

Bush Theatre changes hands

Ben and Michelle Wallace and their kids Jesikah, Rhys and Josh (pictured), have taken over the business of the Nimbin Bush Theatre and Cafe.

The family live locally, and because it will become a family run theatre Ben says, "We will maintain and improve on the family orientation of this Nimbin institution." The cafe hours will be extended and breakfast, lunch and dinner will be available from 8.30am to 9pm, 7 days a week. Children's matinee movies will operate from the Christmas holidays. The Wallace family want to present a broad range of movies, and incorporate film festivals into their program, and Ben says, "I particularly like Monty Python and other off-the-wall comedies. We also want to set the theatre aside at particular times of the year to celebrate events in the Celtic calendar. To this end we will welcome people who would be available to help us enjoy the seasons with music and ritual."

Ben and the family are definitely going to be busy. Along with the Bush Theatre they will also continue Phoenix Rainbow Consultants, their handyman, building and grounds maintenance business in conjunction



with Nimbin Lifestyle Real Estate and the Nimbin Community Centre.

With an expanded menu and the enthusiasm of this solid local family, the Nimbin Bush Theatre is in safe hands, and deserves our growing support in their endeavours to entertain us.

Last screening

Wednesday 28th September was the last night for the staff who have been working consistently to keep the Bush Theatre open, and running as a going concern.

At intermission during the screening of *The Oyster Farmers* projectionist Paul McDornan made an announcement, to thank

patrons on behalf of all the people who have worked there over the past two years: Tasha, Setta, Lil, Amanda and Philip, the manager.

Paul said, "For me this has been great experience, becoming the only projectionist in Nimbin," Peter said that he would be able to concentrate on completing his tertiary qualifications in Nursing, as well as running the farm. "I only took on the management role to help out during my uni holidays," he said. "That was 18 months ago."

The old staff wished the new owners every success with their venture.

Farewell from Wilco

Being banished from Australia for 14 months now, I am not even allowed to enter the country to say goodbye and hello.

So through the Nimbin Good Times I would like to thank the staff of the Nimbin Bush Theatre for their enormous effort and devotion during my absence, and to congratulate the new owner with the purchase of this wonderful business.

Good luck to all of you. wilcovanwelzen@gmail.com

Zimmermen at Rainbow Ridge

The Rainbow Ridge Steiner School at Blue Knob is currently having extensions built, with a unique team of builders from Europe.

Zimmermen are carpenters, mainly from Germany, who travel the world to improve their skills, and we get a fair few here in Nimbin. It's an old tradition going back almost 1,000 years, and arose out of the development of carpentry tools in middle Europe. Prior to this, stonemasons dominated the building industry. The Zimmermann techniques are those we use in modern building and house construction today.



Nils Steffen (pictured), who is presently assisting at the Rainbow Ridge School said, "Zimmermen have to travel for three years and one day, cannot stay more than

three months in any one place, and are not allowed within 50 kms of their home town.

"We have many codes of practice, and reliability is the hallmark of our tradition," he said.

Zimmermen are known by their almost gothic uniform of black corduroy flared, zippered and braced pants, black woollen, sometimes badge-covered jackets and black hats. They are always courteous and friendly, another part of their tradition.

So if you see Nils, or any other Zimmermen in Nimbin, say hello and invite them for a cup of tea.



Passing OUT

Nostalgic. This year's Year 12 at Nimbin Central School, after their farewell assembly with Principal Margie Hayes and their Year adviser Cath Marshall (centre). They are (clockwise from top right) Ruby Grabovsky, Laura Hawken, Sabina Waters, Emma Crawford, Jana Pawlus, Alecia van Hest and Shannon Turner. Missing from photo is Dale Matheson. We wish them well in their futures.

Retro-active

Nimbin's newest cafe has been given the thumbs up by locals. The Retro opened two weeks ago and its proprietors, Luke and Glenn, say business is going well.

The clientele is an equal split of locals and travellers. Luke and Glenn say they have had a great response since opening.

Their secret seems to be simple cafe fare, great coffee, yummy deserts, fast and friendly service. The outdoor seating allows patrons to really soak up the Nimbin streetscape.

The Retro offers an alternative to 'alternative'. Why not drop in for lunch to try them out?



50+ Courses offer something for everyone

Nimbin's 50+ Learning Centre's Term 4 Programme combines repeats of the highly successful courses with exciting new offerings.

The popularity of yoga, dance, computers, writing and drawing shows the sustained interests of the learners in these subjects, and the new courses have been developed with local popularity in mind.

Tarot and Astrology with Brian Alexander is bound to attract a class, and Conversational French with Andre Marcot will also be popular with those who want to understand more of the French language.

Tai Ji, the beautiful art of whole body self expression, is being taught by Daniel Keszler, and will be rushed by all those seeking to harmonise their energy flows.

Computer courses, run by Paris Naday, are for "advanced beginners," with a follow-

on class "Introduction to Websites" also on offer.

But get in quick. They'll fill fast. Especially because they're so affordable. Term fee is \$45, which allows you to attend two courses. Additional courses cost \$15. And if you're under 50 but don't mind learning with older people, you can get in too, if space permits.

Enrolment days are Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October, 10am to 3pm at the Nimbin Community Centre. The eight week courses start on Wednesday 19th October.

Look for the blue course programme in your letterbox, or phone 6689-1477 for more details.

The 50+ Learning Centre has been the major activity of the Nimbin Community School over the past two years. It is entirely self-funded.

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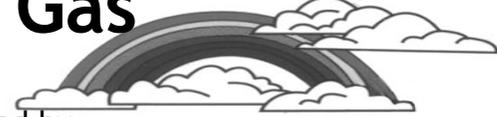
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