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Making Waves - August 2010



A free community
newsletter for Bar Beach
Merewether, Dixon
Park, and The Junction

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Hey! Who took the Making Waves newsletter? I hadn't finished it yet!



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Everything old is new again

Bill the pigeon is finally holding his head high again! He has achieved the seemingly impossible! His loft has happily relocated and is again living the Vida Loca – enjoying all that life on Merewether Beach has to offer. The reason for this turnaround?

Legend has it that before “the big house” that the ancestors of this pigeon loft had a thriving community who had built their homes into the side of the cliff behind where the baths now are located.

An inspection of the area by a scouting party revealed not only the remains of the old pigeon homes but that they were in reasonably good condition! This news was met with great excitement by my birds said Bill, and in the days since the discovery, working parties have busily set to cleaning out the old nests and making the whole area habitable again.

The excitement among the birds is palatable.

Bill said that they had moved the whole loft into their new home 3 weeks ago and that his birds could not be happier knowing that they were now living in the ancestral homes within sight of the beach and all their recent turmoil.

All's well that ends well or is it?

Sal Stopover
Backpackers

Tip #1

Backpacking has somehow evolved itself into a universal rite of passage for not just Australian youth, but the youth of the world. Travelling across the vast and diverse continent of Europe has opened my eyes to an entity of young travellers from all corners of the globe. To assist my fellow Australians embarking on this similar adventure, I provide the following tip:

Don't backpack. Those suitcases with the little black wheels and handy hide-away handles are pretty much the best invention ever. It is definitely wise to leave your pride at home with the T-bone steaks, vegemite and lamingtons. No one really gives you that much more respect for trekking around foreign streets, pretending that you know where you're going – even though clearly you don't, carting around twenty kilos on your back. The only thing you're going to get is dirty looks from locals, when utterly exhausted you strip your pack off to reveal a large patch of sweat down your arched Australian back.

Sal will offer another tip in our next edition

Meet Jim

I have just moved to Merewether from Nth Queensland to work recruiting for the Defence Forces. I've met a lot of good people since my arrival and I am keen to see the summer. Fortunately, the mayor of Merewether (Tamba) has been showing me the ropes.

Favourite Beach: Terrigal NSW. Always a great day. Been going there since I was a kid.

Favourite Eatery: C Bar on the Strand.

Townsville. Best food and view on the East Coast.

Favourite Movie: Tough! – either “Pulp Fiction” or “Beneath Hill 60”.

Weekend Activity: Jump on the Triumph and visit family and friends that I haven't seen for ages while being based in Queensland.

Sporting Team: Wallabies and Casey Stoner

Favourite Activity: Seeing a great live band – by the way DJ's are not musicians!

Favourite thing about your job: Giving a career with limitless options to young men and women – and seeing them succeed.

Quote: “I tried being reasonable, I didn't like it!” Clint Eastwood

Final Word: If it feels good, do it!

If you see Jim about say hello and make him welcome!

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(most mornings at the front of Merewether Surf Club)

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*I just love them. They make us laugh
and act silly. I now like going to
the hospital if it means I can see
the Clown Doctors.*

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Sail Stopover

Foreign Correspondent Seoul Korea

The most striking thing about Korea is just how completely and utterly ordered and immaculate everything is.

From the moment I stepped foot on foreign shores, it seemed that I was in for a slightly different experience than the last port of call. For starters, obviously, stepping off a plane after ten or so hours of mind numbing, beer stimulated boredom, the first thing I needed to do was go to the bathroom. Let me

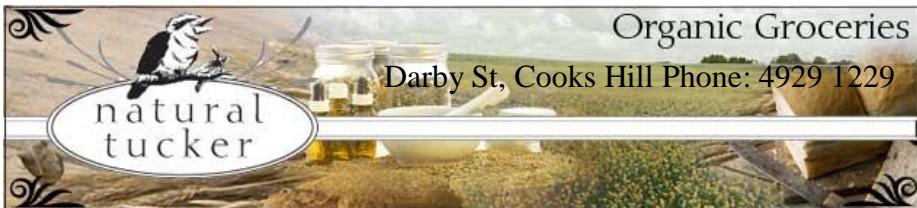
tell you now, this 'dunny' aka lavatory 'shat' all over any experience of a toilet I have ever had in Australia. It was far, far from the fly ridden, stench of a camping pit toilet I have experienced far too many times back home. For starters there was toilet paper, a huge, vast abundance of top quality, four ply.

The luxury didn't end there. In my complete anxiousness to get to the bathroom, I was completely oblivious to the thin layer of what seemed like gladwrap that I was now parking my backside on. Until now, my Aussie narrow-mindedness has led me to believe that the sole purpose of glad wrap was for vegemite sandwiches. Well, well how I am now proved so wrong. It appears that Koreans far and wide have discovered a far more innovative use for the humble cling-wrap. Not only was the seat covered with thin plastic, it was also connected to a type of toilet seat spit roast that ensured each new foreign tourist had a new fresh piece of sterilized gladwrap with the simple touch of a bottom, ah I mean button.

Ingenious! At this point it became obvious that the social etiquette codes between that of Koreans and Australians were vastly different. For mere Aussies, it would not be uncommon to be in the vicinity of a public toilet cubicle and hear several raucous, unfavourable noises coming from inside, in fact it has become widely accepted. It isn't necessarily frowned or laughed upon.

Fair enough, if you need to go, you need to go, public toilet or not, some noises you just can't hold back. Right? Upon finding myself in a Korean lavatory it appears that across cultures this most definitely is not the case. It seems that if there are certain noises that you are inevitably going to have to make, it becomes your responsibility to somehow disguise this for the wellbeing of the public.

It was at this point that my curiosity got the better of me and I reached to my left and pushed the 'etiquette button'. It took me several moments to realise that the gushing, swishing noises that filled the cubicle, were coming out of this small unit stuck in the wall and not out of my rear end. Ultimately though, the noises just sounded as if I were flushing the toilet. I stood up and flushed the toilet. Great, now all these tourists queuing up in the line are going to think, that whatever I've done in there has taken not just one but two flushes to get rid of. With a sigh I hit the spit roast button and a fresh piece of cling arrived for the next visitor.



Merewether Baths Cleaning Schedule - August 2010

5 August 2010 Thursday 11.01am 0.64

19 August 2010 Thursday 11.40am 0.68

Note: Cleaning may be altered if the weather conditions are unsuitable

Tide Chart

NEWCASTLE - AUGUST 2010													
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TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS													
Denotes Public Holidays													
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Draw for August

- 7 August 2010 MC v. Hamilton Townson Oval,
14 August 2010 University v. MC Bernie Curran
No. 1 Oval, University**
- 21 August 2010 MC v. Lake Macquarie Townson
Oval 28 August 2010 Qualifying Semifinal
29 August 2010 Elimination Semifinal
4 September 2010 Major Semifinal**

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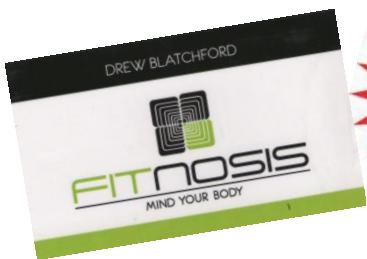
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A day in August



Well known Merewether identity Graham Tamba Adam has been keeping a daily record of events for over 30 years. Each month he is going to share a day from his life.

What started out as a special day – my 16th birthday, remains one of the most memorable days of my life. I started my 1st job as a telegram boy at Merewether Post Office and it was a hard day riding numerous times up to Merewether Heights and back delivering telegrams. After work at about 6pm, I went to footy training at Townson Oval and

Tuesday August 16, 1966

while training, as I looked up to see the football, I saw what I thought was a falling star coming over Merewether Heights towards The Junction. I kept my eye on it and it appeared to explode in mid air. Only then did it occur to me that it may be a small plane. We all ran towards where it seemed to impact at The Junction and by the time we got to Glebe Rd and Union St , the police were there closing the roads, and it was starting to rain. Word got about pretty quick that the people who lived in the house that copped the main thrust of the impact were out of the house.

So my 16th birthday that started out to be a special day holds a very special significance in my life.

In 2007, on my 57th birthday, I relived that plane crash when I attended a ceremony of commemoration and the dedication of a plaque to honour the memory of the brave pilot of that plane.

I was honoured to speak to Pilot Officer Goddard's father Syd, and also his uncle that day, and they were very interested to hear my account of what I had witnessed that evening in August all those years ago.

More on this event on our history page in this edition

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Sniff sniff..lick, lick... aahhh, it really is a dog's life

I'm just a black and white Bitza mut.....probably more of a 'caramel' actually. I guess my neutral colour makes me immune from any racist comments, although don't dare insult me on the colour of my fur.....I can get more precious than an 'A-Grade' Footballer.

No - sticks and stones won't break my bones, though sometimes it feels like nearly every Merewether resident has tried once or twice – beware the yellow thong wearing Lifeguard! He lines me up an

absolute treat as I pass along the water's edge on my way home from yet another adventurous evening pursuing horizontal nocturnal activities with anything with four legs and a tail.

..and to all my native friends recently left homeless due to seaside progress and political sidestepping.....no man-made structure exists yet that remains totally rat and pigeon proof. Take solace in that song "Cows with Guns" and remember that humans and vermin can co-exist happily in a pub on the beach! (sorry, Functions Centre).

Remember the humans will always be the ones cleaning up our poop!

Bark Off....



Rastus

Fixtures for August



1/08/2010 3:00 pm Townson Oval South Newcastle v Western Suburbs

8/08/2010 3:00 pm Townson Oval South Newcastle v Kurri Kurri

15/08/2010 3:00 pm Townson Oval South Newcastle v Central Charlestown

21/08/2010 3.00 pm Cessnock Showground Cessnock v Souths



Did you know?

On 16 August 2010, it will be 44 years since a RAAF F-86 Sabre jet crashed at The Junction during a training exercise in 1966. Following the 30 year protection of information, details of the accident were finally released.

The pilot, Flying Officer Warren Goddard, aged 20, experienced engine troubles and unsuccessfully tried to fly the plane out to the Pacific Ocean. He ejected but his parachute failed to fully deploy and he was killed as he crashed through the roof of a house, with the main body of the plane flattening a car parked in a backyard between Glebe Rd and Kenrick Street.

A series of coincidences saved lives.

The woman whose house was destroyed was out taking a phone call, and her neighbour who was in his backyard, had his front yard destroyed by the accident. Although The Junction was already a well populated suburb and most of the wreckage landed in the shopping area of the suburb over a 1 km radius, nobody was killed or injured by the wreckage.

On 16 August 2007, in front of Pilot Officer Goddard's father Syd who had flown from Western Australia for the occasion, a memorial plaque was unveiled to honour the heroism of Pilot Officer Goddard, 40 years after his death.

Syd found it a proud day as his son was finally officially proclaimed a hero and honoured by our community on the 40th anniversary of his death, but he was also saddened by the tragic end to his son's short life.

The plaque can be found behind the war memorial at The Junction.

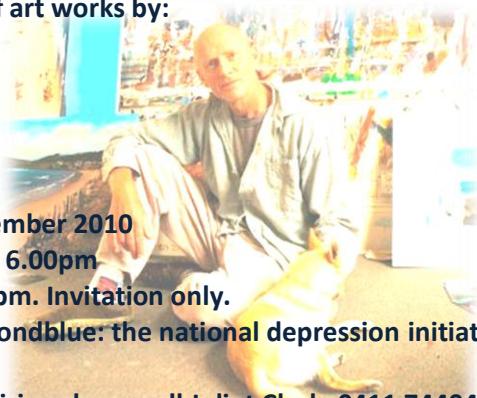


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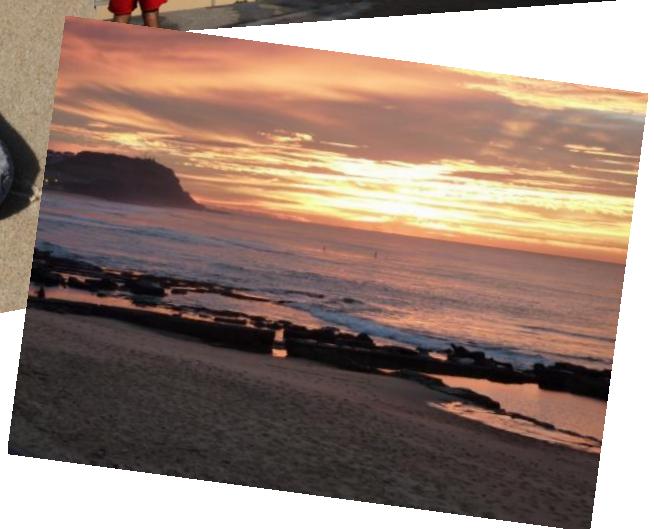
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Madam Susie Sparkles August Astrology Guide



	Leo July 24 – August 23 Your impending birthday has triggered a sudden desire to travel. Give yourself a well earned rest and get out of town for a few days. Your family will thank you.
	Virgo August 24 – September 23 Remember when you were a little girl and you had red hair and you wished that one day you could become Prime Minister. Be careful what you wish for.
	Libra September 24 – October 23 Be true to yourself this month. Just because your third cousin's uncle is Spanish, doesn't mean you can pretend you were backing Spain all along.
	Scorpio October 24 – November 22 It's time to organise your tax return. The best bet is to buy a whole heap of useless items that you can claim on tax. It will work out for the better in the end.
	Sagittarius November 23 – December 22 Jupiter and Saturn have collided into one another. This is going to have very bad implications for Sagittarians. Prepare to have a bad run in with a fiery Taurean this month.
	Capricorn December 23 – January 20 A journey or challenge you have experienced is coming to an end. From it you have grown and matured as a person. But also, unfortunately you have grown outwards as well. Diet starts today.
	Aquarius January 21 – February 19 You want more luck, love and money in life. Nothing is for free these days. Aquarians waste too much time in the water. Get off the beach for a change and do something to achieve it.
	Pisces February 20th – March 20 th You have reached the stage in your life where you have to start taking care of your parents. Don't worry this happens to everyone at some point.
	Aries March 21 to April 19 The evil planet Pluto has reappeared in your sign. It is bringing bad vibes for your close relationships. So if you think your partner is cheating on you, you could be right.
	Taurus April 21 – May 20 If you thought gypsies and pickpockets were only in Europe, think again. Be extra cautious of your belongings and don't trust anyone, especially not Sagittarians.
	Gemini May 21 – June 21 Be wary of wearing the colour green this month. People will assume you are supporting the Irish, are a leprechaun, or are extremely jealous of someone.
	Cancer June 22 – July 23 You have never really had a keen eye for style and it becomes even more apparent this month. Just remember socks and thongs is never a good thing.

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