

Don't shoot the messenger
GM Clarke (*GoodTimes* June edition), has mistakenly assumed that an interviewer who seeks out various opinions, ideas and attitudes automatically endorses the views of their interviewee.

Bob Dooley, the editor of the *GoodTimes*, asked me to help solicit a number of views on Mardi Grass. I didn't for one moment assume that he meant - only get ONE point of view, a positive one. I believe I did what the editor was hoping for - a different viewpoint.

I heartily agree with GM Clarke that 'diverse, interesting and innovative activities abound in this creative, ever-changing village'. For me, a large part of what makes this town so interesting is its tolerance of diversity, which surely means tolerance of diverse opinions.

If Rhea's viewpoint causes some controversy, discussion, perhaps strikes a chord with some people, this is all to the benefit of Nimbin.

**Gloria Meltzer
Jarlanbah, Nimbin**

Nimnet

Oi Bob,
Another great issue .. only partway through after a browse in the cafe.

NCDAs email address is ncta@nimnet.asn.au - there's no such domain as nimnet.com.au - maybe this could be corrected next time around?

**Ian Smith,
Nimbin**

Peace Plan

A proposed meeting is to take place at 12 noon at or near the Rainbow Chai Tent at the Channon Market on 10th July to plan for the 9/11 Channon Market which will be dedicated to promoting the International Day of Peace activities in our region.

This proposal is approved by Paul Joseph, director and president of the Byron Peace Carnival, and Robyn Kelly on behalf of the Channon Market committee. It is a part of an international action in promoting and developing a world culture of peace.

Last year Byron Bay put on a most successful event

for the International Day of Peace. We hope that over September 11th to September 21st (which is officially the UN International Day of Peace), groups, institutions and individuals dedicated to cultivating ideas in the Peace process will join us in celebration.

Please pass this message onto others you think would be interested.

May Peace Prevail on Earth
**Benny Zable,
Nimbin**

Rapt Visitor

My travels began and ended in the heart of Nimbin, and finally after two years it's time to show my face back home in England. Yet my heart remains here with you, the Bundjalung family.

Thank you all for being a constant inspiration, for your smiles and words of wisdom. For making me feel welcome.

Whilst walking in the sunshine, gazing upon Nimbin in all its natural wonders, I began to write a song (below), reflecting on the heartfelt warmth and generosity that I've been shown here.

Until next time, thank you.
Ruth Bloomfield

Nimbin Love Song

*I'm engulfed by your beauty
Enthralled by your charms -
May I lie for ever more dear
In the warmth of your arms?
May I stay a little longer,
Together for a while -
I'm drenched by the moment
To linger in your smile.
May your dreams always find you
Wherever you may be -
May life flourish all round you
For all eternity.
May your passion be ignited
And continually inspired -
Of beauty and wisdom may you
Never grow tired.
Guides manifest
To shine light on our way -
How far we have come
And how far we have strayed?
And the twists and the turns
In the path that we take -
The choices and chances
And all our mistakes...
Love blossoms then chaos
And all the heartbreak -
It's all part of
The journey we create.*

Where's Bill?

We here at The New Zealand Guardian Trust Co are trying to locate a Mr William (Bill) Julian Rawlinson who is a significant Beneficiary to the Estate of his late mother who died here in New Zealand in 1998.

We understand from other family members that Bill "went bush some years ago" in the Byron Bay/Nimbin area of NSW.

If you could post a "Wanted" type notice in the Community Area and/or make inquiries on our behalf to locate Bill it would be appreciated. It is to his advantage that he contacts us urgently.

**Paul D Lindsay
NZ Guardian Trust
DDI 64-9-375.9623**

Meetings

CTC Nimbin Inc.

Special General Meeting
When: 21st July at 6pm
Where: Nimbin Community Centre
Members must be financial (\$5)

Nimbin Greens

Monthly meeting
When: Wed 13th at 6pm
Where: Djanbung Gardens
Focus: Bio-diesel

**Nimbin Aquarius
Landcare Group**

Annual General Meeting
When: 22nd July 2005 at 11am
Where: Nimbin Community Gardens
All welcome.

Snippets

WWOOFing hosts

Please register at the Neighbourhood Centre if looking for WWOOFers.

Bush Theatre

Support is urgently needed, as the lease expires mid-July, and its future is uncertain.

For sale:

1966 HR Holden reg to Aug 05, needs some mech work, \$800. Phone 6689-1763

Crimestoppers for Thoughtcrime

Nimbin businesswoman, artist and local identity Seta Evanian has been questioned by police after a tip off to Crimestoppers from an anonymous source which had claimed she was planning to "kill" Prime Minister John Howard.

Two local police officers visited Ms Evanian's studio apartment at 8.30 am on 4th June. They informed the stunned suspect she had been overheard saying she was going to kill John Howard.

Ms Evanian, an Iraqi-born Armenian, says she



has no recollection of ever having said anything like that. She also said she felt distressed by the experience and wonders whether her

ethnicity has made her a target for such an accusation. Ms Evanian said that police took down her personal details but she had no knowledge of what they would do with that information.

Sergeant Gary Atkins, who was one of the officers who visited Ms Evanian, said he could not comment on the matter, other than confirm that they had received a request from Crimestoppers to investigate the matter, and having done so their investigations were complete.

Mulgum House neglect

Anyone who has been to visit a resident at Mulgum House lately could not help but notice the state of neglect. Evidence abounds of a lack of cleaning and maintenance around the building and grounds, and residents say it has been this way for months.

When NGT visited, spiders webs adorned the view of overgrown garden beds from the windows along the main corridor, and common outdoor paved areas were festooned with well-established weeds. Of greater concern to health was the lack of cleaning of the common bathroom, which is used by visiting carers and community nurses.

Residents say they are not permitted to engage people to do work for them, even on a voluntary basis, because of Workcover and insurance issues.

Housing managers Anglicare, whose bid last year to evict tenants failed, have a policy of not talking to the media about particular facilities. However, they must surely be aware that neglect of the aged is an offence under anti-discrimination legislation.

The Mulgum House residents association is anxious to preserve the facility as an asset for Nimbin into the future.



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