

Nimbin Medical Centre healthy

The Nimbin Medical Centre has procured the services of a new Doctor to assist Dr Oscar Serrallach (pictured) and Dr Jacqueline Boustany in the running of this important service for Nimbin.



Doctor Dan 2 is a graduate from Sydney Uni, but has done most of his post graduate work around the Northern Rivers, and has a special interest in magnetic

therapies. Doctor Oscar added, "Waiting times for a consultation will be reduced in the near future, so please hang in there, and the situation should be a lot better by October."

The Nimbin Medical Centre is a collaborative venture between the Northern Rivers Division of General Practice, the Northern Rivers Area Health Service and Lismore City Council. Located at 35 Cullen Street, in the old hospital building, the phone number is 6689-1774.

Happy market days

by Caroline Cowley

Greetings from the Nimbin Market! The weather has been very kind to us in recent months with market days dawning sunny and bright. In fact, during winter the market has provided our bleary-eyed volunteers with the wonderful opportunity to witness first-hand the icy thrill of 5.30am purple dawn – a beautiful sight (provided you have gloves AND a beanie AND a scarf AND a thick warm coat AND two jumpers! (Don't worry, we generally thaw out by about 9.00am.)



providing the chance for a more diverse musical line-up. Thanks to Bo Kaan for attracting quality performances to the market in recent months from Martin Preedy, Daddy Cool, Laif and Friends, Intergalactic Blues Mafia, Mona Lizard, Sisters in Lore and others. Keep up the good work. By the way, in response to numerous requests – we've now bought a large carpet for people who like to dance at the front of the stage.

Perhaps the happiest observation we have made in recent months is that visitors to the market seem to be settling in for a few hours, happy in the knowledge that they can be deliciously fed, their kids will be safe and in good company, they can pick up some groceries for the coming week, alongside a bargain or two, and they can enjoy some quality home grown entertainment.

And this is exactly what we had hoped to achieve - a happy, safe gathering place

for our community. Of course, none of this would be possible without the hard work of our willing volunteers - thanks Paul, Kurt, Judy, Maire, Leane, Jane and Rom, and occasionally others too. A big thank you to you, for your vision and on-going commitment, on behalf of us all in Nimbin.

For anyone interested in getting involved in the market, our biggest project for the near future is the reconstruction of the music stage, to which the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce has donated \$800 - thank-you! We are looking for skilled handy-persons who have some time to give to a working bee weekend in September. We would also be interested in hearing from people who have good-second hand steel building materials to donate to the project.

For any inquiries relating to the market, please call the NCDA office on 6689-0000. And please, leave your furry friends at home, thank-you!

Visitor Information Centre re-opens, officially



CTC at AGM

By David Julian and Alex Charles

The Nimbin Visitor Centre (VIC) has been officially accredited as a Level 3 Visitor Information Centre as of 19th July 2005.

After reopening in June, under the management of the Nimbin CTC, staff and volunteers have worked hard to prepare the centre. They are deservedly proud of their efforts, and are looking forward to providing visitor information and advice 7 days a week from the Cullen Street location.

The VIC is stocking a range of local produce including Nimbin Candles, local flora & fauna books, CDs, maps and other local items, with the intention of increasing this range in the near future.

Brochures are available with information on local accommodation, National Parks, attractions, tours, bus timetables, just to name a few.

Local events, courses and other relevant tourist & social info will be posted and regularly updated at the VIC.

Plans are underway for the "Information" or "I" signage to be placed at the Nimbin VC to ensure visibility and increased usage by locals and visitors. We hope to have the signage in place soon.

LCC Assistance

Lismore City Council (LCC) have been very supportive of the Nimbin CTC and their intentions to re-open the VIC at Nimbin.

The LCC have provided assistance from the application stage, through to providing staffing at the Nimbin VC one full day per week. Andrew Walker, from the Lismore VC, will be staffing the Nimbin centre on Fridays during the initial establishment.

Andrew's experience will be utilized to ensure the provision of professional visitor information, to build stronger bonds between tourism providers, local businesses and the Nimbin VC and to assist in the establishment a viable retail operation.

AGM report

The Nimbin Community Technology Centre has set for itself a management operation that adheres to the highest ethical standards. The CTC has elected a new Management Committee at its Special General Meeting in July, which turned into an Annual General Meeting by consensus.

As sometimes happens within fledgling

organisations, there was a level of confusion on procedure as to how the meeting should run, with the AGM rule book being referred to several times. This shouldn't be taken as a disparaging comment, as Nimbin tends to muddle its way through these problems in good humour.

Seventeen people attended the AGM, with nine being elected, or not challenged in their nomination, onto the Management Committee. The new president of the CTC is David Hallett, who is also the Nimbin Economic Development Officer.

According to David Julian, manager of the CTC, "The main challenge for the CTC, now that its federally sourced funding is coming to an end, is to increase the viability of its newly developed enterprise, the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre, to the point where it not only maintains itself, but supports the original educational facility across the road."

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