



STRINGMANSASSY Currumbin Sound Lounge APR08

CHOOK OF LOVE

Pachooka are out of the pen and hitting the road again, making the journey from North Queensland, set to freeze their thong wearing tropical toes off, with a new album 'Sonic Life Vibe' in record stores thanks to indie-label Pandamonium/MGM signing the band in early 2004. Life in the tropics with sticky nights and cooking days led Pachooka on an inevitable journey into reggae, which,

when infused with their funk and world influences, produced the tracks on their latest release. A recording process mixed with prime slots on local festivals: Envirofiesta, Backdrop (JJJ) and the Kuranda Reggae Festival played a huge role in keeping Pachooka's customary raw live feel present on the album that features a mix of new and old tracks from the last couple of years. Lyrically, the content varies

from conscious comment to pure party mode with many windows into the Pachooka psyche. So find your hammock or get your friends together to share the sonic vibe and a Pachooka smile. Pachooka will be playing the **Great Northern** in Byron, supported by acoustic act Tall Dwarf and Drum Explosion Axe (Ash'ae), on Thursday. Doors open 9.00, Free entry - CD's and 70' sstyle T'Shirts will be available.

BY THE TALE

Melbourne based singer songwriters **The Miller's Tale** are back on a short tour after releasing their self titled debut CD 'Wish it Away' with Vitamin last year. Through a fine collection of delicately composed tunes, the album brings out the harmony driven, folk and country infused pop sound of the duo, which is even better when heard live in the raw! **The Rails** on Wednesday.

LEARNING TO BE IRRELEVANT

After three years since the release of the Reflecting and Refracting EP, Sydney's **Irrelevant** are back with their debut album *Ascension*. They have enlisted the services of Grinspoon producing genius, Phil McKellar. Following the release of 'Ascension' they are out there making themselves irreverently relevant. They perform an all ages gig at the **Byron Youth Activities Centre (YAC)** on Friday.

MELLOW YELLOW

Sam Fletcher plays the **Yellow Flower** with his original rootsy inspired folk tunes. He's just been touring with a debut CD, and sings for the curry loving patrons on Sunday from 6.30pm at Suffolk Park's favourite haunt.

ARTS/EVENTS

OPEN DAYS

YOUR FUTURE IQ

Just over ten years ago a couple of blokes had a dream - to transform our degraded quarry sites into vibrant areas of creativity, public performing space and training. The group, which cleverly named itself **IQ** (short for Island Quarry) managed to secure the quarry on Ewingsdale Road and in ten years have turned it from the equivalent to a disused slagheap to an area resplendent with gardens, providing training and opportunities for long term unemployed people and for artists and performers to put their works out in a public space. The IQ Arts and Eco Centre have future DA plans in the pipeline, and are inviting the public to come and join them on this information sharing day on Saturday from 12.30pm until sunset. With celebrities and guest speakers that include Jan Barham, the Department of Lands, Yvonne Stewart and Me (I guess I must be the celebrity, so don't get too excited, although its rumoured Delta Goodrem is going to emerge from the depths of the quarry at sunset singing Tina Turners' 'I need a Hero').

DANCE

EATING MORGANICS

Hip hop sensation **Morganics** has created a sensational one man hip hop show *Crouching BBoy, Hidden Dreadlocks* which he will be performing alongside the Urban Street Rural Beat crew whom

Morganic first inspired into action in a workshop back in 2003. This gig happens at the **Starcourt Theatre**, Lismore, Sat 30 April, 7pm.

FLAMENCO PHUCK UP

Sorry dudes I got it horribly wrong. If you dragged your flamenco shoes to **Federal Hall** on Tuesday you'll be cursing my name because while **Serena** is running her classes in Federal it's not at the Hall but at a gorgeous dance studio at a private residence. To find out exactly where: 6624 3498.

DRUMMING PHUCK UP

Must have been having a bad day last week, also made a mistake about the phone number for **Paul Barrett's** drumming workshop: it's 0417 969 743. Workshop starts Tuesday.

ART

DOG GONE GOOD

Man's Best Friend is an exhibition of work that is based on the simple idea of the dog as human companion or best friend. The dog has been used as a vehicle through which to portray a range of human feelings and communicate experiences of dogs as human companions from prehistoric times to the present day. Man's best friend contributes a local perspective to this history of the dog in art and the dog in our lives. Opening Tuesday 5 April at **Southern Cross Uni's Next Gallery** at 5pm and continues through until Saturday 23 April.

WHO'S WHO

Judy Who presents her Art Exhibition and Fashion Show. This will be her first show with wild costume and exciting fashion shows, best hemp designs and great entertainment at **Akimbo Imports** at the A&I Estate with an opening on Saturday at 7.30pm.

PAINTING COFFEY

American Artist, who lives in France but regularly exhibits here, **Christopher Coffey** shows recent work at the **Piece Gallery** - featuring his latest paintings of his signature colour and exquisite mark making. Opening night (Friday) will also see the launch of two haiku books written and illustrated by Coffey. 6pm, Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby.

FRIDA'S JUST ANOTHER WORD

Last year I had a bit of a chat with artist **Frida Lezius** about the exhibition she had hanging at the Byron Cinemas, this year she returns with a new show entitled 'Dreaming about Mexico'. Frida achieves a very genuine emotional stance in her work. At the **Byron Cinema** which Frida says "is one of the few commission free spaces where you can make art affordable." Frida's work is currently on show.

DOG ART COMP!

Art Competition for emerging artists who are 12 or under: \$60.00 worth of painting materials, donated by Northern Rivers drawing supplies, Club Lane Lismore will be awarded to the best dog art work by a

child 12 or under. Art work can be dropped off any time from the opening until April 23rd during gallery opening hours. The winner will be announced on the 26th April.

POETRY

In honour of the upcoming **Anzac Day** and our ongoing quest for peace, Dangerously Poetic Readings will feature Great Poetry of War and Peace featuring performers: Ian Connop, who runs the popular Icon Books in Byron and his friend, Chris Barto, both of whom have a special interest in poets of World War One. Also, all the way from the Channon, John and Bobbi Allan, well-known local peace activists and Buddhists will share poems of spiritual peace. All poetry lovers are invited to bring along a poem of War or Peace to share at the open reading. Saturday, 3pm **Bangalow RSL**. \$5/4

THEATRE

YOUR VERY OWN DREAM GNOME!

ButterflySpirit Theatre has their original production of **The Gnome's Dream**, a story for kids based on Gordon the garden gnome who lives in a garden with all his friends. Musician Alfie Massoud adds his percussive magic and sound effects to the spontaneity of the script. This colourful show is happening at the **Drill Hall** in Mullumbimby from Wednesday 13 April until Sunday 17 April at 1pm. All tix \$6, families \$20. Bookings 6684 4267.



Early Childhood Music Classes in Lennox Head

All children have musical potential and the joy and rewards of exploring and developing this with your child are many.

The parent plays an integral part in the learning experience whilst children interact with a group, explore sounds and rhythms and express themselves through singing and movement.

Classes are held every Monday, starting term 2 at the Lennox Recreation Hall Park Lane, Lennox Head

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For further information phone Liz Mannering on 66280494 or 0419820443 or contact the Northern Rivers Conservatorium on 66212266.

TWEED RIVER ART GALLERY
A Tweed Shire Council community facility

On exhibition from

THURSDAY 7 APRIL to SUNDAY 22 MAY

Three exhibitions showcase the Gallery's Permanent Collection All are welcome to attend the official opening at 3pm on Sun 10 April

Bottom: John Meins - Lost and Found (2004) Top: Petra Hicks - Lauren (2003)



FACE TO FACE - a large selection from the Gallery's Australian Portrait Collection, including rarely seen and popular works from the 1988-2000 Doug Moran Prizes

C.A.S.E. UNPACKED - six members of Contemporary Art Space and Education (c.a.s.e.) respond to works on paper chosen from the Permanent Collection

WHAT'S NEW - some of the Gallery's most recent acquisitions

Contact the Gallery now for a brochure on April School Holiday and Term 2 Creative Workshops for children and adults

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