

# go on ... get among the grapes



● Leemarie Cavanagh and Ken McArthur and some cohorts will play at Bago Vineyard



**WHO:** Kenny and the Cohorts **WHEN:** New Year's Eve  
**WHERE:** Bago Vineyards

**F**OR New Year's Eve Ken McArthur will trade the smoke-filled insides of a pub for the greenery of Wauchope's Bago Vineyards.

The long-time musician will be joined by four cohorts for a night of music among the vines.

Kenny and the Cohorts is a hard-working Hastings band with a repertoire to suit most palates.

The outfit plays tunes from the jazzy numbers of Dave Brubeck and Miles Davis to the meaty rock of The Animals and Green Day.

By popular demand Bago Vineyards at Wauchope has re-introduced its popular New Year's Eve Jazz ... with a twist.

McArthur said he was not quite sure what the night would hold, but it would be fun.

"This is the first time we've played a new years gig at Bago, but we jumped at the chance," he said.

"It will be fantastic to be out there among the vines with plenty of good music."

McArthur has spent most his life playing music.

He explained how he spent years bugging his parents for instruments, which eventuated in a guitar.

"We moved around a lot because my parents were in the hotel industry," he said.

"A piano was too difficult to move around so I ended up with a guitar."

Joining McArthur on stage on Sunday will be Leemarie Cavanagh on keyboards and vocals, Ray Mitchell on drums, Andrew Green on bass guitar and Gareth Blayney on tenor sax.

Those who choose to chill out in the vineyard will not have to worry about driving home or waiting for a taxi as camping will be available.

Bago Vineyards will open at 6pm, admission is \$10 for adults and children will be admitted free.

A range of hot and cold food will be available and patrons may bring along their own picnic hampers. No bring-your-own wines are permitted.

The winery cellar door will be open for cellar door sales, for more information contact 6585 7099.





# kick back & relax with

**john gardner**

From: Port Macquarie

Originally from: United Kingdom

Lived here: Seven years

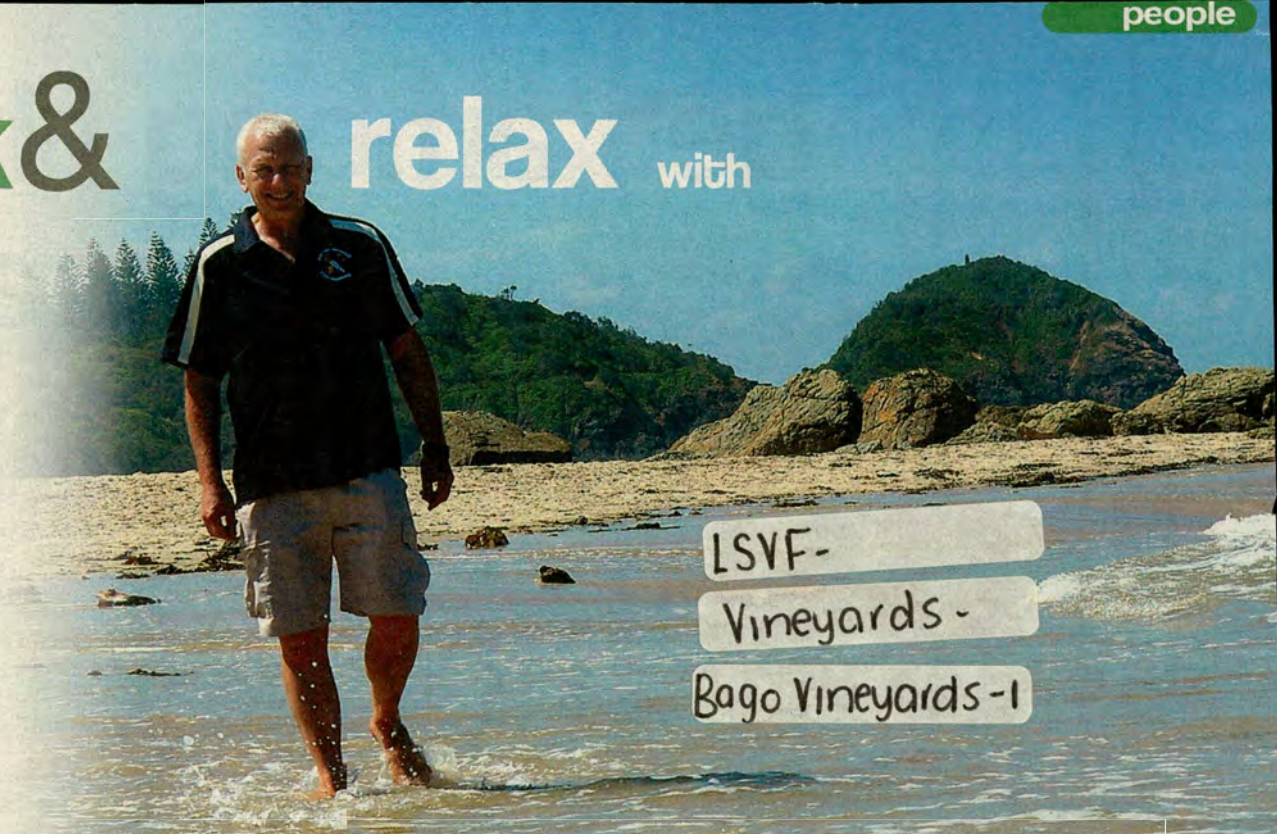
Occupation: Firefighter

Fave spot: Shelly Beach

Why: It's such a safe place to swim and walk.

First discovered it when: In 1999 when we first arrived in Port Macquarie.

Visit it (how often and why): Probably about four to five times a week in summer to swim, sunbake and read the newspaper.



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## Shelly Beach for swimming, sunbaking and newspaper reading

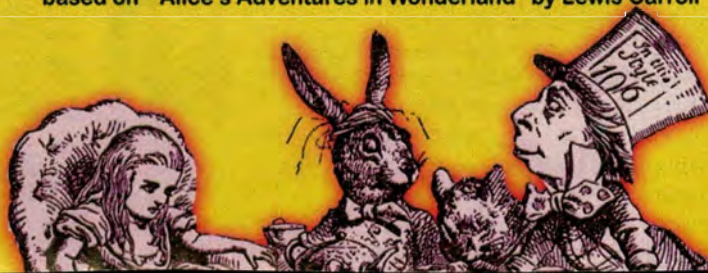


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## Bago Vineyards will conduct grape stomping

THE Bago Vineyards jazz day next Sunday will again host the Bago Vineyards Grape Stomping competition, with visitors to the vineyard invited to participate in the age-old tradition of crushing grapes with their feet, pictured left.

Conducted for the first time during last year's vintage, the grape stomping proved very popular with the jazz day crowd and is sure to see keen rivalry amongst this year's entrants.

Last year, Debbie Malcolm and Mark Kucera won the event, crushing five kilos of grapes (red grapes naturally), that produced just over four litres of grape juice.

A protest was lodged at the time with the claim, "as Debbie is pregnant she has an unfair advantage of an extra pair of feet". The protest was, as a matter of course, dismissed.

An old barrell head has been restored and takes pride of place in the Cellar Door proudly displaying the names of the grape stomping champions and the feats.

The action commences just after midday on Sunday at Bago Vineyards, with the popular Reds Jazz Quintet providing the music and Cascades again catering for those not bringing along a picnic or barbecue.



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**QUALITY ASSURED:** Broken Bago Vineyards' Jim Mobbs - the business has just joined an elite group of vineyards to achieve quality assurance accreditation.

## QA for Broken Bago Vineyard

**WAUCHOPE'S** Broken Bago Vineyards have joined an elite group of vineyards and wineries throughout Australia with the recent gaining of quality assurance accreditation.

For the past 12 months vigneron Jim Mobbs and staff have been implementing policies, procedures and work practices as well as travelling to the Upper Hunter on a weekly basis for a 10 week period attending lectures and workshops.

The accreditation for the production processes and for quality wine grapes is the first such accreditation in the Hastings

region and will almost certainly lead to a stronger demand for grapes and wine produced from the Bago vineyards.

Broken Bago Vineyards, as well as producing quality wines under their own label, has been supplying grapes to wineries throughout the state for a good number of years and believes the gaining of quality assurance accreditation will further enhance future marketing prospects.

The effects of many new vineyards and wineries being established throughout Australia has already led to an oversupply of some varieties

and with competition so keen, the accreditation of Broken Bago guarantees prospective buyers of a quality product.

Like many other industries, quality assurance accreditation is an essential component to the purchasing policies of buyers of goods and services and Broken Bago sees no reason why the wine industry will be treated any differently to these industries in the coming years.



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# jazz it up for mum

ORGANISERS of the first Mothers Day Jazz at Bago Vineyards in 1997 did not envision the event would still be going 10 years later, let alone with the same act.

Original jazz band Reds Jazz Quintet says the event has gone from strength to strength and they are looking forward to playing once again in front of record crowds.

The band will introduce its newest member at the Mothers Day gig, 18-year-old Jarin Penniall. Jarin hails from Wauchope and, having completed his HSC in 2006, has set his sights on a professional music career.

He will play drums on Sunday, with his music teacher Glenn Moore out front leading the Reds,

evergreen Bob Barnett on vocals and piano, Greg Goldsmith on vocals and bass and the renowned Richard Gawned on saxophone.

The Mothers Day Jazz in the Vineyards show will get underway at 11am with the gates to the vineyard opening from 10am.

As usual, a range of hot and cold food will be available however visitors to the vineyard are also most welcome to bring along a picnic hamper on this traditional family day.

The Cellar Door at Bago Vineyards will be open throughout the day for wine tasting and sales. Admission to the Mothers Day Jazz is free for children and \$5 for adults.

For enquiries, call 6585 7099.

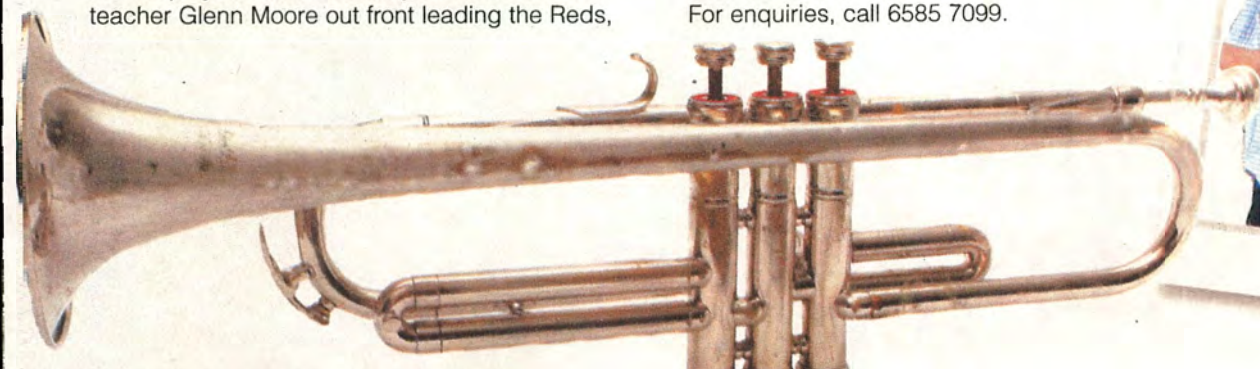
## what's on

**WHO:** Mothers Day Jazz in the Vineyards

**WHERE:** Bago Vineyards

**WHEN:** Sunday, May 13 from 11am

Jazz in the Vineyard at Bago Vineyards is held monthly and has proved to be an exceptionally popular event, attracting local punters, holiday-makers and passers-by alike as well as talented musicians from across the region.





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## HISTORY

In 1985 Jim and Kay Mobbs planted the first Chardonnay vines on the alluvial flats of their extensive property in the Hastings River Region on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales. Thus Bago vineyards was born, and over the decades to follow the vineyard would expand exponentially to include in excess of 10 hectares of grape varieties as diverse and exotic as Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Verdelho, Viognier, Chanel Paradisa, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Tannat, Albarino and Chambourcin.

Bago was the natural choice when it came time to name the winery as the luscious parcel of land upon which these fine vines have been grown is nestled at the foot of Broken Bago Mountain. The term Bago is thought to have been derived from the local aboriginal word for mountain "bulkara", the 'broken' part due to the shattering of seams of rock in old gold mining shafts.

The Mobbs family ancestry have a long history of grape growing in the Hastings River Region dating back to the first plantings of Muscatel and Isabella varieties at Ballengara and Tuffins Lane late in the 19th Century. Today, Bago Vineyards continues this fine family tradition producing some of the most revered wines the Hasting River Region has to offer.



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## ENVIRONMENT

As Bago Vineyards produces wine from a single vineyard, all our wines show-case the distinct maritime style of the Hastings Valley. One needs only to sample a glass of Verdelho or Chambourcin to appreciate the celebrated uniqueness of the region.

Bago Vineyards is focused on the terroir of their estate, which is a major influencing factor in producing wines which cannot be replicated in other climates.

### THE LANDFORM

Bago Vineyards is situated in the Camden Haven basin which is an up-lifted Sedimentary basin that drains eastward 15 km to the coastal town of Laurieton. This basin has been interrupted by volcanic activity which has given rise to our well drained and fertile alluvial flats. As the last major climatic change lowered the sea level the creek also lowered leaving behind alluvial terraces well above the present creek level.

### THE SOILS

Bago Vineyards has been established on these terraces of deep red loam slowly developing a profile to a krasnozern. These soils are quite vigorous, with the grapes grown on these soils displaying lots of growth due to their fertility, and as a result we have adapted a modern trellis system under the guidance of internationally renowned viticulturalist Dr. Richard Smart to control the vigour, disease, and to allow enough sunlight into the canopy to produce fruit of the highest quality.

### ASPECT

We are much cooler than other coastal valleys and as a consequence suffer from many frosts each year due to our southerly outlook. Being on the southerly slope of the Bago Bluff mountain range our winter sun is shorter than on the other side of the mountain. The terraces where the grapes are grown become a cold air sink-hold during winter and with the tall forest surrounding the vineyard the vines receive the winter chilling required for an even bud burst in spring.

### CLIMATE

The constant sea breezes during winter and summer keep the temperatures down, and during the summer months the temperature rarely raises above 30 degrees although the humidity can be extremely high. The breezes in winter cool the air, and with still clear nights there are occasional large temperature drops. Bago's rainfall is high by world standards for vineyards (over 1500mm).



annually) which in conjunction with our deep soils allows the grapes to be grown without irrigation. The high humidity allows our grapes to seldom become stressed, and the warm nights during spring and summer and the high humidity tend to encourage our grapes to grow unimpeded the whole summer season.

#### VEGETATION

The vineyard area was carved out of dense wet sclerophyll forest, the borders of which are still framed by tall gum trees standing there to remind us of the past. It is these tall trees that shelter and protect the vineyard during times of severe wind whilst still allowing cool, drying breezes.



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## VARIETIES

The varieties Bago has planted have evolved from trial and careful scientific research over the past 20 years. We are always trialling new varieties as well as maintaining the vines that provide the backbone of the vineyard's fruit stock. Despite ongoing advances in the field of viticulture there are never any guarantees as to the performance of any variety and it often takes several years before the quality of the fruit becomes apparent. We have an ever growing list of varieties we would like trial, and it is this commitment to innovation which distinguishes Bago Vineyards from other produces in the area.

The varieties best suited to our vineyards in order of adaptation to our terrior are:

- CHAMBOURCIN
- VERDELHO
- CHARDONNAY
- MERLOT
- PETIT VERDOT
- VIOGNIER
- SAUVIGNON BLANC
- PINOT NOIR
- OTHER MINOR VARIETIES

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## MAZE

Bago Vineyards is excited to announce that construction of the Bago Hedge Maze has now commenced! The maze will form the first and central element of the future planned Bago Gardens, which Bago Vineyards will be developing over the next few years.

Once complete, the maze will be the largest hedge maze in NSW with a total area of 10,000 sq metres and 2000 metres of pathways. The design of the maze has taken inspiration from the surrounding vineyard and bushland, incorporating a myriad of symbolic imagery within its pathways and hedges. The cyclic and seasonal nature of the vineyard together with the flowing influences of earth, air and water is represented in two interlaced spirals. From the centres of these spirals, tendril like pathways radiate to the outer limits of the maze where two lookout towers will enable views over hedges and help walkers plot their ways out. Deep within the maze a series of bridges and boardwalks over a sunken path add a third dimension and are symbolic of the twists and tangles of an ever growing grapevine. As the walker approaches the end of the maze they will pass through a section representative of a bunch of grapes (the final product of the vineyard) and exit at a point where grapes become wine.

The aim of the maze is to be fun and challenging. An optional task, if accepted will be to find several hidden items throughout its tangled paths, each of these items will produce clues of how to solve the maze and provide a key to its hidden secret.

Construction of the maze began in December 2006 with the setting out and planting of the first 900 plants. A variety of Lilly Pilly was chosen as the most suitable hedge plant for our area. The remainder of the planting is scheduled for spring 2007, with the maze expected to open to the public within 3 years. Future planned developments around the maze include an open air amphitheatre, viewing and picnic deck, rainforest and sculpture garden walks, children's playground and under ground cellar.



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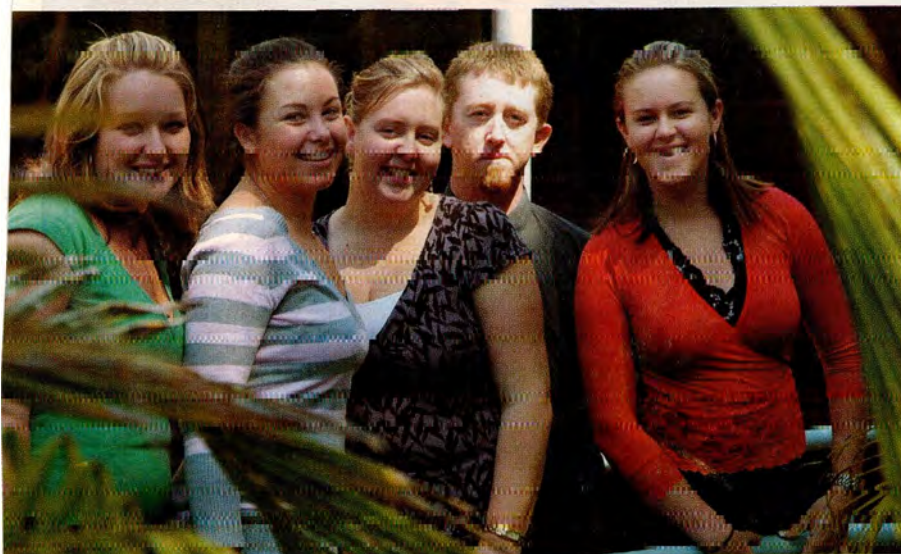
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## what's on



■ Angela Wade, Lauren Charlton, Sally Wilson, Matthew Elliot and Corinna Unger

## cinema in the *Vines*

**WHO:** Cinema in the Vines

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 6, gates open at 4pm and movie starts at 7pm

**WHERE:** Bago Vineyards, Wauchope, earlybird \$15 or \$20 at the gate

**A** STORY, based on a poem by Banjo Patterson, will be splashed across the bigscreen this weekend.

Audiences at Cinema in the Vines will be able to enjoy *The Man From Snowy River* under the stars at Bago Vineyards.

The event, organised by TAFE event management students, is the second of its kind.

Along with five others Sally Wilson has helped make the outdoor cinema evening a reality.

The Taree-based student, who is studying in Port Macquarie, said it would be a fantastic night.

"As well as screening the film there

will be performances by Russell Churcher and poet Douglas Stewart," she said.

"The difference between this event and last year's is that we are raising funds this time."

All money raised on the night will go to Aussie Helpers National Drought Appeal.

"Bago Vineyards had previously supported Aussie Helpers which led us to the choice of theme and the classic Australian movie *The Man from Snowy River*," 22-year-old Wilson said.

"Aussie Helpers [www.aussiehelpers.org.au](http://www.aussiehelpers.org.au) is a wonderful charity that does tremendous work throughout the country and is in desperate need of support."

Gates open at 4pm and the movie will start at 7pm.

Children under the age of 10 will be admitted for free.





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**Title:** Lost in the labyrinth  
**Author:** Rachel Sullivan  
**Source:** The Sydney Morning Herald. 30/5/2009  
**Abstract:** Hedges, fig trees and even a field of sunflowers enclose maze goes across the state.

### **Bago Maze, Wauchope**

Part of the Bago Vineyards, this native lilly pilly hedge maze was planted on Christmas Day 2006 and is still growing. It is expected to open within three years. From above, the maze resembles a bunch of grapes on the vine. Once it reaches full height within the next 18 months, it will be the largest hedge maze in NSW, covering 10,000 square metres and with 2000 metres of pathways. The design of the maze has been inspired by the surrounding vineyard and bushland, with some paths spiralling to the centre and other pathways radiating like tendrils to the perimeters of the maze. Two towers are planned and will overlook the hedges, helping walkers to plan their way out. A series of boardwalks and bridges within the maze will add another dimension to the experience for visitors.

Other planned developments around the maze include an amphitheatre, a viewing and picnic deck, garden walks, a cellar and children's playground. Meanwhile, visitors are welcome to view the maze's progress while enjoying a tippie at the cellar door.



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