

# Engaging Concert of Dance

by Deborah Turner,  
Co-ordinator

Nimbin's 14th Annual Concert of Dance again was a success, with dancers braving the cold to showcase their fabulous dances.

We were honoured to have an opening, closing and blessing by Liz Johnson, Aboriginal elder. Thank you Liz. Thanks also to Marie Cameron for compering the shows.

Some acts featured were Can-Can, Kid's Tap, Khadi Wolf-Brooke and her brother Jarielus, Tap Bitches, Philippine, Zyra, Biskit, Sue Boardman, Tai-chi, Jumina and Tianna, Jade Whitworth and the Nomads. Thank you to all performers.



**Enchanting moments.** A still from Paul Tait's video of Biskit.

We were fortunate to cover costs for the two nights but didn't raise enough for the repairs to the floor in the dance studio.

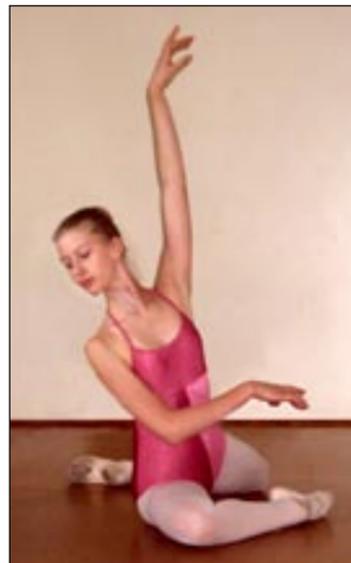
Some of our local supporters on hearing this, donated money and free time to get the DVD finished, so performers

can have their own record of performance. The money donated will go towards starting the kitty for the floor.

Thank you again, to everyone who supported this wonderful event and the great team who helped to make it run smoothly.



A highlight of the recent Concert of Dance was seen in the exquisite form and poise of ballerina Khadi Wolf-Brooke who began dancing at age seven. With eight years of training in classical and contemporary dance under her tutu, at 15 she is currently invited to attend Summer School at the Royal Ballet School in London in July. We'll be privileged to see Khadi dance before she leaves, in an afternoon variety concert on Sunday 25th June in the Nimbin School of Arts Hall, being held in her honour to help with her expenses for the trip.



**Graceful heart in flight.** Khadi Wolf-Brooke - opportunity knocks.

Khadi's hard work and dedication to her art also gained her an entry to the Australian Ballet School Interstate Junior program, and since 2001 she has been travelling regularly to Melbourne for these special classes. This year she will audition for full-time entry to the ABS.

As with any form of athletics, daily training is mandatory for Khadi in developing strength and stamina as well as precision and classical ballet technique. For this she attends a private school in Brisbane six days a week, returning on Saturday afternoons to dance yet again with her own young students in Nimbin, when she teaches tap/ballet classes.

Education? Yes, she fits that in too, through the Brisbane School of Distance Education. When does she ever stop? Well of course she doesn't, because she has chosen dancing as a way of life and with her determination and obvious gift of the perfect ballet physique, she will dance anywhere her heart wants to take her.

Proudly supported by a cast of well wishing friends, Khadi invites you for an afternoon of classical delights, ranging from her own repertoire of dances, to the magnificent tenor voice of Paul

McGeown, and the secret soprano voice of local song diva, Williamina Bowers.

Among the variety of acts are songstress Andrea Soler with her original folk/guitar style, trio Bodama's blend of voices with didgeridoo, percussion and acoustic guitar, the soothing tones of well known local personality, Tub will also lilt forth; and those illustrious dames the Tap Bitches will carry us away with something suitably cheeky.

Tickets from Perceptio, Cullen Street, \$10/\$8 concession, family \$22, also at the door, Nimbin Hall, Sunday June 25 at 1.30pm. Lunch available.

## 10 years of going off!

Our very own four-time ARIA nominated singer/songwriter Diana Anaid is returning to the lush surrounds of the Nimbin Bush Theatre, where she originally launched her career with the cult hit 'I Go Off'.

Recently gaining chart success in the highly competitive US, outlasting major acts like Alanis and Sheryl Crow, there is a once-off chance for you to see Diana solo and unplugged when she performs there in July.

Diana is recording a live CD/DVD of the night, so come along and be a part of history (including a documentary of the event). Great local supports will be featured, food and drink, and the event is proudly supported by local businesses.

Performing "Perfect Family," "Love Song for A Girl," "Don't Believe In Love," "Leaving The Country" and all the other favorites, and generally going off as only she can....this is one show you want to catch!



**Will the roof hold? Mega recording gig coming up for Diana Anaid.**

## Local weavers "strut their stuff"

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Sun 18th June - Sun 25th June  
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Some of the members of the Nimbin weaving community with some of their impressive work.

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## The Law Of One

by David McMinn

If you obtained a sample of data, you could reasonably expect the first digit of all the numbers in the sample to be 1/9th or 11.1% of the total (ie: numbers 1 to 9 to be in equal proportion). However this is not necessarily the case, as certain samples follow Benford's Law, in which the most common first digit in the numbers of non random samples is 1 (30%), then 2 (18%) right through to the least common 9 (4.6%).

It is found in samples of the heights of mountains, the length of rivers, stock market prices, census data, taxation returns, heat capacities of chemicals and so forth. Benford's Law also applies no matter what units are used. For example, the law applies to the drainage areas of rivers regardless whether the units are in hectares, acres or square miles. The units may change, but the outcome from the law does not.

In the 1930's, Frank Benford established the effect in the numerous samples he tested. However, he did not have an explanation of the findings, but the sheer weight of evidence he produced resulted in his name being linked with the law. During the 1990's, there was renewed interest in Benford's Law.

Benford Distribution is applicable to a wide range

of phenomena, but there are certain conditions that need to be met before Benford's Law can apply:

- The sample must be large enough to allow the predicted proportion of numbers to manifest.

- The numbers should be free of artificial limits and allowed to take any number they please.

- The sample must not comprise random numbers, which by definition will have the first digits in equal proportion.

Why the law actually worked remained a mystery with no plausible explanation being offered until the late 1990's. Hill (1998) of the Georgian Institute of Technology realised that ultimately everything that can be measured is the outcome of some distribution process. For example, the heights of bank managers follow the Gaussian curve, daily temperatures rise and fall in a wave like pattern, while the strength and frequency of earthquakes follow a logarithmic law. By collecting larger and larger random samples of such measurements, they will ever more closely follow Benford's Law, which may be viewed as the "distribution of distributions".

In regard to financial markets, Dr Mark Nigrini of the Southern Methodist University commented: "If we think of the Dow Jones stock average as 1,000, our first digit would be 1. To

get to a Dow Jones average with a first digit of 2, the average must increase to 2,000 and getting from 1,000 to 2,000 is a 100 per cent increase. Let's say that the Dow goes up at a rate of 20 per cent a year. That means that it would take 5 years to get from 1 to 2 as the first digit. But, suppose we start with a first digit of 5, it only requires a 20 per cent increase to get from 5000 to 6000 and that is achieved in one year. When the Dow reaches 9,000, it takes only an 11 per cent increase and just 7 months to reach the 10,000 mark, which starts with the number 1. At that point you start over with the first digit at 1 once again. Once again, you must double the number 10,000 to 20,000 before reaching 2 as the first digit. As you can see the number 1 predominates at every step of the progression, as it does in any logarithmic sequence". Such examples help explain the basis of Benford's Law.

Benford's Law can be applied to real life situations. An accountancy student submitted his brother-in-law's business accounts as part of his course work. The student noticed that most of the numbers began with the number 1 - 93% in fact, with none of the figures beginning with 2 through 7. Professor Nigrini quickly surmised that the brother-in-law was a tax fraudster who doctored his books. One US tourist company audited their internal accounts

### Student investor makes \$14,000 in 52 days – on paper

Stockmarket speculation is not an activity usually associated with Nimbin, but this year's National Schools Stockmarket Game has shown that Nimbin students can perform as well in this field as in the more traditional areas of the curriculum.

Tristan Glover, of Year 11 at Nimbin Central School, ended coming third in the Far North Coast and 14th in the state in the competition, which is conducted annually by the Australian Stock Exchange.

Contestants were given an imaginary \$50,000 to invest over 52 days, from 8th March to 17th May, a period which saw a great deal of volatility in the Australian share market. They had roughly around 100 companies to choose from.

Tristan said, "I concentrated on resource stocks. I invested in Zinifex Limited, Lihir Gold Limited, Oil Search Limited, CSL Limited and Downer EDI Limited (DOW). Half way through I sold my DOW shares and bought Oxiana Limited shares."

Lots of stock based in Asia crashed about 2 days from the end of the competition, including mineral and oil based companies, but Tristan still ended up with \$64,057.85, a profit of \$14,057.85, or \$270 per day. By comparison, the overall winner amassed \$71,287.30.

Tristan's maths teacher, Dr Peter Hansen, who organized the game for the school, said, "It was a good experience. It gave the students an idea of what is possible."



Tristan Glover. Turning the stockmarket game on its head.

and found that there was a spike at '65' in their analysis of healthcare payments. On further investigation, a supervisor was found to have made false claims for heart surgery issuing 13 fraudulent cheques to herself for between US\$ 6,500 and US\$ 6,599. The discovery was made despite the supervisor's best efforts to conceal the swindle.

Benford's Law is now being increasingly applied by businesses and central governments to detect tax

and account fraud. Mark Nigrini believed that "the problem for fraudsters is that they have no idea what the whole picture looks like until all the data is in". "Fraud usually involves just part of the data set, but the fraudsters don't know how that set will be analysed: by quarter say, or department, or by region. Ensuring the

fraud always complies with Benford's Law is going to be tough - and most fraudsters aren't rocket scientists".

Remember Benford's Law when you fill in your tax return over the next few months. Big Brother at the Australian Taxation Office is watching and may be using this law to assess if you are cheating.

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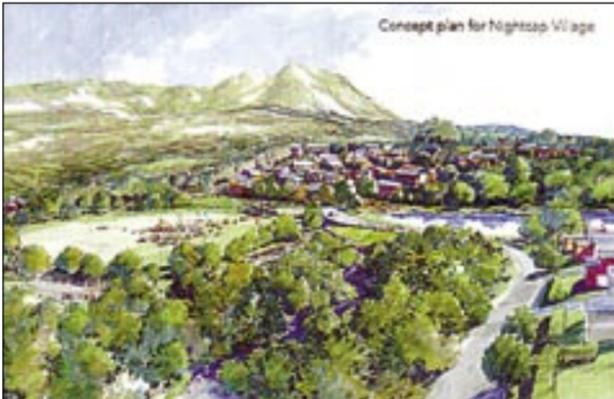
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**Damn, it just doesn't get more accurate than that!**

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# Nightcap Village proposal



A planning assessment process is being undertaken to construct a masterplanned rural village at Misty Mountain, between the towns of Uki and Kunghur. The 45 hectare site is bounded by the Nightcap and Border Ranges National Parks and the Tweed river and accessed from the Kyogle Road.

According to the developer's blurb, "The concept of Nightcap Village is to develop a self-contained, masterplanned village comprising between 500-600 dwelling and commercial units, with recreational and conference/teaching facilities. "The site design is intended to accommodate approximately 1000 residents with 20-50 other structures (shops, motel, conference centre, recreational activities) and seeks to offer a unique approach to rural living."

An Open Day was held on Sunday 28th May at Uki Hall to inform the local community of the

proposed nature and design of the development, to seek their input and identify any concerns prior to the lodgement of a DA with Tweed Shire Council. Members of the project team were in attendance, and told the meeting that \$20 million had been spent on the development to date.

Feedback forms were available for community members and visitors to the Open Day to fill out. Their comments and suggestions will be considered by the project team and included in the development application. Issues of concern to those attending included water and sewerage, roads and energy usage.

There are six stages involved in the development application process, and this community consultation is early stage 1, so there is a great deal of water to go under the bridge, and more opportunities for input, before the first sod is turned.

# The Archie Code

## Episode 1

And so, dear reader, after 53 years I finally embark upon my first overseas venture. I studiously avoid the term 'journey' as, after many years in Nimbin, I find it implies areas of tedium I prefer not to engage and I recommend avoiding people who are on one, particularly if it is 'personal'. I am accompanied by my beautiful wife Jo and a small, blonde, green-eyed, 15 month old bag of mischief otherwise known as my daughter Ella.

Our first obstacle is the security barrier at Brisbane airport, easily infiltrated by Jo and Ella. I also proceed after shedding my studded belt, shoes, wallet, bracelet, wedding ring, rocket launcher, loose change and anti-establishment attitude which can be easily detected by the machine in the corner with the claxon hooter and red flashing lights. Billy Connolly always sets it off apparently. Nevertheless, I invoke a little prayer of gratitude for our intrepid Prime Minister for instigating measures to protect us from the ire of those infidels who take exception to our noble role in liberating the Iraqi people from the ...er...Iraqi people.

We slip into the closely-spaced aircraft seats like an assassins blade between the ribs with, arguably, a similar degree of comfort. With my B grade horror movie sentiments, and instincts honed by episodes of 'Lost' and 'Survivor', I keenly assess my fellow passengers for potential alliances / threats / edibility in case of accident. The plane takes off without incident and we settle back to enjoy the award winning service of Name Withheld To Avoid Legal Implications Airlines for the 9 hour flight to Hong Kong. We soon discover that Thrift Class places you distinctly beneath 'Cockroach' in passenger hierarchy. By the time Business (read 'Profligate')



Class at the front of the plane has been fed, half the menu has been exhausted before they get to us. There are unreliable reports that at the rear of the plane the passengers are cannibalising each other. Whether this is because of desperation or preference to the airline food no-one wants to know. The renowned Asian reputation for inscrutability is enhanced by the cabin crew who studiously avoid eye contact in case you might need something (like the Heimlich Manoeuvre to dislodge the bread (?) roll). The concept of resignation is given further poignancy by the rote offering of in-flight 'shop' items to us Thrift Class tightasses who seem immune to the charms of NWTALI Airlines key rings, coasters, caps, T shirts and bottle openers. Several crew members are seen to hurl themselves screaming from emergency exits sans parachutes rather than face the futility of this exercise and the loss of face incurred. The light relief of 6 swarthy terrorists violently hijacking the plane is unfortunately thwarted by their surrender to a force immeasurably more potent than their bristling weaponry and rabid fanaticism – the rambunctiousness of our daughter Ella in the confined space of a jumbo jet would bring the Third Reich to its knees. The terrorists were definitely out of their league and I believe that all international flights now keep a caged toddler for this very purpose. The only deterrent more effective is a politicians speech but due to excessive civilian collateral damage this is used only as a last resort. Fortunately in

Nimbin a dose of Graeme Dunstan rhetoric renders both these measures unnecessary although many might prefer a terrorist outrage.

We eventually arrive at Hong Kong Airport which is big. It's very big. It's fucking huge. The Starship Enterprise was reportedly mislaid there and they still haven't found it! It might be in one of their broom closets but who would know?

The Archbold family alights at Gate 62 laden with sufficient accoutrement for a 90 day big game hunting safari in the Belgian Congo or an overseas holiday with a toddler (not so different really). We are to depart from Gate 1 four hours later. With my penchant for trivial detail I note the distance from Gate 62 to Gate 60 to be about 50 metres. "Only 1.5 km to Gate 1", I joke to the beautiful Jo who is towing what appears to be an outback road train behind Ella's stroller. Oh, that it were a joke!

We set up base camp about halfway to prepare for the final assault on Gate 1. It's a hostile environment for us Nimbin types. From the open flap of our tent ( when I say 'camp' I mean it) we can see through the smoke of our cooking fire that we are encircled by the rapacious maws of international haute couture – Givenchy, Chanel, Dior, Prada, Hermes, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Cartier, Gucci, Hugo Boss et al. By the side of our trail lie the wasted husks of wallets, handbags and credit cards with all sustenance sucked dry. Tarry here at your

peril! Bewildered throngs of unsuspecting travellers are lured by the siren song of top brand-name trinketry and glitterinyori into the lairs of these predators, only to later find themselves wandering wraith-like through bank statements that are testament to their financial evisceration. My years as a real estate agent whereby I was daily exposed to the self-interest and fiscal venality of human nature in the marketplace environment stand me in good stead. I am even able to summon some compassion for the slim, svelte, saturnine salesgirl in Salvatore Ferragamo, bereft of customers and looking lonely and a little forlorn. Like good Nimbin Folk do, we visit her to say 'Giddyay' and have a bit of good-natured chat. She brightens up immediately and receives us warmly until she realises we have no intention of buying anything and her interest in international relations wanes noticeably. In fact, totally.

As a former President of the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce, and therefore completely familiar with global fiduciary machinations, I note there were less shops selling bongos and other smoking paraphernalia (in fact, I saw none ) than little old parochial Nimbin. There's a business opportunity here for All Tribes or The Nimbin Hemp Embassy I reckon. With this 'memo to self' we retire for a small kip before the final 14 hour leg to London, which, as it transpires, passes without incident.

## Nimbin Bowling Club

### June Calendar

Sunday 6th June  
**Ladies Bowling Day**  
10am start. Men welcome.

Friday 9th June  
**Clothing Sale**  
10am start

Sunday 11th June  
**State of Origin Bowls Day**  
NSW vs QLD  
10am start.  
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Sunday 18th June  
**Ladies Bowling Day**  
10am start. Men welcome.

Sunday 25th June  
**F Troop social bowls**  
10am start. All welcome.

Sunday 2nd July  
**Ladies Bowling Day**  
10am start. Men welcome.

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# Worms, viruses and spam

**TECHNOFREAK – SPEAK!**  
by Rob Harle

Spam refers to nuisance unsolicited emails, not a variety of processed ham. Remember Spam? It is unfortunately becoming a fact of life that Internet users with an email address will have to contend with spam in one form or another. The more web presence you have the more spam you'll get. If for example you have a web site, automatic "bots" crawl the net and produce lists of email addresses, which sellers "buy" so they can try to flog you everything from Viagra to fake university degrees.

How to deal with this? Two ways I know of are: one is to use spam filter software, this may be on your own machine or your ISP's server. Essentially you block incoming emails that contain certain words, for example Viagra and its cunning derivations, Vi?gra, Vigra and so on.

Trouble is you have to spend your valuable time making filters and still looking at the quarantined list. I simply allow the spam to come in, then quickly highlight all obvious ones and hit the delete button. The not so obvious ones I check a little more carefully so as not to miss important messages. This can inadvertently occur with automated spam software, so care is required.

Some ISPs provide this service for free, others charge a small amount each month on top of your normal account.

Viruses are potentially far more dangerous than spam. Viruses are small software

programs (little portions of computer code) which are designed to infiltrate your other software. They produce all sorts of effects from a simple message to wiping out all the data and programs on your computer.

Viruses do not physically destroy your hardware, such as hard disk drives, processors or monitor. The really nasty ones write themselves into deep levels of your operating system. They then may start sending out your existing email messages or your stored personal details to everyone in your address book.

It is critical NOT to store important passwords and PIN numbers (such as banking ones) in your machine. Other nasties cause your system to crash, this means a complete reinstallation of all software and if you haven't diligently backed up your data, you'll lose the lot.

It is essential to have an up-to-date virus checking program, running at all times, to check incoming information. There are a number of excellent, free programs available for downloading from the net. So there is simply no excuse not to have protection against viruses. Back in the early nineties there was a marijuana virus, this would present itself as the word STONED on your computer screen, after a few seconds the letters would simply drop off the screen at the bottom. Out of it, dare I say?

Worms are a kind of virus, which as the term suggests, wiggles its way into your system and starts causing minor, though serious and very irritating problems, such

as programs not to load or work correctly.

As a companion to your virus checker you also need an up-to-date Firewall. A firewall, as the automobile analogy suggests, stops dangerous things getting from one place to another. Specifically fire from the engine bay into the passenger compartment. Or, hackers' prying eyes from downloading your personal data. Without a firewall sophisticated hackers, which stand to gain millions of dollars from unsuspecting people, can monitor each of your keystrokes. Before becoming too paranoid most monetary transactions on the net are done through an encryption process to make it as difficult as possible for these criminals. A padlock in the task bar at the bottom of your screen indicates you are sending data in this mode. However, if you have a firewall set-up correctly, you become invisible, as it were, on the net. Like virus software, excellent, free firewall programs are available for personal home use.

In addition to these two essential items of software a good dose of low-tech commonsense will help prevent any security breaches. For example, you may receive an email which looks official from the lottery office. After congratulating you on winning a prize it will ask for your bank account number and passwords. If you provide these details, even though you've never purchased a lottery ticket in your life, you probably deserve to lose the content of your bank account for being so stupid. It is very easy for hackers to make fake web sites look real, so, if in doubt, don't. Ring the institution to check details.

NO banking institution ever asks for your account password either via email or telephone. Not opening emails that look suspicious and are from a sender you don't know is half the battle in keeping your PC healthy.

# Safe hands with the Soward brigade



Nimbin brigade of the NSW Rural Fire Service held its Annual General Meeting on 1st June, and re-elected Kevin Soward for his 38th consecutive year as President. He has been a member of the brigade for 47 years.

Kevin runs a good meeting. The entire election of officers for the coming year were elected unopposed, with a few new office holders, and no elections were needed. Kevin's son Brad was again successfully nominated for his roles as brigade captain, fire investigation officer, permit officer and community education officer.

Brad's sister Janet was again elected as secretary, which keeps it an all-Soward front table at meetings (see picture).

Highly valued as they are, the Sowards

are not alone. The re-election of long-termers Charlie Cohen as senior deputy and treasurer, and Rocky Macintyre and Dave Christmas as deputy captains is a vote of support for the excellent work they have unstintingly performed over the years.

Kevin said in his annual report that the past year had been fortunately quiet, as far as incidents for the brigade were concerned, but with an eye on the long-term weather forecasts, the coming year could be a different story. Fortunately, the brigade is attracting active new members who are undergoing training to gain their competencies in the many tasks needed to ensure the safety of lives and property in the Nimbin valley.

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to ensure that these local businesses will be around for years to come. galah also gives businesses the chance to tell customers their own story of how they began and what it is that makes them unique.

Check out the website at [galah.com.au](http://galah.com.au), get in touch by emailing [info@galah.com.au](mailto:info@galah.com.au) or call 1300 136 337. Community issues, events, photos are all welcome. Look out for the galah representatives coming to your town soon.

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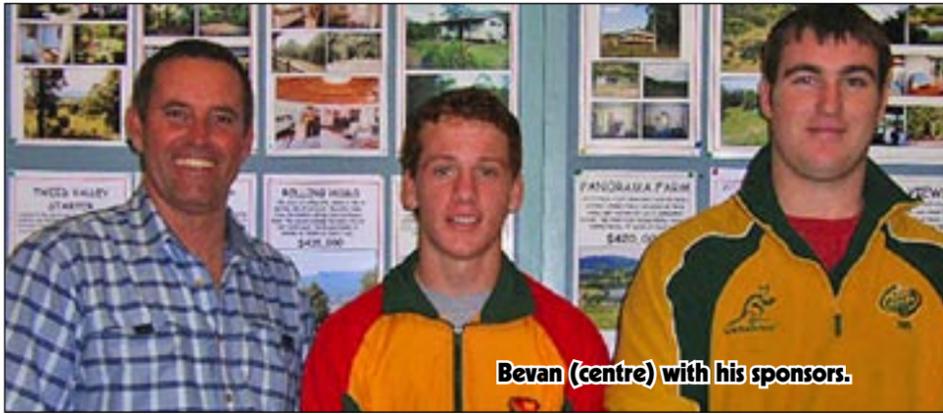
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# Local lad to rugby trials



Bevan (centre) with his sponsors.

Bevan Cuthbertson, the 15 year-old Nimbin lad who has distinguished himself in schoolboy rugby league, is now off to Sydney to try out for rugby union selection.

Bevan, who attends St John's Woodlawn, will compete in the NSW rugby trials for the Combined Catholic Colleges under-16

side, to be held in Eastwood, Sydney on 6th and 7th June.

His trip there has been assisted by sponsorship from the Nimbin Hotel and Nimbin Lifestyle Real Estate who, like all the good sports in the village, wish him well.

## Nimbin Bushwalkers Club

### Walks Program June 2006

All walks meet in Nimbin car park next to Information Center to arrange car pooling, or at start of walk. In the Northern Rivers, be prepared for leeches & ticks. Anoint feet with Rid before socking-up to deter leeches; for ticks - tweezers and a post-walk whole-body examination.

Membership fee, \$25 individual, \$40 family. Contact Peter Warne 228 Crofton Road Nimbin 2480. Visitors (non members), will be required to pay a fee of \$5 per walk, (deducted from the membership fee when they join Nimbin Bushwalkers Club Inc).

Please note the 2-day walk to Sphinx Rock has been postponed to later on this year. An alternative day walk appears in its place.

**Next Club Meeting:** Saturday 3rd June, at Nimbin Dance Studio, 10am. We will need to plan the next 3 months walks. A talk on what gear to take on activities is planned. Committee meeting will immediately follow.

#### June 10th, Saturday Blue Springs to Blue Knob.

Leader, Judy Hales 6689 1477. Four hours return, grade 5.

Exploratory, steep and exhausting, some climbing. Club members only. Meet 10am Nimbin Car Park, 10:15 at the end of Symonds Road. Bring food & water.

#### June 18th

#### One-day walk towards Kunghur Flying Fox

Leader Len Martin 6689-0254. Grade 4. Walking out for 2 hours then returning.

Start Nimbin 9am, start of walk - track junction just below the peak of Mt Nardi 9.20am. We will walk to Pholis Gap Lookout and follow the old road towards Kunghur Flying Fox. We expect the road

to be overgrown (National Parks have started leaving this walk off its brochures and signs). It may not be possible to make it all the way to the Flying Fox (the largest in the southern hemisphere) but we will make an effort to keep this track open. All will need to take secateurs, machetes etc for lantana bashing - and gloves!

#### June 27th. Tuesday.

#### Nightcap Track to Diringah Rocks

Leader: Ian Macdonald 6689-1945 12 km, 4 hour return; Grade 3.

Walk on National Park track, can be wet.

Meet at Nimbin carpark 10am or 11am at start; intersection of Peates Mountain Road and North Rocks Road (Minyon Falls area).

#### Day Walk Gradients

**Slack.** Social event with little walking.

**Easy 1. 2. 3.** Walking generally on bush tracks. Gradients are slight to moderate. Suitable for beginners (Easy 1) up to walkers of average fitness with a little bushwalking experience (Easy 3).

**Medium 4. 5. 6.** Walking on rough bush tracks. May be an absence of formed tracks. Gradients are slight to steep. May include easy to moderate rock scrambling with slight to moderate height exposure. Suitable for walkers of above average fitness with little (Medium 4) up to considerable (Medium 6) bushwalking experience.

**Hard 7. 8. 9.** Walking in rugged and remote terrain. Gradients are slight to very steep.

May include moderate to difficult rock scrambling, rock climbing and abseiling with moderate to high height exposure. Suitable for fit and experienced walkers only.

**Exploratory.** Conditions unknown. Suitable for experienced walkers only.

# Lets Get Physical

by Sue Boardman  
Physical Activities  
Project Co-ordinator

### Friday Night Basketball 6-8pm May 26- June 3

Friday night basketball is for anyone over 12 years of age. For those 16 years and under parental permission is required. Everyone must fill out a registration form. Cost is \$3 per session or pay in advance and save a dollar a session ie 6 sessions for \$12. Local identity James Koker is facilitating the nights at the Nimbin Central School MPU. So if you want to play come down just before 6pm on Friday to register. Remember those 16 years and under must have signed parental permission.

### Tennis

Tennis coaching is available for adults & kids at Nimbin Tennis Club. For more information ring Chris Herden on 0427 326 031 or 66891355.

### Concert of Dance

Congratulations to all the dancers who contributed to a fun event. It was great to see that all ages were inspired to perform. Special congratulations must go to Deb Turner for organising the event.

### Confessions of an Indian Cowboy

A probing, endearing and amusing exploration of the social and cultural contradictions inherent in being both an "Indian" and a "Cowboy". Created by Canadian Margo Kane, who is an interdisciplinary artist and a leading figure in native performing arts. Kane draws on her experience as a recognised storyteller, dancer, singer, animator, writer, teacher and brilliant physical comedian.

On at the Star Court Theatre Lismore on Friday 16th June at 7pm. Tickets \$20, \$18, \$12.



Tamaso Lonsdale building endurance and having fun at the same time playing table tennis at the Community Centre.

### SPORTS CLUBS - Strategic business planning

A strategic business plan outlines where your club or association wants to go and the necessary steps to get there. Understanding the main strategies of business planning will help you achieve the best possible outcome for your club. Read our seven essentials of a good strategic plan. [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/industry/ryc\\_plan.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/industry/ryc_plan.asp) More topics: [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/industry/index.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/industry/index.asp)

### Fitness Tip of the Month

Stretch what is too strong & strengthen what is too weak.

### HOLIDAY IDEAS - Winter kids' camps and family getaways

Our kids' camps and family getaways are now online so start planning for the July school holidays. Themed kids' camps are always popular and cover activities including snow tubing, snowboarding, art and craft, soccer and fishing. Kids' camps: [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/holidays/h\\_kidscamps.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/holidays/h_kidscamps.asp) Family getaways: [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/holidays/h\\_familycamps.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/holidays/h_familycamps.asp)

### Healthy kids website

Help kids stay fit and healthy by visiting the new healthy kids website. It's a one-stop-shop to accurate and reliable information on kids' health - and is aimed at parents, teachers, sport and recreation officers, child-care and health professionals. This site is a joint initiative of the State Government and the National Heart Foundation. [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

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# Medieval Day

How do you study ancient societies in Stage 4 History at school? For Nimbin Central School history teacher Moira Kenny, the answer was simple. Get medieval!

"I wanted the students to enjoy the experience, and gain an appreciation of life in the middle ages," Ms Kenny said.

Fortunately, she had a lot of local assistance for the event – Paddy and Wynn from Kyogle demonstrated tournaments and warfare weaponry and armour and their uses. Students played ancient games, such as three legged races and tug-o-war, where the girls

team defeated the boys three times out of three, before proceeding to the Bush Theatre for a medieval banquet.

Students dressed in costume and assumed characters they had researched, and dined on foods available in medieval times. Following that, the Bush Theatre screened a movie with a medieval theme.

"I would definitely do it again," said Ms Kenny. "It was great to have the facilities of the Bush Theatre in close proximity, to utilise its café, with its medieval atmosphere and cinema."



## Fishing Fraser Island

by Pixie

The Nimbin Heads Fishing Team was on Fraser Island for two weeks of serious fun, drinking and fishing. With Cookie, Jake, Laurie, Pix, Gerard, and Harry for two weeks and Wayne, Roudy, Chris and Mark to venturing up a week later to be involved in the 23rd Toyo Fishing Expo. Cookie had his boat "Sticky Beak" and Pix with his boat "Pops Tiger" and no shortage of deckies.

Day one on the island didn't go to plan with Pix blowing up the motor of his cruiser going over the Indian Head sand dunes while towing his boat.

After a couple of hours of mucking around and blocking the only track through the island, Cookie ended up towing Pix to the dead car yard and Gerard towing "Pops Tiger" to our camp site. Now it was time to put the bad shit behind us and go fishing.

The first week of weather was strong winds and rain with only beach fishing being an option, with dart, bream and whiting replacing the diet of bacon and eggs. With the second week approaching, the weatherman was predicting doom and gloom with the winds to become stronger and the seas to become bigger!

The first day of the fishing comp he got it right, with only the bigger boat going to sea. Day two, he predicted more doom and gloom, he had no idea. By the morning, the seas weren't perfect, about 2m swell and 15 knot winds and about 200 boats went to sea, but without "Pops Tiger" which had a radio problem. It was like how many Chinamen did we run over on the way up. The "Sticky Beak" had a battery problem but after borrowing Laurie's battery out of his car, Cookie, Jake and Laurie set out to sea for about six hours and came back with some nice reef fish. Tuesday morning, the weather man predicted that small boats could go to sea that day, for it would be the last chance for a week with the swell and winds

to pick up again. He had no idea.

With about 250 boats going to sea, Pix, Gerard, Harry and Roudy in "Pops Tiger" and Cookie Jake, Laurie and Wayne in "Sticky Beak" headed out to sea for a seven hour trip and came back in before the afternoon wind picked up. Both boats cleaned up catching Coral Trout, Coronation Trout, Venus Tusk Fish, Blue Tusk Fish, Red Throat Emperor, Blackall, Moses Perch and Pearl Perch. Some of these reef fish eat the reef crustaceans and may look like fish but taste like crab. What a delicacy!

After cleaning and filleting fish for about two hours, we all went to the comp site as we did every night, for prize giveaways and drinks, with the night's giveaway being a Toyota Yaris, valued at \$15,000 with Wayne being one off first prize.

Day four of the fishing comp, the weatherman still had no idea, with the seas and wind improving even more. The "Tiger" and the "Beak" along with about 270 boats headed out to sea for another good day's fishing. In the morning Roudy had a very slow day not catching a great deal, but excelling in the afternoon, when we moved to another small reef, where he was pulling in a fish with nearly every bait. Cookie landed a 5 kg Yellow Fin Tuna, Wayne landed a Black Kingfish about the



Pix with his 42kg red throat emperor.

same size and Pix a 4.2 kg Red Throat Emperor.

Being State of Origin night, we headed for the comp site to watch the game on the big screen with about 100 Blues supporters and about 1000 Maroons. A big night for loud Blues football supporters - being outnumbered means nothing if you win.

Day five of the fishing comp, the weatherman still having no idea at all, with the seas being even better, "Sticky Beak" went out wide about 26 kilometres to another reef with Cookie, Jake and Wayne bringing back a good catch of Tusk Fish, Moses Perch and Coronation Trout. "Pops Tiger" didn't go to sea that day due to two deckies' alcohol abuse and the Blues win the day before. Mark and Chris had their best catch of the week with some nice Tusk Fish and Mark landing a 10.5 Job Fish.

The last day of the comp, the weather was even better with both the "Tiger" and the "Beak" heading to sea for a final day of Queensland reef fishing, with the "Beak" going out wide and the "Tiger" heading to a reef about ten km's out to sea.

With the guy in the "Tiger" bringing in ten large fish and the "Beak" bringing in 23 quality reef fish.

By the end of two weeks, we had a shitload of quality reef fish fillets, the fishing was great, the time on Fraser Island was great and we're looking forward to doing it again next year,



Cookie with his 5kg yellow fin tuna.



Mark with his 10.5kg job fish.

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8:20	3:00	4:15	Coffee Camp	8:20	2:55
8:45	3:20	4:30	Nimbin Ave	8:35	3:10
9:30	3:30		Nimbin depart	9:00	3:30
9:40	3:40		Blue Knob	9:10	3:40
9:50	3:55		Twin Bridges	9:15	3:45
9:53	4:00		Mt Burrell	9:20	3:50
10:10	4:20		Uki	9:40	4:10
10:15	4:25		Mt Warning turn	9:45	4:15
10:30	4:40		Murwillumbah	10:00	4:25

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7:30	2:08		Uki	7:55	2:33
7:55	2:30		Mt Burrell	8:10	2:55
8:00	2:35		Twin Bridges	8:20	3:00
8:32	2:40		Blue Knob	8:30	3:05
8:45	2:50		Nimbin arrive	8:40	3:15
7:50	9:00	3:30	Nimbin depart	9:00	3:30
8:05	9:10	3:45	Coffee Camp	9:10	3:40
8:15	9:20	3:55	Goolmangar	9:20	3:50
8:50	9:35	4:10	Lismore Transit	9:35	4:00
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