

Mulgum Victory



To all the wonderful well-wishers and sympathisers who have shown their support of the residents of Mulgum House, we have some good news to report. It has come at the end of twelve months of harassment, neglect and abuse and means we can now set about the serious business of asserting our rights without fear of retribution and humiliation.

On Friday July 8th (the last meeting of the Tribunal which was hearing our application to have the eviction notices cancelled), the Management asked to withdraw. An agreement was reached. The eviction order would be cancelled and we would withdraw the application.

The Tribunal issued its consent orders to this effect, - adding two more: (1) That the Management will write a letter to each resident, withdrawing the Notice to Quit and apologising for the inconvenience, and (2) That the Residents' Association and the management will enter into negotiations about the future provision of services.

So that's how it stands at the moment. The Tribunal has spoken. Now we must wait to see if the Management has listened.

S. Atkinson (Public Officer)
 for Mulgum House Residents

Good doctor

I am writing on behalf of the staff of Nimbin Medical Centre to clarify some misleading statements in the article "The Hospital with no Doctors" in *The Nimbin Good Times* July 2005.

I myself worked the afternoon of Thursday 16th

June and my co-worker Dr Oscar Serrallach returned to work at the hospital on Sunday night and the medical centre on Monday 20th June.

We also wanted to highlight that this is the only weekend when there was no doctor at the hospital, as we were both attending a GP function representing Nimbin, and although Dr Dan Oxlee has gone for a time, we have another Dr Dan (van Dyke) already started at the hospital and is soon to join us at the medical centre.

We share in Amanda's and the community's distress in the difficulty in immediately accessing a doctor, and if your child is unwell this can be heightened, but rest assured that if it was an acute health emergency it would have been attended to by our nursing staff, who are trained to give medications in life threatening situations.

The fact that she wanted a script filled highlights the need for some awareness and forethought on the part of our clients in this time of shortage, so think ahead if you can, as our waiting time is currently 3 weeks. We are all trying very hard to keep up acceptable access and are thinking of developing day-only access schemes to help.

I also think we should be appreciative of the service we have available. Rural centres our size often don't have doctors, let alone a hospital service and there needs to be some recognition of this.

We as a community could also be proud of the complementary and functional medicine practice we are fast becoming, and not feel like our efforts are being ignored.

This reflects the creativity and abundance of this area and the people it attracts. It is time to remind ourselves of our role in Nimbin as pioneers in the grander scheme of things and be patient with ourselves and each other.

Namaste.

Dr Jacqueline Boustany
 Nimbin Medical Centre

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Woolies vs. Maleny

I feel compelled to pass this on to all of you: it's about the lifeblood of my town, and the rape of my community.

And I'm part of no lunatic fringe here, but a wide cross-section of Maleny: farmers who will no longer be able to sell their milk in their own town to schoolkids, our elders, small business people who'll have to close up shop, or environmental protectors, teachers, tradesmen, mothers, bank tellers, everyday folk...

Everyday folk are aghast at the bloody mindedness and deceit of Woolworths, in cosy collusion with Government (refer www.aec.gov.au donations) and media in their pay, as they drive concrete pylons into the platypus burrows - in the breeding season no less! - to "plant" a large supermarket right next to the Obi Obi Creek at the very entrance to our town.

Yep, that's right, platypus - a national treasure supposedly protected, an icon on our 20c coin, those unique, reclusive creatures that took me 30 years to glimpse - and, wonder of wonders, I can clearly see them from the Obi Obi bridge in my hometown... now to have their burrows pile-driven and their young butchered.

This is wanton obscenity, pure and simple, and I am outraged.

Please support us. At least view the facts & 3-year history at www.malenyvoice.com, or for an in-depth & balanced media perspective, check out Maleny's local weekly newspaper at www.rangenews.com.au.

And this is not just about a country town, small enough still to be without street lights, nestled in the beautiful hinterland of the Sunshine

Thanks to all contributors and sponsors.

Next deadline: Friday 26th August.
 email: goodtimes@nimbinaustralia.com or put in our pigeonhole in the community centre.

Usual disclaimers apply.

Coast, far from the corridors of power. This concerns you and me wherever we live, and the very fabric - fragile & torn as it is - of our greater community, of our one humanity.

Please help us. You can follow the Woolworths Boycott details below, or talk to your neighbour, or send an email. Connect! Guardians stand up! The line is drawn right here and now in the sand, above the platypus burrows on the beloved banks of our Obi Obi Creek.

In unity,

Max Witsenhuysen

Plaudits

Congratulations on your last edition. It's fun to have a local paper with good articles in Nimbin. Of particular interest to me were Fia Poto's and Jesse Wone's contributions.

Thanks and well done!!!

Martin Janzen

Distribution manager

A Neighbourhood Community centre has now been established in Kyogle for the last six months and is increasing its activities daily. Being situated above the IGA Supermarket, we are right in the heart of the CBD.

Recently we have become a distribution point for locals to receive newspapers and periodicals such as "Nova". Could we suggest you arrange a carrier to drop off approx 50 copies per month of your excellent local newspaper to our address and we will distribute them to our members.

For more information, please contact the Kyogle Neighbourhood Centre on 6632 2333 during work hours.

Kahl Read

Mending

In your June edition you incorrectly publicised the "Weave and Mend Festival" as planned for 24, 25, 26 Sept, when in fact it is 23, 24, 25 Sept, as you acknowledged further on in your article.

We acknowledge the good work that you are doing by focusing on real events, but would add that getting dates right for an event is a fundamentally important part of editing.

Yours in peace and sincerity,

Granny Breath Weaver,
 Co-ordinator. Weave & Mend Festival

We're sorry! See story p.13
 - ed

Feathers to fly

August 6, 2005 is the 60th Anniversary of Hiroshima. Whatever your views may be on the wisdom of Harry Truman's decision to drop the bomb, I am sure that you share my hope that the atomic bomb that was dropped upon Nagasaki a few days later will continue to be the last atomic or thermonuclear weapon used upon any human being.

There will be an international gathering in Hiroshima on August 6 to mark the anniversary, as well as a variety of observances throughout the world. Greenpeace is arranging to have messages from people all over the world printed on feather shape cards that will be flown in to Hiroshima and dropped from dove-shaped balloons 24 hours before the anniversary of the dropping of the bomb itself.

You can write your own message at: <http://www.greenpeace.or.jp/cyberaction/hiroshima60/en?nro=gpi>

While such small tokens of remembrance may seem insignificant, it is hoped that a large international show of opposition to atomic and nuclear weapons will nevertheless be a force for good. Please take a few minutes to participate.

Bennet D. Zurofsky

Notices

Birthday

Goody's 55th birthday dinner and music. Gallery Cafe' Blue Knob Hall. Wed 10th August. Free glass of wine with your meal.

R.I.P 'Suey'

'Suey', a true little Nimbin legend. A Staffordshire-Chihuahua cross, Suey passed on before her 13th birthday.



Greatly missed by the Bayles family and many others.

Free!



Large amount of plastic coated heavy duty fencing wire (from old basketball court) available for free to anyone prepared to take it away. Currently located in Peace Park. Call Community Centre office for more info 6689-0000.

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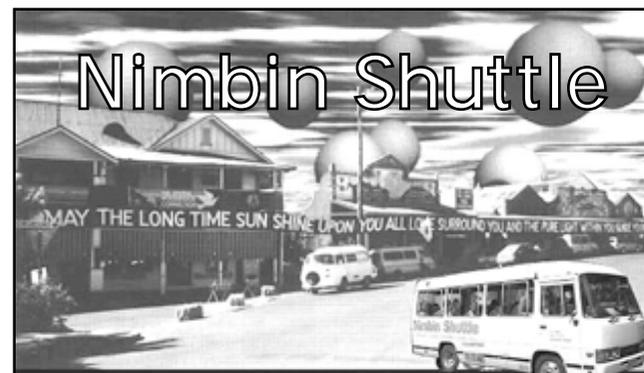
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