

# The art of burleying



**Fraser jolly good, fella.** Happy Nimbin Heads Gerome (left) and Pixie getting their housework done on the island.

**by Pixie**

Ten members of the Nimbin heads fishing team drove five and a half hours to Rainbow Beach, then another two hours along the beach at Fraser Island to Waddy Point, to set up camp on the beach for two weeks.

Pix, Gerard, Harry, Red, Taddy, Laurie, Matt, Jacko, Mick and Dan were off for the annual migration with four 4WDs and three boats – 18ft 'Pop's Tiger', 17ft 'Sticky Beak' and a 16ft 'Dory'. The first couple of days were spent beach fishing for meals, catching dart and whiting.

The wind was blowing about 15 to 20 knots with seas around 2 to 3 metres – not very nice for going out to sea, especially for the small 'Dory', which was confined to the bay. The two bigger boats only got out to sea four times in two weeks.

A lot of catching fish was down to beach and rock fishing, and Pix was heading off every day, always managing to bring back a meal for the camp, of dart, trevally, tarwine or bream. The fish were on the barbeque before they stopped kicking- now that is when they have their own flavour – fresh is best.

Out to sea, the best catch in 'Pop's Tiger' was from Harry with a 4 kilo spangled emperor and a 2.5 kilo snapper, and Gerard with a 4 kilo blackall. The 'Sticky

Beak' did well too, with Dan, Matt and Mick catching a 4 kilo blackall each.

Both boats also caught a large variety of reef fish to bring home. The best day on 'Pop's Tiger, Gerard was too sick to fish in a 2.5 metre swell, and burleyed for the rest of us for about two hours. We caught 18 good reef fish in that time. A couple of nights later, Jacko was burleying from the 'Dory', but it was on dry land and no fish were caught.

Red eventually showed us he could catch fish but it took until the last day, when he bagged 11 fish from the beach.

Overall, in two weeks, we caught about 200 fish and brought home about 80 kilos of filleted fish. A great fishing time was had by all.

We go again in 11 months, but who's counting!



**Revhead.** Winner of the Demons raffle, Dan Doolan.

Picture: Ian Wickham

# Go the Demons

**by John Ryan**

The Demons are about halfway through the season, with three home games left to play. The team has been struggling with its performance on the field at this stage of the season, and I am sure all players realise there is heaps of room for improvement.

Coach Sean Wallington would like to see all players turn up for training on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Wally wants 110% commitment from the players at all times, both at training and at the game. As he is fond of saying, "He who dares, wins," and "Are you injured or are you hurt?"

Some of the outstanding Demons on the field this season who have been pulling their extra percentage out,

are the Captain Ben Murphy at centre; Cam Hatty playing ruck rear; Sean Wallington at full forward, who kicked ten goals against Casino, pretty to watch; Zen Novack forward flank; Josh Woods centre half back; and young Will Alexander in the forward pocket – keep your eyes on young Will, the Demons have a promising player there.

The Demons had five players in the Summerland AFL Rep side in Coffs Harbour over the Queens Birthday long weekend, Wally, coach, Ben Murphy, Cam Hattie, Grant Treloar and Anton Eldridge. The boys kept the Demons' tradition on-track with outstanding performances, considering not having a full bench at their disposal. A couple of minor injuries

marred the weekend, with Anton breaking a couple of ribs and Wally popping a quad.

Ben Murphy is pulling well in the votes for Best and Fairest in the Summerland AFL, keep it up Ben. Congratulations to Keiran Kevans and Maurie "Ralph" Plattman, for chalking up their 100th game. Also performing well on field are our umpires, Bill Guy and Grant Stanley, keeping the flags flying.

The Demons need all their supporters down at the ground for the last couple of home games. A good strong home crowd always gives the team the winning edge, and no dedicated supporter can go past Red on the BBQ with the best rissoles and steak sangers in the league, and yes, full bar facilities

available.

Coach Wal would also love to see any of the young blokes in town keen to hone their skills and get a feel for the game, to come to training and have a run.

Also from all the Demons, congratulations to Beast and Samara, Zen and Taminga on the birth of their boys, future players for the Demons.

Sean Walker is busy at the Bowlo on Saturday nights, selling Demons raffle tickets for prizes including a top-end DVD, surround sound Stereos and the latest armed forces Walkie-talkie Watches, so come on down and support your local team.

For all your Demons information, tune in to NIM-FM between 5pm and 6pm on Fridays. 2B, red Leg and Johnny-at-bar will fill you in with a round-up of all local and national AFL sports news and views.

## 25 years of funding for Neighbourhood Centre

**by Chibo Mertineit**

The Nimbin Community Information and Neighbourhood Centre Inc. (NNIC) is defined in its constitution as "a benevolent institution, established and carried on for the relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, destitution or helplessness."

As a non-profit community-based organisation, registered as a Public Benevolent Institution and a Charity, with Income Tax Exempt and Deductible Gift Recipient status,

NNIC promotes, develops and supports community services, providing referrals and information to the general community and to target groups,

The NNIC grew out of the Rainbow Information Centre, which had operated very successfully in Nimbin for several years; and from a small group of people interested in forming a Centre for workshops, cultural exchange, and addressing some of the welfare needs that had arisen in the town and surrounding districts. This group met

regularly at the start of 1980, and applied for funding, which was received from the Department of Youth and Community Services in July 1980.

By 1987 government funding was around \$40,000p.a. and it hasn't gone up much at all since then. Funding is now through the Community Service Grant Program from the Department of Community Services. Around 10 staff and 50 volunteers are employed each year, and assist up to 40 clients and customers each day.

### Support Available

As Natalie Meyer, team leader at NNIC, put it, "The service provides relief for the benefit of a disadvantaged section or class of the public, and is available without discrimination, to every member of the public that the organisation aims to benefit."

"Under the Emergency Relief program we provide meals, tea and coffee and blankets to those in need. We also operate a soup kitchen once a week. We accommodate various outreach services such as financial counselling,

drug and alcohol counselling, Centrelink Personal Support Program, Probation and Parole, and legal advice and referrals," she said.

Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre provides crisis counselling and case management, child protection, is a mental health referral site, a Centrelink agency, and auspices numerous projects including Nimbin Vacation Care program, Life Experience Counts course (life skills for people out of training or workforce for significant periods), Nimbin Work Experience (Work for the Dole) project.

NNIC is registered with Centrelink to provide volunteer placements for participants. It is also registered with Probation and Parole and Juvenile Justice to provide community placements for Community Service Order/Prison Work Early Release Scheme clients. NNIC also provides a CDEP (Aboriginal work placement program) placement, and has employed three indigenous workers in the last five years. NNIC is involved in too many community partnerships and

interagency groups to list here.

Neighbourhood Centre services also include:

- \* Community access to technologies
  - \* Secretarial services and support
  - \* Law Access Hotline (telephone) available during opening hours
  - \* Free counselling and artistic therapy each Wednesday through the Sophia College of Counselling
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- Opening hours: Mon – Fri. 10am – 4pm, phone 6689-1692, Fax 6689-1492
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