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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Hi Folks, I hope everyone survived 'Dusty Wednesday' without too much discomfort. Norma, Denise and I escaped to the movies to see 'Strike Force' about trained guinea pigs acting as secret agents!!! A good laugh. I think the loudest kids there were us!! September is almost gone and we are coming up to the busy time in the Social Club. We had a nice morning at the Carrara Markets last Saturday with 45 residents taking advantage of our bus trip to the markets. After a big breakfast a group of us headed off to find some bargains. We came across a costume shop, now THAT was fun.

I have been asked by many residents about more bus trips or outings of some sort, I have been doing work on this and next year we will be doing a few different things, you will enjoy.

Fathers Day was attended by around 75 residents who enjoyed a lovely roast dinner with Roger entertaining us throughout the day. A great day was had by all who attended.

 **CHRISTMAS PARTY..** I am going to get the village Christmas party booking forms out early this year, so you can invite family if you wish. We will be having allocated tables this time, if you wish to get a party to-gether, let me know your seating requirements it will make my job so much easier. This year we are going back to traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings (more of my home made Christmas pudd) Lots of laughs, give aways, raffles and much more!! We will be making this a really fun filled day.

Date.. Sunday 29th November.

I hope this Cobba News finds you all well and enjoying Cobaki.

President **Trish McKinley**



What's on in the Village

We all need a break from washing and dusting our houses inside and out and what better way than to get out and try one of the many clubs Cobaki has to offer. You will make new friends and catch up with old ones and it surely beats cleaning. We have so many things to do here. It's just a case of picking something that interests you and turning up. Let's do it.

LIBRARY :- It is thanks to Cobakites that our library is so extensive. The continual supply of books, video's, CD's jigsaws and magazines mean that there is always a book you haven't read or a movie you missed available at no charge for you to enjoy. Open at all hours and doesn't the new floor look great. Thanks again Jim for your help. *Ian*

GOLF CROQUET:- Ignoring the dusty days the weather is perfect for Golf Croquet. The regulars are all enjoying the Saturday morning games and we welcomed new players Audrey and Doris to our happy group. Please note that from 10th October play will start at 8.30am Day-light Saving Time. See you on the lawn at **9am Saturday's** *Hannah*

TRIVIA:- The evening was hosted by Roy & Val and as usual we spent as much time laughing as we did pretending to be clever. As always the time went very quickly and the winners were > 1st-4x3 2nd-Pasta 3rd-Hot Shots (alias the 3 sisters) It's our turn to be hosts on **Weds. October 7th at 6.30pm DST**. Come and join us. *Myrna & her Sisters*

LINE DANCING:- Come one, come all. Welcome Joy and also the gentleman who popped in and had a dance. We hope by the time the Cobba News goes to print that both of you will have joined us on a regular basis. Class numbers are good but there is always room for more. Tuition available from 9am for anyone needing to brush up. The class runs from **9.30 to 11am each Thurs**. Come and join us for great music and dance. *Elizabeth*

COMPUTER CLUB:- On Sept. 15th Microsoft released two fixes for bugs affecting TCP/IP programmes. These programmes enable the correct addressing of your files/messages in internet connections. However, the fixes were ONLY applicable for Vista and Windows 7. That means no support for the vast majority of us using XP. I guess it's another nail in the coffin for XP. It's amazing what you can use a computer for and it's a pity that, according to surveys about 68% of owners only use them for sending & receiving emails. An awful waste of an amazing resource. We meet on **Friday's at 10am in the DK Centre** so join us for interesting discussions, lots of laughs and yes we even occasionally solve some technical problems.



The hour goes very quickly. See you there.

Mac

I joined a Health Club last year. It cost me \$700.00 and I haven't lost any weight at all. Apparently you actually have to go there!!!

SINGLE GIRLS:- We are having just as much fun as ever. A very happy group of ladies who share a love of live theatre, bus trips, lunches, game day's and of course all the special activities that happen in our great village. New-comers to Cobaki—don't sit home alone, come and join us you will be made very welcome. **Rec.Hall, Weds.10am** *Maureen*



My Grandfather started walking five miles a day at age 60. He's now 96 and we haven't a clue as to where the heck he is.

CRAFT:-The festival season will soon be here and the ladies are concentrating on Christmas gifts and hand made cards etc. We start at **1.30pm Thurs** and have a break at 2.00pm for afternoon tea and a chat, then back to work. We are a friendly group and would love to welcome any new members. You are also welcome to call in and see us in action. *Clarice*



EXERCISE:- Not a lot to report this month except that with the warmer weather being with us (a little earlier than normal) some of our early morning exercise ladies have moved out into the pool for Water Aerobics. The rest of us are still putting in a good effort moving along in time to the great music. Don't forget all you Guys and Gals if you want to kick start your day with some gentle exercise you will find us in the Rec Hall **Tues from 7.15 to 8am-Thurs from 7.15 to 7.45am.**

Come and join us. *Denise Morton*

AQUA AEROBICS:- Due to the wonderful weather we have been having of late, ahead of our official start to the year the "Just testing" snowballed as most of the regulars couldn't wait to get into the water. It's a wonderful, refreshing, feel-good way to start the day. We would like to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to Eric for removing the Pool cover each morning and putting it back on each evening. A big "Thank You" also goes to Trevor for rejuvenating our dumb-bells (that's the equipment, not the club members). Cobakites are wonderful people.

See you in the pool **7am Monday to Friday.**

Tess

No man was ever shot when doing the dishes.

CANASTA:- We all look forward to our weekly get-together for an afternoon of friendship and relaxation. We have had a few sickies. After a stay in hospital they couldn't keep Judy away from her game and she was back at the tables within two weeks. Another of our enthusiasts turned up on crutches. Now that's really keen folk. Welcome to our newest member, Jack who has picked up the house rules so quickly he'll be up there with the experts in no time. Cards cut sharp at **1pm in the Rec. Hall every Weds.** *Marian*

We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads.
That's our story and I'm sticking to it.

Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.



Thoughts on Grandchildren.

*My young Grandson called me the other day to wish me a Happy Birthday. He asked how old I was and when I replied 68 he was quiet for a moment and then he asked “Did you start at one?”

*My Grandson was visiting one day when he asked “Grandma do you know that you and God are very alike”. Mentally polishing my halo I asked him “How are God and I alike darling”.

“You’re both very old” he replied.

*My Granddaughter was in the process of learning colours. I thought I would test her and pointed to an object and asked her what the colour was. She would tell me and was always correct. I was having fun and so kept asking more questions. At last she headed for the door saying “Grandma I really think you should try to figure out some of these for yourself.”

*A little girl was pounding away on her Grandpa’s Word Processor. She told him she was writing a story. “What’s it about” asked Grandpa. “I don’t know, you know I can’t read”.

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS.

We welcome **JOY ROACH (261)** Joy knew of our village long before she made the move to join us. Joy’s friends Ellie & Chicka Lisson have kept her up to date with life in here. Joy has been enjoying her Wednesday after noon’s playing canasta and is looking forward to joining us at Happy Hours. Her computer is being a real comfort to her.

BERYL and JACK NEWALL (303) are settling in after their move from Redcliff QLD. Like us all they are busy doing a few alterations to suit them. They are looking forward to the new life style here in Cobaki. Line dancing is a hobby of them both, Jack would line dance everyday if that was possible. He also loves getting on his computer and flying jets plans. Beryl is a member of U3A and doing patchwork quilting and looking into a few other classes. They have so far enjoyed Happy Hour and Lakeside Tavern nights. It was a pleasure meeting our new folk.

The Links Bridge Club plays at the Tweed/Coolangatta Golf Club Mon and Wed afternoons. It is strictly a social club, we don’t play for points or to become Masters. A really friendly group of men and women. If you would like to know more please phone. **Myrna on 5599 7061**

Don’t miss “The Last Resort” performed by the Tweed Theatre Co. at the Civic Centre on **Oct.16/17/18/23/24/25**. Tweed Theatre is going back to it’s roots to produce a very funny Australian Comedy. Directed by **Cobakite Raelene Richards**.

See the flyer on the Notice Board for further information.

If you have something you would like in the ‘Cobba News’. just drop a note into box 140 with your request. We will help in any way. There is only one restriction that is all items **MUST** be signed. You need to get your request in by the 20th of any month. Our last Cobba News for 2009 will be Dec and the first for 2010 will be February, we have a rest until then.



COBAKI LITTLE THEATRE.

The date of our next production **'ANYTHING GOES'** has had to be changed. They are now. **Thurs 5th.. Fri 6th.. Sat 7th.. Nov.** Booking slips will be out shortly, it is important that they are returned as quickly as possible. Contact Trish **5599 9571** about bookings

With the stage up we are well into rehearsals, costumes are having their finishing touches along with props, music and polishing up all the acts. This show is exactly as the name says, ANYTHING GOES. There will be many surprises as we bring you comedy, good singing and a greeting to the Christmas season. If you like being entertained with a good laugh, mixed with songs you love, you will enjoy your night out. The Bar will be closed, drinks are B.Y.O. Refreshments with a tea and coffee at half time will be provided. The usual raffles will be there each night. *Kath Ashby*

GARDENING WITH ROSS.



Every now and then we come across a product that works well in the garden. The following product has produced some exceptional healthy growth in my Veg garden. "Organix" Harvest, by Amgrow. Fish, seaweed & Fulvic acid Fertiliser Concentrate. At this time of the year we need to start protecting our soil from leaching, this is best done with Sugar cane mulch. The best sugar cane mulch is an Organic one, because a lot of non organic has been sprayed with Roundup and this leaves a residue in the mulch. Now is the best time to get seedlings into the ground, there are great choices in the stores right now. Pick your favourites now and plant this weekend. With the dry weather predicted, Mulch is essential. Don't forget to use Blood and Bone under the sugar mulch, and make sure that you water it after you have the mulch in place.

Happy gardening **Ross.**

P.S. Along with a few other residents I have been having trouble growing Mint and Parsley, I met up with Ross and asked his advice on what I was doing wrong. **Answer. MINT..** Plant in a large pot and lace some organic compost (best from 'Bunnings' packed in different size packs) at the bottom of the pot, then fill with soil and keep it well watered all the time.

PARSLEY.. This will only last one year, must be replanted yearly, also keep the water up to it. Thank you Ross. Maybe you have a question also. **Kath Ashby**

GATEWAY BRIDGE TOLL BOOTHS HELP.

If you use the Gateway Bridge to travel to the Sunshine Coast or wherever, read on. Be aware that there are no longer any Toll Booths. You just sail on through, which is great but you still have to pay a toll and you have **ONLY** 3 days to do so. If you take longer than 3 days **"THEY"** will send you a bill for the original toll and add \$7 for their trouble. You need to buy a "pass" for your trip so go to www.govia.com.au/via/home click on "go via video passes" where you can pay by credit card OR again paying by credit card phone 1300 046842. You will need to have handy the date of your trip, rego. number etc. You can also buy your passes **before** your trip if you wish (yes you need two) one for going north & one for coming back. This is probably the least stressful way and at least you won't get hit with the so-called admin fee.

MONICA'S ELEVEN HAPPY YEARS IN THE VILLAGE



Monica Horton at 232, has been an inspiration to us all. Monica has turned 89 and decided to move closer to her family. Monica has always been a very busy caring lady in the village. She was an active member of the Theatre Group for some time, always willing to go along with whatever was asked of her. Monica has been a volunteer with many charities since and before moving into the village.

As this picture above shows work and helping others is just part of her lifestyle. You can see Monica doing her morning walks and delivering papers to neighbours.

Monica has written the following on her view of life here in the village.

This is a rather hard letter to write, to bid farewell to the many friends I have made being a resident. Thanks to all the volunteers over the years who make our being residents a happy carefree stay.

I must give special thanks to Elizabeth and Cliff Boyd, who called for me for 'Happy Hours' days, as age eventually caught up with me, then Jim Lock for taking me home, also residents Yvonne and Keith Brand along with Sylvia and Ralph Jones for being chauffeurs for church services and activities. My thanks especially too to our bus driver Geoff Fawcett, he has the patience of 'Job'.

I am sorry that 'age' has been reason for the decision I have made. I have been blessed with excellent health over my 89 years, but one doesn't know just how long it will last. I have been very grateful for such a long time and some varied happenings on my journey.

I can only bid everyone a solemn "Good Bye", but will have lots of happy memories of my 'stay' with you all and can only wish everyone, many happy days or years for your stay in such a 'Friendly' and 'Helping' atmosphere.

God Bless you all.

P.S. A special 90th Birthday to Hazel Carpenter, she beats me by a few weeks! Hazel you will then beat me to the magical 100!!

Wish you well.

Monica





COBAKI COBBA LAWN BOWLERS— Please take note that our next meeting will be held on **SUNDAY October 4th 10.00am** in the DKCentre.

Our first game has been arranged for Sunday October 25th at Condong Bowls Club. Bowling starts at 9.30am with a B.B.Q. lunch follow.

Bowlers \$10.00 for bowls and lunch. Non bowlers \$5.00 for lunch only. All members and anyone interested in playing please put your name down on the

list on the glass notice board. Definite numbers required before the day to give to Condong Bowls. Any further enquiries please contact **Vic 5599 7516 or Jim 5599 8956**

SHIRLEY'S BUS TRIP. A big 'THANK YOU' to you all for making our trips throughout the year so happy and successful.

When you read this you will be looking forward to our **BIG TRIP to MARCOOLA**. Details and cost are on the board, if you are interested you may add your name to the list. For more information give me a call **5599 7493**.



The trip after the this one will be to the **BRISBANE CITY** in November for Christmas shopping, sight seeing or have some fun at the Casino.. Cost \$14 bus only. **Shirley**

The Rural Recession has been explained in simple terms by an old farmer:

"It all started back in 1966 when we changed from pounds to dollars— that doubled my rotten overdraft. Then they brought in kilograms instead of pounds— me rotten wool clip dropped in half. After that, they changed rain to millimeters and we haven't had a inch of rain since. If that wasn't enough, they bought on Celsius, and it never got over 40 degrees, no wonder me rotten wheat won't grow. Then they changed acres to hectares, and ended up with half the land I had. By this time I'd had enough and decided to sell out. I put my property in the agent's hand and then they changed miles to kilometres. Now I'm too far out of town for anybody to buy the rotten place!"

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

We know that we don't really like to think what happens when we pass on, but it is going to happen to us all. A letter to your family telling them of your wishes are and where items of importance can be found. Like where you will is, your funeral wishes or the name and phone number of the funeral parlor you have pre-paid. Your wish on your organ, if you wish to be put on life saving machines and any little personal wish you have. I have done this even though I had told my family everything, they thought it was a good idea, they all have the same messages in black and white, causing no problem when the time comes. *Kath Ashby*

HAVE YOU EVER, left your mail box key sitting in the box, a very easy thing to do, then when you want it next time, you can't find it. It is always a good idea to pop into the office and see if that is what you have done, and it has been handed into the office. There is one there now that is looking for it's owner.

It is also a very good idea to hide a spare key outside , it saves trying to rack your brain how you are going to get in when you don't have your keys. This has happened to many people in the village already. Save yourself the heartache.

HAZEL CARPENTER



Hazel and her late husband were some of the very early residents to move into the house number **one**, they arrived here in January 1994. They arrived here from Jarvis Bay. There were very few houses here and lots of empty space in the centre area of the village. Hazel told us the first person she saw when they arrived was a man naked to waist resting in the sunshine after an operation, that was Chicka Lisson. The roads were finished, Hazel also told us that Wally Lewis officially opened the village, before they arrived. Happy Hours had started. The first people they met there was Vonnie and Dennis Kildea, they used to sit where the bar is situated now, they had many a good old sing along there. The shop was where the stage goes up and the snooker table was also in the hall. Albert was a sick man and they had trouble getting the phone connected, Albert was rushed to hospital and when told they had no phone connected the hospital contacted Telstar and it was on straight away.

The first activity started was Water Aerobics, snooker was very popular and up and running. Albert who loved his snooker was in hospital one time and even though he was ill he told them he had to be home by the Wednesday because he had to play in a tournament. When Albert passed away three years after they arrived, the snooker boys formed a guard of honour for him, Hazel said Albert had three very happy years here.

The bus was a very big pulling point for them coming to the village, something Hazel said, she has never regretted. The green bus was running then and Lawrie Clam (11) was the driver. Hazel has made many friends and enjoys her life here, she is a member of the single girls and enjoys everything they organize.

Monica and Hazel have been having jokes about their age for some time. Hazel turns 90 on the 23rd November and is going to celebrate that with her family who all live scattered over the Gold Coast.

Thank you Hazel for sharing your time in the village with us.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY ON Nov. 23rd.

Cobba News.

PIGGABEEN DEVIATION:- Maybe, just maybe we will have a new road before Christmas. We'll all need our sunnies then as the glare from dazzlingly clean cars will be blinding. Fingers crossed. I was wondering too if the residents along that part of Piggabeen Road which is not being by-passed will get some re-surfacing done. I won't hold my breath.

USEFUL INFORMATION..

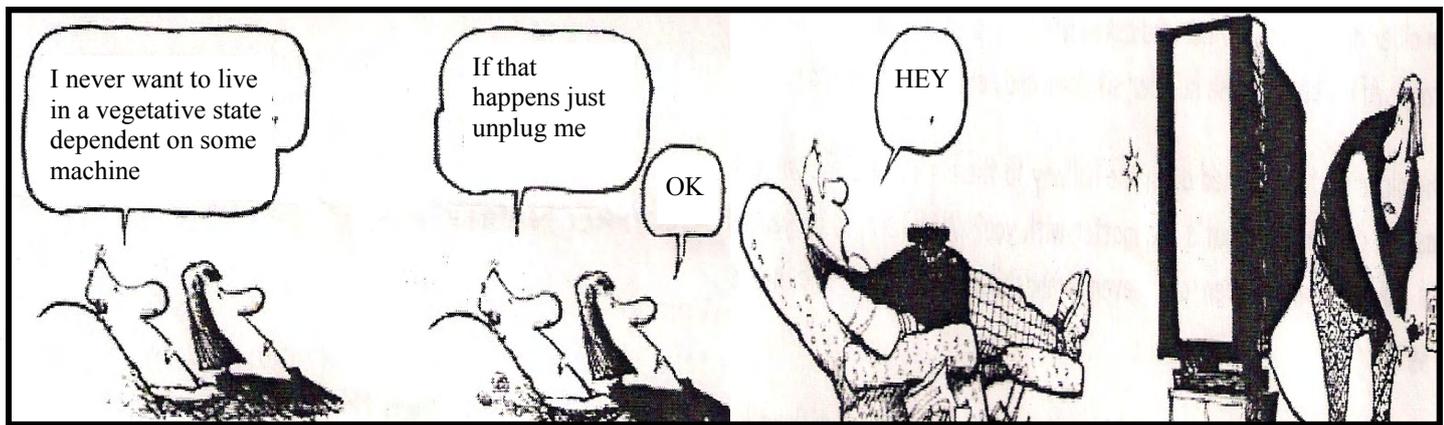
Cliff Armstrong (pest control) will be in the village **Wed 14-Thurs 15th Oct.** You can give him a ring on **0408 726 673 CARMA PEST CONTROL** lic. No. 201



Congratulations to **Mary And Alan Colgate (74)** They are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on the 10th of October with a party of family and friends.

Mary and Alan came into the village in 2000. They have both been very involved in the 'Cobaki Little Theatre,' you would have heard many of Mary's poems that are always a delight to hear. Alan has entertained us on many occasions with his singing. They were both members of the 'Silver Song birds' that traveled to nursing homes entertaining them. Mary is the lady who brings us the members badge draw at Happy Hour, also bringing us a laugh with her joke each time as well as bringing us news from the residents present. While Alan is playing the part of her secretary. They have also been involved in many other aspects of life in the village. Mary and Alan were married in England then immigrated to Australia, they moved here from Sydney. You can see them both in the next productions of the Cobaki Theatre. We wish them all the very best.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Geoff Fawcett**, who celebrates his **60th** birthday. Geoff is our very helpful bus driver. All birthdays are special and we wish Geoff every good wish for this one to be even more special. Geoff joins in all he can in the village and you will see him at our Happy Hours as he fetches the fish and Chips plus handing them out, also gives up his time to be our lighting man at the Cobaki Theatre shows, which is really appreciated.



THANK YOU. I wish to say sincere “**Thank You’s**” to all those wonderful friends and neighbours who offered and gave me help and kindness after my recent operation.

Lorna van Heugten (house 211).

THANK YOU’S—To the following wonderful people. * **Trevor Hardy** ably assisted by wife Daphne who once again came to the rescue when John had a bad turn. * **Elaine Barrett** for the loan of Roy’s wheelchair. * **Tony Stollery** who upon receiving a garbled message on his voice mail and thinking I was in strife came running to check if I was ok. With caring neighbours like these why would one live anywhere else but Cobaki.

I can’t thank you all enough. **Pat Neimeyer (331)**

I have lived on Fourth Avenue for the last 12 years and every year I look forward to the beautiful Spring Flower display in front of Ron and Thora Jarvis’ home at 138. Thank you both, you brighten my day. The flowers in many gardens are looking beautiful now. **Myrna**

THANK YOU.. To **Tony and Tina Stollery**, for the afternoon entertainment they put last Sunday 27th Sept. We really enjoyed the afternoon and all the effort you put into the afternoon. We hope that you do it again sometime, we will be there if you do. **Josie & John Worrall (274)**



It is official we do have Koalas in our village, in the 15 years that I have lived here I never knew.! But there was a healthy looking male (we think by size) looking a bit muddy coming out of the wetlands and shinning up the nearest tree to our place(houses 255/256/257) After a clean up and a sleep he trotted down the track towards the caravans and up another tree by 252.

Hopefully later he made it back to the habitat he came from? Or nearest ‘gum’ trees, which Bruno said were the ones behind the house opposite the village! **Elizabeth Ryan. 255**



Another friend found wandering around the village. An old drake, he was very friendly, but looked very lost. Nola and I walk each morning and couldn’t believe our eyes when this friendly old fellow approached us. We decided he needed to get back near the water, we carried him a bit of the way, then decided he could walk the rest if we guided him. Now that was a sight. Nola was in front calling him

I was behind trying to steer him. We did get him where we thought he would be safe and went on our way. We looked back to see how he was going and all we could see was his butt waddling right back where we had carried him from. We gave up! Interesting morning walk. **Kath & Nola.**

FOR SALE.. 2 single bedspreads. Pale link quilted, reverse sham tailored. Carpet hall runner Hand mower and catcher.... Carpet square. Wool, deep cream....Double inflatable mattress. All in excellent condition. Will negotiate prices on all items **Joy. Roach. No 261.. 5599 7359**

Highly recommended—”Charlie and Boots” the movie with Paul Hogan & Shane Jacobsen. A feel good movie about fathers and sons. These two worked wonderfully together and Paul Hogan can actually act

MANAGEMENT MESSAGES

October 2009

Re New Tenancy Agreements. Due July 2010. Residents will be offered the same terms and conditions as the two previous five year agreements. Fixed for 5 years or CPI annually, any other information you may have received should be disregarded.

MAIL. We ask all residents to pass onto all concerned about their correct address.

We are still having a large number of mail arriving with incorrect addresses. If you receive one in your box please do NOT just leave on the top of the letter boxes or throw it in the bin put it in the mail box marked COMPANY. All mail is important to recipients. With Christmas looming up, it is important to attend to correct addresses.

RUBBISH SKIPS. If you buy new items of furniture such as fridges, mattresses, T.V. beds, washing machines, computers etc. We ask that you arrange with the store to take the old one away when they deliver your new item. We are not going to be able to continue the removal of such large items.

HAWKERS. A new sign has been erected to prevent these people from causing anymore worry to residents. No one should ever knock at your door trying to sell you anything or ask for donations. Any tradesperson you may need is between yourself and the tradesperson. Anne has a list in the office of trades people if you need it.

SPEEDING. We are still having residents as well as outsiders taking little notice of the speed restriction in the village. The **SPEED LIMIT TO EVERYONE** who enters the village is **15 KPH**. It is important that we all think of others as we drive. We have a large number of residents for one reason or another who cannot jump out of the way of any vehicle, be it car, scooter or bike. **PLEASE TAKE CARE.**

Phone numbers.

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Anne . Office 5599 8480 Mobile 0418 755 995

Harry Kucko

‘DAY LIGHT SAVING’



Turn your clocks

**Forward one
hour**

on Sunday 4th October 2009

N.S.W. A.C.T. S.A. TASSIE. VIC.

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BACK.**

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