

In the eye of the beholder

Local photographer "Rosie" aka Rafaela Rosella (pictured), has had her talents acknowledged by winning one of Father Riley's Youth Off The Streets' scholarships. The scholarships help students work towards their dreams by providing financial support to stay in school.



Photography Competition in April this year; her work is also featured in this year's Nimbin Community Calendar (February), and at this year's Nimbin Show she took out First Place for her digital print.

The \$5,000 scholarship was awarded to Rosie by TV personality Mike Munro in a presentation ceremony at The Star City Casino in Sydney. The money will be used to purchase photography materials and meet the costs of Rosie's on-going education.

The year eleven Richmond River student was supported in her application for the scholarship by her art teacher and Nimbin Youth Worker Kylie Costello.

Ms Costello said, "This is a remarkable achievement for Rosie. There are only 10 scholarships and the competition for them is fierce."

This isn't Rosie's first taste of success. The budding young photographer won the Nimbin Youth Club

Hip-hop hub



by Tara Bayles

On Friday 2nd September the Nimbin Youth Club and Nimbin Community Development Association organised a party for the youth called Hip-Hop Hub.

I went to the party, which was held at the Nimbin Bush Theatre, and I personally think that it wasn't the best. I was actually disappointed

that my friends were drinking alcohol. When Kylie the youth worker found out kids were drunk, she called their parents and told them to come and pick their child up as they were under the influence of alcohol. When Kylie told people to leave they refused and started being really rude to her and because of that the party was shut down.

I asked Kylie what she thought about the party and she said "I was actually disappointed that young people brought and drank alcohol at the party, it meant that we had to shut the party early."

I also asked her if there was going to be another one and she said "Yeah, I think that the young people and the people supporting

it can learn from our past experiences and hopefully the next party will be safer, alcohol free and better attended by parents."

I also asked a friend what he thought about the party and he said, "I think it was FUN! But I didn't really like that people got drunk and were being stupid, and I was disappointed that the party was shut down."

There is going to be a meeting about the next Hip-Hop Hub party at the Nimbin Youth Club on the 10th October at 4:30pm. The next Hip-Hop Hub party is probably going to be in November. If you want to help organise the next party, please come to the meeting.

This month's Youth Voice Media Club article was written by Tara Bayles and she will be awarded \$30 for her contribution. Maybe you could write or encourage other young writers to submit an article or photo to the Youth Club, by 20th October for the November edition.

Let's get physical

from Sue Boardman

Cricket Gear

Do you have cricket equipment lying idly in your shed? What about putting it to good use in a game of Social Cricket. Anyone interested &/or with equipment please contact Sue. Also Jeff Joubert of the Lismore Workers cricket team wants to hear from you on 6622 2103 "if you know how to hit a ball with a bat".

Swim Season

Nimbin Pool opens soon. All you keen lap swimmers remember to come early in the morning when there is no one in the pool & the water is at its coolest. If you are not a swimmer have you considered walking laps instead. Great for people with arthritic conditions or injuries. See you there!

Hopscotch

I need an energetic group of volunteers to visit Nimbin Central School at lunchtime one day a week for 4 weeks in Term 4. We will be teaching our youngsters how to play Hopscotch.

Contact Sue Boardman on 6689-1731 or sueb@nrahs.nsw.gov.au

Pony Club

Nimbin Pony Club is six years old this year. Like many other groups in Nimbin it relies heavily on volunteers to run the club. There are 55 members with 25 riders regularly attending their monthly meetings. Guest instructors accredited with the Pony Club Association of NSW offer expert tuition.

On the weekend of October 29 & 30 the club is holding its annual Camp at Nimbin Showground. If you have an excess of healthy food available why not contact the club and make a donation in kind to help those volunteers make the camp a success. For more information contact Lisa Roberts on 66897302 or tplisar@hotmail.com

Bushwalking

Bushwalkers unite! If you are interested in forming a Nimbin Bushwalkers Club then come to a public meeting at 10am in the Dance Studio NCC on Saturday 15th October. If you can't make the meeting register your interest with Sue (see below).

Family Centre is open for you

A big hello to everyone, and a special one to the families with children under five.

The Family Centre is forever growing and changing. One constant though is that it welcomes ALL families with children from birth to five years of age. If you want a clean, safe place for you and your children to be, play, connect and learn, the Family Centre is the place for you.

I often hear from parents as they come in, "It's incredible, as soon as I come in, I feel so relaxed," or "This is the only place [child] plays happily and lets me be." A Mum who came back after a few weeks away said, "Being back [at the Family Centre] is like coming home."

This could be your experience too. Feel free to come and

check the Centre out. Beside the weekly Playgroups running throughout the year (yes, even during the school holidays), you can use the Centre as a drop-in place to change and feed baby, get info, see the Early Childhood nurse who comes once a week, have a chat and a cuppa.

The Family Centre is the house on the left of the car park on Sibley St by the Fire Brigade, and is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. You can also ring and talk or leave a short message with your name and contact details to Marie on 6689-0423.



Youth Club News

By Kylie Costello

Bye, Ash

Ash has been working at the youth Club for the last six months. Sadly his contract finished last week and we have to say goodbye. There have been so many people talking about what a wonderful job he did and how great he was with the young people. So I would like to thank Ash and wish him all the best. Hopefully he will stay involved and close to us all at Nimbin Youth Club.



Hard at work.

Working Bee

Talking of getting involved there are lots of things happening at NYC and we are looking for more supporters and volunteers. We are having a working bee on Saturday 8th October from 9am, followed by lunch in the Youth Club. It would be great to meet the parents of the young people who come to the youth club.

On Tuesday 11th October we will hold a volunteers and supporters meeting. Anyone wanting to get involved or learn more about the NYC is welcome.

Disco

Last but not least, we are holding an all ages Disco at Nimbin Town Hall on Saturday 15th October. It's a fundraiser for the Young Women's group, see you there.

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