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## A vocation for ladies

### Odd woman out

In my family nursing seems to be a tradition that's grown while no one was looking. I have been the odd person out – especially when I consider that my great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, sisters, cousins, niece, daughter and granddaughter all chose the path that Florence Nightingale opened up for them over 200 years ago. It's one profession that women can lay first claim to for, when Florence Nightingale sought to establish a training school for nurses along the lines of those she'd seen run by St Vincent de Paul sisters in Egypt and the Institute of Protestant Deaconesses in Germany, she saw it as an opportunity to make nursing a "vocation for ladies". She succeeded in making nursing respectable in her native England when it was anything but, an occupation only slightly above the most disreputable for the time – prostitution. Dickens' literature is sprinkled with such slovenly, lowly depicted women. May 12<sup>th</sup> was Florence Nightingale's birthday. Since the 1970s it has been designated International Nurses Day, and for some years has been the culmination of a week that celebrates nurses everywhere.

### A woman of her class, ahead of her time

She was born in Florence, Italy, 192 years ago, and lived a privileged life as she later grew up in England. Florence was well-educated, well-travelled, and well-versed in charitable and social concerns. Her mother was a strong supporter of movement for the abolition of slavery, and in looking for something worthwhile to occupy her time Florence began visiting the poor and taking a special interest in the sick. Once she'd discovered those superior nursing institutions abroad, Florence undertook a training course with the Deaconesses and could visit hospitals in London, Edinburgh and Dublin and speak with authority of plans for their improvement. From her position as Su-

perintendent of the Hospital for Invalide Gentlewomen, her first administrative post, Florence responded to reports of the appalling conditions soldiers fighting the Crimean War were subjected to and the subsequent calls for "devoted women ... able and willing to go forth to minister to the sick and suffering soldiers".

### The Lady with the Lamp

Given unlimited authority and finances, she gathered ten Catholic nuns, eight Anglican nuns, and twenty nurses from various hospitals – "daughters of England, at this extreme hour of need, ready for such a work of mercy" – who found themselves in the hell that was the barrack hospital at Scutari. It was filthy, infection ridden, and lacking water vessels, utensils, soap, towels and hospital garments. Food supplies were either nonexistent or rancid, vermin infested and rotten. Wounded men lay in uniforms stiff with blood and filth. With kitchen and laundry facilities a priority, Florence also undertook to care for the families who had accompanied the soldiers to war. She had help from home, financial and in kind, and her staff was soon fortified by the arrival of forty-six more nurses. Unfortunately, Florence's interventions were seen as a reflection on the staff and orderlies formerly responsible for medical care. They were not cooperative, were in fact unpleasantly offensive to the nurses. At night Florence allowed none of her nurses to attend the sick; she reserved this duty to herself, and in doing so earned the title she's so well-known for: the Lady with the Lamp. Her success is legendary, and only the inevitable breakdown of her own health removed her from her self-imposed front-line duties. When the war was over, Florence returned to England and devoted the rest of her life to improving health care in whatever ways she could, her credentials in the field now the only authority she needed.

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# Notes & shorts from around the world

## Return of the dreaded bloodsuckers

"I had been a professor of entomology for 15 years before I saw my first live bedbug," said May Berenbaum. None of my students had laid eyes on one either until that day. That was in 1995. How things change. These irritating insects, which "all but vanished" from American cities in the middle of the last century, have made a spectacular comeback in recent years as a result of the banning of the synthetic, organic, pesticide DDT and the rise of global travel. Today, Cimex lectularius – the small, wingless ectopara-

site that hides in the nooks and crannies of houses and emerges under cover of darkness to "feast on human blood" - can be found throughout the US. In the year to June 2010, pest controllers received 31,000 calls about bedbugs in New York City alone. Bedbugs are a nightmare for householders, who are left covered with itchy, red welts and have a terrible time eradicating infestations. Some desperate residents in Cincinnati were driven to flee their apartments this summer to sleep in the street. The only good thing about the unwelcome resurgence of bedbugs is that these pests provide

"a rare point of agreement that transcends race, religion, culture, nationality, tax bracket and party." Americans once again are one people, united by the fear of tiny creatures that bite in the night.

## Local council idyll

Research by a management consultancy firm in the UK suggested that UK junior council staff spend 68% of their time doing nothing remotely productive, and that managers are "uncomfortable confronting the poor performance of staff."

## Zero tolerance

"Ben Macintyre argues against the erection of a centre for religious toler-

ance close to Ground Zero on the basis that the place is 'hallowed ground'. There has been no such hysteria over the erection of rip-off fashion and souvenir stalls only a stone's throw away from the site."

"Neither have there been any such calls for the raft of fast food restaurants, cheap bars, sex video stores and even strip clubs to be closed, places which exist just as close to the hallowed ground as the site of the planned Islamic Centre."

"The establishment of a centre for religious tolerance would be a step away from the intolerance and paranoia so prevalent in

the majority of US views toward Islam. One can only hope that the US will remember that it is a country founded on tolerance, respect and freedom." - From Sam Speed, Little Wittenham, Oxfordshire, UK

## Degree in dance

One in four lapdancers has a university degree, according to an academic study. They take home an average of \$375 per shift, or \$77,000 a year after paying fees and commission to the club.

## Bon mots

"What have future generations ever done for us?" - US comedian Groucho Marx

## What's on

Readers please advise discrepancies to the organisation concerned

### GENERAL

**Blackmans Bay Childrens Svcs** 6wks-12yrs 7.30am-6pm, 177B Roslyn Avenue. Ph 6229 4914

**Coloured Circle (Inc) Art Group** Classes thro' wk Wendy 6239 1503

**Free Bread & Rolls** 9am-3pm Maranoa Comm Centre 6229 4066

**Kilkee Play Sessions** Mon-Fri, (9-12 or 1-3.30) Pre-Kinder 3-4yr olds. Kingston. Ph 6229 3728

**Kingston Child Care Centre** 7.15am - 6.15pm. 46 Beach Rd, Kingston Beach. 6229 6070

**Kingston Croquet Club** Mons & Weds, 1.30-3.30pm. Learn to play golf croquet. 159 Summerleas Rd, Ph 6229 6318

**Little Penguins** Birth - 4yrs, Tues 1-3pm; Fri 9-11.30am, Bruny School. Ph 6293 1147

**Puddleducks Play Ctre** Tues-Fri Pre-kinder sessions for 3-5yrs Kingston Beach Kinder. Beach Rd 6229 2852

**U3A Kingborough** 0405 327 071 u3akingborough@email4life.com.au www.u3akingborough.org.au

**Zumba** Margate, Mel 0409 217 527

**MONDAYS**

**AA Kingborough** 8pm Christ the Priest Church, corner Roslyn Ave & Jindabyne Road. 6234 8711

**Blackmans Bay Play Group** 10am-12pm, B/Bay Community Hall (Ocean Esplanade) Cindy 6267 1342

**Coffee, Chat & Craft with childcare** 9.30am, Maranoa Heights Comm Ctr 6229 4066

**Computer Lessons** Free 1pm-3pm bookings essential Maranoa Heights Com Ctr 6229 4066

**Cross Roads** 2nd Mon/mth. F/ship for Disabled, 6pm Uniting Ch, 42 Jindabyne Rd, King. 6229 6152

**Fitness & Health Management** 12 noon, Maranoa Heights Community Centre 6229 4066

**Free bread** Maranoa Heights Community Centre 6229 4066

**Haircuts** bookings essential Maranoa Heights Com Ctr 6229 4066

**Kingborough Women's Club** Needlework 10-12n, 21 Beach Rd Kingston Beach Ph 6229 3982

**Kingston District Garden Club** 4th Mon 7.30pm (not Jun/Jul/Dec) Kingston Linc Ph 6229 1606

**Limited food assistance** Afternoons Maranoa Heights Community Centre 6229 4066

**Men's Probus Club** Lst Mon/mth, Snr Citizen Centre, 35 Redwood Rd, Kingston 10am - 12pm. 6229 2363

**Penguin Club** Speaking club for women all ages. 1st/3rd Mon 7.30pm Kingston Library. 6229 5549

**Rotary Club of Kingston** 6.30pm K'borough Bowls Club, Margate. Enq David 0437 849 470

**Singing Silverliners** 1.30pm Kingston Snr Citz, Redwood Rd, 6267 9967

**Soul Food** music & prayer. Bahai's 7.30pm Kingston Beach 6229 4535

**TUESDAYS**

**Anglicare Family Mental Health Services** Last Tues of mth, Maranoa Heights Com Ctr 6229 4066

**At The Beach Playgroup** 9.30 - 11.30am, Blackmans Bay Hall, Ocean Esplanade. Emma 0420 903 284

**Beehive Playcentre** Margate 9-12n, 3-4 yr olds. Ph 6267 1301

**Coffee Club** 10am Gloria Jeans 0437 527 840

**Community Lunch** \$3, Maranoa Community Centre 6229 4066

**Christian Men's Fellowship** 10-12pm Christian Reformed Church of Kingston, Denison St. 6229 6927 or 6227 1930

**Friends of Snug Village Home** 2nd Tues/mth at 1.30pm, Snug Village Home, Beverley 6267 9537

**Heart Foundation Healthy Walking** 9am B/Bay Burwood Dr entrance to Peter Murrell Reserve 6229 5391

**Ice Hockey League** 6:30-9pm at Glenorchy Ice Rink 0400 405 080

**Kingborough Senior Citzs** Indoor Bowls 1pm, 35 Redwood Rd Hall 6229 4487

**Kingborough Spinners & Handweavers** Uniting Church, Jindabyne Rd, 1st Tue/mth 6264 1714

**Kingborough Women's Club** Scrabble from 1.30pm, 21 Beach Rd Kingston Beach 6229 3866

**Kingston Cub Scouts** 6.30-8pm Ph 6227 1313 behind sports centre

**Kingston Scrabble Club** 7.30pm Kingston Library 6229 5840

**Kingston Tennis Club** Social tennis 9am - 12 noon Ph 6229 1732

**Kingston Toastmasters** 1st & 3rd Tues, King Com unity Centre, John St. Enq Greg 6227 1214.

**MyTime Playgroup** 1-3pm Ronald McDonald House. For children with chronic illness. Info 1800 171 882

**Rotary Club of D'Entrecasteaux Channel**, Brookfield Margate 7pm, Bart 6229 4044

**Salvation Army** playgroup. 3 Opal Dve, B' Bay, 9.30-11.30am 6229 8058

**Sandfly Playgroup** 10-12pm, Sandfly Hall, 6239 6002

**Scrapbooking** 9.30am Maranoa Heights Comm Ctr 6229 4066

**Tortoises Walking Group** Kingston Health Ctr 9.30am 6211 8520

**Uniting Church Bible Study** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 2pm. 42 Jindabyne Rd, Kingston Bch 6267 2390

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Alcohol & Drug Service** 6230 7901 Kingston Com Hlth Ctr, all day.

**Australian Plants (APST)** 1st Wed/ mth 2pm Red Cross Mtg rm Kingston Beach. Fran 6229 9443

**Child Care** 9am-12pm Maranoa Heights Com Ctr 6229 4066

**Christian Meditation** 4.30pm, Meeting room, Church of Christ the Priest, Kingston. 6229 7529

**Community Market** Brookfield Margate, each wk 10am

**Guides** Guide Hall, Burwood Dve, Blackmans Bay. Rainbow 5-7yr 4.15; Bahloo 7-11yr 5.30 Jan 6264 1115

**Fortified SATB** vocal group rehearsing at BBay 7.30pm 6229 1231

**Free bread** Maranoa Heights Community Centre 6229 4066

**Kingb'h Bridge Club** 7.15pm Snr Citz Hall Redwood Rd. 6229 4747

**Kingborough Older Women's Group** Meets 2nd Wed/mth 2pm Ph.6229 9787 or 6229 8985

**Kingborough Senior Citizen** Bingo 1.30pm, 35 Redwood Road Hall 6229 4487

**Kingborough Women's Club** MahJong 10.30-3pm weekly. 21 Beach Rd Kingstn Bch 6229 6216

**Kingston Apex Club** 2nd Wed / month, Mt Nelson Tavern, Kingston.apex.club@gmail.com

**Kingston Rainbow Girl Guides** 5 & 6 yr olds 4.15pm - 5.15pm at B'Bay Guide Hall Ph 6264 1115

**Kingston School for Seniors** 10am-12pm Snr Citzs Club Rooms during term time. Ph 6229 5495

**Margate Garden Club** last Wed/mth Margate Primary School 7.30pm Anne Ph 6267 2152

**Songs for Life** Parents & primary school-age children. Kingston Pri Sch 6.30-7.30pm, 0419 757 941

**Yoga** 10.15am Maranoa Heights Comm Ctr 6229 4066

**Youthworker** avail 3-4pm Maranoa Heights Comm Centre 6229 4066

**Zumba** 9am Maranoa Heights Community Centre 6229 4066

**THURSDAYS**

**Beehive Playcentre** Margate 9-12, 3-4 yr olds. Ph 6267 1301

**Craft & Sew-Cause** 10-12 school terms, K'bhg Family Ch 6229 2196

**Channel Painters** 9.30-12.30 West Winds. Beginners & exp. 6267 4903

**Friends of Peter Murrell Res.** 2nd Thu (Apr,Jun,Aug,Oct,Dec) 7.30pm Red Cross Cottgs, K Bch 6267 2939

**Grow Tas Mental Health Support Group** 10.30am, St Clements, 100 Beach Rd Kingston 1800 558 268 / 0447 560 429 www.grow.net.au

**Guides** Hall, Burwood Dve, Brownie 7-11y 5.30pm, Storm Bay 10-15y 7.15pm, Ranger 14+ 7:15pm 6264 1115

**Kingborough Bowls Club Euchre** 7.30pm Enq: 0407 799 421

**Kingston Library Storytime** 10.30 -11am For pre-schoolers. 11 Hutchins St 6211 8500

**Coffee Club** 3pm, The Beach, Blackmans Bay 0437 527 840

**Op shop** 12.30-3.30pm Maranoa Heights Community Ctr 6229 4487

**Playgroup** 9.30-11.30am Maranoa Heights Community Ctr 6229 4066

**SETAC** appts 10am-noon Maranoa Heights Com Ctr 6229 4066

**The Southern Voices** adult choir, Kingston, 7.30-9.30pm. 6244 5344

**FRIDAYS**

**Free bread** Maranoa Heights Community Centre 6229 4066

**K'borough Bridge Club** 1pm Snr Citz Hall Redwood Rd 6229 4747

**K'borough Snr Citz** Line Dancing 10am, 35 Redwood Rd 6229 4487

**K'brh Women's Club** Cards 10.15-3pm 21 Beach Rd K Bch 6229 6519

### SATURDAYS

**Catholic Parish Kings/Chann** Church of Christ the Priest Vigil 6pm

**Dada's Day Out** Every 2nd Sat, Blackmans Bay Bch, Maranoa Heights Comm Centre 6229 4066

**Kingston Masonic Lodge** 2nd Sat/ mth, 9 Maranoa Rd, Kingston 7.30pm, visitors welcome 6229 6419

**Coffee Club** 10.30am Chill Channel Court 0437 527 840

**Seventh Day Adventist** Mgate 11am W/ship Svc, 9.30am Bible Study/Kids 6229 7941/0401 680 323

**Theosophical Society** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat, 2-4pm 13 Goulburn St, Hobart, 6267 4868

**Yoga** 9am Maranoa Heights Comm Centre 6229 4066

**SUNDAYS**

**AA Kingston** 7pm, Community Health Centre, John Street

**Anglican St Clements**, 100 Beach Rd, Kingston - weekly 7:45am, 9:30am & 5pm; St Peters Roslyn Ave, B'Bay 8am 6229 7678 / 0407 880 384

**Bay Christian Church** 4pm Salv Army Ctr 3 Opal Dv BBay 6229 2268

**Catholic Parish Kings/Chann** Ch of Christ the Priest 10am; St Mary's Snug 8.30am; Bruny 3pm (4th Sun)

**Christian Reformed Church** 17 Denison St, K'ton. 9.30am & 6pm

**Citylight Church** 150 Redwood Rd King. 10am Worship Svc, 6pm eve service. 6229 1944, 0417 541 883

**Free Presbyterian Church** 50 Chnll Hwy, King. Svcs 10am & 4pm

**K'brgh Family Church** 11 Glory Rd Huntingfield. 10am Worship/ children's. 6pm Celebration Svc. Leo 6229 3184

**Kingborough Life Church** 10am every Sunday at 5 Mertonvale Crt, Kingston 6227 1488

**Kingborough Quakers** 4<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.30am Ph 6267 2571 for venue

**Kingborough Salvation Army** 10am Family Service. 3 Opal Dve, Blackmans Bay 6229 8058

**Kingston Uniting Church** Svc 10am & Sun Schl 42 Jindabyne Rd 6229 8112

**One Way Christian Church** 10am Endeavour Ave Mgate 6229 2268

**Summerleas Christian Church** Meeting 9.30am Sea Scout Hall, Kingston View Ph 6229 2268

**Taroona Comm Mkt** last Sun/mth, 10-3pm Taroona Shops, 6227 9697

**Taroona Uniting Church** Svc 9.30am 1 Taroona Cres 6227 9863

# Children allowed workshop

## Pre-schoolers get crafty

Kingborough Council and their Community Development Officer, Mel Staples, have again organised another successful event that attracted a lot of attention from parents and carers of pre-school children. Held for two hours each day over six days, its success was obviously contributed to by the generous and civic-minded Channel Court Centre Management who donated the use of one of their shops. Its very location in the CBD of Kingston, and convenient parking, combined with the fact that functions such as this and venues to hold them are desperately needed in this area, helped ensure the success of the workshops.

## Professional artists

The series of six free workshops involved three different artists, Allison Jones, Lisa Moore and Maree Bakker, covering Treasure Maps, Story Telling, Handmade Paper and Re-cycling bits and pieces.

More than one hundred children plus their parents and carers attended over the six days. Your writer attended for a short while on two of the days to gain an insight into the workshops. Expecting lots of noise with the little ones tearing around, we were amazed to discover unexpected peace, harmony and very attentive youngsters. This must have been very rewarding to the artists, especially as the very young are known to have very short attention spans. This may well be true; however in many instances increasing the attention span can often be attributed to the skill of the artist/teachers as well as the subject being taught.

## Plenty to do

Yes, as expected there were some very little ones wandering around, but this had been anticipated by Mel Staples in her preparations, with separate area for toys and other side pursuits to engage them. Another rewarding fact was that even the

parents who had brought their children along were obviously keen to learn some pointers on how to engage the attention of their young at home. Of course it might well be argued that these parents only saw this as an opportunity to escape from the house for a while. This did not prove to be the case, as least with those of the parents with whom we spoke. Most saw it as being very helpful in learning new skills themselves with which they could entertain their youngsters at home.

## All in favour

All were also in favour of this type of event and, more importantly, a permanent venue in which they could be held.

The success of local events such as this must surely illustrate that Kingston is most urgently in need of a purpose built public building in or very near to the CBD with space and rooms, not only for events such as this, but also for larger public involvement,

including of course a suitable Youth Centre, well equipped and staffed seven days a week. Such an important public service is not the sole responsibility of local council, but rather that of the State and Federal Governments. Of course with the current economic situation, it is doubtful that we shall see this come to fruition for a few years yet but it is a goal that we, as the general public, should be aiming for.

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## A vocation for ladies

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### You know you're a nurse .....

"Old nurses never die, they just lose their patients"! My female relatives have specialised variously in midwifery, emergency theatre, day surgery, endocrinology and aged care – and anywhere else they're needed at any given time, on any given shift. 'Versatile' could be their second name! Family gatherings might be sprinkled with allusions to the job, for although they don't – as a rule – talk shop, there seem to be tiny clues that have nurses in the know nodding sagely and sometimes moving the conversation to another level.

To a woman, they are practical, the epitome of common sense, and can rise to any emergency. And – somehow – their sense of humour and fun is intact. They would respond heartily to these 'you know you're a nurse' quotes: YKYAN when "your idea of a meal break is finishing your coffee before it gets cold"; and YKYAN when "you want to throttle anyone who says 'night shift must be boring. All the patients do is sleep!'" Know any nurses? Give them a 'high-5' for International Nurses Day. They have exactly what we all need.

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# Heritage Festival continues

I had planned to do a Tasmanian heritage version of "Around the World in 80 Days", visiting all of the venues on the extended Heritage Festival timetable. My version of the trip was going to be done during the 31 days of May, and include all of the events in this year's theme: Innovation and Invention. I have only managed to visit two of the venues in the Open Door program. Over the weekend of 5th and 6th May I intended to catch up on all of the Open Door events in the National Trust and Heritage Tasmania 2012 Tasmanian Heritage Festival. That was a big ask! Ten sites to see, so little time. We managed to see Shene at Pontville and Markree House Museum and Garden, Hobart. The tours were superb, and I am disappointed that I only got to two, but what heritage venues they were. Markree House Museum and Garden is located in central Hobart, and is open for pre-booked guided tours Tuesdays to Sundays. It was a delightful glimpse into the Arts and Crafts movement. We didn't allow enough time to take it all in, so intend to make another visit quite soon. The other lovely treat for the weekend was Shene, a delightful step back in time into our colonial history and convict heritage. Shene is the huge sandstone establishment one can see as one hurtles along the highway. Once called Bagdad Farm, and comprising thousands of acres at Pontville, it has had a fascinating life. In a way, the building has the echo of "folly" about it. The clock tower over the magnificent stable was unfortunately never completed, due to a tragedy involving the owner of the time. The Butler family featured large in Tasmanian history: their legacy is evident throughout the state.

## Shene custodians

Present owners David and Anne Kernke, and their devotion to the restoration of Shene epitomise the saying "labour of love." Passion for the project of "being the custodians of Shene" oozed from this tireless couple as they proudly showed us around their property. David and Ann visited Tasmania in 1996 and fell in love, with Tasmania's heritage, scenery and people. They decided that this was to be the place, because of Tasmania's unique and extensive collection of Heritage Architecture. Their background in heritage is impressive. After many years in Queensland's oldest provincial city of Ipswich, where they painstakingly restored a number of significant heritage properties, the opportunity presented itself to relocate to Tasmania. David is a past member of the Queensland Government Heritage Council and past chairperson of the Ipswich and West Moreton Branch of the National Trust of Queensland. Being active National Trust members, they are passionate about preserving our past. A deep affinity with historic properties from my Anne's youth in country Victoria, then marriage to David in 1986 was a Heritage Match made in Heaven. That's the romantic side of the story. Standing in the historic sandstone stable building at Shene, with David presenting a lively, potted history of the life and times of the Butler's, who founded the property in the early to mid 1800's, it's hard to overlook the sheer amount of work that the Kernke's have already put into restoring this magnificent property. After leaving the stables, where re-pointing of the stonework is nearly complete, we wandered

over the grounds to the house, there the amount of sheer hard work and determination is evident. A visit to Shene is the only way to appreciate the work done by these ordinary people who have taken on an extraordinary challenge, but bookings are necessary.

## Continue the tours

I did put pressure on myself to see all of the events in the 2012 Tasmanian Heritage Festival in one go. A far better, more relaxing way is to plan a program to include historical venues in your own personal tourism push throughout the state. While many of the events on the schedule of events were free, there are also many tourism and heritage ventures conducting tours throughout the year.

I've been researching prices on the Heritage Festival timetable, and the costs seem more than reasonable. As winter is almost upon us, going out and doing things is a lovely form of entertainment. Other benefits include: you are helping the economy of the state; you will provide employment and purpose to the ailing tourism industry; and you will be learning something. Go and see Tasmania. It's fantastic. You never know, you may wish to be an ambassador for Tasmanian heritage. Visit [www.nationaltrusttas.org.au/heritagefestival](http://www.nationaltrusttas.org.au/heritagefestival) for further information.

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"The 2013 event is shaping up to be an even bigger spectacle than those previously enjoyed by thousands of locals and visitors from overseas and interstate, and people are flocking to be a part of the excitement," Mr Cullen said.

"Hobart already enjoys one of the most picturesque harbours in the world and the addition of over 600 boats and wooden craft of all shapes and sizes creates a magical scene of colour and activity.

"The water-based events are complemented by an extensive program of dockside entertainment, music, demonstrations and displays that take up the entire Sullivan's Cove precinct from Princes Wharf on Salamanca Place to the Macquarie Wharves on Hunter Street."

Mr Cullen said that during the four days of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart will also host four visiting cruise ships.

"Hobart's water front will definitely be the 'place to be' during these four days," he said.

"Not only will people be fully immersed in all things nautical but they will also have the chance to savour some of Tasmania's finest foods and beverages while chatting to the locals or other wooden boat enthusiasts from around

Australia and around the globe.

"And in another first, members of the public will have the opportunity to take twilight sails around the harbour aboard some of our larger participating vessels."

The 10th MyState Australian Wooden Boat Festival will be held from 8 to 11 February 2013.

## Information and registration

For more information, or to register, visit [www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au](http://www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au)

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# Jazz Underground

## No pigeon holes for free ranging pianist Ian Pearce

There's an iconic image that goes with jazz music of a club or bar with cigarette smoke curling towards a low ceiling, filled with music lovers enjoying a group of musicians really getting into playing together... And thus it was, not too many weeks back (and without the smoke), people enjoyed the inaugural "Jazz Underground" gig, filling the intimate venue beneath the Middle Pub. The music was plentiful and enjoyable. The big, brassy sound of the 'Huon Valley Swing Band' opened the show, with their sets featuring classic highlights such as the very smooth Moonlight Serenade, the up tempo In the Mood and Putting on the Ritz, and a very tender rendition of It's Not Easy Being Green. The band, consisting of a mix of ages and experience, showed off the range of talents and diversity of our Huon Valley musical cadre, trumpeting the payback of mixing it up between young and old. The remaining sets featured the combined talents of Malcolm Martin on trumpet, his "father" Paul Martin on clarinet, Tony Morgan on upright bass and Paul Fenton on drums who together make up the 'house band' - The Jazz Underground Band - with the wonderful addition of import Neil Levis on keyboards. The ease with which these accomplished musicians play together demonstrated that quintessential element of jazz - improvisation. They had no set list, rather tossing suggestions about like a ball to be caught and played...and play they did. Their final set included the very welcome surprise addition of the consummate skills of jazz guitarist Alan Walsh and his smooth vocal-

ist partner Coral Hannaby, newly arrived from Western Australia. So needless to say, it is no great shock that another Jazz Underground gig is in the offing - this Sunday 20 May, from 2pm down under the Middle Pub in Cygnet. This gig will feature VERY Special Guest artist, the iconic jazz pianist, Ian Pearce, who has received raves and plaudits from near and far over his decades of playing. Ian, who is now in his 90's, has been tickling the ivories since the 1930's when he and his long time musical partner, Tom Pickering, began "...muck(ing) around formlessly and noisily..." (sleeve notes, Pearce-Pickering Barrelhouse Jazz Band, Volume 4) after the latter moved into the house-next-door-but-one, at the age of twelve.

Cygnet's very own Paul Martin joined Ian's band in 1992, replacing the then retired Tom Pickering. On quizzing Paul concerning the attractions of playing jazz, his almost wistful response was of the feeling of freedom as a player that when you are really swinging, you can feel that you are playing well...that it is exhilarating and in the moment. And any live music lover will attest to the obvious, that when the musicians are enjoying themselves on stage, it translates into enjoyment for all.

This show represents excellent value for money for one of Australia's top jazz musicians. So please come along to watch the inspired Mr Pearce who himself believes that "pigeon holes are strictly for the birds...", and enjoy the tossing of the musical ball as these excellent players join together to wander through various classic jazz numbers... definitely expect more surprises!!

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Last issue's solution

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conversational style of interviewing." Couldn't follow that one. Finally, a blogger calling himself 'cuppa' said (7 May 2010): "Chris Uhlmann himself stood as a political candidate some years ago – for a minor Christian party. He's a conservative, so will probably feel the need to go in harder against Labor than the others – just to prove that he isn't biased". But it isn't only in his encounters with Laborites that Uhlmann's

style turns to prickle, and it doesn't seem to be winning him any friends. Perhaps a remedial stint watching highly-regarded interviewers like Barrie Cassidy operating without a surfeit of arrogance or aggression would improve his focus. I used to watch the 7.30 Report for information and enlightenment – now it's just turned into a regular dogfight...

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# OPINION

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### Distinguished record

Kerry O'Brien was always going to be a hard act to follow on ABC's 7.30 Report. Not to be confused with another Kerry O'Brien, former Senator for Tasmania, the ABC's O'Brien was longtime host of Lateline before hosting the 7.30 Report. Widely respected, enormously knowledgeable and researched in his interviewing, I admired the ABC's O'Brien for his integrity and sincerity, and thought he could have made a significant contribution to politics – real politics, as an MP – if he had ever thrown his hat into the ring. His 'unprivileged' working class background contributed to his sense of fairness and justice, so his political colour was at times hard to deny. On top of that, he had been press secretary to then Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. He took on the 7.30 job in 1995, and stayed the course until he declared in September 2010 that he would resign from that programme to move on to 'new roles' in the ABC. The following month his employer announced that O'Brien would host Four Corners, beginning in 2011.

Thus far, O'Brien has won six Walkley Awards for his journalistic work. His first two awards came in 1982 when he won the award for the best television current affairs report and the

ceremony's top prize, the Gold Walkley. He again received prizes in 1991 and 2000. In 2010 – his final year on The 7.30 Report – he received two awards: one for broadcast interviewing, the other for journalism leadership. To cap all that off, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Queensland last December in recognition of his contribution to his profession.

### Hard act to follow

With apologies to teachers and musicians, they say a school is only as good as its principal, and an orchestra only as good as its conductor – and so forth. The 7.30 Report was clearly going to have to find its own new level with O'Brien gone, and the job was handed to Leigh Sales and Chris Uhlmann. Sales is currently on maternity leave and will return on 28 May. Her interviewing style is one of persistence and diligence – doggedness, even – and her return will be welcome. In the meantime, and particularly during her absence Chris Uhlmann has put his particular stamp on the programme. It's certainly not always been my cup of tea. I think he let himself down rather badly in last week's interview with the PM – and I think that event deserves some airing.

### The 7.30 squabble

Apart from lacking the flowing style of O'Brien – for which he

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27	Huon Valley Growers & Makers Market – 9am-1pm, Palais Theatre, Franklin
27	Snug Community Market – 10am-3pm, Snug Community Hall, Beach Road
27	Kettering Concert - Stephanie Abercromby & Loose Canons – 3pm, Kettering Hall
27	Taroona Sunday Market – 10am-3pm, Shopping Centre
30	Southern Lights Trivia, supporting Variety – 7-8pm, Southern Lights Hotel, Kingston

should be forgiven – Uhlmann has developed an edge that I am not alone in disliking. On May 28 Uhlmann will return to his role as political editor, and the interviewing role will happily be resumed by Sales. In his interview with the PM, Uhlmann thoroughly overstepped the boundary of professional journalism – a boundary he has been heading towards for some time – with persistent, interruptive and often illogical sotto voce interjections while his very own questions were being answered. 'Inaudible' is the word used in the transcript. His habit of firing off semi-audible monotone challenges – my reading of the transcript showed he used the 'but' word eleven times in his interruptions – has become his standard ploy for ensuring the frustration of his interviewees – at the same time annoying those who would like his guests to be given a better hearing.

### Anyone else out there?

I went searching and found similar opinions on the Web. "Chris Uhlmann is deplorable, and an embarrassment to balanced journalism," said one; and another: "Chris Uhlmann has a very aggressive way of interviewing which I find unnecessary. I much

prefer Leigh Sales." Another perceptive soul made a comparison with Tony Jones – yet another forceful interrupter – with "Chris Uhlmann has a terrible habit of interrupting too much, more than Tony Jones!" Jones got caught up again in more analytical criticism with "Sales held her own in the most dignified way while getting the best out of people in her interviews. The opposite is seen in both Chris Uhlmann and Tony Jones...they convey the persona of a private school cadet bully... just awful how they deal with people." This brought "I wish that all interviewers would stop these constant interjections. Limit the speaker certainly, but don't jump in before they've finished their point. Common courtesy is inexpensive." Another: (on the return of Leigh Sales): "... hopefully 7.30 will return to a balanced perspective. Uhlmann lost my respect some time ago." And finally, Uhlmann's perceived bias got a serve with "I may start watching again if the show loses Uhlmann's right wing bias." Amidst these negatives, there were only three that spoke in favour of Uhlmann's style – one of them praising his "much more

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