

Dirt Roads

Great to read the article on preserving the dirt roads (NGT September). We have been in a year-long battle with council over their continued sealing works of Tuntable Creek Road, in particular the needless removal of the large native trees that are along this winding gorge road. Council insists they must be removed in case a motorist were to hit them and sue Council.

With the help of the Environmental Defenders Office we found out so long as council can show it has an active program of monitoring and removal of dangerous trees, as we recently saw with the old Grey gums in the corner of High Street, council is protected from litigation. This must be the reason for the thousands of other trees and power poles that line the roads of Lismore and environs and are happily left in place.

The real reason that they want the trees gone is to make it easier to do their sealing job; it is not that they can't do it properly with the trees there it is just that it takes a bit more care. In earlier sealing work on the same road they have successfully left trees and sealed right past them but the last bit that they did they changed their work practices and decimated the vegetation leaving bare dirt exposed to erosion and weed infestation.

The result was a new sort of road that has no shoulders any more just steep drop offs that offer no refuge for the pedestrians or bike and horse riders that frequently use it, and have rights to in

A Thought

From Ally

Why have leaders,
When history has so few
Whose spirits uplifted
Instead of slew?

If all the people
Rose together
Instead of behind a leader
They wouldn't create martyrs
Nor dictators
Or their followers.

As a wise philosopher once said
Of all the greatest leaders,
When the task is done
The people will all remark,
"We have done it all ourselves."

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accordance to the Roads Act, in fact if there happens to be a car coming from each way you must now make a jump for safety.

We are determined not to let this happen to the remaining 2.4 kms of road that is left to be sealed. The interests of future residents and visitors in the Tuntable Creek district are not being considered by Council, so keep an ear out for news of action and come join in.

Simon L'Amont
Friends of Tuntable Creek Road

ALP Branch Meetings

The Nimbin branch of the Australian Labor Party has been active in Nimbin since 1999. The group meets monthly at the Nimbin Bowling Club on the first Monday of the month at 5.30pm.

We welcome at these meetings prospective members and anyone interested in finding out about our particular

contribution to democracy and the struggle against the regressive forces of the Coalition government.

Councillor Jenny Dowell also regularly joins us for updates on Council issues.

Joining the ALP is one way to re-invigorate the political environment in which we live. For more info phone Peter Godden, Secretary Nimbin ALP, on 6689-0562.

Peter Godden

New Washers

The proprietors of Nimbin Wash House would like to thank our customers for their past patronage and their patience with our old washers.

We would like to inform you that we now have four new front load washers with a larger capacity but at the same price - \$5 per wash. We hope this will make your wash day stress free.

The new machines will accept \$2, \$1 and 20c coins, lessening the need to chase change.

Have a happy Wash Day,
Bob and Mary Emmett

Emu's Cross



Cath, Michael and Elspeth made a small shrine for Emu, just on the Nimbin side of the big new Mebbin Springs development's front entrance, past Mt Burrell store on the Kyogle Road.

Photo of the bamboo cross and its setting is enclosed. If anyone has a photo of Emu, possibly taken during Mardi Grass 05, could they forward it to the GoodTimes?

Love and Peace,
Emu's friends

Notices

For Rent

Secure Garage/ Studio, 5300x3000 with roller door, opens onto Nimbin Community Centre Carpark \$112.74pcm + power. Phone 6689 0000.

Casual Position

Licensed Security Person required for occasional community organised events in Nimbin. For further information contact 6689-0000.

Position Filled - Casual Handyman

Nimbin Community Centre thanks all applicants for their time.

Annual General Meetings

Nimbin Chamber of Commerce, re-scheduled AGM 7pm, Tuesday 18th October at Nimbin Bowling Club

Nimbin Tennis Club AGM 5pm, Wednesday 19th October, at Tennis Club House

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre (NNIC) AGM 5.30pm, Wednesday 26th October at NNIC. New members for the management committee wanted.

Nimbin Community Development Association Inc. AGM 7pm, Thursday 10th November 2005. Venue to be confirmed. New members welcome

Correction

In the September edition of NGT, a page 5 story titled 'Museum complex sold?' suggested that Tony Spanos was backing the purchase of the museum buildings. The purchaser is in fact Jorgen Kolni, who is an employee of Spanos' Greenshield Production Company.

Tony Spanos wants it clearly known that he has nothing to do with the purchase of the museum, nor does he want to be associated with it.

Looking for love



Like so many lost souls, Jeffrey wandered into Nimbin sick, skinny and homeless. Jeffrey, named after his remarkable resemblance to Jeff Fenech, is a believed to be part basset, possibly part boxer and probably a few other breeds too.

Having been lovingly restored to good health due to the efforts of the Cullen Street mechanics and the neighbouring fruit shop, the time has come for Jeffrey to find himself a family to love him.

Jeffrey is good-natured, cuddly, very cute and responds well to children.

His age is unknown, but judging from his excellent dental health he is probably under five years old. He is available for adoption to any genuine applicant who has the means to provide a good home. Call in to the NRMA workshop to meet the adorable Jeffrey.

Mulgum House waiting list

By Len Martin

Most readers will be aware that following a hearing initiated by Mulgum resident Sonya Atkinson, a Tribunal found that Mulgum House was classified as a retirement village and that residents cannot be evicted without a tribunal hearing. Currently there are five residents and five vacant rooms.

However Mulgum House manager, Anglicare, has refused to take any new tenants into Mulgum House, even on fixed term leases, and despite repeated requests from local aged care workers.

As a result Len Harper, a long-time resident of Mulgum House, has organised the following petition.

Two hundred and seventy seven Nimbin residents signed the petition. The petition has not yet been sent off because of some disturbing news that surfaced as the petition was completed.

It is understood, from a reliable source in The Department of Community Housing that, because of the Tribunal finding, no further tenants will be admitted, the department will subsidize the current tenants as long as necessary, following which Mulgum House will be sold!

It is not clear if the Tribunal finding compromises the Nimbin Community's submission to State & Federal Departments of Health that

Mulgum be taken over by NSW Health as a Low Aged Care facility.

In the meantime we shall forward Len Harper's petition to our new state Minister of Housing with appropriate comment and background briefing.

Fill Mulgum House Petition

Mulgum house is half empty with older people needing & wanting to live there. Why? Some years ago the people of Nimbin persuaded the NSW Housing Commission to build a complex (Mulgum House) to house elderly citizens. Negotiations are in process regarding the future of Mulgum House, as Anglicare, the present property manager, is wanting to withdraw.

However, since these negotiations involve State and Federal Government departments, it is expected to take considerable time.

In the meantime, Mulgum House is half empty, whilst there are eligible people wanting accommodation there. We, the undersigned, petition the NSW Department of Housing and the Office of Community Housing to urgently provide adequate financial support to the current housing provider Anglicare to enable the accommodation of the people on the waiting list in Mulgum House.

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