

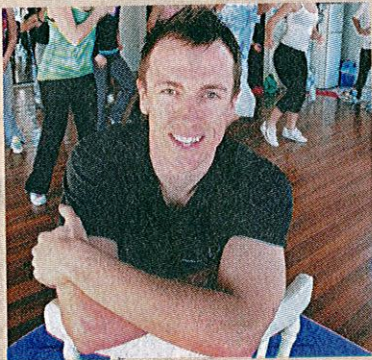
# Chance for big break

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Gold Coasters, listen up – this could be your big break.

Currumbin RSL is hosting an All Ages Raw Talent Quest in June and July, giving live performers the opportunity to showcase their talent.

Cash and prizes are up for grabs. A panel of judges, headed by Mary-Anne Sterling from MAS Entertainment, will preside over three heats on three consecutive Sundays and a grand final showcase on Saturday, July 2. Other judges include *So You Think You Can Dance Australia* season one finalist Anthony Ikin, singer/songwriter Mason Rack, comedian Ellen Briggs and president of the Gold Coast Music Industry Association Dan Ceh. Ikin (pictured) says he's thrilled to be a judge and looks forward to immersing himself in the local talent. "I'm excited to see the diversity in talent we have on the



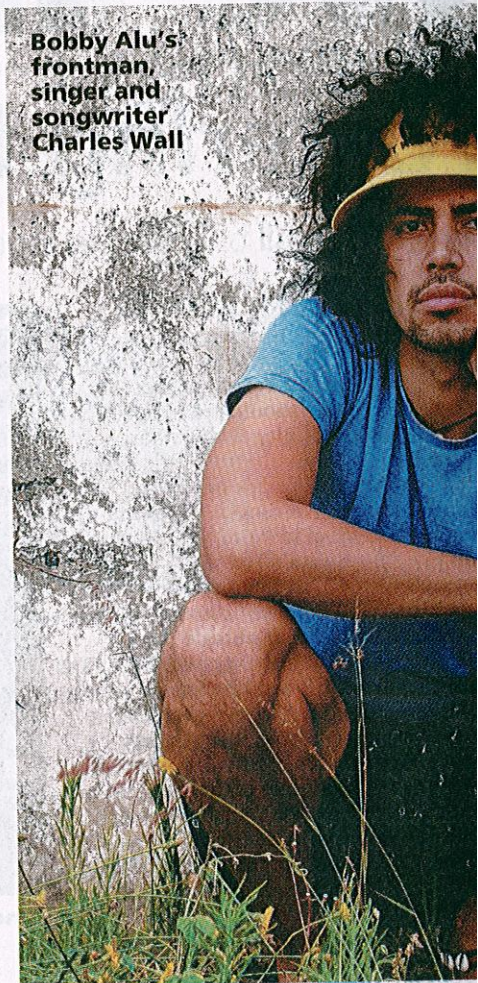
Coast," he says. "Competitions such as this provide the perfect platform to launch one's career in the creative arts. When I appeared on Channel 10's hit series, *So You Think You Can Dance*, it really opened doors

for me as an individual so I definitely believe these comps are great exposure for launching a career." Cash and gift packages have been offered as prizes by local businesses such as The Pines Elanora, Bay of Palms Resort and Ignite Education. The All Ages Raw Talent Quest is now calling for dancers, musicians, singers, DJs, stage actors, comedians, fire twirlers and martial artists of all ages to enter as a group or individual.

– MARIA LEWIS

► Details can be found at [www.rawtalentquest.com.au](http://www.rawtalentquest.com.au)

Bobby Alu's frontman, singer and songwriter Charles Wall



# Climbing to musical

Fresh from shows at Byron Bay, Bobby Alu gear up for their first local show

CHARLES Wall is a drummer and percussionist of some repute. He has made a name for himself as a member of OKA and Kooii, and as a regular with the likes of Nicky Bomba, Mista Savona, Saritah, The Red Eyes, Watussi, Georgia Potter, Grassroots Street Orchestra, Cool Calm Collective, Kafka, Afro Dizzi Act, Dubdoubt and many, many more.

Wall is no longer just another band member. In his new outfit Bobby Alu, he is the frontman, key singer and songwriter, supported by a six-piece band.

Forming to release an album last year, Bobby Alu have already toured Australia, supported the Beautiful Girls and performed at the prestigious Byron Bay Bluesfest. Not bad for a band that played their first show in October.

Two shows at Bluesfest this week made them one of the most talked about new acts to come out of the festival, with insiders tipping them as ones to watch.

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**When:** Saturday 14 May, 11am-3pm

**Where:** Broadbeach Library, 61 Sunshine Boulevard, Mermaid Waters

**Cost:** FREE

**RSVP:** By 11 May to [cscdc@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:cscdc@goldcoast.qld.gov.au) or 55817508.