

Hungry

by Susan Gumley

I sit, my feet in the sand, looking at golden sand, waving palm trees, the bluest blue ocean lapping right up to my feet, cool, fresh and soothing. The sun is shining and all I can think about is my empty stomach.

I try to feel comfort sitting, watching, but hunger has other ideas. Maybe I could find a spear and go fishing, maybe I could make one, surely there must be fruit or berries around here, but no it is a desolate island.

I am sitting on the last island in the Fijian group. It's Pacific Ocean from here on end, until you get

to South America. I have another drink of water and wonder why the hell anyone would want to build a house out here, on an island with no village, no people and no food, unless you hunt for it? I ask myself why am I here, why did I listen?

"It will be great, a working holiday," he said. "We will be staying in luxury".

We came here to install a solar system, battery bank and a generator. We travelled for two days, with two plane flights and a bus trip, finishing with a small and somewhat scary boat ride. There was the generator, battery bank, solar panels and us, just floating above the water line. One big wave and we were done for.

I am so glad I survived the trip that I haven't got to complaining about the fact that "He" – the

genius on the trip, who would not allow me to organise anything – had not brought food, had not considered food, he just thought there would be a restaurant, or a Seven-Eleven, or that the house we were working on would have provisions. But there is no house, just a shed at the moment as they needed power to build said house.

We are stuck here for seven days, with nothing to eat, and it's Day 2.

I look behind me on the grass and it is covered with cane toads. My mind is trying to work out whether you can get the poison out and eat them, when I see a small canoe off in the distance.

I wave, it turns, the canoe paddles closer. I can see a native fellow, I wave at him enthusiastically, he rows over, the biggest whitest smile

I have ever seen.

Stepping out of the canoe, I try to tell him our predicament, but he does not speak English. I rub my tummy and pretend to put food in my mouth, I know he understands, as he mimics the gesture and grabs a banana and gives half to me. That was the fastest banana: gone before I could savor it. This big man smiles and gets back in the canoe, gestures he will return and paddles away.

Two days after that, after working both days, with only a bottle of water, I'm collapsed on the beach. A couple of hours staring out to sea, and then I spot him offshore and wave my arm, I feel dizzy and weak, but I am so excited at the same time. He has someone else in the boat, a woman I think, she also has a white dazzling smile. They have

come to share and laugh a little at the crazy white people.

They give me a bag containing, two loaves of white bread, a jar of vegemite and a pineapple. I cry, then hug both of them as they get back in the canoe and paddle out to sea.

Two days later they return, with the same food, two loaves of white bread and a jar of vegemite, with another wonderful succulent pineapple. I thanked them again, hugged them again, and watched them paddle out to sea. Strangers on the sea.

I never saw them again. I don't know who they are or where they came from, but I love them just the same.

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ASTRO FORECASTS

by Tina Mews

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS?

Aries

This is the time to work on your plans and vision for the next year. New ideas will keep flooding in and you might feel inspired to move ahead with your projects. This is a very busy and intense time for you, but with some self-control and alertness lots can be achieved. Expect the unexpected; you might leave behind limiting circumstances and embrace new ways of being in the world.

Taurus

During the first half of the month your ambition and desire to be recognised for your accomplishments is stimulated. It is a very fruitful time for self-reflection and soul searching. You could have great insights, break away from old patterns and improve your daily life with fresh incentives and ideas. Set your intentions for the next 12 months at the summer solstice (Dec 21); this is perfect timing for envisioning your path ahead.

Gemini

This is a very busy time for you, when you need to work together with others in a cooperative effort. You might get in contact with new and unusual people, especially around the Full Moon period (Dec 13/14), which could open new creative possibilities and perspectives. Try not to spread yourself too thinly in too many different directions; keep breathing deeply!

Cancer

There might be some unexpected twists in your life story that need sorting out; decisions must be made. Bear in mind that Mercury will be retrograde from December 19 until January 7. Travel plans could change and there might be delays. Communication channels might be blocked. Pay extra attention to details and careful with signing contracts.

Leo

You might feel the need to break with routine and there could be a chance to travel. This could come up quite unexpectedly and provide you with unusual, eye-opening experiences. You might get involved with studies, writing and publishing with a great drive and determination towards success. This Mercury retrograde period (Dec 19 – Jan 7) proves to you that 'the devil lives in the detail'.

Virgo

Some unexpected happenings surrounding money, values and possessions offer new opportunities which will bring changes to your homelife, family and sense of duty. The wild woman and the wild man inside you has gathered force. You might find that you can free up space on the domestic front so that you have more time for living your purpose.

December

In the yearly cycle around the zodiac we have reached the sign of freedom-loving Sagittarius. Saturn, planet of personal responsibility and restrictions, has been transiting Sagittarius for the last 15 months and will remain until the end of 2017. This has caused some distress and frustration to many Centaurs, but also opportunities to get great results if persistence and patience is applied alongside with vision and grand ideas.

Saturn can dampen the natural confidence and optimism that drives so many Sagittarians. It is a fire sign and, like Aries and Leo, needs to preserve a feeling of uniqueness and individual importance. One of Sagittarius' main quests is the search for meaning and universal truth. It is highly important for Sagittarius to keep the inspirational fires burning, because dealing with the 'banalities' of everyday living can be felt as depressing especially when they find themselves locked in a space or situation with 'no room to move'. It is essential to have a goal they feel enthusiastic about because life is best seen as an adventure. At times they can be their own worst enemies by having placed too high expectations – combined with too little staying power – upon themselves and others with the result of getting miserable when things do not work out as imagined. Mostly, though, they recover fast and are not too shy to tell you what they think because honesty ranks very high in the Sagittarian value system.

The Sagittarius New Moon on November 29 has seeded the themes that are important for us during December. The New Moon squares the nodal axis signifying the need to integrate, assimilate and balance past experiences with a new vision for the future. Jupiter, the ruler of the New Moon, forms a harmonious trine with Mars in Aquarius (until Dec 5); this transit gives great energy and furthers new inventions and farsightedness. Jupiter is in a harmonious alignment with Saturn during the entire month encouraging an easier understanding between people and cultures. The Full Moon on December 13/14 is in Gemini opposite the Sagittarius Sun and highlights the need for building bridges between different points of views as well as culturally, socially and religiously conditioned attitudes and realities. The three slower moving planets Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus are forming a triangle consisting of a challenging opposition between Jupiter and Uranus,



a harmonious trine between Saturn and Uranus as well as the already mentioned Jupiter/Saturn sextile. These are three planetary cycles that are interweaving.

The most influential at this moment is the Jupiter/Uranus cycle which started in June 2010 and has reached its half-way point (opposition). Uranus/Jupiter symbolise an awakening to new opportunities, the freeing up of energies that create new possibilities and deliver different perspectives. Uranus is associated with the Promethean spirit of liberation and rebellion against the status quo (Saturn), while Jupiter signifies growth, progress, vision and magnitude. Saturn plays a harmonising function in this constellation, balancing the impatient and abrupt energies of the opposition. It is a reminder to keep going, and not to give up if things get more difficult than expected. Nevertheless,

positions and contracts might have to be re-negotiated. Successful outcomes can be achieved when there is fairness and commitment to the truth (Jupiter), an openness for new insights (Uranus) and dedication to the process (Saturn). Jupiter/Uranus will be active until October 2017 and can bring on the 'big break'. Rivalling parties could split into two opposing camps and have a head-on-head dispute over major or even minor issues. The solution is then going one's independent way.

Mercury, the communication planet, will be retrograde during December 19 until January 7. Mercury in Capricorn is a great planner and designer. We could make use of this retrograde phase and revisit plans, structures and systems that need re-building or re-working. Double check travelling plans and expect delays. There is a good chance to have some sort of communication or transport hiccups during this Mercury retrograde phase. The Solstice is on December 21, the day when the Sun enters zero degree Capricorn. It is a favourable time for the clearing of old, unresolved issues followed by the setting of fresh intentions. The message is to reflect on where in our lives the restrictions have become too tight and prevent the influx of new ideas.

Let's not forget that Christmas is the celebration of the 'divine child' entering the human arena. The motif of the divine child is common to many cultures and religions suggesting that a new powerful impulse has arrived, potent enough to disrupt the old order for renewal and regeneration.

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Libra

This can be your awakening to new opportunities if you manage freeing up energies and making extra space for personal growth. In your relationships this involves more "space" for each partner, less sameness and consistency and a lot more room for honest differences. Use the Mercury retrograde period (Dec 19 – Jan 7) for re-structuring and re-designing aspects of your domestic life.

Scorpio

You might be dreaming up a new vision how to handle daily life with its routines in a different, more inspiring way. Your responsibilities have changed freeing up time and energy. Think creatively about what to do next. A new cycle of growth will start soon. This is a time of preparation and completion. The Mercury retrograde period Dec 19 – Jan 7 might cause delays and communication problems. Expect the unexpected.

Sagittarius

Saturn in Sagittarius has been setting up the stage for your personal experiences and will continue to do so until late next year. Especially those born during December 11 – 22 will still be dealing with Saturn's restrictive influences during 2017. The good news is that the liberating spirit of Uranus is in a trine formation with Saturn and will be for most of next year, counterbalancing Saturn's gravity with excitement and the potential for extraordinary achievements.

Capricorn

This is a month for reflection and completion, especially with Mercury making its retrograde cycle in your sun sign during Dec 19 – January 7. Re-evaluate, research and adjust some of your plans and contracts so that old projects can be finished off. This process will free up energy which will open new possibilities during 2017.

Aquarius

During this period, you are focusing strongly on your friendships and social networks. New ideas can be communicated easily and you might be able to make peace with others over old standing issues. The Mercury retrograde period (Dec 19 – Jan 7) is great for sharpening your intuition. Events restructuring themselves behind the scenes, and you may be in for some surprises when all is resolved.

Pisces

This is the time of the year when you can get ahead in your projects and career plans. Joint projects might be favoured even though they may lack certainty and stability but they promise a broader creativity and originality. Use the Mercury retrograde period for reflecting on these issues. Mars, planet of personal drive enters your sun sign on Dec 20 (until January 29) providing you with extra energy and incentive.

Expanding our reality

by Marilyn Scott

Scorpio time was intense – November a rollercoaster of emotion. I for one am exhausted. Time to shake off the malaise, flex our muscles, dust off our vision, and onward we go.

The journey of Lilith – the wounding of the sacred feminine, has been lengthy indeed; entrenched deeply in our delicate, pink and moisture-filled membranes, so long the suppression of this ancient sacred energy; the energy that exists in us all, but significant in 'Woman', who brings her energy into the physical.

Lilith stood at the front gate – that first day I entered these sacred healing grounds... my unimaginable adventure here; a doorway into unknown, unexplored lands, down the rabbit hole, behind the veil, deep into ancient rock, crevices buried deep in Earth's core. Life on Earth, it began. This sacred land of ours – Oz – where creation first burst forth. The blood flowed; the massacres creating gaping wounds that lay still unhealed. The pain so deep... the bubbling anger never expressed. Such a gentle, gentle people, the story is heartbreaking.

Here we sit, 2016 in its last weeks; a new year surfacing from the mists... 2017 the Year of New Beginnings. A new start, a fresh heart – bravery rising from the depths of our confusion. Love united with purpose and commitment, creating the new world of which we've visioned for so long.

Looking at the astro chart for this



coming year of new beginnings I make note of its presence, the energy it offers. It comes with a strong desire to seek fulfilment, to identify what's missing in our life. Mother Moon leads the way on this new year birthing... reminding us of the importance of fulfilling our needs; restoring our capacity to nurture and care... and to honour the sacredness of our self, each other and Mother Earth... of all life. To honour the sacredness of our pure intelligence, to nurture our thinking; does it feel good to think those thoughts. We live in a world of instant manifestation, where thoughts soon become things.

Our vital, driving pranic source – our motivation, our desire and passion, propels us and supports us; donning our secret sorcerer's hat and polishing our wizard's wand, 'til it gleams and sparkles with pure unadulterated potential. We can create magick. Transformation is at the click of our fingertips.

Zeus, great and revered god of the heavens, gifts us with an expanded

passion and drive, permeating our movement forward with truth seeking rays of hope, expanding our vision of what's possible. Expansion is the key word here – transformation of our self and our world. Jupiter fills our everyday thoughts and concerns with renewed clarity and strength of purpose. Our perspective illuminates. We are adventurers, on the journey of our lifetime; no time to waste diddling dawdling... time to mount our familiar, horse and set her galloping. The time is now, there never will be one more significant. So easy, a human foible, to put off 'til tomorrow. Of course tomorrow never comes.

Time to wipe the sleep from our eyes, elevate our senses. What is it that we see? What can we hear? What do we know that no-one can take away? Because you just know – deep down, without a doubt. Dust off or rediscover what drives you, what inspires you, with a passion that illuminates your being, something that is purely yours.

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- **Sunday 11th** – Club visit: Maclean Bowls Club
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Devised by Martin Gill

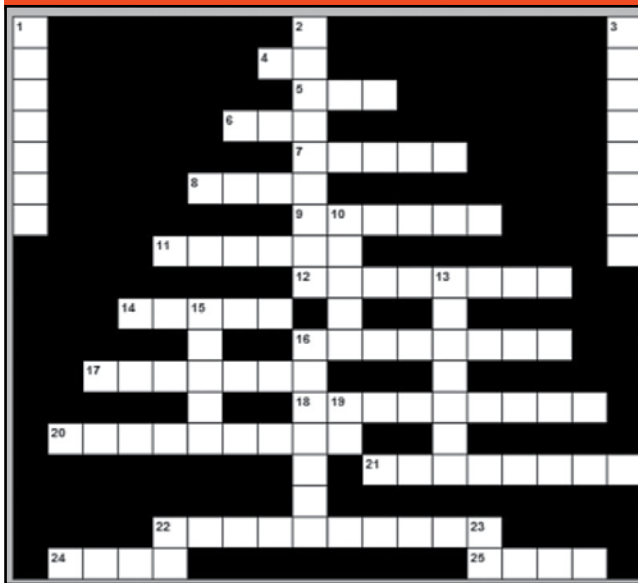
Questions

1. What is the formal name for a collector of coins?
2. Which two countries fought The War of Jenkins' Ear?
3. Who played lead guitar for the Rolling Stones from 1969 to 1974?
4. Where are the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?
5. If a homeopathic remedy has been diluted to 80c, how many molecules of the active ingredients will a dose contain?
6. What status does Jesus Christ hold in Islam?
7. What was the original main ingredient of the bar syrup Grenadine?
8. Who was the African Leader who claimed to be the Last King of Scotland?
9. Who lives in a seraglio?
10. What is a carillon?

- Answers**
1. A numismatist. I'd also accept miser or bar tender.
 2. Spain and England. They were hassling around the Caribbean and a Spanish official cut off the ear of Jenkins after boarding his ship. The war was eventually subsumed into the War of the Austrian Succession.
 3. That was the incomparable Mick Taylor. The Stones were probably at their peak in these years. 4. They are part of India and lie in the Andaman Sea which joins the Bay of Bengal.
 5. None unless you are extremely lucky. You'd have a better chance of winning 10 lotteries in a row.
 6. He is a prophet alongside Abraham and Moses. Aren't you glad to know that?
 7. It was originally based on pomegranates but these days the mainly use blueberries.
 8. The late not very great Idi Amin. His kids were hoping the Scots won the vote to leave Britain so the could take over. Alas it wasn't to be. Pity, could you imagine them hobnobbing with Trump?
 9. The women and children associated with the court of an Eastern ruler. It's a musical instrument consisting of a set of bells played at a keyboard.

Nimbin Crossword

2016-12
by Synic



Across

4. Unwrapping my presents, Xmas is all about ____
5. "Invite" to a tippie
6. Spruce?
7. Non-unionised Arctic workshop staff
8. Sunbathe – catch some ____
9. Xmas season
11. Where Adam and Eve were driven from
12. Wall (no cement)
14. Presents
16. All together
17. This disease is a horrible fluke
18. Solstice
20. Paper discarded?
21. Tired – as after 4 hours BBQing in 38°
22. Stuffing?

24. Secure (house)
25. 20 across (presents)

Down

1. No mum and dad for Xmas?
2. Down
3. Like this answer, at Xmas many feel _____
10. Busy in Jerusalem again – the United Nations Relief Work Agency (init.)
13. Full (of fish?)
15. Terra ____
16. Roman dish (features partridge, pheasant and hare) (4,3)
19. Ego, superego, ____
- 22 and 23. US pop band (2,2)

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The world according to Magenta Appel-Pye

It's that time of year again, and my ukulele group is practising the perennial Christmas carols for our next visit to the retirement village. Even though I'm not a Christian, these cultural songs still imbue me with nostalgia, even if some of them are far-fetched.

Imagine having just given birth and some little kid wants to drum for you. Pa-rump-pa-pa-pum. Mary would have been in her rights to say, "Piss that kid with his bloody drum off! He's waking the baby."

And it's surprising Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer doesn't stop off for a few bourbon and cokes.

My Jewish husband and I enjoy having some time off in the hottest part of the year, after the mad rush of the masses suddenly needing their piano tuned before December 25th. We try, as much as possible, to stay out of the shops.

Here are some of my Mum's favourite Christmas jokes:

- ♦ What do you get when you've finished hanging the tinsel on the tree? Tinsellitis.
- ♦ What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate clauses.
- ♦ A woman was happy after Christmas because all her family visited. "How did you manage that?" asked her friend. "I sent them all unsigned



Ho-ho-ho

cheques."

- ♦ What was Santa doing in the garden? Ho-ho-hoeing.
 - ♦ What happens when you cross a turkey with an octopus? Everyone gets a leg at Christmas.
 - ♦ Who isn't hungry at Christmas? The turkey - he's already stuffed.
 - ♦ If the three magi had been women, they would have cleaned the stable, cooked some food and helped with the baby.
 - ♦ Joseph came out from the stable and announced, "It's a girl!"
- For those lucky enough to have plenty, now is the time to be generous to those less fortunate. That is the real Spirit of Christmas. Have a beautiful one.



The Supermoon photo on the right is viewed through a bunch of Jacaranda flowers (someone said they looked like witches flying around), taken on 13th November. The photo above was taken the next day, which was the actual full moon night, when it was not very high on the horizon. Both shots were taken from Nimbin.

Nosin' around with PAC

She says / HE says with Aunty Maj and Uncle Norm

Dear SSHS, Last Christmas my girlfriend gave me a voucher for a tandem hang-gliding session. I'm scared to death of heights but don't want her to think I'm gutless. The voucher is good for 12 months and she's hassling me to use it. Help! - Tim Idity

She says

It's amazing the lengths some people go to for a thrill, but it takes all kinds. My husband hates adventures and general spontaneity of any kind. Someone once asked him if he'd been overseas and, because his parents are Polish he replied, "I am overseas!" even though he was born in Australia. I used to judge him for what I saw as his lack of adventurous spirit, but over the years I see in some ways he is brave. He entered a relationship with me earlier than was comfortable after his divorce, which took great courage. He is adventurous creatively with his beautiful musical compositions and his writing. I never have to worry about him having an affair because I know he is too scared to rock the boat.

So if she loves you, she'll accept you as you are. You don't have to try to be Tarzan; men are allowed to be vulnerable these days. Just don't be stupid. The important thing here is not to waste her thoughtfulness and her money. You have to use the voucher somehow.

Ring the place and ask if they will refund the money, then surprise her with a nice night out. Or you could donate it to a good cause to raffle and tell her your sense of compassion

outweighed your need to fly. Tell her every day with her is a wonderful adventure. We women love to hear that sort of stuff. But act now, otherwise the danger of hang-gliding will pale in comparison to the danger of her wrath.

He says

Dear Tim, as a paid up member of the Lilly Livered Jelly Blubber Cowardly Girly-Boy Club, I completely sympathise with you. For a start, what kind of girlfriend would give you a present that could kill you? Perhaps she has some cunning plan to see you shuffle off this mortal coil. "Such a tragic accident," she would say as she cashes in your life insurance and runs off to Tahiti with her new toy boy.

Recently I was in a similar situation when we were invited to go paddle boarding on the Brunswick River with a friend. My little dolphin pushed away nicely on her board and was having a ball whereas I, who can hardly swim, came a cropper on some oyster rocks. This resulted in much blood, infection, hospital, antibiotics, and permanent scars to always remind me of what fun it was.

I can see no good coming from this. Your problem is you're more scared of confronting your girlfriend and admitting your cowardice than doing the actual deed. You probably haven't had a decent crap in months with your sphincter being so clenched.

It's time to be a real man. Be fearless and brave and get up on your hind legs, and then, get down on your knees and tearfully beg, implore and plead that she let you off the hook.

If, in spite of this, you do end up doing this stupid hang-gliding stunt, be sure to wear a good pair of incontinence underpants so as you don't completely embarrass yourself. "Life is adventure, not predicament." ~ James Broughton

Wishing our readers a happy, fun and safe festive season.

Send your relationship problems to Norm and Magenta: normanappel@westnet.com.au

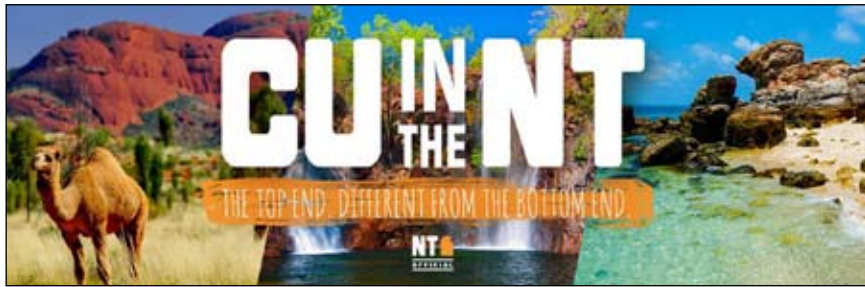
I BAN'T SAY BUNT

by Brendan (Mookx) Hanley

Always ones to push the boundaries of social taboo, the Monty Pythons once did a sketch that hilariously played with the theme of "I ban't say bunt". Just recently, there was some controversy around a promotion inviting people to the Northern Territory with an ad that blatantly said "CU in the NT". Some precocious advertising exec apparently got away with publicly displaying the most maligned, misunderstood and misused word in the entire English language.

It's actually just another word, but it has somehow become the most insulting, blasphemous, degrading, downright filthy, disgusting, derogatory, lower-than-low word one can muster from a radical repertoire of rude rants. By a long shot, cunt claims the title of being the absolute worst thing that you can call anyone or anything. It surpasses by far, all the fucks, farts, fannies, flaps and foreskins, the shits and tits, the doodles and dicks, the arseholes and pricks, turds and nerds, the buggers, bastards, ball-sacs, bums and cums and whatever other offerings you can conjure up from your wildest, lowest, beyond-anal, ribald repository of rudeness. It's the be-all and end-all of curses and insults. It has no peer at the bottom of the barrel for expressing total disgust and disapproval of any person, place or thing. Even cloudy weather is called a cunt of a day!

What could possibly give one single syllable such puerile power and porno potency, such disapproval, disgust and universal umbrage? How low can you go in your search for the lowest of the low? What is this thing called cunt? Oxford Dictionary describes it simply as a woman's genitalia. The common Latin-derived words are vulva and vagina. Crikey... talk about mumbo-jumbo! What's wrong with fanny? Of Germanic origins, cunt is related to Norwegian and Swedish dialect kunta,



and middle low German, middle Dutch, and Danish dialect kunte. It has English ancestry in "cunny", a trace of which which still endures in "cunnilingus"... whatever that is!

"If you see Kay, tell her I'll see you when tea time comes around!"

– Schoolboy joke circa 1950s

Australia's Shakespeare, Kevin "Bloody" Wilson, received a letter from the Canadian government before he toured there some years back. They informed him that during his national concert series he was not to use the word "cunt" on-stage... a reputation he had earned globally over decades of making a living out of doing just that. So naturally he took up the challenge with a song called *You Can't Say Cunt in Canada* in which he used all the Canadian substitutes for the word absurd that he could find. These words are all kosher in Canuck land. The C word alone is a big no-no. Here's a quote:

"And they said muff, moot, minge, quinn, twat, little flower, twinkle ... tunnel of love, gash, pussy, pootang, beef curtain, burger, gateway to her guts, split whisker, beaver, long-eye, front bum, growler, hairy lasso..."

Now I ask you. Seriously! And just imagine how long Donald Trump would have lasted in the public eye if he'd boasted about grabbing cunts instead of pussies! By the way, don't you hate the use of that feline word in this context? It's got all that American quasi-Christian sanitation thing like "bathroom" for toilet, "ass" for arse and "shoot" for shit! Hearing

a grown woman refer to her "pussy" really is demeaning and degrading. I think I'd rather hear childish "wee-wee" or "front bottom" as a more accurate and dignified description. At least these words describe what's being described!

I remember Barry Humphries saying "as dry as a nun's nasty". He gained a cheap snigger or two from this description of what, in more spiritually enlightened parts of the world, is revered and even worshipped as the most sacred of sacred... the holiest of holies. It's the temple of conception and birth, without which, none of us would be here... nor countless squillions of creatures in existence since time began. Cunt-condemning Christianity even denies our entire race the mundane miracle of childbirth. Our blokey old God made Adam out of a mud pie and Eve out of one of Adam's ribs for shit's sake! Pffft! We all come from the cunt... like it or not!

We've come a long way since my first year at school in 1947 when 80+ year-old Irish nun Mother Agatha warned us that we would burn eternally in Hell if we used the words "gosh" or "gee", short for "God" and "Jesus". But somehow half a century or more later, cunt still lurks in the locker like a lost loner longing for liberation. Vive la cunt!

PS. Every year since my initial anti-Santa rant a few years ago, I get asked to rip the shit out of Xmas in my December column. Since Xmas is supposedly meant to celebrate a woman giving birth, may I indulge those requests by simply stating that I reckon it's a cunt of a time.



Game-changing shelter innovation



Locals were intrigued by the recent Spinlift Yurt display in Mingle Park, as seen on ABC-TV's *New Inventors*.

The inventor of the quickly built, rotatable and elevatable design has been encouraged by the generally positive reaction to his affordable shelter initiative, which enables able-bodied but unskilled people to quickly and easily erect their own stylish yurt shelter.

Spinlift enable anyone willing to 'have a go' to erect their own yurt floor in under two hours.

The progressive management of the Lismore TAFE has recognised the system's potential, particularly for Indigenous housing, and has invited poet/inventor, Brian Forbes of Useful Yurts to direct a student yurt build at the Wollongbar TAFE summer school. For more info visit: www.usefultyurts.com



with Bob Tissot

Hello and welcome to On Air, the lowest decibel radio program on the planet. Thanks for tuning in.

Well, it's been a busy old month here at the epicentre of transmission, kicking off with our Annual General Meeting which, despite a rather daunting agenda, dealt with it all in a spirit of community and humour. A big thumbs-up to everyone who came; the changes we adopted have all been registered and accepted by the ACMA, which clears the last hurdle in the renewal process.

So naturally we had a pizza party, which was where I got to chat with Justin (pictured), whose program, 'Get The F#*% Up' goes off like the proverbial frog-in-a-sock every Friday morning, 7 to 9am.

OA: So Justin, how'd you get involved with NIM-FM?

J: It was through the Timbarra Cafe.

OA: How did that work?

J: I showed up and they needed someone to do the environment hour. They asked if anybody had any radio experience and because of my time at 2BOB years ago I said, "I've got a little" so they handed me a CD and said, "play that." After the show I was declared the



Get the F#*% Up

environment show presenter.

OA: So you started doing the environment show...

J: Yes, and then a Wednesday morning breakfast show, and that changed to Monday which then changed to Friday. Now years later...

OA: You seem pretty locked-on to that time slot.

J: It's a solid spot. But if I start going to doofs again... they're usually a couple of 1000 k's away, I might need to miss one or two...

OA: That's quite a distance to travel; possibly beyond the reach of local social media. Anyway, let's talk music. How would you describe your show?

J: A musical slippery-dip. It can go either way. It starts with Ministry right now, and ends with Joy Division. But there can be anything in between. Jazz, Sinatra, ska, just about

anything. But you must remember the program is called 'Get the Fuck Up', so it's going to get them moving, get them out of bed. Friday morning, end of the week. Get moving!

OA: And speaking of moving, I've heard you get them moving on Friday nights too.

J: You mean the Nimbin Street Drummers?

OA: I do indeed. How long you been with them and what drums do you play?

J: I've got a couple of djembes and a darembuka, and I guess I've been playing with them for about five years. I was given a drum soon after I joined, and it's now on its fourth skin.

OA: Do you re-skin it?

J: No. One of the drummers, Richard, is brilliant at all that. I've currently got a kevlar, a plastic and a hide. Not sure what sort but it's just starting to talk.

OA: Favorite drummer?

J: Gene Krupa. He was a man who used his whole kit, and he had a big one.

OA: So when he's not on air or drumming in the street, what's Justin doing?

J: Recovering his mental health. Five and a half years of the fish and chip shop left him completely burnt out.

OA: Future plans?

J: Achieve an even keel and master the intricacies of the foreign exchange currency market. I've got a little thing going on between the Aussie and Kiwi dollars and the Kiwis are doing exactly what I want them to. This could be the big...

(The final words were cut off by wind and raucous party revelry – another pizza had emerged steaming from the oven – interview terminated.)

Nimbin Crossword Solution

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Normal Mon-Fri Week		School Holidays	
Leaving	Arriving	Leaving	Arriving
Lismore Transit Centre	Nimbin – Main St. (Park)	Lismore Transit Centre	Nimbin – Main St. (Park)
7.00am	7.30am	8.00am	8.30am
8.00am	8.45am	12.00pm	12.35pm *
12.00pm	12.35pm *	2.35pm	3.10pm
2.35pm	3.10pm	5.30pm	6.00pm
3.20pm	4.15pm		
5.30pm	6.00pm		
Leaving	Arriving	Leaving	Arriving
Nimbin – Main St. (Park)	Lismore Transit Centre	Nimbin – Main St. (Park)	Lismore Transit Centre
7.52am	8.50am	9.00am	9.35am
9.00am	9.35am	12.45pm	1.15pm *
12.45pm	4.10pm	3.25pm	4.10pm
3.25pm	4.10pm	6.05pm	6.35pm
4.30pm	5.15pm		
6.05pm	6.35pm		

* Mondays & Thursdays Only

No Public Holiday Service
Wheelchair access available
Some buses connect in Nimbin for operators to Murwillumbah

NIMBIN HEADERS 2016: A SEASON OF ACHIEVEMENTS



Highlights of the Nimbin Headers 2016 football season included:

- The Men's 1st Division side making the Grand Final and eventually finishing third;
- The Women's 4th Division side finishing third, playing in the semi-finals and winning the Fair Play Award;
- The Men's 5th Division side heroically avoiding a tenth straight loss in their last game with a magnificent draw;
- The Grade 15 finishing well, with a mix of 14 and 15-year old players in a league full of 15-year olds;
- The Grade 13 playing in the Grand Final and eventually finishing third.

All these teams, and the younger juniors, had loads of fun competing this season, which is what it's all about. Thanks to all our players and supporters.



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Jay Stephens





3220 MT BURRELL ROAD, MT BURRELL
\$179,000+ STOCK

- Open for business 7 days a week to cater for locals and passing tourists.
- The business has been operating with the present owner for the past 10 years.
- The store supplies fuel, groceries, tobacco, liquor, gifts/souvenirs, confectionery and much, much more!
- The sale comprises an extensive inclusions list, liquor licence and business systems.



12 SILKY OAK DRIVE, NIMBIN
\$ 320,000

- Extensive use of timber and stained glass window features.
- Land approx 820m² with beautiful gardens and peaceful outlook.
- 1-2 loft style bedrooms, open kitchen and living area.
- Wood fire combustion heater, air conditioning, big bathroom.
- Village location, town water and sewerage, mains power, walk to amenities.



2 ZOUCH ROAD, NIMBIN
\$ 570,000

- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a massive open plan living, dining and kitchen area.
- Perfect family home, or opportunity for a home business separate from living areas.
- Downstairs, the layout potential is 3 bedrooms and a study or 2 bedrooms and a lounge room, with its own kitchen, bathroom and laundry.
- Balconies to 3 sides of the home, 3 massive water tanks, solar hot water



181 LINDSAY ROAD, LARNOOK
\$ 288,500

- A stunning 43.76 Ha (108 acres) property set in a secluded valley, with views.
- There are at least two excellent flat building sites.
- Large permanent dam near Lindsay Road adds to the attractiveness of this property
- Fertile volcanic soil and a considerable percentage of cleared pasture
- 25 minutes to the regional hub of Lismore.



32 NIMBIN STREET, THE CHANNON
\$ 349,000

- Relax and enjoy the easy care of a sturdy and solid brick house.
- Generous sized carpeted bedrooms, main with ensuite.
- Freshly painted throughout, new carpet, ceiling fans, blinds and screen doors.
- Spacious open plan living room with floating floorboards leads to good sized verandah.
- Separate kitchen is well appointed with a practical design, and boasts a large pantry.



76/265 MARTIN ROAD, LARNOOK
\$ 250,000

- This wonderful yurt sits on its own 2 acre strata title share within the Billen Cliffs Village.
- The yurt is council approved.
- Functional kitchen with gas oven and cooktop, potbelly stove and central skylight.
- French doors open out onto the verandah overlooking the gardens and fruit trees.
- Separate laundry, tool shed and storage space which could be utilised as a bedroom.



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★ NEW LISTINGS ★



Contact John

336 Stony Chute Road, Stony Chute \$650,000
- Lovely tree-lined road to restored Colonial Homestead
- Enchanting 14 acres w/ever-running creek. Old forest
- Original and authentic features throughout. Unique



LAND

Contact Chris

34/78 Cecil Street, Nimbin \$160,000
- 2439sqm North-facing land. Build your dream home
- Magic views of Lillian Rock, Blue Knob & Border Ranges
- Close to the heart of the colourful village of Nimbin



Contact John

61 Tulsi Lane, Nimbin \$399,000
- Elevated 1.26 acres. Amazing north-facing views
- Recently completed home with high end finishes
- Open plan lounge, kitchen/dining. Lots of extras



Contact John

315 Sargents Road, Homeleigh \$649,000
- 93 acres of private, pristine land. Restored farmhouse
- 3 x bed, sunroom/office, gorgeous country kitchen
- 2 x huge dams + creek + waterfall & swimming hole



Contact John

5401 Kyogle Road, Cawongla \$539,000
Has the 'WOW factor'. Picturesque, fenced cattle paddocks
Big clean dams, fruit trees, rainforest pocket and views galore!
2 x bed timber home, fire, raked ceilings, polished wood floors



HOT
NEW PRICE

Contact Chris

25 Kirkland Road, Nimbin \$495,000
- 20 acre hobby farm – complete w/Airstrip & Hanger. 2 sheds
- Droughtproof w/ lake-sized spring-fed dam. Watersports!
- 3 x bed light & airy home. Master w/ WIR and ensuite. Views

FEATURE PROPERTIES



PRICE
REDUCTION

Contact John

483 Davis Road, Jiggi \$435,000
- 102 acres high plateau of flat to gentle slopes. Solar
- Regenerated rainforest areas. 4 spring dams. Private
- 5 x bed, open plan living, back and front verandahs



Contact Chris

1157 Stony Chute Road, Nimbin \$310,000
- "Avalon" share. Vibrant tropical gardens. Serenity
- Charming stylish home. Fully off grid + phone + net
- Sustainability. 3 x bed, open plan lounge/kitchen



GREAT FOR
INVESTORS

Contact Grant

85 Lillian Rock Road, Nimbin \$375,000
- Attn: Bargain Hunters!! Just over 20 acres with house
- Original 3 bed settlers cottage + self-contained cabin
- Colourbond shed. Renovator's delight. Creek boundary



Contact Grant

144 Bertoli Road, Jiggi \$325,000
- Privacy is the feature of this 15 acre beauty. Value!
- 2 x Bed light-filled dwelling; Current building permit
- Totally powered by the sun - NO ELECTRICITY BILLS!



LAND

Contact Chris

13a High Street, Nimbin \$280,000
- Rare chance of 5 acres highly desirable village land (STCA)
- On one of the best streets in town. Views from homesite
- Easy stroll to the heart of village. Potential to subdivide



Contact Grant

289 Crofton Road, Nimbin \$565,000
- Classic country home set on 11.5 acres. Manicured!
- 2 x living areas, 4 x bedrooms + study w/ French doors
- Only 3 minutes to Nimbin. Shedding, stables and creek

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