

# Nimbin Skate Park



From Lizette Twisleton

It looks as if nothing much has been happening down at the Sk8 park for weeks now, but there has been a lot of behind the scenes activity. As all will be aware we have needed to look at the noise levels coming from the park and explore how best to make the dB readings fall within acceptable levels. This is not only for council approval but also as consideration to residents nearby.

We have engaged Sound Engineers who have carried out extensive background noise testing and recorded levels of skaters using the park. A report on this has been delivered to the Peace Park committee and concerned residents. The committee will look to follow the recommendations laid out in the report.

The first stage will be to enclose the ends and sides of the ramps with a sound-proofing material. This had always been part of the intended plan. We are also beginning to seek funding for a sound barrier wall as second stage sound-works. We would like to thank Gerhard, the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses for their generous donations. Gerhard continues to help raise funds and promote the park as a worthy youth project. Obie Hopkins and the Doof crew also made a considerable donation following the Mardi Grass, thanks guys for your ongoing support. The Premiers Dept also continues to assist and recently contributed funds to help pay for the sound report.

In the meantime the crew is completing the welds to the last sections of the ramp and will erect the sun awnings at each end of the ramps in the coming weeks.

The park will continue to be closed until all works have been completed. As we will need to apply for a DA for the wall, it could be some time before the park is completed

and open for use. We ask that the community, especially all those skaters out there keen to get on their boards, to be patient while this process takes place. It will happen!

## National Award

On a positive note, the project had been short-listed for a National Work for the Dole Achievement Award. Tursa Employment & Training had nominated the project and we were very pleased to become finalist. We had won the category; Caring for Community, as a project that aimed to provide local youth with a sporting & recreational facility while raising the profile of Nimbin. Paddy, our legendary site supervisor, Patrick from Tursa and Lizette travelled to Canberra along with other Tursa management to attend the Awards night.

Even though we didn't win the overall project award, it was a great opportunity for Nimbin to gain some fame and receive positive press. 367 nominations had been received by Dept of Employment Workplace Relations, so it was a pretty outstanding achievement to get to the finals.

Ongoing appreciation goes to all the hard working crew with the solid and steadfast leadership from Paddy. This has been a long project with many hick-ups and problems to be solved along the way. Good onya guys!

## Co-ordinator wanted- Nimbin Community Centre

Must have demonstrated skills & experience in office administration, financial management, computer skills and Community Development work. Excellent inter-personal skills and proven ability to work without supervision and show initiative required.

Position is part-time, 21 hrs pw. It is essential to obtain an information package to apply. Contact NCDCA Ph 6689-0000.

Applications close 4pm 18th July 05. Fax 6689-0237 NCDCA, 81 Cullen St, Nimbin 2480. Email [ncda@nimnet.asn.au](mailto:ncda@nimnet.asn.au)

# Media savvy youth

Youth Club News  
from Kylie Costello

Nimbin Youth Club has been successful in applying for a community grant. The Northern Rivers Community Foundation awarded the Youth Club \$6,000 to run media workshops and build a Youth Voice group. The idea is for young people to have their voices heard in the wider community. We have so many wonderful media forums in Nimbin, feeding people's interest in local global issues. Having the views of the young people included will enrich these discussions.

The Youth Club is interested in meeting local media magnates who could share their skills with young people, especially people knowledgeable about short film, photography, radio and written text. Young people interested in joining Nimbin's Youth Voice group should come and get involved. We will meet the first Wednesday after the school holidays, the 20th July from 4.00pm. For more information contact NYC on, 6689-1223.

## New Basketball Session

The Youth Club with NSW Sport and Rec. has scraped the barrel of the National Illicit Drugs Strategy funding



Ziggy - "I knew they would be clapping us"

to run basketball sessions at Nimbin Central School. Basketball is very popular in Nimbin and to be able to play here at home is great. Sessions involves skill development and mini matches. They are on every second Friday night at the school's MPU, from 6pm till 8pm.

The next sessions will be on the 1st July and 22nd July, so come and join in. All young people between the ages of 15 and 20 (ish) are welcome. Hopefully if the group grows we will be able to start our own local comp.

## Hip Hop Hub

Nimbin's young people have been busy meeting and planning hip hop gigs.

The first Hip Hop Hub party will be launched in the school holidays, on Thursday 14th of July, and will be a combination of workshop, performance and party. The night will start with a workshop lead by a local hip hop talent.

This month Liam will coach break dancing, starting at 5pm and going to 6:30pm.

The workshop will be fol-

lowed by open mic and dj's from 7pm till 11pm. This event is an all ages gig and a drug and alcohol free event. Jeddah, a committee member said, "Its great to be having a party at home, showcasing local talent and developing our hip hop skills."

If you want to enroll in the workshop, contact Kylie at the Youth Club to put down your name as numbers are limited. Come along and get down. For more information call the Youth Club on 6689-1223.



Lit up. Kids from Tunttable Primary getting their act together.



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