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As we reported in *Echo* daily, some of the coal seam gas (CSG) activists arrested during the Glenugie CSG blockade in January had their cases thrown out of court. Magistrate David Heilpern first found one activist not guilty of hindering police as police admitted they did not properly identify themselves or give adequate warning prior to the arrest. In the process of arrest activists were manhandled by the Tactical Response Group, which didn't really need to be there. How about keeping the riot squad on hold for, um, actual riots, rather than having them monsterring mums and dads?

Former Mullum resident and national journalist John Macgregor, now living in Cambodia, has issued his classic 80s novel, *Proximity*, as an ebook via Amazon. We seem to remember there's even sex in a local waterhole. Even if you don't have an e-reader, you can set up a Kindle account through your web browser and read the book offline. John, who also wrote several articles for *The Echo*, is now the communications director at Lom Orng (lomorg.org), an NGO formed to help landmine victims and which now assists Cambodians with Permaculture, vocational training, manufacturing and emergency flood relief.

The orgy of paisley-coloured nostalgia continues with a two-day event featuring speakers and film at the Nimbin Community Hall on May 23 and 24. The full program and registration is available at <http://sassevents.scu.edu.au/aquarius> or by calling Wendy on 6620 3125. What amazes us is that so many participants alleged to be survivors of the seventies can remember what happened.

*Backlash*, a great lover of dark chocolate, has become aware of local Chocolate Yoga classes –



Dog whisperer Elysia Walton from the Brunswick Area Responsible Canine Owners (BARCO) with pet pooches Digby and Angus was one of many doggy mums who enjoyed the weekly dog training session on Sunday morning in Brunswick Heads before a special Mothers Day demonstration by the Dynamo Dogs, followed by cake and puppy treats. Photo Eve Jeffery

see the entertaining rundown at [www.chocolateyoga.com.au](http://www.chocolateyoga.com.au). As everybody in law enforcement knows, chocolate is a gateway drug which leads on to harder substances; pretty soon there will be workshops for Vodka Pilates.

The religious fruitloop who kicked Chuck the police dog, who did the public a great service by helping catch Malcolm Naden, was last week sentenced to three years in jail for his part in a Sydney riot. News reports describe Mahmoud Eid, 26, as a 'devout religious man' when he's really a common thug. His efforts, and those calling for the death penalty for atheism in Pakistan, lead one to contemplate militant atheism as a lifestyle. Religion, like patriotism, becomes one of the last refuges of scoundrels, to paraphrase the great Samuel Johnson ([samuel-johnson.com](http://samuel-johnson.com)).

So it has come to this: Bushwalking NSW Inc and Wildwalks have produced a pamphlet 'to help the community enjoy safer

trips when walking on hunting grounds' in NSW national parks. You can read it at [www.wildwalks.com](http://www.wildwalks.com). So much for enjoying your leisure time without fear of getting shot.



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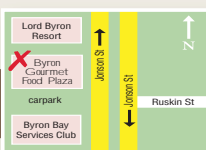
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