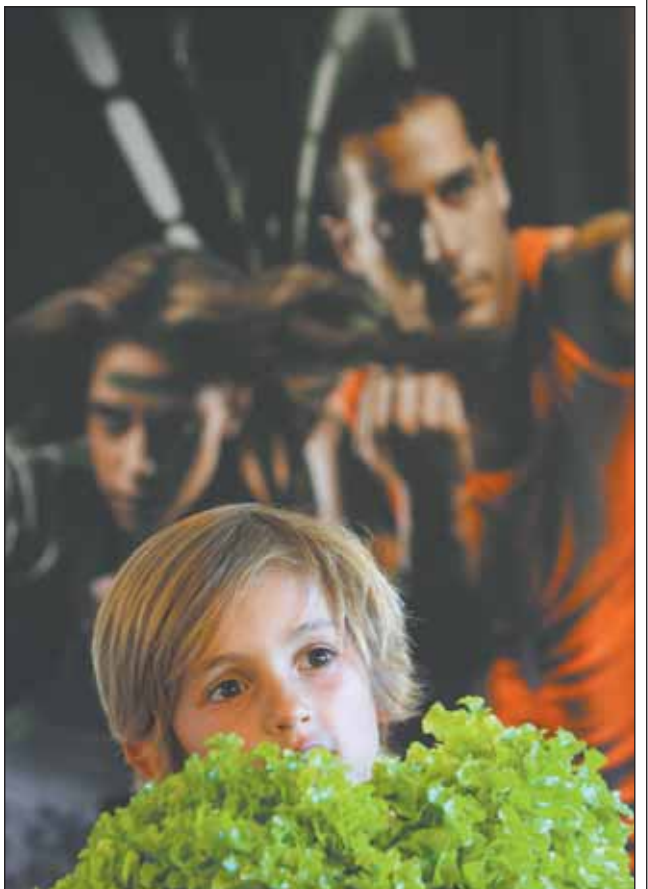
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'Fears that our call for people to TOOT their vote would lead to a large number of informal votes have also proved unfounded. Official figures show that the informal rate in our region was among the lowest in the state.

'The message from the Northern Rivers to Macquarie Street is clear - we want trains on our tracks.'

■ Booth-by-booth results and updates are available online at www.elections.nsw.gov.au. Comment, page 8.

Pull the plug on junk



Liam O'Donnell with a handful of leafy greens.

Lisa Parkes from Results Based Training, Spirit Health and Fitness Club and the Cancer Council all join hands to 'Pull the Plug!'

As an advocate for the Cancer Council's latest awareness campaign Lisa is stressing the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

'It is a combination of exercise and healthy eating we need to instill in our children,' she says. 'Unfortunately Australia's childhood obesity levels are the highest in the world, scary but true, and we need to get our kids more physically active and help them make healthy food choices and educate them on the importance of this.'

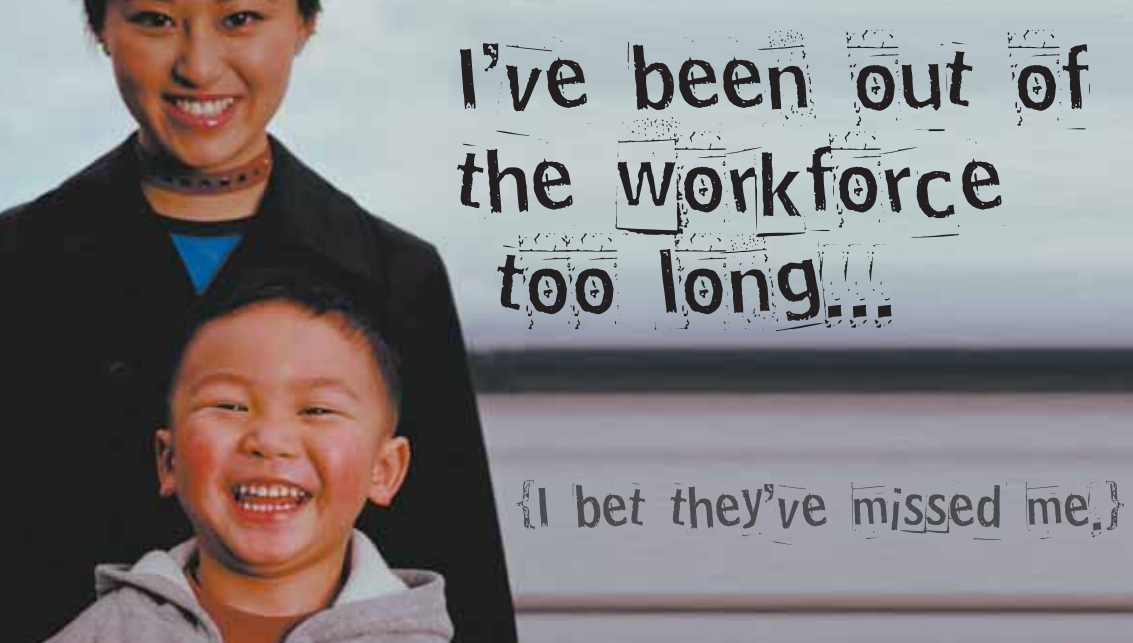
'The pull the plug campaign is designed to ban fast food advertising on our televisions, a long awaited and much needed campaign. We need you to help us get the message across and combat the ongoing problem of junk food consumption.'

The Cancer Council's Relay for Life is held on

March 31 at the Bangalow Showground - see program page 16 - and Lisa Parkes in conjunction with Spirit Health and Fitness will be hosting a healthy living tent. Throughout the event professionals will be available to chat about your exercise and nutrition needs.

At specific times there will be a variety of fitness classes for both adults and children - participation is for a small fee which will be donated to the Cancer Council.

On March 26 Spirit Health and Fitness will be holding an aerobics marathon to create awareness and raise funds for the Cancer Council - all those wishing to attend are welcome. Attendance is by gold coin donation and you need to have a plug accompanying you. Lisa will be collecting plugs to help with the campaign. For more information or to join Lisa's team or help in terms of sponsorship contact her on 0429 878 902 or email lisa.parkes@bigpond.com.



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Tree planting in progress at Castle



Dave Rawlins, Bush Regenerator for Rainforest Rescue, volunteer Maxim and Alice Moffett of Rainforest Rescue at the tree planting last Sunday. Photo Jeff 'Bring Me A Shrubbery' Dawson

The gentle rain that fell on the 100 or so planters failed to deter them from the task of establishing another 1,500 trees at the Crystal Castle last Sunday. Many of the planters commented on what they thought was perfect weather as nature watered in their trees.

Rainforest Rescue is working with the Crystal Castle to reestablish on the site the rainforest that formerly existed in the region, the Big Scrub. A rainforest garden is now growing, with 5,000

trees and other rainforest plants established in a beautiful landscaped setting. Visitors can enjoy the walking track and the great variety of local native rainforest plants.

'We have an almost 100% success rate in establishing the trees,' said Kelvin Davies of Rainforest Rescue. 'We give them special care and attention. Once a month our tree planting staff visit the trees to remove any weeds, water those in need and protect the tasty ones from hun-

gry wallabies with tree guards.'

Many dads and kids turned up on the day to plant a tree for their Dad or someone special in their lives.

The tree and its maintenance is paid for by Rainforest Rescue with fundraising support at the Crystal Castle and by sponsorship of trees by local businesses. To sponsor your own tree and have Rainforest Rescue create a rainforest visit www.rainforestrescue.org.au or phone 1300 763 611.

Media focus of writers festival

At last week's sponsors' night, Byron Bay Writers Festival director Jeni Caffin announced that the focus would be on 'Who is shaping our vision of the twenty first century?' Under the searchlight will be the new media, its ethics and its responsibilities and many significant journalists are lining up to participate. David Marr, Paul McGeough, Paul Sheehan, Jennifer Byrne, David Leser, Michael Gawenda, Chris Masters and Antony Loewenstein are among those who have agreed to attend.

Lovers of Australian literature will be well served by sessions featuring Richard Flanagan, Gail Jones, Carrie Tiffany, Gabrielle Lord and Rob Drewe, while big personalities such as Barry Jones and Jenny Kee will be crowd pleasers.

Comedy, film, sport and the environment: all the popular aspects of the Festival will return with some surprises.

Early Bird three day passes are on sale now at Jetset Byron Bay 6685 6262 or online at www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.au at the discounted price of \$145 or \$125 for NRWC members and students.

PLAY> nightclub to close its doors

Hans Lovejoy

The entertainment options in Byron Bay have been diminished with PLAY> nightclub announcing it will close at 3am on Sunday April 1. According to manager Becky Buckwell, the club has struggled against high operating costs and the challenges of an underground club in the current

Byron Bay environment. 'We've had many good times - and good tunes - with international DJs, local events and random big nights,' Ms Buckwell told *The Echo*. 'The reality is that the club urgently needs major renovations. In order to renew the entertainment license, Council recently demanded a disabled toilet to comply with regulations.

Work started, but serious electrical issues were discovered and it seems it's necessary to totally rewire the whole club.'

According to Ms Buckwell, these immediate problems could be fixed with the help of the landlord, but to remain viable the club needs significant investment for substantial building work and refurbishment.

'There are some Melbourne operators looking at transforming the club into a more mainstream venue, although the landlord's preference is to turn the club into retail shops,' Ms Buckwell said all options are on the table and was even hopeful of potential investors. She can be contacted at becky@playnightclub.com.au.

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The overseas guests arrive in June for 'The Dreaming' International Indigenous

Festival, held at Woodford. They then plan a tour of universities, schools and communities throughout the country, including Byron.

Hands Around the World has been invited to come to the communities around Uluru in Central Australia by Uncle Bob Randall of the film *Kanyini* fame. Hands Around the World has also been invited to many communities in most states and in the Northern Territory. that is challenging everyone.

The group is calling for the community to join them: 'Come to the Extravaganza

being held starting at 2pm at the Byron Entertainment Centre on March 31.

'Drumming, ceremony and knowledge sharing through story in the afternoon (with special appearance by Cherokee grandmother Pa'ris'ha) gives way to music and dance in the evening till 12pm.

'It is up to the open hearts and future vision of us here in First Light country to dig deep in every way to ensure the Elders can spread their healing energy around while they are here bonding and strengthening connection with our Indigenous Elders so as to "ground the land" and help grow healthy community again.

'After all we of First Light are the 'visionaires' aren't we? It is with all our help that this vision will become reality. Come and join hands in a circle.

'It's a powerful thing to do - particularly when we (at least figuratively) join hands Around the World.'

Fork out food for youth service



Sheres Hanagan of Curves Gym in Byron with some of the 150kg of food donated so far to help Byron Youth Services. If anyone would like to help with a further donation before the food drive ends on March 31, you can drop into the Gym on Centennial Circuit, Byron Arts & Indy Estate.

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM 2007

For enquiries & bookings phone Georgia 6626 7028 or Judy 6684 5390. Most workshops are free & open to all Landcarers and the community

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May 26: Regenerating Fauna Habitat, The Upper Pocket, 1.30-4.30 Learn how to identify, protect and enhance fauna habitat in your bush regeneration works from the leaf litter up, understand the interactions between wildlife and your regeneration. Become aware of the short and long-term impacts of your works on wildlife. Bookings only.

June 30: Walk from Tyagarah to Brunswick Heads. Get to know more about our coastal and heath vegetation with local flora and bird experts on this easy 6km walk.

July 28: Spotlighting

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September 29: Biodiversity issues in Byron Shire

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EVENTS

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Bush Recovery: Round 1 grants to be finalised by the end of March with Round 2 starting soon. A great opportunity for landholders with high conservation value vegetation to source funding from the NRCMA.

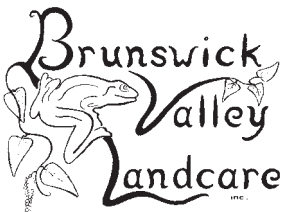
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Residents and promoters at odds over Yelgun

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bouring nature reserve in addition to surrounding rural properties), and flooding. Other concerns were raised such as inadequate waste disposal and stormwater assessments.

Brandon Saul, co-principal owner of the land in question (along with Jessica du Crou from Splendour in the Grass), says, 'The ideal site for this purpose is a large parcel of land that has a minimum number of neighbours and good road access that is adjacent to a motorway interchange. This site has all of the above requirements.'

The neighbours however, living in the Yelgun Valley to the west of the site, are not happy with the choice. The report on behalf of the YPA raises concerns that the DA is in conflict with the General Rural and Agricultural Protection zoning of the site. It points out that the Environmental Assessment (EA) within the DA acknowledges that all lots within and adjacent to the site are mapped as 'High Conservation Value'. In addition, 'all forest vegetation with the event footprint is mapped as Koala habitat', with some section of the site being mapped as 'the highest quality habitat for Koalas'.

The EA also states that 'impacts upon both threatened and common fauna are likely from the proposal'. The YPA report says the list of mitigation measures for fauna lacks detail, making it unclear whether compliance

has been, or can be, achieved.

The YPA report also suggests that the DA is in direct conflict with the Far North Coast Regional Strategy 2006-2031 (FNCRS), which in general 'aims to limit future development to within the mapped Town and Village Growth Boundaries, easing pressure on Environmental assets.'

Mr Saul says, 'We have two ecologists known for their conservative appraisals that appear to be in agreement that the proposals will produce a positive outcome for the environment. The luxury of having 660 acres of land is that we can plan and move the festival away from sensitive areas, such as flood prone areas or habitat rich land.'

'The festival site will be fenced off and there will be islands of activity within the middle of the property, set back from the border of the land, minimising noise impact on the reserve.'

'We are in consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) about possible land swapping arrangements that would allow a vital wildlife corridor to be completed linking the land either side of the motorway.'

A principal concern of the YPA is the impact of such an increase in traffic, queuing and congestion. A report by traffic consultants commissioned by the YPA, that looks at the traffic impact study submitted in the festival DA, concludes there are 'many

areas of concern which have not been addressed... it can only be concluded that the traffic impacts of the proposal have NOT been demonstrated to be acceptable or satisfactory.'

Furthermore, the YPA report says that the new site for the festival is much further from Byron town centre, removing the possibility of festival goers walking back to town to their accommodation. Other transport will be necessary at all hours to transfer over two-thirds of the crowd (15,000 people), who won't be camping on site.

Mr Saul insists traffic concerns have been addressed and that it is the best site with regards to traffic logistics. He says, 'The RTA have looked favourably upon the DA from a traffic point of view, and in terms of minimising the risk of traffic queues and congestion off site, we have a 2km road running through the site where traffic will run straight to the back of the site where cars will filter down from there to park.'

'The historic site for Splendour causes all sorts of traffic congestion coming into Byron.'

Mr Saul also says noise won't be an issue as event noise won't be heard from outside the site. However, the YPA report suggests that even after the DJs finish at 3am, the potential for disturbance from people leaving the site and those that are camping on site is great.

The YPA also feels that all

of these impact issues are only being addressed in the DA in terms of one festival when it is clearly the intention of the owners of the site to plan many more events throughout the year. They note that in addition to actual event dates, delivery, set up and pack down days add significantly to the overall periods of disturbance. Additionally the YPA feel that no definite need for the development to be located on this site has been identified.

Mr Saul told *The Echo*, 'Yes, there will be other events on this site, but they won't all be music events. In terms of relevance of a new site, it is widely believed that the current festival site is inadequate and that it won't be there forever.'

'We would ultimately like to model this site on Woodford. We want to create a site that caters better to these events - bringing the benefits of them to Byron while minimising the downside with proper planning. Bill Hauritz of Woodford Folk Festival faced similar objections when they moved sites and many of those concerns didn't materialise.'

The proposed long term festival site has been purchased by Brandon Saul and Jessica du Crou as part of a fifteen strong consortium. Architect and urban designer Rod Simpson, and town planner and ex Byron Shire councillor Rob Doolan are members of the cooperative that also includes a handful of musicians.

Local News

Turning blue for the squad



Upper Main Arm student representative council tries to raise funds for a community group each month. Last Friday the school had its own blues fest, where the students dressed in blue and got their faces painted to raise money for the Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad. Photo Jeff 'Bluebottle' Dawson

A taste of Hicks's lifestyle on show

Byron residents will get a rare look behind the walls of Guantanamo Bay this Sunday April 1 between 9am and 2pm when Amnesty International Australia presents an installation in the Byron Bay Community Market in the Butler Street reserve.

The installation is a replica of a 'single occupancy' (solitary confinement) cell in which Australian David Hicks is being held. He has been detained in Guantanamo Bay for more than five years, despite having never been tried or convicted of a crime.

Guantanamo Bay is a US-run prison camp in Cuba. According to Amnesty, there is compelling evidence David Hicks has been subjected to torture and other ill-treatment during his time there, and kept in solitary confinement for at least the past 12 months.

'We want Australians to see firsthand what life is like inside Guantanamo Bay, and

give them the facts about David's case. We want Australians to make up their own minds about what is going on,' says AI activist Allan Bass.

'Amnesty International believes this issue is not a question of innocence or guilt. It is about the fundamental right to a fair trial and freedom from torture and other ill-treatment.

'The conditions in Guantanamo Bay have not been good enough for the citizens of Britain, France, Germany, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Spain. These governments have all demanded the return of their citizens. Why is it good enough for an Australian?'

David Hicks faces the charge of 'material support for terrorism' and is due to face a new US-led Military Commission.

For more information on AI's Human Rights and Security campaign, visit www.amnesty.org.au.

Have say on Council disability policy

Byron Shire Council is updating its Disability Action Plan and developing a Disability and Access Policy.

People who have a disability, care for someone with a disability or provide a service to local people with a disability, are invited to participate in a survey as well as those residents who have access issues, if you are aged or a parent with young children. The surveys are designed to identify the current needs of people who have disability, their aspirations and how to improve services to enhance opportunities for equitable participation in community life.

'We need your help,' says Byron Shire Mayor Jan Barham. 'It's an opportunity for the local community to tell us about their access needs.

'Addressing access issues contributes to good social policy with flowon effects to the elderly and young mothers with strollers. It's also important for Council to consult with the community to gauge the current views and experiences of people who have a disability, their carers and those providing services for people with a disability and access needs.

'The new Disability and Access Policy and Action Plan will guide Council's direction and priorities for improving services and facilities. It will also enable officers to examine potential programs and funding opportunities with the aim of improving opportunities and the quality of life for people in Byron Shire who have a disability and access needs.'

Information will also be

sought from Council staff who will participate in a survey focusing on identifying physical, communication and attitudinal barriers they have encountered when dealing with people in the community. This information will contribute to the development of disability and access awareness training for staff.

Surveys can be completed during the month of March and the results will be analysed and fed back to the participants in May for further input. The Disability and Access Policy and Action Plan are expected to be placed on exhibition later in the year.

Surveys can be completed online, or downloaded from www.byron.nsw.gov.au or are available at Council's administration building and community access points. Alter-

natively a copy of the survey can be mailed directly to you. Surveys not completed online need to be returned to Council's Administration Centre.

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Local News

A new direction for John Dahlsen

Story & photo Lou Beaumont

Byron Bay artist John Dahlsen is painting in a new direction, while still running with his signature environmental themes. Following on from his recent Plastic Purge series, inspired by the byproducts of the unnatural world of the plastics industry, he has retained the style of painting but this time Dahlsen has drawn inspiration from the natural world.

Moved by scenes that he sees on his daily lighthouse walk, John is painting seascapes that somewhat resemble wood block prints. Large blocks of colour make up vistas that are unmistakable to those familiar with Byron Bay.

Dahlsen says of this series, 'I am painting parts of Byron Bay that I feel I need to record at this time. I imagine it will be an ongoing focus of my work for some time.'

'My strong concerns for the state of the environment are hidden in each seascape. Each one is imbued with a



John Dahlsen visits 'The Pass 2007' – a work from his latest series of paintings.

certain moodiness. I feel these works belie simple renditions of the land, and I hope the fact that I have something to say is conveyed in creating this body of work.'

Dr Jacqueline Millner of the University of Western Sydney said of Dahlsen's lat-

est works, 'This play between abstraction and figuration, between synthetic/organic matter and immateriality in the [recent plastic] purge paintings, has been applied in Dahlsen's most recent works to landscapes — dark works whose subtle refer-

ences to environmental degradation all but disappear before forcefully catching you unawares.'

John Dahlsen's sea and landscapes, and his plastic purges, can be seen at his studio in Skinner's Shoot. Phone 6685 5965 or 0411 705 313 for private view-

Integrative medicine conference for Byron Bay

With Baby Boomers reaching retirement age, Australia's health care system is becoming increasingly strained. And while spending on treatments for chronic illness treatments such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases continues to grow, clients are recognising that combinations of complementary and orthodox medicines and practices offer more solutions than singular medical approaches. More importantly, addressing health problems before they manifest, by providing preventative health strategies, is far cheaper than caring for and treating people who have developed disease.

It's with these issues in mind that local health practitioners Dr Anthony Solomon and Naturopath Sally Mathrick decided to provide a forum for health care pro-

professionals, called the Byron Integrative Medical Conference, to be held next week. 'We want to create sturdy bridges between the different healing professions,' Ms Mathrick told *The Echo*. 'We want to encourage understanding and discourse about various approaches to health practice, to educate health practitioners and support them in working together. This in turn provides better choice for the client and more effective coordinated treatment.'

The focus of the conference is on Pain Management, and will explore current treatments, possible interactions (favourable and not) and possible alternatives to treating people with chronic pain. The speakers and panel include some of the nation's leaders in pain management and complementa-

ry medicine education.

'Integrative medicine is relatively young and still forming. The common ground between all healing paradigms is preventative medicine,' said Dr Solomon. 'We want to explore this common ground and to see what each camp can offer in relation to effective treatment.'

This event will be the first of three in 2007, according to Ms Mathrick. The second

forum in July will focus on treating depression in an integrative manner, while the third dealing with addiction is earmarked for September.

The Byron Integrative Medical Conference will be held Friday March 30 at the Byron Bay Beach Resort. Cost is \$25 at the door and all health practitioners are welcome. For more visit www.byroninhealth.com or email conference@byroninhealth.com.

New face at Beach Resort

Justin Leith is taking over as manager of the Byron Bay Beach resort. Justin is already well known to many in Byron Bay, having managed fine dining venues such as Boomerang and Dish since 1999.

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said, 'Our thanks to previous resort manager Ms Sonja Hans for her stewardship during some testing times. Sonja Hans did a superb job during the Club Med ownership and also during the Becton ownership when the resort was in a planning dispute.'

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More of the same

Nationals MP Don Page should hold Ballina until he wishes to retire, judging by the weekend's election results. Coming up for 20 years in public office and as deputy leader of the the NSW party, Mr Page has carried on successfully the family political dynasty which includes his grandfather the late Sir Earle Page, briefly caretaker prime minister in 1939 and leader of the Country Party from 1921 to 1939. Now holding a margin of around 14% Mr Page is unlikely to be troubled by the next Labor hopeful in 2011.

What are the reasons for Mr Page's convincing win? They would include the electorate, especially around Ballina itself, seeing him as a likeable man who follows up on their concerns, and a backlash against some of the decisions of the Labor government, particularly the closing down of the Casino-Murwillumbah rail link. The electorate's concerns seem to be chiefly domestic and, like the rest of the state's, do not extend to bigger issues such as climate change.

However around a third of the population of Byron Shire seems to be 'a peculiar people, zealous of good works' (Titus 2:14), concerned with environmental issues. While Mr Page consistently outpolled Greens candidate John Bailey at all booths bar Suffolk Park, at some booths Mr Bailey was getting 30%-40% of the vote.

This of course is a little blip on the radar of business-as-usual. Statewide, Labor has swept back into power and, despite promises to the contrary, will probably conduct itself with its usual breathtaking arrogance, particularly in planning matters. The Property Council of Australia has been one of the first lobby groups out of the blocks with its wishlist - given the political influence of developers through donations, we can expect the government to heed its call. The Council does make one pertinent observation: 'We still live in a state where... long term planning is still not central to government activity.' However the Council's vision of 'further planning reform and reshaping local government' probably leans towards fast-tracking more subdivision with less environmental restriction.

The Greens picked up two extra seats in the upper house, the Legislative Council, so it is hoped they, along with the independents, can curb the worst excesses of the lemma rat pack.

Those vainly hoping for a greater appreciation of global issues and how they will affect the electorate may have to wait until the climate crisis really hits home. In the meantime it would be sensible if all local residents of whatever political persuasion learnt techniques to consume less resources and increase personal resilience in preparation for the approaching storm.

Better the devil you know

Another week, another Labor government.

Seldom has a democratic election been greeted with less enthusiasm than Morris Iemma's swingeing victory last weekend, or with less expectation of a bright and productive future. If ever there was a need to cling to the mantra that even the worst Labor government is better than the conservative alternative, it was on entering the polling booths on Saturday after surveying the smoking ruin to which Iemma's greatly over-boomed predecessor had reduced the New South Wales infrastructure.

And while Iemma himself seems both honest and plausible, there are few others on his team that you would feed without first making sure that they were securely chained up. Now that Bob Debus, who at least provided a modicum of civilisation, has left for greater things, Iemma's front bench looks like an extended version of the Addams family.

And yet the poll that should have flung them unceremoniously into the deepest cesspit has left them with barely a scratch. Even the expected protest vote failed to front; what little swing there was went overwhelmingly to the Libs and the Nats, with the minor parties and the independents scabbling for the crumbs rather than enjoying a feast at the expense of the unpopular big boys. Overall it was the closest thing to a non-event we have seen for many years in Australian politics, which has made extracting a message from it harder than usual.

It is easy to rabbit on about the advantages of incumbency and the huge boost holding office provides in terms both of funding and publicity. But in this case the

media unanimously, if somewhat reluctantly, urged a vote for the opposition, if only on the grounds that any change would have to be for the better, and according to the polls well over half the electorate were prepared to vote against the government given the slightest reason to do so.

In the end of course they weren't, and didn't; Peter Debnam's campaign was not only almost entirely negative but extraordinarily silly. He and his crew (what we saw of them, which was precious little) looked like amateurs - worse, like dilettantes: people who had wandered into par-

liament by mistake and only stayed because of the soft seats and the cheap meals. They looked congenitally incapable of changing a light bulb, let alone repairing the chaos in hospitals, schools, transport and the water supply.

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by Mungo MacCallum

liament by mistake and only stayed because of the soft seats and the cheap meals. They looked congenitally incapable of changing a light bulb, let alone repairing the chaos in hospitals, schools, transport and the water supply.

On the other hand the Labor mob, sleazy, slapdash and malodorous as they undoubtedly were, had at least completed an apprenticeship. The choice was unappealing, but eventually grubbiness was considered a better bet than incompetence.

There are few other lessons to be learned, but for once the suggestion that federal issues came into play is not entirely far-fetched. This was partly because the punters were pretty much resigned about state issues: the government had already buggedgered them up and the opposition

clearly didn't have a clue. But industrial relations was still something of a barbecue stopper, and Iemma's somewhat spurious promise to prevent Debnam handing the workers of New South Wales over to John Howard's WorkChoices gulags apparently worked on a lot of the waverers. There is a precedent: many years ago Bob Carr won a state election largely by campaigning against the GST.

Howard, of course, will bluster that the voters are perfectly capable of distinguishing between state and federal issues and that in any

case they are learning to love WorkChoices. But for Kevin Rudd, more loudly cheered than Iemma at the state rally he attended last week, it will be yet another encouraging sign.

Not that he really needs them at present. Last week's proposal to broadband Australia totally eclipsed what was promoted as Howard's return to the fray, a major speech on Iraq.

In the event it wasn't major; it would barely have made lance-corporal. Several commentators noted the contrast: the fresh, young leader with a visionary and up-to-date plan for the future against the tired, old man once again justifying the failed policies of the past. It made Peter Costello's bombast about Rudd raiding the Future Fund look more like desperation than

effective politics, although some of the media's dancing bears went along for the ride (but not too enthusiastically; the media moguls have been the most severe critics of the Howard government's constant procrastination in modernising telecommunications and especially of the dithering over universal, fast broadband).

In fact there could be few better uses for at least some of the billions locked up in the Future Fund, aptly described by Lindsay Tanner as a solution in search of a problem. The idea was to sequester the profits from the sale of Telstra to pay future superannuation bills for commonwealth public servants; but in practice this is real belt-and-braces stuff. It should be perfectly possible to budget for this expense as it occurs rather than sit on funds which could be employed in repairing rapidly failing infrastructure on all sorts of levels.

Apart from the social benefits, investing the fund in projects of this kind is good economics: not only do you get your money back in direct dividends, but the flow-ons from decent infrastructure add hugely to productivity, and thus to the gross domestic product. Real economists are applauding the initiative, which leaves our Treasurer looking even sillier than usual.

And the last word this week from our Dear Leader. Facing the cameras on Saturday morning, John Winston Howard proclaimed: 'After twelve years, it's time for a change of government.' Of course he added '...in the state,' but his words reflect a sublime, universal truth and should be hanging above the desk of every member of parliament.



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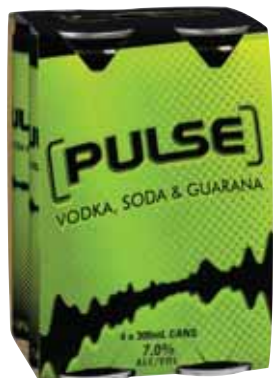
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More parking

My daughters and I frequently travel from Brisbane to visit my parents at Ocean Shores. My daughters are aged eight and ten years.

On Saturday afternoon, March 17, we decided to attend the Byron Ocean Benefit which was held at the Byron Entertainment Centre in the Byron Industrial Estate. To my surprise there was no parking area available and no footpath access for use surrounding the venue. Because of this, I had to park a great distance from the venue and my youngest child was almost hit by a vehicle.

The benefit was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us, but perhaps in the future Council could allot more parking space because there is plenty of vacant land available for use within the area.

T Taylor
 Nudgee

What programs?

Interesting to note Guy Healy's letter last week headed 'Surf dangers' concerning recent local ocean fatalities. He was commending the efforts of local authorities, surf clubs, and councils for 'their education programs'.

But what programs do really exist, especially for the

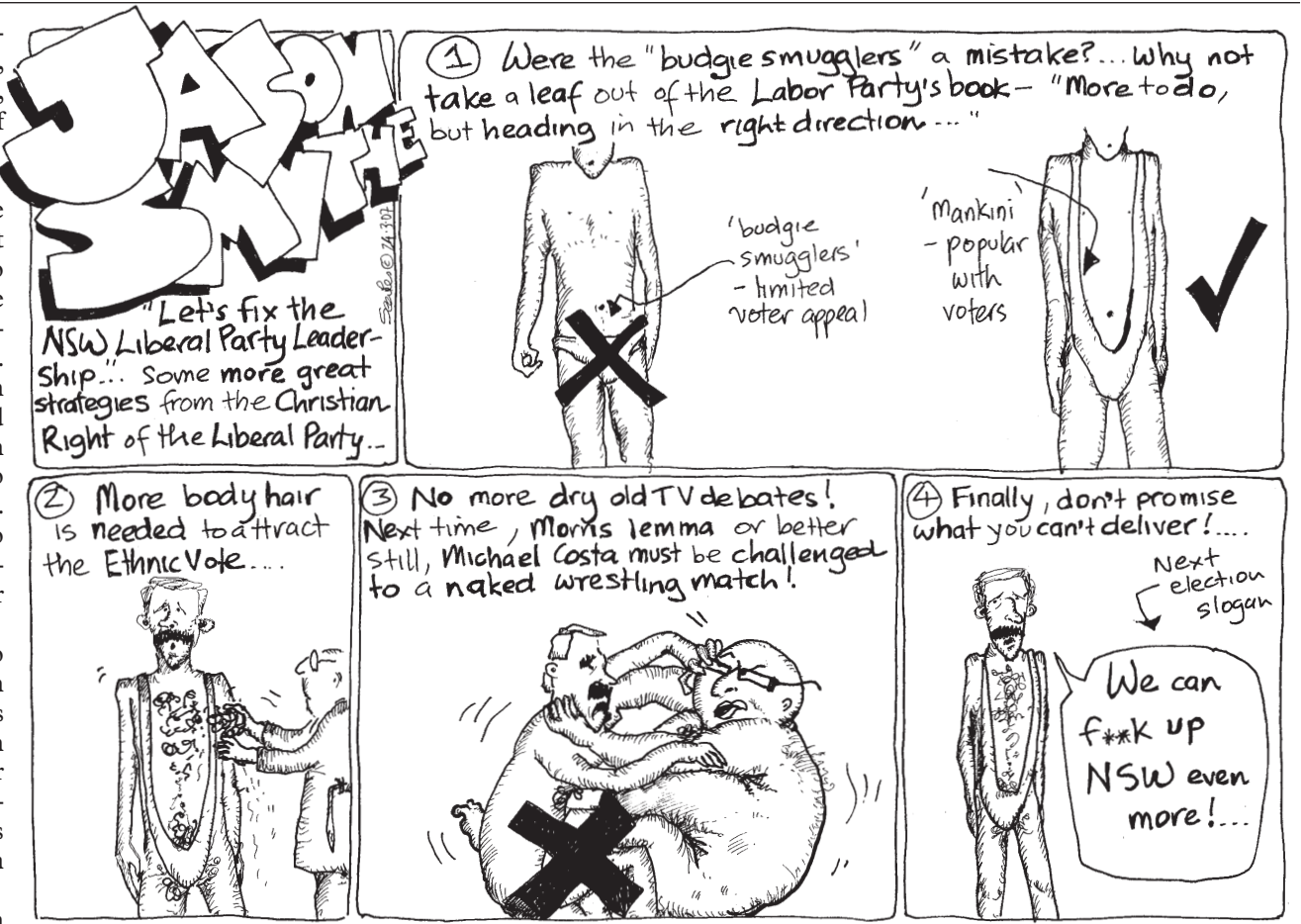
unwary travellers, backpackers, and visitors to our area, in regards to open beaches, seas, and demanding surf conditions?

Could our Council or the surf clubs tell us about those 'education programs'? That is, programs for those who have never had to handle themselves in these sometimes dangerous conditions. They see others jumping in and enjoying themselves, and some follow blindly, and then quickly find they have no idea of the ocean's power. Not really knowing where to swim, and usually not understanding our language, or signs if any!

There are simple ways to save yourself and survive in these demanding conditions but I haven't seen 'education programs' advertised by our authorities for these inexperienced bathers, except ads telling them to 'Swim between the Flags'.

I know the surf clubs train their members and other operators to help rescue those people who do get into trouble. But can you tell me of any advertising, handouts, DVDs, CDs, film nights, information nights, real education, real information or courses for these travellers, backpackers and visitors that really would help them to survive in or avoid the ocean.

As a lifesaver said to me at Watego's around Christmas, when I asked him why there were no signs advising the public of the many submerged rocks, the bluebotles and the cross currents, 'We just wait for an accident to happen then we help them,



we don't have any warning signs...!'

Terry Hudson
 Byron Bay

Cycling dangers

It is only a matter of time before we read about a cyclist being killed on Ewingsdale Road between the industrial estate and the Pacific Highway. The road is a death trap for bike riders and needs urgent attention to make it safer. I implore our local councillors to ride it themselves, just to see what it feels like to be buffeted by a car or truck hurtling past at 100kmh. The difference between life and death is just

centimetres. The proposed bike path should be fast-tracked and in the meantime the road verges desperately need mowing and gravel removed in order to give those who ride the gauntlet a greater chance at survival.

Anthony Johnston
 Ewingsdale

Unnoticed

Sydney Morning Herald front page story, Monday March 19, revealed "thousands of people living near the Pacific Highway have been stripped of the legal right to challenge the impact of project upgrades to the road. The planning minister, Frank

Sartor, has seized control by stamping them as critical infrastructure. Landowners will be unable to go to court with complaints about noise levels, air or water quality. There is no right of appeal against the powerful classification, which leaves approval entirely in Mr Sartor's hands'.

Apparently the decision was announced in December, but passed unnoticed until now. The story goes on to quote upper house Greens MP Sylvia Hale suggesting that the lack of definition in the critical infrastructure concept, introduced in 2005, leaves the process open to

corruption. How could a matter this critical to Byron Shire and its environs have slipped past unnoticed, particularly since meetings protesting the Ewingsdale-Tintenbar route are still in progress?

David Rowlands
 Ocean Shores

Too Green?

Is it apparent to anyone else that *The Echo* seems to be trumpeting for the Greens? What appears to be an excess of pro Green letters and articles do not support the principles of fair and independent journalism, especially at election time.

More wanted from Byron Shire Council

As you know greenhouse gases causing global warming are getting worse every day. I'm sure that you are as concerned about our beautiful planet as I am. I have heard that one of the top ten ways to reduce greenhouse gases and global warming is to drive less and walk and ride more.

I am a 12-year-old girl who lives in Ewingsdale and have just started at the Byron Bay High School. I am becoming really jealous of my friends who live in Suffolk Park because they can ride their bikes to school on bike paths. My parents won't let me ride from Ewingsdale because there is no bike path and it is far too dangerous on the roads, so I would just love it if Byron Council could build a bike path from Ewingsdale to the high school instead of spending money on any more roundabouts which are contributing to greenhouse gases because of all the traffic jams they are causing.

A bike path would be a good way of reducing greenhouse gases in our town. It

doesn't have to be the best bike path in the world, just a level ground with a bit of gravel and I promise you it will be loved and used by all.

Sarah Simpson
 Ewingsdale

Two weeks ago I raised serious concerns regarding Council's management of its assets, specifically the swimming pool. This had been reported to be leaking three million litres of chlorinated water each year since 2001! I was surprised that this news drew not one reaction from your environmentally concerned readers. If it had been Sunnybrand Chickens, the picket line would have been long and noisy! A full page of letters guaranteed.

Even more surprising was the lack of response from BSC's general manager. A problem as serious as this should have led to immediate action. What did Council do? Elizabeth Brown called the lessees to repeat that BSC was going to tender when the current totally mismanaged lease

expired. A recipe yet again for lawyers at ten paces.

No doubt, Council is hoping to find some mug who will also spend \$400,000 improving their asset, but will keep quiet about leaking water!

This reaction is indicative of the mob we currently employ. Some of these overpaid people do not even deign to live in the shire. They should step out of their ivory towers, visit Byron and have a chat to the long-suffering ratepayers. They would experience firsthand the anger and disgust at the way this jewel has been allowed to be run down.

BSC regards Byron Bay as a cash cow from parking meters. Asset management is not a strong point. It's time we got council staff and councillors who understand the importance of this. Roll on 2008.

Tony Narracott
 Byron Bay

I was pleased and surprised by the information in Cr John Lazarus's letter in

last week's *Echo* that Byron Shire Council is statistically no more litigious than any other council in NSW. However this fact does make some of their decisions difficult to understand.

Recently Council approved a development for four townhouses on the block behind my block (yes, I have a vested interest in the situation).

This block (112 Bangalow Road):

- a) floods - up to a metre of water immediately behind my back fence,
- b) because the railway bankment forms a dam at the back of the block the water sometimes stays there for months at a time (no exaggeration),
- c) it contains a melaleuca schlerophyl swamp community which is now regarded as an endangered community and consequently should be preserved,
- d) a line of melaleucas runs parallel to the fence for the length of the block and provides an important bird corridor between the Cumbebin

Swamp and the national park,

e) given the nature of the soil (swamp) removal of these trees as planned is likely to cause subsidence both on the block itself and the adjoining blocks on the south side of Blackbutt Place,

f) the area is extremely frog rich (about eight species) as frogs are endangered throughout the world, even if no gazetted endangered species is present, on the cautionary principle - which Council likes to espouse when it suits them - this environment should be preserved,

g) the RTA wants to discourage further medium density development along Bangalow Road which it regards already as an over-used facility.

Now one would have thought that any one of the above conditions would be enough for a Green dominated council to refuse the development.

Unfortunately an application for eight home units on

114 Bangalow Road was refused by Council which was taken to the Land & Environment Court which dismissed the refusal.

Not content with the four granted, the developer of 112 has now reapplied for five townhouses. This is a direct challenge to Council to refuse his DA and thus allow him to take them to court.

It is usually the business community that complains about Council being litigious mostly because it interferes with the plans of their associates. If Council doesn't challenge inappropriate DAs in court it amounts to a signal to allow open slather development in the shire.

May I suggest that if Council wishes to appear true to the principles it espouses it should refuse this development. Even just letting it through out of 'pragmatism' is setting a very bad precedent and makes you wonder why we elected a Green council in the first place.

David Gilet
 Byron Bay

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Articles

John Campbell discusses the form guide for the human race

Chill out, it's not the end of the world

It was Red Tuesday. Time for the fortnightly dispatch of my colour-coded wheely bin with the bad refuse. It alternates with Yellow Tuesday, when the garbos come for the good stuff – paper, glass and recyclables. I was dragging the bin up to the road and noticed my neighbour, McHale, watching me through his binoculars.

We're not on speaking terms again. This time it isn't my thieving from his veggie bed that's got up his nose, it's the fact that last week he sprung me putting empty tins of Portnoy's Whiskas in the yellow bin. He wanted to know if I'd rinsed them out first.

I hadn't.

A tense showdown ensued, like *Kruschev v Kennedy, 1962*. My errant rubbish disposal, he raged, is as great a threat to the planet as nuclear war. McHale is devout in his green politics, I'll give him that, but, because we were in dispute, neither of us cared much about what the other said. It's human nature. We were both unarguably right. He was on about greenhouse and I was like, so what?

There is, of course, no climate crisis. Just further evolution, albeit evolution on crack cocaine. It has become a crisis because it threatens our way of life in the West. The same threat applies everywhere, admittedly, but in the case of a place like Bangladesh, those poor buggers couldn't have it much worse anyway. They'll just pack their bags as the water level rises and move on to... yikes! They might come here!

The immutable problem becomes clear if you view the globe as a big juicy apple. We're all, surely, entitled to an even slice. But hang on, if every family of Africans, Indians, Chinese, Indonesians and Latin Americans want a car (some of the greedy bastards might even want two), a fridge, a wide-screen TV, a dishwasher, a stereo etc, to say nothing of decent plumbing, heating and electricity, then all of the high rhetoric of all of the Bob Browns in the world will not be able to prevent the cataclysmic crash that such materialism will lead to. Because we in Byron Shire are good, we want everybody to have their fair share of the apple, regardless of colour, race or creed. So it's a worry – we believe in equality, but not that much equality.

Unfortunately for us cru-



ers, the cat is out of the bag and the wretched, tired huddled masses have put their hands up and, guess what, they are as grasping as ours. Disingenuous pleas from us to not alter what we have determined is the correct and proper environment is unlikely to halt their desire to consume as avidly as the rest of us.

It's like trying to stop an avalanche. Or, less metaphorically speaking, and more to the point – it's like trying to stop time. For that is what's at the core of all environmentalists' blessed hearts. They have drawn a line in the sand and said, 'This is where things must go no further. Beyond here is bad.' The first bloke to draw that line was King Canute. He did it to demonstrate his powerlessness to prevent the tide from rolling in to those who believed too much in the omnipotence of human authority. He got his feet wet, as he knew he would, regardless of the throne at the water's edge.

Scientists estimate that the genesis of *Homo sapiens* [sic] on this remarkable, possibly unique planet, dates back about 160,000 years. In terms of the twenty-four hour clock ticking since the Big Bang, we got here as recently as 11.55 pm. If you're a creationist, literalist Christian, you might even believe that, abracadabra!, it all started from nothing, that Adam and Eve lobbed on the scene just like that. My family Bible dates the event, according to the faultless study of Father John Brown, at 4004 BC.

Whichever persuasion

you subscribe to, the world has never been the same from one day to the next. Change is the only constant. But so many of us are now carrying on as though the state of Earth as we have been inhabiting it is as it should always be. That it would be a tragedy if it weren't. The big rock spins regardless and, though we might love it, it doesn't love us. To think that it is here for us, like a mother, is the most profound of all of our conceits.

By all means, be meticulous with your rubbish. Put the solar heating panel on the roof and take your green shopping bags to the supermarket. The feelgood factor of activism is inestimable and, most definitely, you will contribute to that shiny new panacea called sustainability. I don't really know what it means, and suspect that it is merely another weasel word in sheep's clothing. More importantly, every punter knows the adage is right; with his very last dollar, the horse to back is Self Interest. It might not win, but it will always be giving one hundred percent. With environmentalism now in the saddle, we might even get a good run for our money. Sadly, there is always a finishing post.

Being resigned to the inevitable is a tough call for polar bears and other specialised, charismatic animals who are being similarly adversely affected by climate change. As a vegetarian of thirty years, I feel no more pity for them than I do for the lambs, cows, chooks,

pigs and fish who get slaughtered daily, (about which Peter Singer has campaigned tirelessly without making a difference).

So relax. Get over your self-importance. That fat old sun will lazily draw itself out of the ocean every morning and casually retire for the night behind the mountains for ages after we're gone. Scratch your name into the lid of your indestructible wheely bin for the future archaeologists who will come in search of our Troy. Enjoy the last days and try to appreciate that, no matter what, the planet will keep turning, creatures will survive and evolve and, to paraphrase David Attenborough, 'Look, even where there is no life – there is life.'

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This will deliver the independents and minor parties the balance of power in the House of Reps and the Senate.

Labor has gone back on its promise not to sell Telstra, can they be trusted not to change their stance on nuclear?

We understand Howard will call an August 4 election, so 'Think about it'.

Nic Faulkner

Brunswick Heads

Chemical warfare

I noticed with a great deal of concern that the Australian Government is once again selling out its most vital asset – its youth.

If we are not sending our most prized possessions off to war we are bombarding them with chemical warfare in the form of pharmaceutical medications. Case in hand: advertisement in *The Echo* March 20 stating; 'At last there's some good news

about cancer – a new vaccine developed in Australia, can protect against HPV, the cause of up to 70% of cervical cancers.'

Firstly, don't be seduced by the patriotism angle.

This vaccine, Gardasil, is a registered trademark of Merck & Co – a pharmaceutical company that states that most of its biological research 'takes place outside of our laboratories, so we charge our scientists with building a "virtual lab".'

Secondly, there is no 'cure' for cancer, just as there is no 'cure' for the common cold. It's just that there is more money for research into a 'cure' for cancer.

Thirdly, anyone who thinks that by putting a disease forming substance into a healthy body in order to protect against future 'diseases' needs to realign their thinking.

If you are seriously thinking about subjecting yourself or your daughters to this abominable treatment may I suggest that you ask the doctor performing the procedure to sign a statement that there will be no adverse side-effects – now or later. I'm willing to bet that no-one will rush forward to put their name to such a guarantee.

However, if you are concerned, worried, frightened and confused about the information you are trying to process, may I suggest that

Police station for Suffolk Park

There has been some speculation about the land next to the BP in Suffolk Park. Should we have another supermarket? Should it be open community space blah blah?

I enlighten all of you by saying there should be a police station there!

Then the coppers from the station's front verandah can watch the underage kids carry their casks of wine and bottles of Jim Beam up Beech Drive that litter the area and some people's

backyards when finished.

The police may even walk around to the pub to see who is selling the stuff to them. They may even walk around the streets to quell the loud obnoxious behaviour that alcohol and drugs make of our young people. They may even drive around to make sure that the kids are safe and girls are not getting raped. The location is so convenient, isn't it?

Gee, wouldn't it be nice to have peaceful nights in our part of town with no damage

or graffiti to property that is now evident next to all the little walk ways that weave through the neighbourhood? Then maybe some of us who have to work the next day can get a decent night's sleep.

Sorry, but the Byron police station is too far away to deal with this problem and as a result our neighbourhood's peace is being constantly disturbed. And isn't the duty of the police to 'serve and protect' the community? Don't blame the parents only

because despite the age of the rowdy people it is the job of the police to keep the peace, isn't it?

Wouldn't it be nice if the police met with the parents and citizens of this neighbourhood to deal with the problem like they used to. A PCYC, anyone?

I would have voted for any politician who promised a police station in Suffolk Park no matter what party they represented!

Nancy Jo

Byron Hills

Still smoking

On Monday night I sat and watched a 'Difference of Opinion' on ABC in which they addressed the topic of global warming and there were ideas discussed on how we can all do our little bit to help reduce carbon emissions. On Tuesday morning I headed off on my walk and could not believe it when I saw that Keyes Gardens, or should that be Plumes Gardens as my husband now calls it, had six massive piles of timber alight, the accumulation of months worth of regeneration work (?) they've carried out.

That afternoon the whole valley was filled with thick smoke, I've heard that it was

an unbelievable sight looking down over the valley at twilight. By Wednesday the air was still filled with smoke. I couldn't leave my windows open on the car when picking the kids up off the bus, as there was ash flying everywhere. The kids got off the bus coughing and spluttering and ran for the car, there may have been some dramatics, but you get the scene.

During the course of the week I have seen the big machines at these piles each day, tending and shifting them. I gather this is to get them to burn, but it is obviously costing the developer money. In the meantime there's been a delivery of hay, which I assume they will use as mulch, so why weren't these trees chipped and used as mulch? It really defies logic, as I'm sure monetary-wise it wouldn't have ended up costing much more, if at all, and look at the cost to the environment. If we are to make a difference this type of stupidity and bloody mindedness has to stop!

It's now Friday and the piles are still smoking and the machines are still working on them! It has probably accounted for the whole of Federal village's carbon emissions for the next twelve months. The sheer arrogance to not respect the people who live in this area, just shows that once that approval's signed, sealed and delivered; off they go. You really can see why this planet is struggling to survive. Money, lots and lots of money but no common sense!

Jenny Moore
Coorabell

Hicks's home

On Sunday April 1 at the Byron Bay Community Market, Byron residents will get a rare opportunity to experience firsthand the reality of Guantanamo Bay, and make up their own minds about the treatment of Australian citizen David Hicks.

Peter Olson

Goonengerry

Letters received from Jill Keogh, Federal, Terry Moody, Old Bonalbo, Wendy Neilan, Byron Bay, Henk Verhoeven, Beacon Hill, Peter Katims, Byron Bay, Susan Evans, Mullumbimby, Dee Taminiau, Mullumbimby.

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Phil of Port Augusta was receiving the full amount of Newstart Allowance from Centrelink, but was also working casually for his friend's painting business. Phil was paid cash, so he thought he could get away with not

telling Centrelink. A tip off from an unknown source alerted Centrelink to Phil's casual job. Once routine checks were completed, Centrelink raised a debt of \$3,892.98 against Phil for not declaring his income as well as imposing an

additional 10% penalty for intentionally misleading Centrelink about his earnings. Possible legal action may also result from Phil's actions. *based on real events, names and locations have been changed.

Most people who receive Centrelink payments do the right thing and tell Centrelink when their circumstances change.

If you don't, penalties range from having to repay the debt, to court fines or even prison.

To avoid debt and penalties, you must tell Centrelink immediately if there are any changes to you or your partner's circumstances such as:

- Changes to income and assets from any source
- Changes to work hours, commencing or stopping work
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Articles

Populate and perish

Adrian Gattenhof

Imagine if the Carbon Fairy waved her wand and whole world switched to Green-Power tomorrow, would that resolve all the other environmental problems we've created? Could we go on then with business as usual, growing in numbers, consumption and demands on the Earth's resources without end? Global warming is just the melting tip of an iceberg of issues. Let's challenge the assumption that we need unending growth or that our planet can sustain it.

The human population is growing by 350,000 every day – equivalent to a new Brisbane every four days and equal to the entire, remaining population of great apes, the chimps, bonobos, gorillas and orangutans. They're our closest kin and all are under severe threat. Human expansion is inevitably at the expense of other creatures and ecosystems. More land has to be brought into agricultural production and pushed harder, more water taken, the oceans fished more ruthlessly.

We in the developed countries are the most rapacious. Each Australian has an ecological footprint of 7ha. Globally, we are now consuming one and a quarter Earths, drawing down biological capital rather than living on the interest or surplus, threatening our very life support systems. We in developed countries should lead in consumption and population reduction. The link between unrestrained growth and environmental destruction is as direct as that between smoking and lung cancer. To assert that sustainability and unlimited growth are com-

patible is like saying the cure for lung cancer is to smoke more!

Cancer kills because it grows without restraint, turning the organs it infests into itself until both host and cancer die. We are not cancer, so why are we behaving like it? Devouring the planet, turning it into ourselves and our stuff and giving back only waste. Turning fresh water into foul, turning fertile soil into sand. Driving some species to extinction through over-exploitation and others because they are of no use and get in our way.

These are just some threatened Australian species – grey nurse shark, green saw shark (probably extinct) leafy sea dragon, weedy sea dragon, eastern dugong, koala, pygmy possum, Tasmanian devil, wedged-tailed eagle. They have the same right to be here as we have, whether they are of use to us or not. And yet we have condemned them to death row. When I was growing up 40 years ago none of these was threatened. Unless we change what we are doing all of them will die – and how many others?

Do we live by stuff alone? When finally we look out upon our completed work, lonely masters of all we survey and when all we have to survey is ourselves and our stuff, what will be left to lift our spirits? What lifts us to music and to poetry and to reverence? Archival footage of an extinct wedge-tailed eagle on a wall-sized plasma screen or the chance sight of a wedge tail soaring in the wild?

We are all tenants here. The earth is finite and cannot accommodate a species

with presumptions to infinity. We have a choice, constrain ourselves or wait for nature to do it. Live within nature or be exiled from it.

Australia is not an empty frontier needing more growth, more housing estates more roads more shopping malls more people. For these are the commonplace agents of destruction and extinction. We need to live within the limits of our country. We cannot have sustainability until we have stability, an end to the chewing up of more land, more water, more forests; an end to population growth.

Richard Heinberg says, 'We need to wind back the scale of the human enterprise': to reach a mature, dynamic, steady-state relationship with our planet with innovation and new technology but no more growth. Tim Flannery says ten million is a sustainable population for Australia. It's over 21 million. Even the Commonwealth government's 2006 State of the Environment report identifies overpopulation as the biggest challenge facing us. The other week Phillip Adams interviewed Dr Mal Washer, Liberal MP from WA, concerning the recent Population and Development conference in Japan. According to Dr Washer the Japanese population is expected to decline from 120 million to 70 million by 2050. There's no cooked-up panic, they're simply planning for it. We can do the same and begin the social and political conversation, the planning and the imagining we need to create a steady-state, diverse and sustainable world.

Sacred music for the season

Throughout time music has played an important role in people's lives. This, whether adding pomp to a ceremonial role in court, as part of religious observance or just for relaxation in everyday life.

The spirituality inherent in music has always added an extra dimension to people's lives. In classical times, without a wealthy sponsor or two and a job at the local church, a composer/musician would starve.

Reflecting the importance of Church sponsorship, JS Bach wrote a different chorale for each Sunday of the church year among many other works, both sacred and secular. Some of the most glorious choral music ever written has been for religious observance.

The journey of Christ from his condemnation, crucifix-



ion and entombment, the Stations of the Cross, has been related through music many times including JS Bach's passions, Handel's Messiah and, more recently, Stainer's Crucifixion. Extracts from all these, plus

sacred music for the season by Elgar, Saint-Saens, Haydn and Durufle will be performed by Spiritsong and St Andrew's Anglican Church Choir on Sunday April 1 at 2pm in St Martin's Anglican Church, Mullumbimby.

Taking a LEAF to Africa

Ed Ahern, owner of The Green Garage, the Byron Handimart and President of Byron United is off to Africa, to the village of Mbagathi, 25km from Nairobi in Kenya.

African Leaf was established by Ed's partner Kristina Brodie in 2004 with the sole purpose to Love, Educate, Acknowledge and Feed orphaned children in Kenya.

Today African Leaf cares for 20 children. All orphaned by AIDS but thankfully HIV free. They range in age from Zarwati (Swahili for present) a 10 month old baby girl recently brought to the organisation, to a 12 year old boy. These children are all schooled, clothed and housed by African Leaf.

While Kristina has been in Mbagathi, with her two teenage sons since Christmas, Ed joins her this week to start the most challenging phase in African Leaf's growth. They have purchased eight acres of land and during the three months Ed will spend in Africa he will oversee the building of a self supporting community for 60 orphaned children, three house mothers and additional staff. The development will include children's accommodation, with separate housing for the house mothers. It will also include a communal kitchen, dining, living and play areas



and modern bathrooms. In keeping with the philosophy of self sustainability there will be a vegetable garden, fruit trees, cow shed and chicken hutch.

In addition there will be four volunteer huts built. Volunteers will pay for their accommodation and live and work as part of the community. The money raised by this will go straight back into the running of the project.

The eight acres boasts its own 200ft bore which Ed says is a wonderful source of extra income as the bore can be metered and the water on sold to neighbouring villages.

When you ask Ed why he's doing this he is very quick with an answer, 'It's just so easy to make a difference.' He recalled an earlier trip where Kristina noticed a four year old boy who hadn't eaten for days. When she asked why

she was told the child was riddled with tapeworm. Ed said a doctor and nurse were swiftly organised who came out and saw this little boy and a group of other children, they gave them tablets and injections and as the doctor was leaving they got the bill. It was \$36.50. 'That's not even a big night at the Beach Hotel and here you could help all these kids. When the rewards are so rich you just can't help but do more.'

Another element of African Leaf's philosophy is micro-financing, whereby projects are funded and established so the women can earn an income. 'Providing the women with an income stream and children with an education will ensure the security of their futures.'

To contribute to the work of African LEAF you can make a donation at Green Garage.



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Stronger Families and Communities Strategy – Choice and Flexibility in Child Care

Applications to Provide in Home Care

The Australian Government Department of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) is calling for applications from new and existing service providers with the ability to provide In Home Care to eligible families. Applications are sought from both community non-profit service providers and private for-profit organisations.

In Home Care is a flexible form of child care where care is provided in the child's own home by an approved carer. In Home Care is targeted to families that have no other child care options. Eligible families include:

- Families living in rural and remote Australia;
- Families where parent/s work shift or non-standard hours;
- Families with multiple children under school age (three or more); and
- Families where either the parent or child has an illness or disability.

In Home Care service providers will be responsible for managing an In Home Care service which includes recruiting, training and supporting carers, assessing families for eligibility, monitoring the quality of care delivered, and the administration of Child Care Benefit.

Applicants should note that the following funding is available to assist eligible providers with the administrative cost of establishing and operating an In Home Care service:

- In Home Care Service Support;
- Set-up Assistance; and
- Regional Travel Assistance Grant.

The closing date for applications is **Monday, 23 April 2007**.

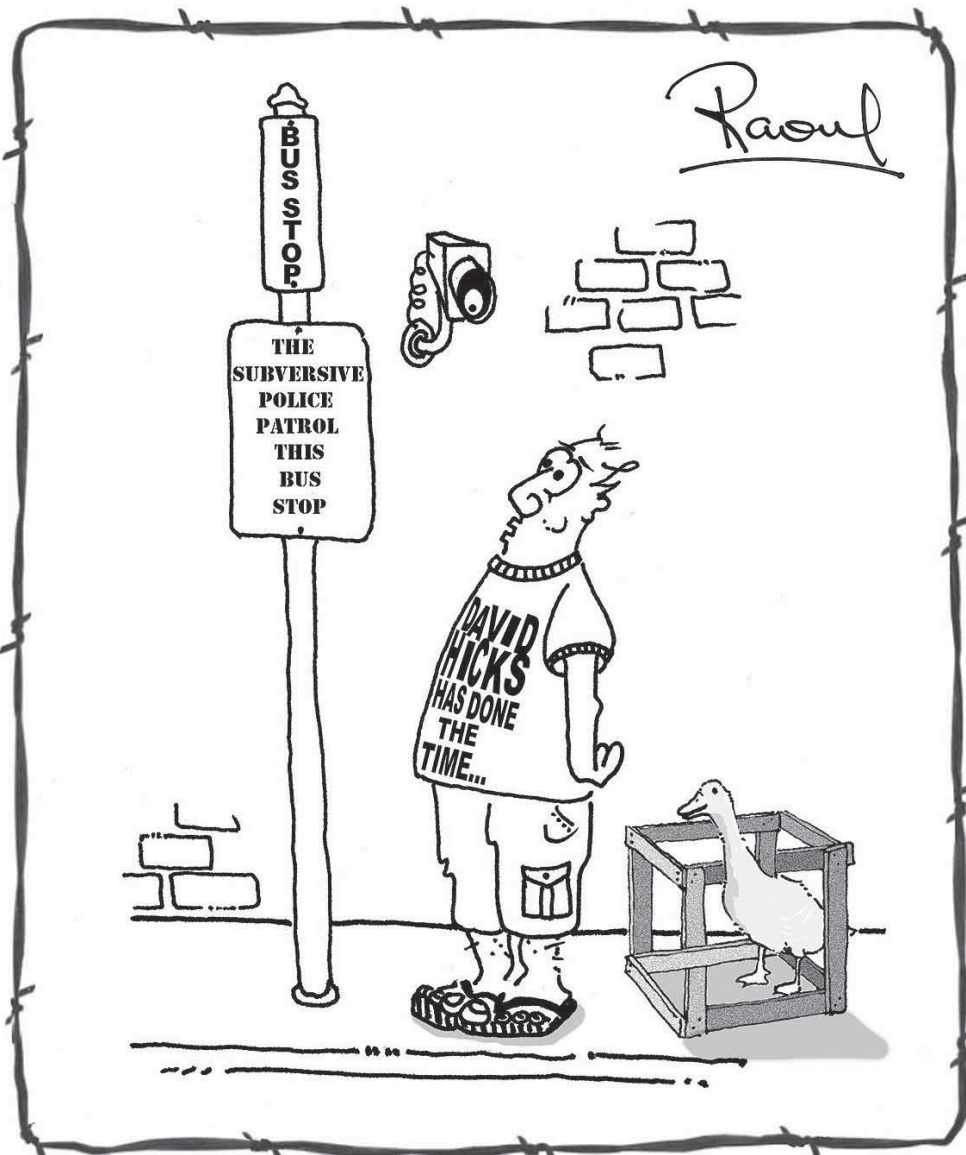
Service providers wishing to apply for In Home Care should download an information and application package (available from Thursday, 29 March 2007) from the FACSIA website, or alternatively contact the FACSIA Office in their state or territory on **1300 653 227**.

Families and service providers wanting more information about In Home Care they should access the FACSIA website at www.facsia.gov.au

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Articles



Chess club starts for juniors

Chess is enjoying a boom with juniors on the North Coast, and parents of chess

playing kids delight in the mental training the game provides.

Research shows chess increases strategic thinking and problem-solving skills, stimulates intellectual creativity, improves academic grades, and does wonders for self-esteem.

A professionally coached after-school junior chess club is starting up in term two in Byron Bay (also in Mullumbimby if there's sufficient interest).

The club caters for all levels of ability aged between six and sixteen, and is focused on developing the deeper strategies, complete understanding, and healthy attitudes of chess in a fun, cooperative, and challenging environment.

Normal afternoons will include a group coaching session, competition and social games, and puzzle solving problems.

To kick off junior chess in the Shire a one-day competition is being held at the Byron Bay Surf Club on Wednesday April 14 from 9am-2.30pm for players of all levels of skill up to 18 years of age.

This is a fun way to test your play against your friends and meet some new ones. There will be trophies, cash and other prizes by age divisions, encouragement and random prizes, and prizes for best girl.

You can phone or email competition/club organiser Mike Duffin 66 846281, guruduff@yahoo.com.au to register or make further enquiries.

CHES by Ian Rogers

The Doeberl Cup, held every Easter since 1963, is always a major event but the 2007 edition of Australia's premier Grand Prix tournament seems likely to break all records.

A sponsorship deal with O2C has enabled the 45th Doeberl Cup to offer record prize money - including a \$5,000 first prize - and bring as many as seven grandmasters to Canberra.

The Doeberl Cup's top seed will be Sergei Shipov, the Russian grandmaster who has become the world's leading live commentator of top level tournaments. Shipov established his reputation at the web site www.chesspro.ru but was subsequently poached by www.crestbook.com. Unfortunately for Australian chess followers, Shipov's instant commentary is usually in Russian only, but the variations he proposes - often stronger than the moves chosen by players such as Topalov and Anand - are understandable to anyone.

Apart from the foreign grandmasters, most attention will be centred around Australia's two rising stars, David Smerdon and Australian Open Champion Zhao Zong Yuan. Smerdon will be returning from a six month stint in Europe which began spectacularly but ended in frustration last month at the Cappelle la Grande Open, a French tournament which featured an incredible 93 grandmasters. Smerdon had chances for his second grandmaster result at

Cappelle but missed a win and a chance to play for first place in his penultimate round game against a Hungarian grandmaster.

The Australian player tipped to give the titled players the most trouble is Moulthun Ly. The 15-year-old Queenslander narrowly missed his final International Master result in Gibraltar in February but his good form has continued after his return to Australia, with victory in the March Madness Open in Brisbane last weekend. Ly tied for first with Serbian Grandmaster Dejan Antic but convincingly defeated Antic in their head-to-head battle, given below.

Brisbane 2007
White: M Ly
Black: D Antic
 Opening: Petroff's Defence
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 A system favoured by Stephen Solomon, but Antic is usually happier behind the White pieces. 4.Nxe5 0-0 5.Be2 Re8 6.Nd3 Bxc3 7.dxc3 Nxe4 8.0-0 d6 9.Bf3 Nd7 10.Re1 Ndf6 11.c4 a5 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Re3 Nd7 15.Qe2 f5 16.Re1 Ndf6? Now Black's knights get into a tangle. After 16... Qg5, Black should be fine. 17.Nf4 Nd7 18.Nd5 Ndc5 19.g3! Bd7 20.Bg2 c6 21.Nf4 Qg5?! 22.Qd1 Qh6 23.a3 Rad8 24.R1e2! Ne6 25.Nxe6 Bxe6 26.Qe1 b6 White's pressure is already unbearable, but abandoning the a pawn with 26...d5 was the lesser evil. 27.f3 f4 28.gxf4 Nc5 29.b4 axb4 30.axb4 1-0

■ A one-day junior tournament will be held at Byron Surf Club from 9am, April 14. Details from Mike Duffin 66846281 or guruduff@yahoo.com.au

Where to play: Byron Bay Services Club, Monday 7-10pm
 Mullumbimby Poinciana Café, Saturday 2-5pm

Evidence of unemployment drop?



Byron Visitor Centre Duty Manager Josie Altamura in the thick of it.

For the past few weeks the Byron Visitor Centre has been looking forward to working with a new team of Work-for-the-Dole volunteers, as part of a skills development scheme set up in conjunction with BETC. But the BVC is still waiting, as no referrals have come from Byron Bay into the program.

'If it means there are fewer unemployed people in Byron, then it's wonderful,' said Katharine Myres, acting manager of the BVC, 'but if it means that no-one's registered because they don't know about the BVC pro-

gram, then I would urge them to contact us so that we can explain the benefits.'

'Anyone who is already in the Centrelink program is eligible.'

The BVC is looking for these volunteers to join the existing staff and volunteers in the Stationmaster's Cottage. Duties will be tailored to the individual but will include front desk information services, tours and activities advice and sales, clerical and administrative work, and special tourism projects such as setting up an image library.

As with the existing volun-

teer intake, anyone with enthusiasm for Byron is welcome to apply.

'The skills and experience that many of our previous volunteers have acquired working with us have been useful for them in gaining paid employment,' said Katharine. 'We're often sorry to see them go, but if it means they have moved into the paid workforce then it's a great achievement.'

If you are unemployed and would like to join the BVC's Work-for-the-Dole program, contact the Centre on 6680 9271, or drop into the Stationmaster's Cottage.

Relay for Life gets a boost

Bangalow resident Michael Malloy has kicked off major donations to this year's event Relay for Life in Bangalow with a \$5,000 cheque. Michael said he is challenging community members to match this donation because he believes there is no more worthy cause and the monies raised goes directly to helping families, friends and neighbours at this very difficult time in their lives as well as to research into the causes and possible prevention of cancer.

The Relay forLife is a shirewide event with widespread support.

Everyone is invited. Teams must be there by 2pm, Cancer Survivors and Carers by 2.45pm as you are the guests of honour.

Everyone else is welcome any time.

A delicious and varied menu of Cancer Smart foods and drinks will be available.

Program

3pm Opening Ceremony, flag raising, Survivors & Carers walk.

3.30pm-5pm Yummy Mummy activities and centre stage entertainment.



Michael Malloy presents a cheque for \$5000 to Sandra Rowan of the Cancer Council of NSW Ballina Office.

5pm Best decorated Sun Smart hat parade and Spaghetti Circus 'Mighty Mini Ones'.

5.30pm Head Shaves (must register before) and Body Balance activities.

6pm-7pm Local bands.

7pm Hope Ceremony. Get your bags and candles early.

7.45pm-8pm Campfire entertainment with Ray Essery.

8pm-8.45pm Samba Ballistas Drumming.

8.45pm-9.30pm Ms Relay and Air Band competitions.

9.30p-11pm Mal & the Longboarders. Russell Shaw Band.

11pm Slideshow of last year's event and Cancer Smart movies.

12pm Midnight. Torchlight Banner Parade.

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6.30am Cancer Smart breakfast.

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9am Thankyou closing ceremony and crazy final lap and clean up.

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Television Guide

1. Julian Barratt and the incredibly doe-eyed Noel Fielding are pretty much **The Mighty Boosh** (SBS, Thursday, 10pm), a bizarre comedy series well worth a look. 2. George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones have great fun in **Intolerable Cruelty** (TEN, Friday, 8.30pm) – formulaic but funny. 3. Too long on the sunbed – Ron Perlman is the Reman Viceroy in **Star Trek: Nemesis** but we're watching **Trekkiies** (Prime, Sunday, noon) for an amusing insight into the fanatics' way of life. Next year sees the debut of **Star Trek XI** – Gene Roddenberry would never have guessed his sci-fi opus would last so long when he created it in 1966. Science fiction is to reality what eccentricity is to grief – its greatest remedy (see Nabokov).



	ABC	SBS	PRIME	TEN	NBN
WEDNESDAY 28	4.30 Parkinson 5.30 Can We Help? 6.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 School Programs 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 National Press Club Address 1.30 Talking Heads 2.00 Parliament Question Time 3.00 Kids' Programs 5.55 Behind The News 6.00 Kylie Wong: Shellfish 6.30 The Cook And The Chef 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 The New Inventors 8.30 Spicks And Specks 9.00 The Chaser's War On Everything 9.35 The Worst Week Of My Life (M, cl) 10.05 At The Movies 10.35 Lateline 11.10 Lateline Business 11.40 Four Corners 12.25 Media Watch 12.40 Parliament Question Time 1.40 Movie: The Great Man Votes (G, B&W, 1939) An alcoholic college professor tries to make ends meet while raising two children alone. Starring John Barrymore, Virginia Weidler, Peter Holden 2.55 Second Opinion Whiplash and prostate 3.25 National Press Club Address	5.30 World News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 Movie: Vaya Con Dios (M, s, 2002) German comedy 3.00 Mum's The Word 3.30 Down Under: Montreal 4.00 A Fork In The Road 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Living Black 6.30 World News Australia 7.30 Cooking In The Danger Zone Tonga and Fiji 8.00 Inside Australia: Going Bush (PG, cl) Cathy Freeman and Luke Carrol on a 3000km trek from Uluru to Cape York and the islands of the Torres Strait 8.30 Dateline 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 Movie: The Ninth Day (M, v, a) German drama 11.40 Goalissimo Football 12.40 Class: Moving Up (G) 1.40 Weatherwatch SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Bambaloo 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Sons And Daughters 11.30 Food 4 Life 12.00 Blue Heelers (M, v, du) Three hour series final 3.00 Trading Spouses 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 Air Crash Investigations (PG) New episode 8.40 Heroes (M) 9.40 Prison Break - On The Run (M) 10.35 24 - The New Beginning (M, v) 11.30 City Beat (M, cl) 12.00 Crime Scene Academy (M, a) 12.30 Danoz Direct 1.30 Expo 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)	6.00 Ten Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 Puzzle Play 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Strong Medicine 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Infomercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 The Biggest Loser 7.30 The Con Test (PG) 8.30 House (M) 9.30 Medium (M) 10.30 Late Night News And Sports Tonight 11.15 Late Show With David Letterman 12.15 Judge Judy 12.45 Infomercials 2.15 Video Hits Up-Late 2.30 Infomercials 4.00 Kenneth Copeland 4.30 More Religion All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)	3.00 ICC World Cup Cricket LIVE from the West Indies - Australia v West Indies 7.15 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 11.00 TVP Direct 11.30 Danoz 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 The Catch-Up 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 Mortified 4.30 Antiques Roadshow 5.00 Entertainment Tonight 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 FINA World Championship Swimming LIVE including men's 800m freestyle and women's 200m freestyle 8.59 Lotto 9.00 Cold Case (M) 10.00 Without A Trace (M) 11.00 Extreme Makeover 12.00 Quizmania 3.00 Guthy Renker 4.00 Untold Wealth 4.30 Good Morning America
THURSDAY 29	4.30 Parkinson 5.30 Can We Help? 6.00 Kids' Programs 10.00 School Programs 11.00 Fact Or Fiction 12.00 Midday Report 12.30 Monarch Of The Glen 1.30 Strictly Dancing 2.00 Parliament Question Time 3.00 Kids' Programs 6.00 Grand Designs: Birmingham 6.50 Hidden Treasures 7.00 ABC News 7.30 The 7.30 Report 8.00 Catalyst The factors that make corporate high flyers the winners they are 8.30 Cuttlefish: The Brainy Bunch 9.30 The House Of Obsessive Compulsives Extreme sufferers of obsessive compulsive disorders live in a house together with a group of therapists 10.20 Lateline 10.55 Lateline Business 11.25 Live At The Basement Tim Freedman 12.25 Parliament Question Time 1.30 Movie: The Intelligence Men (G, 1965) Eric Morecombe and Ernie Wise star as two incompetent spies blundering through adventures. Also stars Warren Mitchell 2.25 The Alan Clark Diaries (M, cl) Recorded affairs and scandals of Whitehall	4.45 Euro 2008 Qualifier LIVE - Andorra v England 7.00 Euro 2008 Qualifier Delayed - Italy v Scotland 9.00 Spanish News 9.20 French News 9.55 Russian News 10.30 Greek News 11.30 Arabic News 12.05 Indonesian News 12.30 Business Report 1.00 World News 2.30 Dateline 3.30 If Only 4.00 Food Lovers Guide To Australia 4.30 The Journal 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Global Village 6.30 World News Australia 7.20 Hotline 7.35 Inspector Rex (PG) 8.30 The Eagle: A Crime Odyssey (M, v, a) 9.30 World News Australia 10.00 The Mighty Boosh (PG) English comedy series 10.35 Movie: Once Upon A Time In China 3 (M, v, 1993) Cantonese action 12.30 Movie: It's Easier For A Camel (M, s, a, n, 2002) French drama about a girl from a family with immense wealth 2.25 Weatherwatch	6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Bambaloo 9.30 Home Shopping 10.30 Morning News 11.00 Sons And Daughters 11.30 Food 4 Life 12.00 Movie: Mission To Mars (M, a, 2000) A rescue mission is launched when a storm kills all but one crew member of the first manned mission to Mars. Starring Tim Robbins, Gary Sinise, Don Cheadle, Connie Nielsen, Jerry O'Connell, Kim Delaney 2.30 My Wife And Kids 3.00 Trading Spouses 4.00 It's Academic 4.30 News 5.00 M*A*S*H 5.30 Deal Or No Deal 6.00 Prime News 6.30 Seven News 7.00 Home And Away 7.30 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 My Name Is Earl 8.30 Bones (M, v, a) Double episode 10.20 Family Guy (M) Double episode 11.20 Stargate Atlantis (M) 12.30 Danoz Direct 1.20 Expo 5.00 Religion 5.30 Home Shopping	6.00 Ten Early News 7.00 Toasted TV 8.30 Puzzle Play 9.00 9am With David And Kim 11.00 Ten News 12.00 Strong Medicine 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.00 Ready Steady Cook 3.00 Infomercial 3.30 Huey's Cooking Adventures 4.00 Totally Wild 4.30 The Bold & The Beautiful 5.00 Ten News 6.00 The Simpsons 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 The Biggest Loser 7.30 Jamie At Home 8.00 Saving Babies 8.30 Law & Order: SVU (M) 9.30 Law & Order: Criminal Intent (M) 10.30 Late Night News And Sports Tonight 11.15 Vodafone Live At The Chapel (M, cl) Featuring Noel Gallagher 11.45 Late Show With David Letterman 12.45 Infomercials 2.15 Video Hits Up-Late 2.30 Infomercials 4.00 Enjoying Everyday Life 4.30 Kenneth Copeland 5.00 Life Today With James Robison 5.30 This Is Your Day With Benny Hinn	6.00 Today 9.00 Mornings With Kerri-Anne 11.00 Danoz 11.30 Guthy Renker 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 The Catch-Up 2.00 Days Of Our Lives 3.00 Fresh Cooking 3.30 Hi-5 4.00 The Shak 4.30 Antiques Roadshow 5.00 Entertainment Tonight 5.30 Bert's Family Feud 6.00 Evening News 7.00 FINA World Championship Swimming LIVE including finals for women's 200m butterfly, men's 100m freestyle, women's 4x200m freestyle relay 9.20 The Footy Show (M) 11.00 Nightline 11.30 AFL Footy Show (M) 1.30 Da Vinci's Inquest (M) 2.30 Blue Collar TV (M) 3.00 Guthy-Renker Australia 4.00 Untold Wealth 4.30 Good Morning America Pope punishes Salvadoran priest who spoke on behalf of poor and advocated human rights for being 'too Christ-like.' www.ironictimes.com
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Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School began in 1988 and will celebrate its 21st birthday in 2009. Our school community is proud of its achievements having grown from a small kindergarten to a K-12 school. Recently Catherine Dunham and Lyn McCormick were employed as acting Principals for 2007. This is a first for Steiner schools in Australia and an innovative step in position sharing. The two women have taught at the school for over 30 years collectively. They have been welcomed and congratulated, as both women will be employed in what is often a position held by males and for continuing their other positions within the school – Catherine as Librarian for primary and high school and Lyn as primary school teacher. Our school is a sanctuary: beautiful and peaceful with environmentally sustainable practices. Our staff are fantastic well qualified teachers, experts in their fields and wonderful mentors for the most delightful of children in our care. We look forward to see you at our next School Tour on Friday May 18 and our Open Day on Saturday May 19, 2007.

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Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School – Inspired learning

School Community Welcomes Steiner Principals

Students, staff and parents of the Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School have welcomed the new year with a significant change that puts the school at the leading edge of Steiner education in Australia.

For the first time, the School Council (management committee) has created the position of Principal to oversee the day-to-day functioning of the school. Two long-standing staff members at the school, Lyn McCormick and Catherine Dunham have been appointed to share the position in an acting basis for 2007. Both will also continue in their current roles as Primary Teacher and Librarian respectively.

While the school has still retained the traditional College of Teachers, which holds Educational responsibilities, the decision to appoint a Principal at the school was the result of the growing complexities of managing a Kindergarten to Year 12 school in modern times.

The initiative and the appointment of Lyn and Catherine have been applauded by the school community, with many parents writing to the school to express their support and appreciation.

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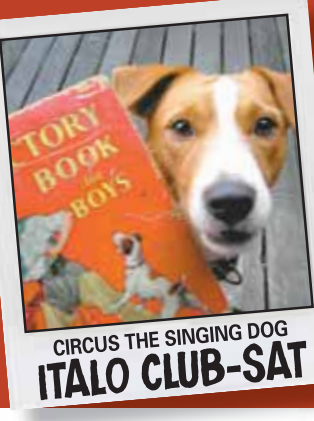
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Frankie My Dear

F R A N K I E B A N D

Frankie Kimpton has been popping in and out of the office in the lead-up to the release of the band's second EP, *Another Place to Live*. This 8-track offering is a marked departure from The Frankie Band's first, which young Frankie admits was more in the Jack Johnson/Donovan Frankenreiter, surfie in his lounge room on the guitar type genre.

'The first album was self-produced and this time it was weird. The whole thing changed, it's like in the first album I hadn't found myself. I found a chorus pedal and it totally changed my songwriting.'

This time the band opted for the talents of producer Anthony Lycken from Rockinghorse Studios. Anthony has credits

like Beautiful Girls, Pete Murray and UK's Suede under his belt. The recording was a transformative process for the band who found their footing in a sound that is very much their own.

'One of the things that Anthony was excited about and kept saying during the recording is that the music we had made is like no other out there at the moment and is great as it's hard to box it in to any exact genre... the few people who have heard it thus far can't quite put their finger on it.' The closest is to peg it somewhere between the Sunnyboys and The Church.

The band were so focused on their recording that friends and family took a backseat. It became an all consuming project.

'There was a lot of work,' Frankie enthused, 'we polished the songs in pre-production. We didn't want to waste money. There were only 2 tracks that we really had any trouble with. One was *Watching Over You*. It was more of a ballad. We finally got it at 2 in the morning, everyone

was passed out and we were totally rooted. I couldn't believe it!'

Frankie picked up the guitar a little later than most. At 22 he retreated to his bedroom, the age when most young men were emerging from theirs.

'I was very anal about it, it was all or nothing for me. There's even a song about it on the album. It's about when you lock yourself in your room, it's lonely but you love it.'

Frankie admits to being influenced by classic 80's and 90's pop rock, from the grungey to the grinding. 'Anything from Prince to Coldplay, to INXS to John Mayer and Eskimo Joe.'

The creative process was a buzz for Frankie who admitted to missing the hours in the studio as soon as the door was closed and the CD was burnt.

'I got really depressed afterwards, for about three or four days. We were having fun. I kept trying to figure out how it was going to be received. I had to let go of thinking like that - I was just sitting around

the house moping and it had been ages since we really saw anyone!'

The EP reflects a vibrant relationship between band and producer, with Anthony moving the band to a more sophisticated level than their previous recording.

'Anthony suggested in this one particular song that I sing normally, and then I go back and sing falsetto. I took the piss at first then when I heard it back I thought, that's awesome.'

Frankie admits to being extremely chuffed that the producer liked their music so much he called it 'the best thing he'd done in a long time.'

In fact, Frankie laughs, 'he liked it so much he actually joined the band. We were looking for a keyboard player, and he's a keyboard player. We thought he was joking!'

Another Place to Live is being launched at the Byron Bay Community Centre on Friday at 7pm. Support act is Shaun Westcott and for just \$13 you get your own copy of the 8 TRACK EP.

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10,000 WORDS FOR BEIGE

Eskimo has 1,000 words for snow, on reading a Home Beautiful mag in the doctor's surgery the other day, I have come to the conclusion that stylists have developed 10,000 words for beige. It's Lexeme Sport. To me, beige is middle of the road. It's the 'please don't notice me', the shy conservative wallflower of the palette. It's the colour without a conscience. Beige would have no problem in locking up David Hicks or scheduling a pre-election release. Beige always fills in tax returns. Beige sponsors a World Vision child, but secretly fears the aboriginal family who moved down the road will affect property values. Beige is polite. Beige is efficient. Beige is quietly powerful. And while you are at work, Beige sneaks into your bedroom and screws your wife. Beige is evil. We must rid ourselves of the pale evil in all its inoffensive, mild mannered incarnations.

There's Gnu Tan, Fiji Sands, Beige Royale, and for the public servant who's about to jump from the 16th floor, there's Self-destruct. Oyster Linen has been very popular, as has Chick Pea for vegetarians, and the cops have been choosing Hog Bristle (it's piggy friendly). Puddle was a sensible choice for the incontinent, Jodhpurs for the horsey type, Bird Seed for Chicken Flu sufferers in Quarantine and the perennially popular: Camel Train. I got a little confused on my latest reno and had my lounge painted in Camel Toe. It's confronting

and exciting at the same time and leaves one with an unsettling desire to adjust oneself. The list goes on. There's Pale Parchment, Curd, Grand Piano, Magnolia. It's all still fucking beige. 10,000 words for boring. What about a little truth in advertising and naming these varying degrees of beige for what they really are. I have emailed my suggestions through to Dulux and am awaiting a reply. There's 'Fence Sitting Beige': ideal for people-pleasers, 'Villawood': perfect for people who like to keep to themselves and 'Apocalypse Now' for those who plan to sit out the end of the world in air conditioned comfort. Beige is the colour of our first world obesity, the giant fat roll that threatens to envelope and suffocate the globe. Ban the Beige. Have the courage to be coloured.

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LIVE MUSIC

TEA FOR THE TALISMAN
Rob Hirst is one of the high profile Australian musicians who has openly spoken out against **Operation Talisman Sabre**. For those not up to date with army manoeuvres, this is a US/Australian Army Games, a kind of military Olympics that is going to be held at Shoalwater Bay from the end of May to 2 July 2007. It will be the largest military exercise in Australia and will involve nearly 14,000 US troops and over 12,000 Australian personnel. Exercise activity will take place at Australian military locations including the Australian-US 'training facilities': Shoalwater Bay in Queensland and Bradshaw and Delamere Range in the Northern Territory. In a clip on the website www.info@peaceconvergence.com, Rob asks the pertinent question: 'As Australians, do we want to be part of the International Industry of War?' Rob headlines a major concert at **Brisbane's Arena**, alongside other concerned musicians such as **John Butler - 16 June**. There is also a Peace Train which leaves from Flinders Street in Melbourne, picking up passengers in Canberra, Sydney and taking them to the Peace Convergence at the Arena. Those still able to commit to the opposition can then travel to Yeppoon where they can be part of the week long Peace Camp. As well as putting our environment at risk and information and Military neither confirming or denying the type of weapons that will be used in Australian waters, Operation Talisman Sabre will utilise and traverse areas of high environmental significance, i.e. world heritage areas, such as the Great Barrier

Reef Marine Park, and natural heritage listed sites which include indigenous sites and Ramsar wetlands. These areas are habitat to many migratory birds and threatened species such as dugongs and humpback whales. Environmental impacts identified by the Department of Defence include effects on air quality, fire potential, noise pollution, waste disposal and spills and erosion from amphibian craft landings and weapon target zones. Talisman Sabre will involve US nuclear-powered vessels. All US 'attack class' submarines are nuclear powered. The US fleet may also be carrying nuclear weapons, as well as depleted uranium munitions. Those who want to show their opposition to these military games can

participate in events all over the country. Byron Bay is having its own specific event, called **The Byron Bay Peace Convergence** where local musicians and performers come together to proclaim their lack of support for the war industry. Performers include **Andy Holme, Sick of War, Bunna Lawrie Peace Tribe, Hottentots, Byron Community Choir, Soulman, Back Deck Protest, Byron Vista Crue and the North Coast Ukulele Collective**. **David Bradbury** will be a key speaker who will show a clip called Sick Of War, which specifically deals with the US wargame that starts late May. I will be the MC, be there as a conscientious objector to send the message home. I will be advocating a loud nude protest (let's make it

even bigger) on our beaches before the Americans hit. We could spell out something like 'Bums against Bombs'. **Saturday** at the **Byron Bay Community Centre**.
SMOKING TIJUANA
Tijuana Cartel present their brilliant mix of live dubbed-out breaks-&electronica combined with pumping live percussion, intricate live-flamenco-style guitar as well as their Kiwi-MC, at the **Durrumbul Hall on Friday**. Their high energy live sets are an inspiring and infectious affair which will not only tickle the soles of your bare feet or your dancing shoes. Hailing from the Gold Coast, the Tijuana Cartel will be off for a three month tour of India the very next day, making this a rare opportunity to catch them before they change

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their name and start wearing baggy cotton smocks. The band will be supported by local band of gringos and muchachas the **Utopians**, a colourful six piece ska-funk-latin extravaganza. The Utopians have received great reviews for their fun and high energy sets, most notably for their appearance at this year's Kohinur Hall New Year's Eve event. The night will kick off with an early DJ-set by **Tone Broker & Del Larkin** followed by the Utopians. Then there'll be some more hot, funky and sweaty vibes by Tone & Del, before the Tijuana Cartel will take things to the next level, playing tracks from their second album, *Frequent Flyers*. It's up up and away for Tone Broker as well, who will be packing up the Bubs when he and his talented missus, (Morgane) will be leaving this area shortly for a move to France. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Byron's most prolific and diverse DJ's in action one last time... he will pick a special, sassy latin-infused set for the occasion. So pull out your sombreros, put on your dancin' boots and come on down to Durrumbul hall for a feast of the senses at The Tijuana Sessions. Hot, savoury and tasty as well as sweet Mexican delights will be served by Eats and Beats. This is a full moon event! **7.30pm.**

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HARD WORD BEACH HOTEL SUNDAY

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A TOTAL BURKE

No it's not Brian, it's Andy. **Andy Burke**, an Irish chap who's been living here for 8 years. He's just released his second album, called *Birds* and is having his launch at the **Rails** on **Monday**. Andy's music is mix of folk rock and reggae. The next day he plans to enter himself into the Blues over Byron busking comp - so we are sure to hear a lot more from young Andy!

WHEN FRUIT TINGLES

Australia has proved a popular new home for many seasoned musicians, including most recently Brian Ritchie (Violent Femmes), Chris Haskett (Rollins Band) and err.. Leo Sayer to name a few, but where those artists have chosen Australia for a lifestyle change, has any one international musician drawn more on Australia for inspiration and influence for their muse as much as **Evan Dando** of **The Lemonheads**? Dando had his first brush with Australia back in 1989 when The Lemonheads (featuring Dando on drums) performed a series of shows on the east coast of the USA with Aussie punk trio and Taang! Records label mates the Hard-Ons. This was followed by a 1991 tour of Australia where Dando formed a friendship with Nic Dalton, standin bassist for Aussie tour partners The Hummingbirds and owner of Aussie indie-record label Half A Cow. Following the departure of original Lemonheads bassist Jesse Peretz later that same year, Dando returned to Australia for a summer holiday where he recruited Dalton as the new Lemonheads bass player. Tom Morgan, one of Dalton's buddies and the front-man for local group Smudge was also recruited around this time, helping Dando pen some of The Lemonheads better known songs including Alyson's *Starting to Happen*, a song about another Australian musician Alyson Galloway, Morgan's drumming partner in Smudge. Following a two year tenure Dalton left The Lemonheads, but the Australian connection was

kept intact by the inclusion of Bill Gibson the former bass player for Australian cult icons The Eastern Dark, a formative influence on Dando during his college years. Gibson played guitar and sang harmonies with The Lemonheads (including a stint on their 1996 tour of Australia) but his departure and the subsequent implosion of The Lemonheads in 1997, marked the end of any further Lemonheads/Australia race relations. That was until 2004, when Dando, alongside Tim Rogers and Bob Evans (two artists indebted to the influence of Dando and The Lemonheads) toured Australia as a triple bill. But now it's 2007 and Dando and a new line-up of The Lemonheads are back. They have just released their first album since 1997's best of and Dando is particularly upbeat about it. To celebrate, this latest edition of The Lemonheads will be touring Australia touching down in Byron Bay to play the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Friday**.

HANDS AROUND THE WORLD

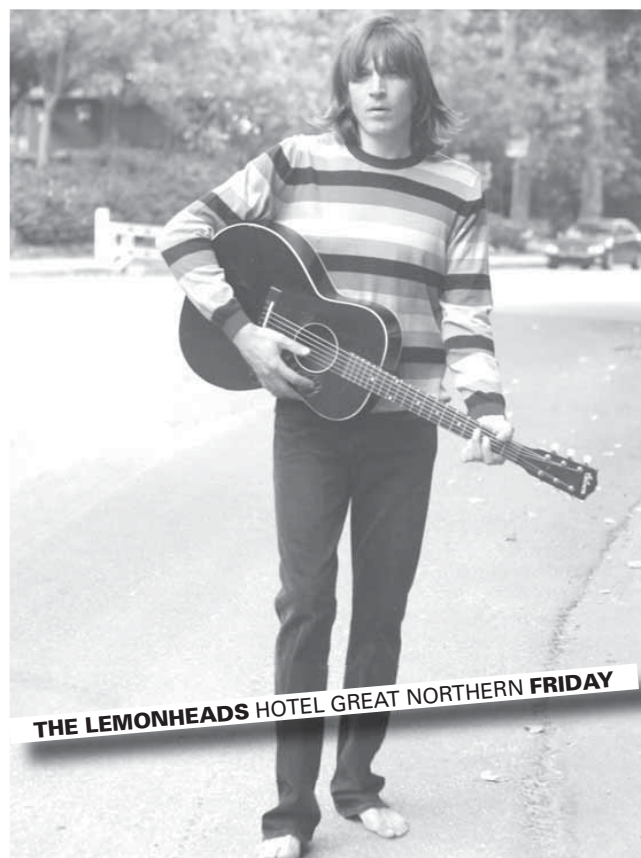
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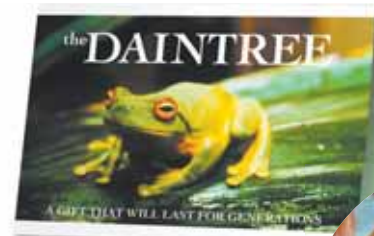


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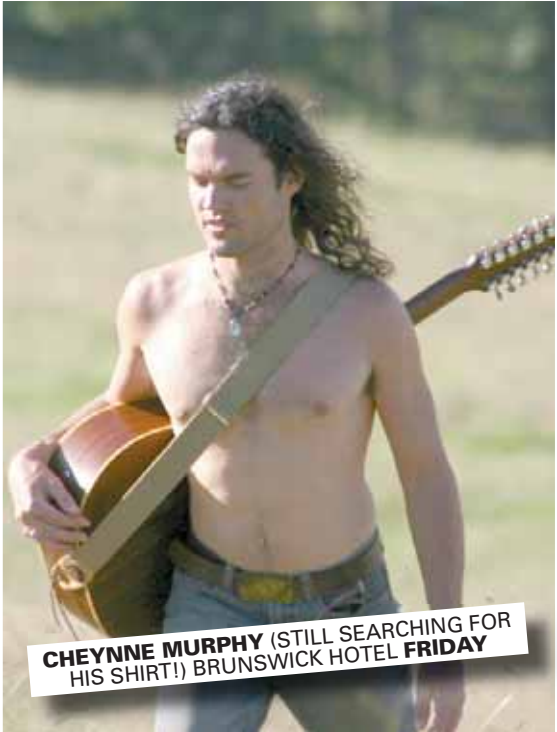
'rested only briefly to birth her child' and then went back to her tribal activities. She's the consummate mother energy and her CD *Awaken the Snake* is her wakeup call to us all to take responsibility for our planet. **Friday** at the **Bangalow Catholic Hall**. Tix \$18/16 at the door. Doors open from 7.30pm for an 8pm show.

ROOTS N ALL

Byron Bay Reggae Club presents East Coast Reggae and Roots Festival at **Coorabell Dancehall** on **Saturday**, with local reggae bands Street Party and Groove Foundation. DJ's for the night are **IssaJAH** and the **Twelve Tribes of Israel** sound system, chai, cakes, rice and curry supplied by Julie Rainbow Temple and lighting installations by Dr Bush. This is Byron reggae community's regular full moon family gathering in a relaxed dance all night atmosphere, as always BBRC is a drug and alcohol free all ages environment. Tickets are \$15, \$10 (members and concession) and children like love and headlice are free. Doors open **7pm** till 1am. For the shuttle bus bookings phone 0432 258 119.

BUBA AT THE BIRDY

Rarely do you see such a complete musician as **Jali Buba Kuyateh**. Born in Gambia but resides between Casamance in the southern region of Senegal, and Bakau in Gambia, Jali Buba comes from a griot (hereditary musician) family, where he has played kora since the age of ten. Jali comes from the famous Kuyateh family of Medina Wandifa. All his brothers play kora, sing and dance. His father, Dembel Kuyateh and his mother Fenda Galissa, were well known throughout Senegambia. His older brother, Lamin Kuyateh, is the premier kora player



CHEYNNE MURPHY (STILL SEARCHING FOR HIS SHIRT!) BRUNSWICK HOTEL FRIDAY



JALI BUBA KUYATEH THE BLUE BIRDY WEDNESDAY

with the Senegalese National Ballet. A master of traditional kora tunes, Jali Buba has applied his kora to the Afro Manding styles, soukous of Mali and Guinee Conakry, the mbalax made so popular by Youssou N'dour, reggae, salsa, jazz and the blues. Jali Buba Kuyateh has the ability to captivate an audience on his own or with a band. He sings like Youssou N'dour and plays kora like Toumani Diabate. He's a brilliant entertainer and to watch him play as he gets lost in his music is a delight to behold. He not only plays and sings, but he dances while he plays. He has many fans right throughout Senegal and Gambia and he is recognised and greeted everywhere he goes by people in the street. He's Senegambia's best kept secret! He is joined on stage by Afro Dizzi Act who have built a reputation as one of the most flexible bands in the country. Their ability to craft a live performance for a particular audience and space is second to none and it's for this reason amongst others the group has been

able to attract such a wide ranging audience and an equally diverse array of gigs. **Wednesday** at the **Blue Birdy** at the **Buddha Bar**.

GYAN TO PLAY THE OPERA HOUSE

After a sensational intimate gig at a secret location in Suffolk last Sunday night, **Gyan** heads off to the **Sydney Opera House** for three performances at the Sydney Opera House with her old friend **Michael Leunig**. Playing **Friday, Saturday** and **Sunday** this week at the big shell, why not catch the performance if you are in the Emerald City for the weekend? It's a melancholic, moving and lyrical adaptation of Michael Leunig's poetry inspired and interpreted by Gyan. It's a unique and one might say, multi media collaboration.

THE SHACK

Dubshack make their way through the crowd when they take to the main stage at the **Beach Hotel** on **Thursday**. One of the finest purveyors

of reggae rhythms in the shire dish up a big bowl of dub to warm that reggae loving heart.

WILLING FOR EVERYBODY

Jimmy Willing has been searching high and low for an all ages venue for his Roots Music Club, Live in Hillbilly Heaven. The good news is: he has seen the light. Jimmy takes his crew to **The Chequer Board Room** at the **Italo Club** - a venue that was retro before they invented the word. So prepare yourself for an alternative punk country experience with Gleny Rae Virus, Mick Daley and The Puddin Thieves, The Perch Creek Family Jugband, Uncle Burnin' Love, Ginger Dreadlocks, Musical Statues, Jimmy Willing and the irrepressible singing dog: Circus. Probably one of the biggest 4 legged talents to come out of the North Coast in a decade. He's developed unique vocal stylings, and is one of the only performers who has a chicken bone rider.

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CULTURE

STORY HOW TO TELL STORIES TO KIDS.

Have you ever wondered why every time you start telling your kids stories they start to lose interest? Chances are you are just a tad dull. The **Story Tree Company** is initiating a series of storytelling workshops with the first one featuring local legend, **Susan Perrow**. Susan leads two days of Storytelling for Children on **28-29 April**. The ancient art of oral storytelling has been enjoying a revival around the world in the last few decades. Just as the Slow Food Movement grew from people being tired of fast, highly processed food, people tired of fast-paced impersonal, electronic communication are turning increasingly to the gentle art of storytelling. Storytelling can be used to entertain, enchant, teach, celebrate an anniversary or simply get a point across in a captivating way. It can also

be used therapeutically, to model problem solving, foster emotional resilience or help people debrief from traumatic experiences. In Susan's workshop participants will have an option to attend one or both days. On Saturday she will explore 'Storytelling: Taking the First Steps: A Practical Introduction to the Art of Storytelling for Young Children'. On Sunday the group will work on Therapeutic Storytelling: Healing Challenging Behaviour. The workshop will be taking place at **The Eurythmy Hall** in the beautiful grounds of the **Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School**, Ewingsdale. Cost: \$150 full weekend or \$90 per day. To book call Jenni on 6684 6548. Check out www.thestorytreecompany.com.au

SINNER, HEAL THYSELF!

The Starlight Wellbeing Festival is a highlight on the North Coast Easter

Calendar. This event which started out a decade ago offers people a chance to browse, chat and experience the latest in alternative and complementary therapy. Stand holders include: Shiatsu, Reiki, Holistic pulsing, Psychic readings, Tarot, Palmistry, Astrology, Aura camera, Animal communicator, Jewellery, Esoteric books, Spiritual artwork, Channelled healings, Tibetan Monk and more. Special guests this year include Jaid, the Mathematician. He's an internationally acclaimed maths expert who will demonstrate some of the 16 sutras or formulae that govern Vedic Mathematics. Amazon survivor and Kabbalistic scholar Yossi Ghinsberg draws on Quantum physics, Buddhism, and environmental sciences for his core teachings, which include meeting adversity from a place of balance and tapping into our inner resources of

wisdom and knowledge. Qala Sri'ama channel and international teacher will show how you can assist your children, grandchildren or teenagers to develop to their highest potential in life by understanding their energy and how your energy influences them deeply. Priestess of the Goddess, Jane Meredith shares an original, simple and powerful magical system, based on regional locality and the Celtic Wheel of the Year: the eight Festivals of the Solstices, the Equinoxes and the Cross-Quarter days for creating a sacred space. Gyuto chant master, Venerable Lobsang Tendar will bless the festival each day, offer talks, chanting and healings to the general public, proceeds go to his monastery. Hourly talks, Crystal Singing Bowl and sound Healing, Cafe Chat and Healathon. It's a sight for the third eye! **April 6-9, at A&I Hall in Bangalow**. 9.30-5.30pm \$10 admission.

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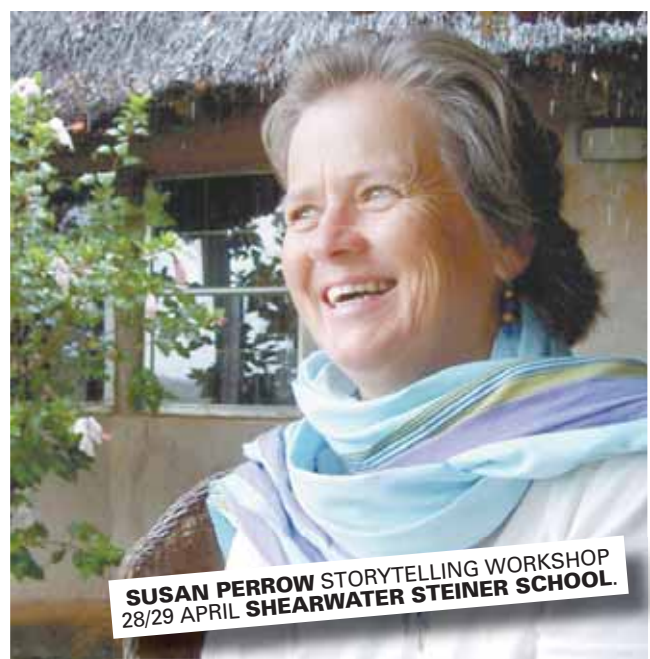
STANDUP COMEDY APRIL FOOLS!!!

Year after year, term after term I coach a brand new crew of aspiring locals in the gentle art of standup comedy. Most openly admit that it's their greatest fear, some confess a secret desire to become a professional, others are recovering from emotional trauma and want to rediscover their funny bone and nearly every one of them are curious about just what will happen 6 weeks down the track when they take to the stage and perform their very first solo standup routine. The process is remarkable, in 10 years of teaching you never

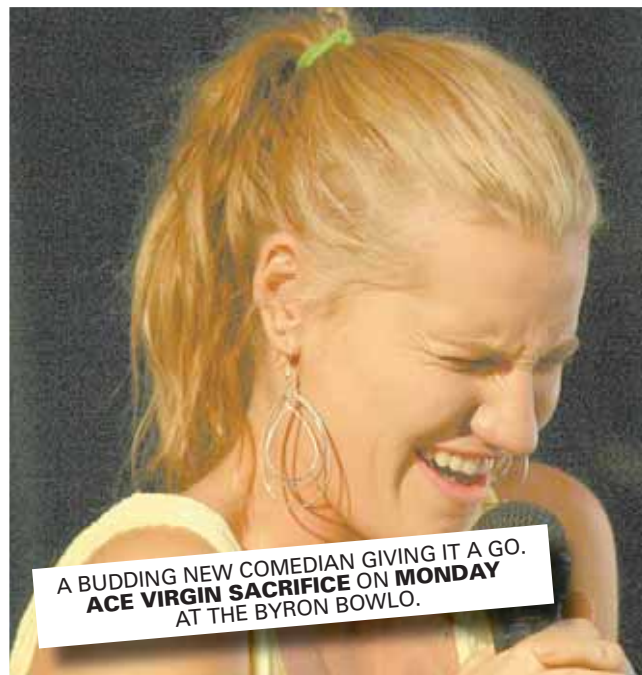
cease to be surprised by just how extraordinary ordinary people really are. The main objective is to uncover the persona – it's the person you become on stage and in a sense it becomes the frame of reference for your material. The persona is based on your deep seated feelings about life, your cultural background, your gender, age, size etc. There is no perfect comic persona, the only secret is that the more in touch with who it is you are, warts and all, the more successful you tend to be on stage. An audience trusts someone who acknowledges their failings and struggles and is eager to laugh at shared

experiences. This 6 week adult education course is something akin to therapy. I get you carthartie-ing about every shitty thing in your life, from your parents, to your lack of self esteem, to your failed relationships to your big bum, the only difference to therapy is that it's a hell of a lot cheaper and you learn how to 'step out' of your experience and use it for good rather than evil! You learn to step out of the up close indulgent me-focused approach to personal experiences, to finding points of commonality that you can share with a large group. Ironically, it teaches you to be way less self focused! You're not the only one

who felt unloved by their mummy, or was rejected by their partner! Or, on second thoughts, maybe you were. The latest crop of comics have been through the emotional turmoil. They have shared their secrets, admitted their fears, laughed at their struggles and transformed all this into a succinct, funny and fabulous 5 minute routine. Come and experience the miraculous transformation of ordinary people into extraordinary comics! **Byron Bowling Club, Monday, 8pm.** Tix are \$10/15 and can be booked on 6684 3443. As usual, I will inflict my good self upon you!!!



SUSAN PERROW STORYTELLING WORKSHOP 28/29 APRIL SHEARWATER STEINER SCHOOL.



A BUDDING NEW COMEDIAN GIVING IT A GO. ACE VIRGIN SACRIFICE ON MONDAY AT THE BYRON BOWLO.

DANCIN

Congratulations to our Dance writer Dan and his lovely partner Elke who have just released their first major recording together. Titled 'Cohen Kingston' this is a surprisingly strong re-mix of some classic hits but introduces some surprise new stylings. After 9 months of gruelling work on the project, Dan and Elke are committed to ensuring that the promotion goes to plan. 'It was a labour of love,' says Dan, half way through a pizza at the Mullum based 'recording studio' as partner Elke laid down the last few beats. Anyway – it's up to me, the dance illiterate to make sense of the strange mutterings and mumblings of the dance crew, who speak something akin to English, but more like a Brave New World form of double speak to make sure those not in the know, like me, never get in the know.

the Uk. The club's had many good times (and good tunes!) with international DJs, local events and random big nights. But it's also struggled against high operating costs and the challenges of an underground club in the current Byron Bay environment. The club urgently needs major renovations to renew the entertainment license. According to Club Management the Council recently demanded a disabled toilet to comply with regulations. Work started, but serious electrical issues were discovered and it's necessary to rewire the whole club. These immediate problems could be fixed, to some extent, with the help of the landlord. But the reality is that to remain viable the club needs significant investment for substantial building work and refurbishment. There are Melbourne operators looking at transforming the club into a more mainstream venue but the landlord's preference is to convert the club into shops (Subway or a surf shop?) but there is the possibility of potential investors (email: becky@playnightclub.com.au) Sadly for now the doors close on Sunday April 1. No Joke!

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playing all the big festivals and touring the country for Ministry Of Sound Clubbers Guide To Breaks; you can expect fresh monstrous tunes with support from Pob, Sarah Tonin and Tone Brokers final set in Byron ahead of moving to France. Tickets On Sale Now \$22 at the venue.

the world's most exciting electrician and Easter Sunday is **Ryan Rushton** and the **People's Republic** from Sydney.

WICKED!!! **Wicked Beat Sound System** are back with a stunning new album. *Hydromajestik* is the drought breaker. Recorded and produced on a farm during Australia's worst drought in living memory, this album, full of optimism, searching and soulful lyricism was clearly a joy to make. This makes it album number five for this pioneering electronica outfit, whose tunes waft through the room etched with an unalterable touch of cool. Since mic sessions jamming over B sides in 91, WBSS have grown to encompass a varied palette of styles – reggae, hip hop, soul, jazz, latin, funk and breaks. They play the **Hotel Great Northern** on **April 14.**

EASTER AT LA LA Easter is one of the massive weekends in Byron, so it's always good to plan ahead. Make a plan. See what's on, and then work out your method of attack. **La La Lounge** has already released its line up with **Wed 4 April** featuring **CaM Taranto**, **Thur 5 April** with **Mark Myers** and **Daniel Webber**. Friday is Good Friday so it's closed. Don't ask me what's so good about that. TV is fucked on Fridays. Why couldn't Jesus die on a Monday or something, then we'd get the whole week off. Easter **Saturday** features **Livewire**,



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PLAY>HAPPY ENDING After a sensational run, **PLAY>**, quite possibly one of the most hip and happening clubs in the shire will close at the end of March. It was just too good to last – a little club tucked in a supermarket carpark that would have stood tall amongst any of the coolest underground clubs in

DYNAMIC DUO RETURN Mark this in your day book. **Kid Kenobi** and **Shureshock** return to town for this exclusive Byron Bay gig on the eve of Anzac Day. **(Tuesday 25 April)** at **Hotel Great Northern**. Kid Kenobi and MC Shureshock hit the decks at 10:15 pm for an early bird 2hr set for the mid week working troops. Backing up after another hugesummer



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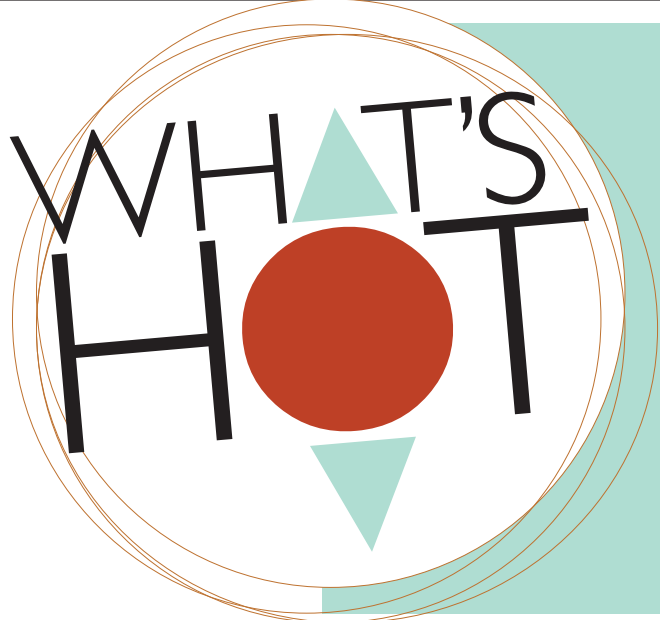
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THE LIGHTHOUSE SHOW

The Lighthouse Show at the WinSim Gallery this April is dedicated to the special place lighthouses occupy in our collective memories. Paintings, prints and mixed media works by local and East Coast artists celebrate these majestic icons. The exhibition opens on Monday April 2 from 6pm onwards, with drinks, eats and live music provided by locals Bullfrog and Steve. See you there! Ph 6680 8240.

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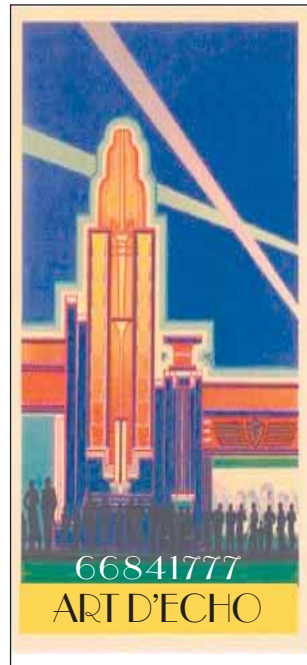
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STARS with Lilith

THIS WEEK WON'T BEG YOUR PARDON OR PROMISE YOU A ROSE GARDEN... BUT IF YOU'VE BEEN FEELING LIKE LASHING OUT ON SOMETHING FLASHY OR DOING SOMETHING DASHING, NOW IS THE TIME FOR IT.

ARIES: It's planning ahead time, Rams. As this week's Aries birthday Supreme Diana Ross says: *I put myself ahead twenty years and decide what I need to do now in order to get there...* If that seems daunting how about twenty weeks. Days? Okay then, minutes.

TAURUS: If you or someone you're involved with has been bottling things up, this emotionally charged week could blow the cork. But expressing strong feelings honestly without playing the blame and accusation game could make you a more loving and much happier Tauran.

GEMINI: You'll love the way this week sparks wild and wonderful ideas, amorous antics, outrageous behaviour, entertaining surprises and promising opportunities – divine madness in fact. But just remember when complications knock at your door, you needn't invite them in.

CANCER: This week people want things simple, clear and uncomplicated. Yes, finer points do tend to get lost in this scenario, but that's how it is right now. Plain down to earth common sense and straight talking are what's likely to get the most honest response.

LEO: Your charismatic Majesties express yourselves better in action than words. Simple solutions and a direct approach work well at the moment, but it's crucial to sweeten deals as well. Show others you really do care – they'll appreciate having it spelled out.

VIRGO: When our mind's set in one direction we tend to miss the interesting stuff happening on the sidelines – which this week is actually more important today than what you're expending so much energy on. Don't get too one track – check out what's happening on the periphery.

LIBRA: No doubt about go ahead Aries energy – it certainly gets stuff done, albeit in the kind of egg breaking, omelette making way that calls a spade a bloody shovel. Not quite up to Libran sophistication levels I'm afraid, but this week you'll be glad of it...

SCORPIO: Why waste energy trying to impose your way on others? Not everyone agrees with you or sees things as you do, and why should they. Focus less on cataloguing other people's anomalies and contradictions and start laughing more at your own.

SAGITTARIUS: A fiery week when serenity's rare, peace is precious and saying yes to everything will take you dangerously close to system overload. It's likely to generate no small degree of nervous tension as well, so keep defusing with your favourite self-soothing therapies.

CAPRICORN: Turning adverse circumstances to your advantage may look to others like luck, but it's actually a Capricorn skill. And as a famous Goaty actor puts it: *The more I practise, the luckier I get...* This week offers plenty to practise with, on, for and against.

AQUARIUS: Have your facts straight before expressing wildly controversial opinions this week and resist sharing personal information – your own or anyone else's. Acting with discretion could convert a liability to an advantage, while saying the wrong thing's likely to have unfortunate repercussions.

PISCES: This week's people might seem deceptively unemotional, but intense, complex feelings are seething away behind that easy going manner. Of course you'll sense this and adapt accordingly, but expect to be dealing with charming and cleverly applied pressure.

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- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **BIRDY SOLO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **MATT BUGGY**
- MULLUM RSL 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCE**
- SUFFOLK PARK HOTEL 7PM **NORTH COAST UKELELE COLLECTIVE**
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- PACIFIC HOTEL, YAMBA **NEIL ANDERSON**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS WET **T-SHIRT COMP**

- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **80S PARTY DJS KRISTIN, PIP**

FRIDAY 30

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **THE MIGHTY PRAGMATICS**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **CYBERBAS 9PM DJ DAVE C**
- GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **THE LEMONHEADS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **HUDIBRASTIC FUNK**
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- CHEEKY MONKEYS 7PM **SKYDIVE FRIDAY**
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- MARY GILHOOLEYS, LISMORE **BRIAN WATT**
- PACIFIC HOTEL, YAMBA **U3GO**

SATURDAY 31

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **PTY LTD**
- BUDDHA BAR, BYRON 7PM **DJ DAVE GRAVY**
- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **CBD DUB PROJECT**

- GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON 9PM **ENGINE THREE-SEVEN**
- BYRON RSL 7.30PM **KATHERINE COOPER & BAND**
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- PLAY, BYRON **LAST NIGHT**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS 7PM **LADIES NIGHT**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJS KRISTIN, GOODWOOD**
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- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE 2PM & 8PM **TIPTOE THROUGH THE TOMBSTONES**
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- BEACH HOTEL 4PM **THE HARD WORD** 9PM **DJ DEL LARKIN**
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- THE RAILS 6.30PM **THE ROMANIACS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **IT'S PROBABLY US**

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TUESDAY 3

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- THE RAILS, BYRON 7PM **HARRY HEALY**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **BRACKETS & JAM**
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BECOMING JANE

Insofar as an agreeable and expressive countenance is desirable in an actress, if not, in fact, a required trait of pre-eminence, it must be said at the very outset that the uncommonly large ebony eyes of the fashionably pretty Anne Hathaway have an almost studied vacancy that is an insuperable obstacle in the way of any viewer who wishes to believe, which I did not for one moment, that she is capable of anything more demanding than staring wanly into space, much less sitting herself down at her Chippendale desk as plain Jane Austen, with quill and candlelight, to compose that classic of English Literature, the still revered if less frequently read chick lit archetype that so many subscribers to books and writers' festivals, blue rinse and goth alike, put on a pedestal, 'Pride and Prejudice,' the genesis of which is the subject of this fifth-form ladies' college pot boiler that ranges from the earnestly pedestrian to the snoringly comatose while managing at no time to stimulate the thought processes or threaten the bourgeois chic of its largely clucky audience with ideas any more fresh or liberating than those contained in slogans daubed on banners in 1970s street marches proclaiming the long overdue challenge to the established

patriarchy, notwithstanding the film's presentation of all the anticipated components of the deeply rutted genre, including the stone cottage in Hampshire with flowering vines, the leafy woods and babbling brook, horse drawn carriages, bonnets and breasts bursting out of Empire line dresses, a frightful dowager, the by now compulsory, unexpectedly discovered letter, the author of which is wrongly identified, to the great harm of the decent chap who has earlier confessed 'I am yours, I am yours, oh, I am yours,' and not one, but two balls, all of which amounting to a predictable bio pic that is superior to the dreadful one made for Virginia, but not nearly so good as the one for Iris. **John Campbell**

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND

It is astonishing that James McAvoy was not spoken of when cinema's annual



bauble giving came around recently. Forest Whitaker was a worthy recipient of Oscar's best actor gong for his consummate portrayal of the Ugandan despot Idi Amin, but McAvoy brains it as his friend and advisor, Dr Nicholas Garrigan, the film's true protagonist. He is the foil to and puppet of the big fella, and they go together like a horse and carriage. Son of a Scots doctor, Garrigan is a likely lad who, as shown in the opening scene, is wont to throw himself into the deep end. To escape the dull life of a rural GP, he travels to Africa and gets caught up in Amin's regime. The story of their relationship, paced like a ripping yarn, shines a harsh light on both men but is peculiarly non judgemental of either and makes no attempt at rewriting history. Amin, demonised and ridiculed as a buffoon in the West, is presented as boastful and paranoid, beholden to his British Army training but an exuberant, impassioned black nationalist. Garrigan is swept away by his charisma. It is when Amin, a Neronian personality - 'let the games begin' he pronounces at an orgiastic poolside party - becomes increasingly deluded that Garrigan is forced to confront the cruelty and corruption to which he has been self-servingly turning a blind eye. But getting out of his predicament proves to be harder than swanning into it was. Shot on location in Uganda, the colour is

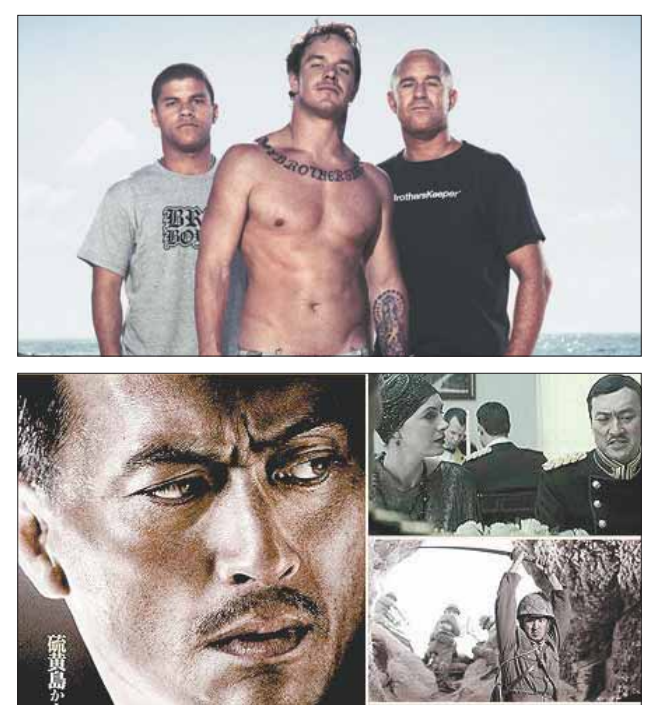
at home. The film climaxes with the murder trial of Jai Abberton, with his brother, professional big-wave surfer, Koby, an alleged accessory. Between court appearances, Koby challenges himself to ride the biggest waves in the world, waves like Maui's Jaws, which provides dual story strands of potential incarceration and imminent death. By this stage, you actually care for these anti-heroes. Well, I did anyway. Visually, the film is a rough-and-ready melange of grainy, hand-held interviews, fight and riot-footage and hardcore surfing and part of its power lies in its technical rawness. Russell Crowe narrates and word has it that he is planning to direct a fictional adaptation. 'Bra Boys' is worth a look for a slice of Australia's wild, wild East that you may, otherwise, never know exists. **Tristan Banks**

LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA

The 27th picture directed by Eastwood—is an elegiac, classically old Hollywood WWII picture boasting elements of John Ford and Howard Hawks. Except that it's mostly in Japanese. This film is the second of Clint Eastwood's epics about the battle of Iwo Jima and shows the bloody conflict from the Japanese point of view. The straightforward drama depicts how the outnumbered Imperial defense forces carried out their doomed mission from the perspective of a culture that's very different from our own in some ways, yet hauntingly familiar in others. Letters From Iwo Jima dares to put human faces on our enemies, and as the film grinds on toward the inevitable, soldiers from both sides are shocked and horrified to discover they have a lot more in common with their foes than they've been taught to believe. This is a mournful, difficult film, but also a masterful one. Eastwood finds pockets of kindness and humanity where you'd least expect them, and once again cements his hard-earned reputation as the restless inquisitor of America's national mythologies. Perhaps only an American icon such as Eastwood could get away with sympathetically telling the story of one of history's most brutal battles from the 'bad' guys' point of view. **Lounge Cinema**

saturated and the music emphatic, including a sly and more melodic take on 'Me and Bobby McGhee' and a groiny R&B riff used to accompany a red hot sex scene. It all contributes to a constant sense of the sweaty heat, the mistrust and the growing feeling of malevolence that result in Garrigan's shattered naivety. With nail-biting tension at the end, the strange triumph of this engrossing movie is that it makes you like two fatally flawed characters. **John Campbell**

BRA BOYS
'We're not a gang. It was a fight and we won. And they were lickin' their wounds.' So says a Bra Boy of a 2002 brawl with off-duty police officers outside Coogee RSL Club. If you don't already know, the (Marou)Bra Boys are 'Sydney's toughest beach tribe' and this is their story, a tale of young men growing up in housing commission developments in the shadow of Long Bay Gaol. It's an unapologetic, testosterone-charged inside look at a group of surfers, often without father figures, banding together to give each other the support they couldn't find



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IN THE RED

Horatio Bitemark

It was a slow week in the Shire after the state election, when, unfortunately, a series of politicians was returned to office. In order to pass the time I recommenced my experiments with nuclear fusion, thinking that the human race could jolly well do with a free, non-polluting, endless source of energy.

Unlike most of the boffins, I took a culinary rather than pure physics approach to the problem. I adjourned to the kitchen set aside for experimenting gentlemen in the lower levels of the Myocum clubhouse. Having cleared the debris of Abbotsleigh's last attempt at cooking, which had punched a hole through a marble chopping block and left a crater a metre deep in the sandstone floor, I set to with a will.

My earlier dabbling – and what is a rich dilettante good at if not dabbling? – indicated that spinach was the way forward. I hung said spinach, judiciously coated in a good Spanish olive oil, from the transverse particle delineator kindly sent to me by my Aunt Celia from her personal collection. I plugged the device into the mains and switched it on, whereupon a blue glow suffused the room, accompanied by a sound not unlike the immemorial murmuring of bees.

The surface coagulants of the spinach, combined with the oil and charged by the delineator, dripped into the blue and white porcelain bowl placed beneath it. The gentle reader will have immediately discerned that the next ingredient was to be a duck's egg, the organic epitome of fusion, and I cracked it into the bowl, being careful not to allow any eggshell to fall into the already volatile mix.

At this stage Tosser Digby entered the room.

'Hello old chap,' he said, 'I see you're at the fusion lark again. Haven't seen the last bottle of the 51 Grange Hermitage, have you?'

'Afraid I'm rather preoccupied at present, Digby,' I replied, stirring the egg lightly with a platinum-coated whisk and slowly drizzling in a little lemon juice.

'Looks good, Bitemark. You are aware at this stage that a proton added to a nucleus will feel an electrostatic repulsion from all the other protons in the nucleus. The electrostatic energy per nucleon due to the electrostatic force thus increases without limit as nuclei get larger.'

'I had it in mind. Hence this sprig of basil.'

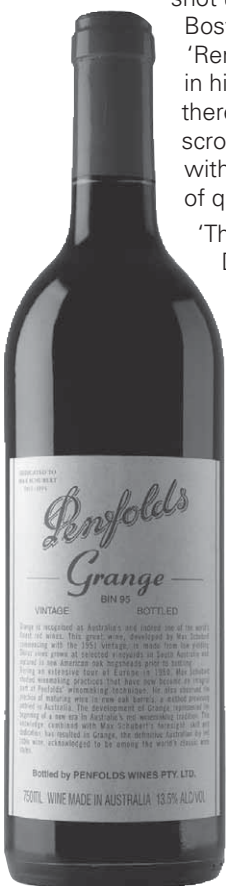
The atoms became perturbed to the point of general anxiety and clung together according to Einstein's Theory of Safety In Numbers. As the effect of the basil began to cause the mixture to spin in a fashion similar to the disc-like shaping of a hydrogen cloud into a solar system, I grated in half an ounce of Giovanni's #3 Best Parmigiano, the favourite of most physicists. There was a sudden burst of light and a beam of particles shot upwards, passing through

Bosworth as he re-read Heidi Fleiss's 'Remembrance of Things Naughty' in his favourite armchair. He said later there had been a strange itching in his scrotum at the time and he was left with a startlingly clear comprehension of quantum mechanics and bocce.

'Think you've done it, old boy,' said Digby, cautiously prodding the ball of light with a finger. 'Now all we have to do is figure out how to hook it up to the clubhouse wiring and make replicas for the cars.'

Digby was right. It should not be too complicated a thing to do. Once we have come back from Genoa after the Slow Fish Fair (www.slowfish.it) in early May we will get right onto it.

In the meantime the ball of light purred along happily in the gentlemen's kitchen, undisturbed by Abbotsleigh's noxious cuisine, though the chap himself has had his eyebrows singed on several occasions.



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Victoria Cosford

What do you get when you combine a Dutchman with a Turkish girl? You get Beachwood Café at Yamba, one of the most exciting places around on the Far North Coast and worth the trip alone.

Open only since last November, it is actually the reinvention of an eponymous little eatery at Angourie some ten years earlier. Sevtab, whose English sounds more Dutch-accented than Levantine, ran that establishment for about four years before heading off overseas with her partner Carlos and spending another four in Holland.

It's easy to miss, tucked up a side street in downtown Yamba. The actual café is tiny and diners mostly sit outside, with moody jazz filtering out to create a lazy relaxing atmosphere. There is a mosaic on one of the white-washed stucco walls and a bowl of pomegranates on a table inside, and the pavement tables and chairs are shaded by big umbrellas. Its simplicity, however, belies the excitement of the menu. Most dishes are Turkish-inspired, but you could always go for a plateful of the miniature Dutch pancakes with honeycomb butter. The scrambled eggs with fetta and Turkish sausages are fantastic value for \$10.50, and arrive as a curdy mass studded with snowy Bulgarian fetta and accompanied by thick slices of cumin-rich Turkish sausage. For lunch there may be pan-fried fresh sardines with tomato salsa, or the immensely popular Braised Broadbeans with Garlic Dill Yoghurt, or perhaps Peppered Chicken Livers with Caramelised Onions and Dukkah. The superb Allpress coffee, Carlos tells me, is roasted at nearby Maclean on Mondays and delivered two days later.

Sevtab comes out to chat to us on a hot Sunday morning late enough for most other customers to have dined and headed to the beach. She is so passionate and excited about food and about the products she has at her disposal that it is contagious - furthermore she keeps needing to disappear into her kitchen and emerge with something for us to try. Most of her ingredients she sources locally and is mostly all organic; she cannot praise her suppliers highly enough nor, for that matter, the town itself and the locals, who provide her with enormous support, so much so that they represent the bulk of her customers.

She carries out a plate upon which she has arranged chunks of fetta, cubes of warm Turkish bread, a tiny dish of cherry vinegar and another of golden extra virgin olive oil from Yass. 'Try them all together,' she urges which, despite the large breakfast we have just consumed, we do. It is Nicholson's Italian-style Sweet Black Cherry Vinegar and the combination is fantastic. Behind us is Sevtab's little herb garden: a profusion of baby rocket, rosemary, Thai basii and mint, fennel and dill, tiny green capsicums and lavender little more than an arm's length stretch from her kitchen. She has even planted a fig tree and with the pride of a new mother points out the tentative beginnings of a baby fig. Whether or not she and Carlos will still be around when its fruit and its leaves are large enough to incorporate into the menu remains to be seen; for my part I hope that they stay around for a long time.

That sunshiney beachside weekend preceded a sunshiney bayside week down south. Melbourne was hotting up for the impending Grand Prix, the FINA world swimming and the Food and Wine Festival; certainly as far as the latter was concerned it was perhaps a blessing on both wallet and waistline that we left the day all three began. Meanwhile what bliss day after day: Iain Hewitson's new eatery Barney Allen's in St Kilda, all Mirka Mora and fabulous inexpensive food; Borscht, Vodka & Tears in Prahran where a piano accordionist and fiddler worked the crowded narrow space while we dined on borscht, mushroom dumplings and red cabbage and tossed back vodkas selected from a two-page vodka menu. The Stokehouse, St Kilda again, where from our chairs out front we watched afternoon meld into evening across the esplanade and ate sublime Saganaki; and our last night at Cicciolina's where after hours of back bar drinking we settled into quite perfect pasta and risotto.



JOSS STONE TO JOIN THE BLUES

Many lament that there haven't been any female vocalists in the league of Janis Joplin. Oh yeah? Then they probably haven't heard **Joss Stone**. Shooting to fame at the tender age of 16, and now just a few years on this impressive young performer has sold more than 7.5 million albums worldwide; won two Brit awards, been nominated for four Grammy Awards; appeared onstage with James Brown, The Rolling Stones, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Patti LaBelle, Mavis Staples, Donna Summer, and Smokey

Robinson; sat for an interview with Oprah Winfrey; starred in two major ad campaigns for the Gap; and performed for more than 200,000 people at the 2005 Live 8 Concert — all before reaching the ripe old age of 19. In creating her third album, this Devon born soul singer and songwriter feels she is expressing her true musical vision. 'This is the first album I've made that I really feel is truly me,' she says. 'That's why I'm calling it *Introducing Joss Stone*. These are my words, and this is who I am as

an artist.' Knowing she needed to write the album alone, Stone decamped to the Caribbean island of Barbados in April to come up with lyrics. There, amid the sandy beaches and warm tropical breezes, she had an epiphany. 'I'm driving along in my car and I'm thinking, "Why am I going through life looking for unconditional love from a human being, when it's music that's unconditional?"' she says. 'It's always there for me. It's the love of my life. I've found it.' That simple realization became a major theme, both lyrical and



musical, on *Introducing Joss Stone*, and it explains the album's electrifying mix of warm vintage soul, '70s-style R&B, Motown girl-group harmonies, and jazzy grooves. Stone was nominated for three Brits and three Grammy Awards in 2005, she won both Best Female and Best Urban at the Brits and performed solo and then a show-stopping duet with Robbie Williams. In the US she performed a memorable tribute to Janis Joplin with Melissa Etheridge at the ceremony. Their rendition of *Cry Baby/Piece of My Heart* was released as a single, and became Stone's first Top 40 hit in the U.S. Always game to honour the legends who came before her, Stone brought down the house with her rendition of Dusty Springfield's *Son of a Preacher Man* at the UK Music Hall of Fame Awards last November. Joss Stone is magic. She's the latest addition to a very impressive lineup at the **Byron Bay Blues Fest**.



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After working closely with Byron Shire Council and Byron Bay Police, our consultants have formulated a traffic management plan to manage and minimise traffic near our festival site in Byron Bay. We wish to advise you of the following changes that will take place from 4pm Thursday 5h April through to Monday 9th April 2007.

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ter club annual general meeting will be held on Monday April 2 at 1.30pm in the Pioneer Hall, Gordon Street, Mullumbimby, all welcome.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Poetry and writing group meet Tuesday April 3 at 10am at the CWA rooms, Brunswick Heads. All welcome. Contact 6680 1163.

Federal tennis

Reunion of Federal District Tennis Association to be held on Sunday October 7 at Clunes Hall starting 10am. People wishing to attend please contact Lyn 6688 4350, Bev 6629 1238 or Jeanette 6629 1430 or email tlgarrett@aapt.net.au

U3A Brunswick

April 24 Beth Trevan, a health worker and traveller to Pakistan will be full of surprises. Enquiries 6680 4268. Boules held Sundays 2pm to 4pm market area, Brunswick Heads. Enquiries 6680 4365.

Lifeline volunteers

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Pamper day

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Probus

Brunswick Valley Probus Club will meet on Tuesday April 3, 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Our guest speaker will be from the Bayside Acupuncture Centre and will be followed by the Changeover luncheon. All welcome to share in the friendship and outings provided by the club. Enquiries 6680 1748.

Postponed

Africa Aid Love Dance at Durrumbul Hall planned for Saturday March 31 has been postponed. New event date will be announced in the near future.

Toy Library

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Sports Roundup with John Campbell

The dastardly case of the team that choked

John Campbell

Greg Chappell has broken all records for getting his bags packed and haring through the departure lounge at Trinidad's Port of Spain International Airport.

The catalyst for his skid-marked exit from the island was the lamentable fate of India, the team he coaches. The boys from the saffron republic were bundled out of cricket's World Cup with the also-rans, forfeiting to Bangladesh the spot reserved for them in its Super 8 stage.

For Indians it was unthinkable, but it was not nearly so surreal as Ireland giving Pakistan the flick. The 1992 champions managed a paltry 132 against the amateurs and were put to the sword by N J O'Brien's 72. Lahore burnt effigies of Bob Woolmer, the doomed Kentish gentleman coach of the Pakis, but somebody closer to the action went a step further. Woolmer was throttled in his hotel room. Hence Chappell's quick get outta town.

It's a sickening tragedy, and none of us would dance on Woolmer's grave, but geez, don't we love a good tabloid scandal. I mean, if the poor bloke is dead anyway, it might as well have been by

the hand of some obsessed lunatic who had just a bit too much riding on the game.

Officialdom's brutal indifference to the incident was as we have come to expect, with the response of the ICC's chief, Malcolm Speed, being chillingly bureaucratic. Sitting before a phalanx of cameras and microphones, he said how sad it was and enunciated a string of my-tie-tells-my-story platitudes before confirming that the competition would continue. Meaning that there are far too many TV and sponsorship contracts to be honoured for a cancellation to be considered. As acknowledgement of the horror, black armbands and a minute's silence should do the trick – maybe get Elton to sing one of his sincere ballads before the final.

If the 1972 Munich Olympics is the precedent, nothing will ever be deemed serious enough to curtail the playing of games and winning of prizes. Nine dead Israeli athletes proved to have no more impact on the overblown five-ringed circus than a hill of beans.

Homicide is a new development for cricket, but it's par for the course elsewhere.



To be a representative footballer in Colombia makes you as likely to get an early plot on Boot Hill as any Beretta toting mobster.

At the 1994 World Cup, the pedigree and flair of the Colombians was opposed to the inexperience and gauche-rie of the hosts, the USA. It was inconceivable that the South Americans would lose, but lose they did, 1-2, due to an own goal by Andrés Escobar. A humiliated Colombia slunk out of the tournament. Ten days later Escobar was

gunned down in his hometown of Medellin, victim of peeved drug barons who had done their dough by backing the lads to give a better account of themselves.

Since then the assassination of Colombian footballers has become ritual. In 2004, Alberto Usuriaga was fatally wounded in a nightclub shoot-out, in 2005, Louis Espana got plugged and last year Elson Beccerra received the last rites bleeding from four bullet holes.

So, for unhinged sporting

passion, it is a close run thing between Latinos, Indians and Pakistanis. Favourable mention, however, should be made of the usually more composed Americans. In the same year that Andrés was signing his own death warrant, the ice-skater Tonya Harding was getting all Lady Macbeth about her opponent, Nancy Kerrigan. Tonya might have trained harder and worked on a new routine, but another option appealed. She hired some toughs to

have Nancy kneecapped.

A more fertile arena for nefarious deeds should be the sport of kings, with jockeys and bookmakers having a long established relationship with the Devil.

I can recall an Aussie hoop being taken to with iron bars and beaten to a pulp after not 'riding to instructions' in Hong Kong (was it R S Dye?), but Australia's most famous sports murder victim was not a golden haired son but an animal.

The suspicious death in 1932 of Phar Lap, our greatest racehorse, while in America, threw the nation into deep mourning. Conspiracy theories abounded, with the general consensus being that the Yanks murdered him. It's the version of the story we all grew up with.

Going to press, Woolmer's killer has not been identified. What a page turner he's provided us with. Again we see life imitating art, with numerous suspects, red herrings, an old fashioned MO and the body discovered in the hotel suite, just as it was in Agatha Christie's 'A Caribbean Mystery.' The sooner they get Miss Marple on the case the better.

Oceans 11 back on the city blocks



L-R Anika Jensen, Jake Musgrave, Bianca Hill, Aaron Kearney, Danni Rowland, Tristan Ludlow, Camille Moir, Lorne Greenlaw, Sara Howard, David Jensen and Jeda Greenlaw. Pic by Adrian Filipic

As they did last year, Ocean Shores Aquatics will again be sending a team of eleven young swimmers to compete in the NSW Junior Titles to be held in Sydney next month. Coach Adrian Filipic trains thirty budding champions to swim competitively, some of them as young as eight years old. In an outstanding season, the club had every member for the district

level meet and, from there, twenty went on to swim in the regionals at Lismore, from which the qualifiers for the State were determined. Adrian is understandably chuffed with his charges' achievements.

'Across the board, the kids have worked incredibly hard and for eleven of them to get to this level is a reflection of everybody's application.'

There's no shortage of bad press for youngsters and Adrian is as proud of the kids inspiring attitude as he is of their personal best times.

'I've watched their character and confidence develop in a truly positive way and am pleased to have been able to play a part in that,' he said, adding enthusiastically, 'and their raw talent seems to have no boundary.'

On the fairway to Eden

Mullumbimby High has another feather in the cap of its sporting achievements after eighteen-year old Dan Morgan took out the North Coast Schoolboy Golf Championships last week.

Held at Yamba, Dan, who plays with a handicap of two, beat a field of fifty to win the tournament with

scores of 75 and 76.

A dedicated and personable young sportsman, the Mullum Golf Club junior will next compete in the State Strokeplay Championship at Millfield (Sydney) in May before going on to captain the state at the Combined High Schools Championships at Eden.



Little giants fill big boots

Saturday saw the Mullumbimby Junior Giants rugby league teams play trial matches against South Tweed.

In hot and humid conditions all the sides went well, with a number of impressive individual performances. Players are still required in the Under 8's and 9's, those interested in playing with a great club call Elsa on 6684 2394 or come along to training at the Mullumbimby Leagues Club grounds on Thursdays at 4.30pm.

Rugby tens this weekend

This Saturday sees the second year of the Byron Bay Coast Cup Rugby Tens. Six of the districts' Village Competition sides will be joined by teams from Noosa and the Gold Coast in a day long competition.

In addition, there will be four women's teams competing. The games are a chance for all teams to get in a last preseason practice before the main comp starts on April 14.

The day will be a good chance for old rivalries and friendships to be renewed. Games begin from 10 am at the Byron Rec Grounds with the finals at 4pm for women and 4.20pm for the men. Call Matt on 0431 024 771.

News Extra

Great Outdoors comes to the Castle



Great Outdoors TV crew cruises Byron and beyond... following hot on the heels of the Sydney Weekender crew, the Great Outdoors from Channel 7 spent five days in the area shooting in a variety of locations. Seen here at The Crystal Castle are tarot reader Michelle Taylor reading the cards to presenter and *Dancing With The Stars* winner Tom Williams, with crew.

Rukkus Youth Festival on again

Rukkus Youth Festival is on again this year on April 20 and organisers say it will be bigger and better than ever. The skate comp is still at the Mullumbimby skate park but to accommodate for a larger crowd, the 'dance party' will be moving to the Mullumbimby Leagues Club.

Mullumbimby High School student Baylee John-

son is one of the organisers of youth festival and has been the main driving force behind the festival for three years. 'I wanted the local kids to have something positive to do and to show the community that young people can do positive things,' she said.

The Mullum Youth Crew will be running a sausage sizzle, the High School Rock Eisteddfod dancers will be

selling drinks and the High School drama girls will be doing face painting. There will be a range of food stalls as well as a rides.

At the Dance Party night event there will be a range of DJs such as Jackie Onnasid and DJ Scooter.

If you want more information or are available to help on the day, please contact the Byron YAC on 6685 5775.

Sweet taste of fundraising

Mullumbimby Public School is always searching for fundraising ideas to provide essential facilities and equipment that are not funded by the state government.

Last year the school's annual Move-a-thon, combined with money from the Norco Bottle Top program, helped to purchase much-needed playground equipment for the children of the Infant's Department.

On Thursday March 22, the Stage One parents of the school, desperate for a shade cloth to protect their kids from the sun, dipped into the classics of school fund-raising and held a Cup Cake Stall. Hundreds of cakes; pink ones, chocolate ones, carrot cakes and banana cakes, went on sale at recess to all the children of the school. The school community needs to raise about \$3,000 for the shade cloth, and plans to hold other fund-raising activities.



Billie Jacks and Lily Garady, both in Kindergarten, contemplate the sweet joy of soon-to-be-eaten cup cakes.

Work starts on Suffolk skatepark

Works have commenced to construct a skatepark at Suffolk Park Sportsfields. The skatepark contract has been let on a design and construct basis, and the final design was achieved after consultation with potential users of

the park through the Byron Catchment Community Sporting & Recreation Working Group. It is expected that the park will be completed by early April.

'With the tennis courts, basketball/netball court and

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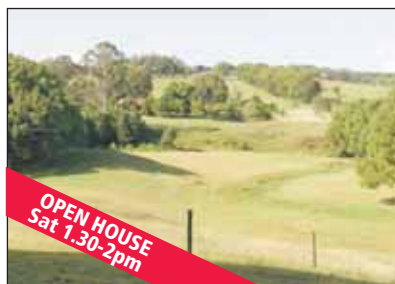


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- Covered verandahs on 2 sides, separate lounge and spacious eat in kitchen.
- Small 4 unit complex, with lock up garage.
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Quality townhouse in small exclusive complex 600m to the beach

\$510,000

OPEN HOUSE 1.30 - 2.30pm Sat 31 March 4/7 Oceanside Place Suffolk Park

Quality townhouse in small block of 5. Expansive lounge/livingroom, gourmet kitchen. 3 bedrooms, French doors to private decks. 4th bedroom/study, 2.5 bathrooms, 2 courtyards, store room. Stroll to beach and Suffolk Village shops.

Short walk to beach & town Quiet cul-de-sac

\$525,000

OPEN HOUSE 10.30 - 11.30pm Sat 31 March 18 Wright Place Byron Bay

Enjoy in-town living but away from the bustle. Quality brick three bedroom, one bathroom substantial home. Room to extend or add a swimming pool. Superb aspect on large private treed block. Quiet cul-de-sac, short cycle to town & beach. Committed vendor

3 fertile acres - 8 mins to Brunswick 16 Billin Road, Myocum

REDUCED

OPEN HOUSE Sat 31 March 1pm-2pm

\$619,000
 High on a hill, verandahs all round, polished timber floors. 3 bdrms, 2 bthrms, country living without compromise, to town & beach. Just the right size for chooks, a large vegetable garden or even a pony for the kids.

Belongil Beach townhouse

REDUCED

\$775,000
 Belongil Beach
 • Be part of the energetic cosmopolitan scene, whilst enjoying the quiet privacy of this elegant Moroccan style 3 bdrm, 2.5 bthrm villa
 • Quiet garden location in a small exclusive complex
 • Just 100 metres to the famous Belongil Beach

Minutes to town & beach 12 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay

REDUCED

OPEN HOUSE Sat 31 Mar 3pm-4pm

\$695,000
 Byron Bay
 • 3 storey, 5 bdrm, 4 bthrm Cape Cod style home
 • Landscaped block. Open plan living areas
 • Lots of space for individual privacy, a versatile home for the modern family. Sep. master bdrm/ensuite on top level with teen retreat

Byron Central holiday apartment Unit 3/5 Byron Street, Byron Bay

OPEN HOUSE Sat 31 Mar 12noon-1pm

\$283,000
 Byron Bay
 • Fully furnished self-cont studio apartment
 • On-site manager, great returns. Easy ground floor access, pool. Sleeps 4, fully equipped kitchen & bathroom. Air conditioned.
 • Phone, cable TV. Agent interest declared

Rose Wanchap 0427 016451 • Oliver McElligott 0427 026922 • Charmaine Lynch 0410 664 016
5 Byron Street, Byron Bay 6680 9505



BYRON BAY



Open Home
Sat 12-12:45pm

Your Very Own Private Paradise \$595,000

- Lush tropical gardens frame this beautifully renovated low maintenance red cedar home with timber floors, open plan living
- French doors lead to large private verandahs
- 3 bedrooms, one with ensuite
- Stainless steel gourmet kitchen
- Ideally located close to town, beaches, schools

6 Orara Court, Lilli Pilli

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



Koranba - Opposite Main Beach \$1.15M

- A spacious holiday apartment right opposite one of the top ten beaches in Australia
- Extremely spacious 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 153sqm
- Main Beach is right at your doorstep
- Sunny north aspect & balconies, spacious lounge & kitchen

David Gordon 0418 856 222

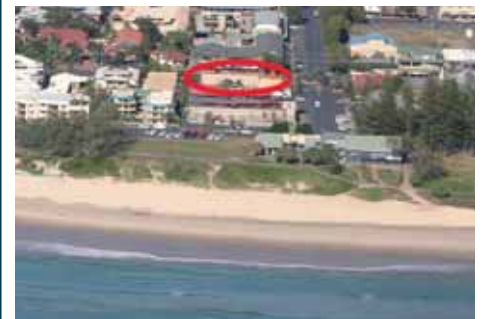


Peaceful Tyagarah Hideaway \$750,000

- Located in the very desirable Tyagarah area
- Fantastic child friendly family home, 4 bed, 2 bath
- Set on a level 1 acre block of land at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac
- Gorgeous inground pool, dlog & separate 3 room studio/office
- Fantastic value as this home is only 10mins to Byron

Stuart Aitken 0417 242 537

FOR SALE By Public Tender



11 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay

- β Commercial strata centre comprising 8 fully let shops
- β In the heart of the CBD and just metres from Main Beach
- β Approx. 1,012sqm of land with 303sqm gross let area
- β Ideal redevelopment and value add site (S.T.C.A.)
- β Commercial property options report available

TENDER

Closes on 13th April 2007 at 5pm

David Gordon 0418 856 222
david@eldersbb.com.au
www.elders.com.au/byronbay
Web. i.d. 259429



NEW

Affordable Architect Designed Home \$529,000

- Stylish high ceilings and a lush garden outlook give this home warmth and feel that needs to be seen to be appreciated
- Large open plan living areas & kitchen flow to a pavilion style outdoor entertaining area
- 3 bed, 1 bath, private tropical gardens
- 3 min drive to town/ 15 min walk to beach

Michael Gudgeon 0419 495 494



Fabulous Suffolk Duplex \$579,000

- Enjoy the privacy & tropical outlook
- Spacious 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom home
- High ceilings, timber floors, architect design
- Easy stroll to the beach
- Gorgeous home to live in or great rental potential

Janice Maple 0418 459 219



Loads of Potential \$460,000

- Located in a family friendly area this great little home would appeal to the first home buyer or the investor
- 3bed, 2bath, extra lounge/living room
- Sunny north aspect, fenced yard, native gardens
- Solidly built & would respond well to renovations
- Within easy walking distance to shops

David Gordon 0418 856 222



NEW

Invest in Beaches @ Byron Bay \$325,000

- Spacious self-contained one bedroom apartment
- Modern kitchen & laundry facilities
- An easy stroll to beaches, restaurants and shops
- Enjoy and relax by the saltwater pool and BBQ area
- Convenient basement parking

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



Price Slashed

Central To Schools, Shops & Beach \$508,000

- 3 bedroom family home just mins to all facilities inc. shops and h/school
- Kids safe front and rear level yards
- Sunny easy care gardens
- SLUG, huge off-street parking, decks on a 4 sides
- Gorgeous hardwood floors in living areas
- Walk to town, golf course, beach etc

Stuart Aitken 0417 242 537



Designer Home + Music Studio \$570,000

- Quiet designer home in cul-de-sac with beautiful wooden verandah
- 3 bed + office + huge soundproofed musician's recording studio / rumpus room
- Automatic double garage with separate outside room currently rented at \$150
- 10 mins walk to secluded beach nth of Belongil

Michael Gudgeon 0419 495 494



Open Home
Sat 1-1:45pm

Live Amongst The Treetops \$859,000

- A very tranquil setting with total privacy
- Architect designed home filled with light & space
- Timber floors, tassie oak kitchen, inground saltwater pool, 2 mins to Suffolk Beach
- 3 bed, 2 bath, separate rumpus with own bath
- Open plan living / dining / kitchen

38 Corkwood Cres, Byron Hills

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



Reduced

A Rare Commercial Opportunity \$527,000

- Situated right next door to the award winning Harvest Café and the historic Newrybar Bakery
- Quaint 3 bedroom timber home could be restored back to its original beauty
- D.A. approved gallery/studio
- D.A. approved for large shed
- 1,008sqm block with exotic gardens

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



NEW

Across the Road from the Pass \$559,000

- Very easy access to our beautiful Pass, Main Beach and a short walk to the C.B.D
- Architect designed contemporary studio apartment
- Top floor, sleeps up to four
- Large north facing balcony, secure underground parking
- Fully furnished and decorated to create a holiday ambience

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208



Must Sell

Unbelievable Buying - Why pay rent? \$255,000

- Seize this opportunity to get into commercial real estate in Byron at a bargain price!
- The owner has reduced this shop to sell immediately
- 34sqm ground floor freehold shop in town
- Tiled with kitchenette, alarm, ceiling fans
- Competitive rates and body corporate fees

Stuart Aitken 0417 242 537



NEW

Stylish, Spacious, Affordable \$380,000

- Immaculately presented two storey townhouse in Sunrise Beach
- 3 bedrooms, master with balcony & ensuite
- Listen to the ocean from the upstairs master bed
- Relax in the private, north facing courtyard
- 3-way bath plus extra toilet & shower downstairs
- Spacious open plan living/dining & single garage
- Ideal to live in or rent out

Janice Maple 0418 459 219

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Spacious & Private in Myocum



8 acres in Myocum with plenty of water ideally suited for the horse lover. The generously proportioned north facing brick & tile home has 9ft ceilings throughout and features 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, spacious living areas which lead out to an expansive entertaining patio, pool and exquisitely manicured gardens.

The 9x12m workshop has 3 phase power and the horse stables measure 7x12m keeping your horses very comfortable. Myocum is a highly sought after area in the Byron Shire being centrally located between Mullumbimby, Byron Bay and the beaches.

This property is one of a kind and a must see!

\$ 1.1 million



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THIS SATURDAY
OPEN FROM 2.00PM
AUCTION 3.00PM

OWNER'S MOVED TO SYDNEY

Approx 5.8 acres ▶ 15 mins to Bangalow ▶ Established gardens ▶ 2 B/Rs, 1 bath + study ▶ Open plan kitchen & lounge room ▶ Extensive decking captures rural views

OPEN FROM Sat 2.00 pm
ADDRESS 778 Binna Burra Rd, Federal
SALES AGENT Hugh Hanrahan 0402 198 652
AUCTION 3.00pm onsite **WEBSITE ID** 258545



SUPERIOR COFFEE FARM OFFERING LIFESTYLE

Perfectly located on the fertile soils of the Federal plateau and approx 20 minutes to Byron Bay you will discover one of the regions premier coffee plantations. This smart operation will impress, with substantial income from a professionally managed farm and magnificent views across the Byron Hinterland! Meticulous design, preparation and planting of 50,000 + trees have ensured an exceptional final product that maximizes the 72 acres. The long driveway leads you through the plantation to the original 100 year old farm cottage surrounded by fig trees. Restore the cottage or alternatively build your dream home, with several other suitable sites available (S.T.C.A). The eastern boundary is marked by Stony Creek, a haven for wildlife.

330 Federal Drive, Federal

OPEN HOUSE
Sat 12.00 - 12.30pm

AUCTION April 14

SALES AGENTS
Mark Castle 0418 971 826
Hugh Hanrahan
0402 198 652

WEBSITE PID 247151



STYLISH, PRIVACY & VIEWS

Elevated home, extensive rural & village views ▶ 4 beds 2 baths, open plan living, big deck ▶ Quality fixtures & fittings ▶ Lush landscaped gardens

OPEN HOUSE Sat 12 - 12.30pm
ADDRESS 4 Barby Crescent, Bangalow
SALES AGENT Mark Kinneally 0429 868 001
AUCTION April 14 **WEBSITE ID** 250155



SERENE CREEK SETTING

Private oasis a short drive to local beaches
▶ Outdoor entertaining areas ▶ Quiet country lane
▶ Established gardens ▶ Ideal weekender ▶ Rural views

OPEN HOUSE Sat 12.00 - 12.30pm
ADDRESS 1029 Friday Hut Road, Binna Burra
FOR SALE \$925,000 **WEBSITE ID** 263325



A BYRON JEWEL

Fantastic swimming hole ▶ 2-bay shed with workshop & facilities ▶ Expansive Valley Views ▶ 9.7 (approx) park like acres ▶ Comfortable home

OPEN HOUSE Sat 12.00 - 12.30pm
ADDRESS 316 Kings Road, Federal
FOR SALE \$850,000 **WEBSITE ID** 252644



ULTIMATE VILLAGE LIFESTYLE

▶ Land Area 2 acres (approx) ▶ North easterly aspect
▶ Large entertaining terrace & pool area ▶ Pockets of rainforest ▶ 2 level home with 4 beds, 2 B/room

INSPECTION By Appointment
ADDRESS Federal
FOR SALE \$750,000 **WEBSITE ID** 262869

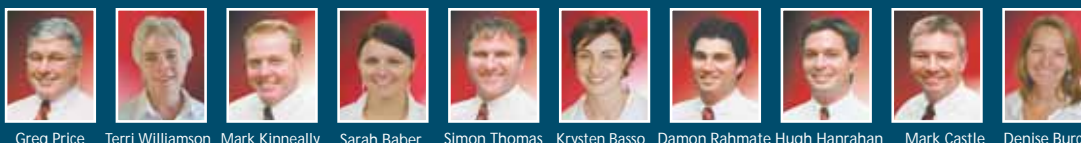


AGE/ILL HEALTH FORCES SALE

THINKING RESIDENTIAL...why not inspect this easy care 1 acre just 5 minutes to Bangalow? ▶ 10 minutes to beach ▶ Town water ▶ Full brick 2 bedroom home ▶ Great views

OPEN HOUSE Sat 12.00 - 12.30pm
ADDRESS 54 Broken Head Road, Newrybar
ALL REASONABLE OFFERS CONSIDERED

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Elders

Real Estate

15 Lawson Street, Byron Bay

Phone: (02) 6685 8466



Holiday living at Suffolk Park

- Timber home with high ceilings
- 5 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- Private studio with ensuite and deck upstairs
- Approx. 700m² block
- Large sunny back yard



AUCTION Saturday 14 April 2007

OPEN HOUSE Saturdays 1-1.30pm & Thursdays 5-5.30pm

Contact Ian Daniels on 0427 443 227 or (02) 6685 8466



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15 Lawson Street, Byron Bay

Phone: (02) 6685 8466



1/14 Middleton Street, Byron Bay

Commercial property in Byron Bay CBD

- 45m² site area in great condition
- 3(a) business zoning
- Office space with separate meeting room and kitchenette
- Air conditioned
- Currently owner occupied
- Offered with vacant possession
- Suitable for a variety of uses
- Located in a modern building that holds a variety of other businesses

AUCTION Saturday 31 March 2007 at 11am

Contact James Young on 0419 856 840 or (02) 6685 8466



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15 Lawson Street, Byron Bay

Phone: (02) 6685 8466



Architect designed tropical retreat

3 bed/1 bath home, 3 min. from Byron
Light, open and spacious
Beautiful high ceilings, contemp. kitchen
Lush, tropical gardens, DLUG

\$529,000



Inviting Belongil Beach unit

3 bed, 2 bath holiday unit
100 metres to Belongil Beach
Modern kitchen + baths, sunny terrace
Small complex of 8 units

\$775,000



Byron home

6 bed, 2 bath + powder room
Self-contained apartment
North-facing mature garden and DLUG
Close to beach and town

\$1,185,000



Rural and close to town

Rural home with great potential
3 bed, 2 bath + separate artist studio
Great natural habitat gardens
Large pool, machinery shed, DLUG

\$790,000



Fantastic investment opportunity

Opposite Clarkes Beach & the Pass
Furnished studio apartment
Lovely and private courtyard
U'cover parking, on-site management, aircon

\$479,000



Wide open spaces

3 bedroom cottage on 25 acres
10 min from Byron, beaches and Mullum
Outbuildings for storage and workshops
Large cleared flat paddocks ideal for horses

\$759,000



Vacant land – last opportunity

Vacant north-facing block
Approx. 1,000 sqm
Located at 'premium' side of road
Backing onto council owned property

\$400,000



Smart home with lovely garden

Smart 4 bed, 2 bath home in Sunrise
Open kitchen + dining area, tiled floors
Lovely private garden backing onto reserve
Great undercover deck + entertaining area

\$548,000



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OPEN HOUSE LISTINGS

Scott Harvey Real Estate p48

- 597 Houghlahans Creek Road, Pearce's Creek. Sat 1.30-2pm.
- 165 Brooklet Road, Brooklet. Sat 1.30-2pm.
- 549 Houghlahans Creek Road, Pearce's Creek. Sat 12.30-1pm.

LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads p49

- 3/1 Newberry Parade, Brunswick Heads. Thu & Sat 1-1.45pm.

Red Rose Realty p49

- 18 Wright Pl, Byron Bay. Sat 10.30-11.30am.
- Unit 3 Byron Central Apts, Byron St, Byron Bay. Sat 12-1pm.
- 16 Billin Rd, Myocum. Sat 1-2pm.
- 4/7 Oceanside Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 1.30-2.30pm.
- 12 Shelly Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 3-4pm.

Elders Byron Bay p50

- 6 Orara court, Lilli Pilli. Sat 12-12.45pm.
- 38 Corkwood Cres, Byron Hills. Sat 1-1.45pm.

Elders Bangalow p51

- 1029 Friday Hut Road, Binna Burra. Sat 12-12.30pm.
- 316 Kings Road, Federal. Sat 12-12.30pm.
- 54 Broken Head Rd, Newrybar. Sat 12-12.30pm.

Byron Bay First National p52

- 15 Bryce Street, Suffolk Park. Thu 5-5.45pm & Sat 10-10.45am.
- 12 Hayter Street, Suffolk Park. Thu 5-5.30pm & Sat 1-1.30pm.
- 83 Sunrise Blvd, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm.
- 156 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am.
- 12B Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 2-2.30pm.

LJ Hooker Byron Bay p54

- 26 Teak Circuit, Baywood Chase. Sat 10am.
- 48 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10am.
- 5 Korau Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11am.
- 'Seadrift' 6-8 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Sat & Sun 12pm.
- Lot 4 Roses Road, Federal. Sat 12:30pm.
- 124 Coopers Shoot Road, Bangalow. Sat 1pm.
- 8 McGregor Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 2pm.
- 1/16 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 3pm.
- 19 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sun 11am.
- 63 McGettigans Lane, Ewingsdale. Sun 1pm.
- 5 'Bogarts', Byron Bay. Sun 2pm.

Property Buyers Net p55

- 25 Lismore Road. Sat 11-11.45am,
- 4 Rifle Range Rd, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.45am,

AUCTIONS

Scott Harvey Real Estate p48

- Entrance off Pacific Highway, 500m south of Ross Lane. AUCTION April 21. Inspect Sat 12.30-1pm.
- Lot 311 Crosbys Lane (southern end of Fernleigh Rd), Tintenbar. AUCTION 11am onsite March 31.

LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads p49

- 3/1 Newberry Parade, Brunswick Heads. AUCTION April 28. Inspect Thu & Sat 1-1.45pm.

Elders Bangalow p51

- 778 Binna Burra Rd, Federal. AUCTION 3pm onsite this Saturday. Inspect from 2pm.
- 330 Federal Drive, Federal. AUCTION April 14. Inspect Sat 12-12.30pm.
- 4 Barby Crescent, Bangalow. AUCTION April 14. Inspect Sat 12-12.30pm.

Byron Bay First National p52

- 1/14 Middleton Street, Byron Bay. Auction 11am at 15 Lawson St, Saturday March 31.
- Hayter Street, Suffolk Park. AUCTION onsite Saturday April 14.

LJ Hooker Byron Bay p54

- 27 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay. AUCTION onsite Saturday April 14.

George & Fuhrmann Real Estate p55

- Cnr Possum Creek & Friday Hut Rds, Possum Creek. AUCTION 11am onsite April, 21.



The ultimate lifestyle

50 Bay Vista Lane, Ewingsdale.

A private tropical hideaway with subtle Asian influences. This fabulous 4 bed, 2 bath home offers plenty of lifestyle choices. Relax on one of the expansive decks overlooking a stunning hilltop pool and deck whilst enjoying uninterrupted views to our beautiful lighthouse.

A fabulous entertainer, with generous living areas both inside and out, featuring large glass and timber doors/windows creating a very Balinese feel. Situated on a gently sloping 6541sqm block with well established gardens this property also has approval to build a two bedroom studio and there is a separate office.

Contact Sharon McInnes on 0408 659 649 or Jon Luton on 0422 794 384 or 02 6685 7300 at L.J. Hooker Byron Bay. \$1,125,000.



Queenslander – high on a hill

Just outside the quiet village of Burringbar is this 3 bedroom Queenslander with stunning rural and Pacific Ocean views. Located on 2 acres with a wide east facing covered verandah taking in the terrific views.

Featuring high ceilings, timber floors, tassie oak country style kitchen with quality appliances and pedestal wood heater plus magnificent views from the living and dining rooms.

The grounds and landscaping are well established and manicured. It's a private and peaceful location and deserving of an inspection if you are looking for a quality lifestyle property.

Asking price \$ 575,000. Contact Mark Lycos at Elders Real Estate New Brighton/ Ocean Shores. For an inspection call 6680 1594 or 0438 680 250. Website: www.eldersnewbrighton.com.au



4 Barby Crescent, Bangalow

Auction Sat 14 April 2007 1pm onsite. Inspect Sat 12-12.30pm.

Spacious country living from the comfort of your own wrap around deck – no need for a ride-on mower here! This superb, elevated home offers fabulous indoor and outdoor living areas, perfect for entertaining.

Feel the tension leave your body as you drink in the beautiful Bangalow hinterland and lush, tropical garden views. Exquisite attention to detail is shown in the stylish, open plan interior with hardwood timber floors, specialist paint finishes, a foodies' kitchen and luxurious resort-style bathrooms. There are 4 bedrooms – the spacious master bedroom suite features a large walk-in robe and ensuite and direct access to a secluded deck – perfect for warm nights or lazy sunrises.

Contact Mark Kinneally at Elders Bangalow on 0429 868 001 or 6687 1500.



Owner moving to sydney

12 King St, Mullumbimby

Don't sit around thinking about it, because this one won't last long. Sean Kenny Real Estate has exclusively listed for sale this fantastic two bedroom cottage in King Street, Mullumbimby. Cute and neat with beautifully timber polished floors throughout, good sized bedrooms one with built-ins and original open plan kitchen that leads into a combined dining/living area. Relax on the front roofed veranda.

Enjoy private and fully fenced garden, safe for the kids to play. Single lock up garage, lane at side that could allow access to rear of the house. Well maintained but would also be suitable for some improvements. Make it yours today!

Sean Kenny Real Estate, 79 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby. Ph: 02 6684 2200 www.seankenny.com.au



Broken Head acreage

With coastal acreage in the Byron Shire these days not getting any cheaper it is making it harder those of us who would enjoy rural living on the eastern coastline.

Located only 5 minutes from Broken Head. This great rural alternative comprising 9.3 Ha of vacant coastal acreage offers expansive rural views and is elevated to catch those refreshing sea breezes. This fantastic opportunity also allows exclusive use of a private road that leads you down to Seven Mile Beach so you can have the sand between your toes and be swimming in beautiful conditions before you know it.

A sea change is not far away.

To inspect this great coastal property please contact Glen Irwin on 0418 604 080 or Peter Yopp on 0411 837 330.



To advertise Something Different please call
Angela in Mullum on 6684 1777

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PROPERTIES OPEN FOR INSPECTION



26 Teak Circuit,
Baywood Chase
Saturday 10am
Contact
Jon on
0422 794 384



8 McGregor Street,
Suffolk Park
Saturday 2pm
Contact
Liam on
0417 780 795



48 Carlyle Street,
Byron Bay
Saturday 11am
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5 Korau Place,
Suffolk Park
Saturday 11am
Contact
Liam on
0417 780 795



19 Beech Drive,
Baywood Chase
Sunday 11am
Contact
Liam on
0417 780 795



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Liam on
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Sunday 1pm
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Liam on
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Lot 4 Roses Road,
Federal
Saturday 12.30pm
Contact
Jon on
0422 794 384



Unit 5, 'Bogarts'
21-25 Fletcher St, Byron Bay
Sunday 2pm
Contact
Liam on
0417 780 795



124 Coopers Shoot Road
Saturday 1pm
Contact
Liam on
0417 780 795



SEASTAR COURT

- Beachside Family Home
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
- In-Ground Pebble Pool
- Safe Quiet Area/Cul-De-Sac
- Separate Family/Lounge Areas
- 3 Minute Walk To The Beach

\$895,000



GREEN FROG FARM

- 20 Useable Acres With 3 Dams
- Hinterland Views And Creek Frontage
- 10 Mins To Byron Bay
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
- Massive Machinery Shed
- 4 Fully Fenced Paddocks

\$697,000



DON'T JUST WISH

- 2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom
- Right On Tallow Beach
- Fully Furnished
- Resort Facilities
- Pool, Spa, Tennis Court
- BBQ Area & Landscaped Gardens
- Live In Or Holiday Let

\$405,000



10 PERFECT ACRES

- 3 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom Home
- High Ceilings, Timber Floors
- Picturesque Rural Setting
- Covered Wrap Around Decks
- North Facing Entertaining Area
- 5 Minutes To Bangalow

\$785,000



BROKEN HEAD BEACH

- Short Walk To Broken Head Nature Reserve & Beaches
- In An Exclusive Area
- North Facing With Ocean Views
- Easy Beach Access
- 3-4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Bathrooms
- Artist Inspired Designed Home

\$2,500,000

AUCTION
On-site Saturday April 14th



2ND TIME TO AUCTION - OWNER WILL SELL
27 BEACHCOMBER DRIVE, BYRON BAY

- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Home
- Fully Renovated Interior/exterior
- Direct Beach Access
- Quiet Cul-de-sac Location
- Central To Byron Bay Cbd
- The Perfect Lifestyle Option

Contact
Andrew Rosee
0421 914 054

NEW LISTINGS



'SEDONA' BYRON BAY HINTERLAND

- 19 Pristine Acres
- 360 Degree Ocean/Hinterland Views
- 4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Home
- Sparkling In-Ground Pool
- Self Contained Flat/Parents Retreat
- 250sqm Shed

Contact
Neil Cameron
0419 274 798
\$3,500,000



KAMALA COURT

- Generous 4 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Family Home
- Ocean Views To Lennox Head
- Stunning Resort Like Pool
- Enormous Open Entertaining Areas
- Situated On 9 Undulating Acres
- Only 7 Minutes To The Heart Of Byron

Contact
Sharon McInnes
0408 659 649
\$1,650,000



BROKEN RIDGE

- 12 Community Title Lots
- Lot Sizes 2,460sqm to 7,337sqm
- Picturesque Rural Outlook
- Architectural Control
- Often Sought Seldom Found

Contact
Tony Farrell
0417 212 692
From \$425,000

New Management of Residential Property
Earn 10,000 Reward Points

L.J.Hooker 4/31 Lawson St, Byron Bay 6685 7300

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▶▶▶ Beach Village Overlooked By Developers

26 Nugget Street, Diggers Camp
 Located amongst only 40 or so other dwellings in Diggers Camp, this 2-3 bedroom beachouse offers you ocean views from most rooms without the noise, traffic and hassle of other coastal spots. Diggers has no mains power, no shops, no crowds and no high rise and the locals are determined to keep it that way. Surrounded by Yuraygir National Park and just 35 mins from Grafton, this is a little slice of yesterdays coast living - a true seachange location. Genuine offers sought. Angus McKimm 0438 425 176. For more pics see www.mckimms.com.au



▶▶▶ Possum Creek Acres

Cnr Possum Creek & Friday Hut Rds. Possum Creek.
AUCTION onsite 11am 21st April, 2007.
 Just imagine the possibilities... A rare opportunity has arisen to purchase this vacant 10 acres. The post and rail gateway invites you to your elevated building site with majestic rural views to the east. Surrounded by a large fig and other established trees. All usable land with easement to creek and fully fenced. Phone Chris Hayward at George & Fuhrmann Bangalow on 66 872 833 or 0416 005 700.



▶▶▶ Regrettably Must Sell

Vendor's instructions – house must be sold at or before AUCTION date 21st April 2007. Versatile 4-bedroom brick house on 825sqm with reserve views and minutes to shops and beaches. A tranquil front courtyard surrounded by tropical plants leads to the inviting living and entertaining areas. Upstairs, there are 3 double bedrooms with built-ins, main with ensuite. Downstairs is a huge rumpus room, home office and guest accommodation. With plenty of room for a pool, the rear yard has loads of potential for a keen gardener to express themselves with a backdrop of native trees and shrubs. Contact Scott Baldwin at Professionals Byron Bay on 0414 322 434 or 6685 6552.



▶▶▶ Bangalow

25 Lismore Road. Open For Inspection 11-11.45am, Saturday 31st March. Very pretty cottage with main road exposure. Ideal for work from home or consulting rooms (STCA). Formerly used for retail. High ceilings, polished boards, and many original features. Huge rear deck. Off street parking and established garden including mature palms. Purchaser can move in on exchange and settle in 6 months. \$480,000 Contact Gai Hart-Hughes 6687 1313 or 0418 755 088.



▶▶▶ 'The Entertainer'

4 Rifle Range Rd, Bangalow. Open For Inspection 11-11.45am, Saturday 31st March. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a huge open plan living area with vaulted ceiling and polished boards, well equipped gas kitchen, full sized laundry, and double undercover carport. This over 800sqm property is located in one of Bangalow's most sought after, quietest streets. Beautifully landscaped with a sparkling pool and large entertaining deck. Insect screened and with stainless steel ceiling fans throughout, this fabulous property is awaiting your interior decorating flair. Asking price \$665,000, but vendor wants it sold, so make an offer! All agents welcome. Finance arranged if required. Contact Gai Hart-Hughes 6687 1313 or 0418 755 088.



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Newly arrived from Norway, Cape Byron Steiner student Cathlin Ulrichsen headed off to classmate Jahalia Solomon's 11th birthday as a 'Norwegian Sheep', much more glamorous than the Australian variety. Photo Jeff 'Jolly Jumbuk' Dawson

Sorry we forgot last week to announce the winner of the mystery object competition. After much deliberation we settled on Ocean Shores homeowner Wardie's description of the gadget as 'a Sybian Machine Ultra Pleasure Enhancer Attachment brand named "The Ultra-Pumper®". While it may not look like the standard attachments included with the Sybian Machine, the "Ultra-Pumper®" is a much heralded, powerful, double action (rotational and pumping motions can be synchronized or alter-phased) servo, which, because of the torque created by its robust internal motor, needs to be fastened to the Sybian Machine using 4 high-tensile bolts (provided) through the Sybian seat base plate.' Other interesting entries, probably closer to reality, suggested the object was a stopper from a child's

walker (which may be the correct answer as there were two entries to this effect), a mast base for a windsurfer, or a drive support for a pottery wheel. We also liked David Joubert's entry: 'The object is a pogo stick developed by a "small person" to make mystery crop circles in wheat-grass trays. Well, what else could it be?'

The Hultgrens have dropped their action in the Land & Environment Court against Council's approval of a brothel in the Arts & Industry Estate. The notion that Council was supporting the brothel owners by going to court doesn't hold water: as Cr Ross Tucker pointed out, to not defend the action would endanger ratepayers' money.

■ Responsibility for election comment in this paper taken by David Lovejoy, Mullumbimby.



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Rural groups have expressed their concern about the Byron Rural Residential Strategy (BRRS) review process – see front page last week – so *The Echo* asked Mayor Jan Barham: 'Is there any reason why the rural groups concerned about the BRRS could not be consulted as part of the review process?' Her reply: 'I have been concerned that no consultation process with the community has been initiated. I am told that a draft document with staff review amendments will come to Council and then be put out for public exhibition and at that time there will be consultations with the community.'

sented the first 100,000 signatures of its climate change petition to the G8 Environment Ministers meeting. Subsequently, German Chancellor and G8 President Angela Merkel has vowed to make climate change the top priority of the summit of G8 leaders this June. Keep the pressure up by signing the petition at www.avaaz.org/en/climate_action_g8.


We forgot to tell you about daylight saving ending – if you haven't already, put your chronometers back by one hour. A referendum was held in NSW in 1976 on the introduction of daylight saving on a permanent basis – 1,882,770 for, 868,900 against, 35,507 informal votes.

On March 15 the online lobby community Avaaz pre-

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