

Congratulations

Congratulations to Thomas George MP for his success at the recent state election. He has defended his position and for the next four years he will represent the people of Lismore, Kyogle, Murwillumbah, Nimbin and all of the villages, in state Parliament, in Sydney. We wish him well in the coming four years.

His campaign team deserves congratulations for their organisation, skill and focus. The democratic principles of our country remain intact and the people clearly have chosen the National Party over Country Labor, The Greens and the Australian Democrats in our northern part of the state.

Let me offer congratulations to Andy Gough and The Greens for once again increasing their proportion of the total vote. It is obvious to everyone that Green policies are becoming more important to all age groups, all of the time.

I congratulate Julia Melland for again gracing us with her own calm, courteous and well reasoned campaigning style as she again represented The Democrats.

Finally I thank and express total admiration for the countless number of Country Labor members and supporters who proudly carried our messages and our policies to the people. You were well organised, you worked unbelievably hard and you maintained your high standards.

The people of the seat of Lismore can be grateful that the campaign to earn their votes was carried out with as much decorum and mutual respect as is possible in such a charged atmosphere where the outcomes are so crucial for the lives of so many people.

Peter Lanyon
Country Labor candidate for
Lismore

Campaign slogan

It was interesting to notice that whilst denigrating the Labor Party to the nth degree, our fearless Greens candidate felt free to

(plagiarise? borrow? recycle? misappropriate?) plaster his NGT frontpage campaign advert with "It's time! Vote GOUGH".

Which political party had that slogan/leader's first name back in the early '70's?

Shame Andrew, shame.

Tony Baron

Dot points

Dot Panaretos' interview with Ian Wickham was very illuminating - and disturbing. "Town Passes", "Uniforms"!! Dot, I think you are missing the picture here. This village we treasure so much is based on alternative ideals. This does not include shutting away the children from the rest of the community during the break they so desperately need after having to sit through the daily dirge called the "curriculum".

We all need the (so-called) education fostered upon us, but give the poor kids a break - they're not going to get mugged in Cullen Street and they just might enjoy seeing another side of life, ie our visiting tourists, who might also enjoy seeing our young local people mixing freely within our community.

As for uniforms - talk about stifling individuality. And as for "dress standards", whose standards are we talking about - yours? Who gives you the right to set standards according to your personal preferences/bias?

If this is the future you point to, then I feel totally vindicated in my decision not to have children because I didn't wish for them to grow up in a social structure of the kind you advocate.

Please think very carefully and listen closely to our community regarding these issues - these children in your charge are the future.

Terry Beltrame
Nimbin

Volunteers wanted

Nimbin Vinnies is looking for a couple of cheerful, caring and committed people to join our wonderful happy volunteer team working in the local shop.

No pay, no superannuation



scheme and no long service leave BUT you will be working in the best Vinnies in Australia with the very best team AND you will be helping others at the same time.

If you have some time to spare and would like to help us, please drop into the shop or ring 6689-1623 and arrange to speak to Joss.

Jocelyn Bisshop

Quibbles, four letters

RE: Crossword 2007-01 (NGT March 07)

Hey 5ynic/editor, What the hell is wrong with you? To wit:

1. "19 times 10"? (1 and 3 across, Four Twenty)
2. What's "Rather" about "Dad"? (12 across)

While I'm at it, someone tell David McMinn (or your dyslexic typist) that Iggy Pop's name is Osterberg (not Osternberg).

Doesn't matter who I am.
(Name & address withheld)

5ynic responds

I think it's a good sign that people are getting irate, but I'll try to make sure it's about difficult clues, not typos next time! Have to put my hand up for the Rather/Father 12 across snafu - the answers grid had an earlier edit in there :(

The "19 times 10" clue was correct though. The answer to clue 19 was "forty two" - which, times ten, is "four twenty". I thought that was enough by itself, but just out of kindness, the clue continued with a hint "magical mathematics" - nothing to complain about there, given that your previous edition had a long article about the sale of a block of

land which would be paid for in instalments of \$42K.

Mr. Doesn't Matter should re-read his Illuminatus trilogy methinks...

Jay Stephens

Nimbin family

A little ray of sunshine just came into my life...his name was Chibo. How can one express that little bit of Nimbin family feel; when you're in the middle of a big stinkin ol' town and a little light comes in?

I think Kelly Jo summed it up soooooo well from Tassie (all due to a tiny weeny little Angel called "Little Deb", who also sends me copies of The GoodTimes.) Just want you all to know my sentiments are the same.

Take good care of each other, coz we love and miss you all. XXXX

Kerrie
(Kerriwynne Beal,
Melbourne Correspondent)

War games

Recently I became very alarmed when I learned about "Operation Talisman". Such military operations are not welcomed. I do not wish to see ANY PART of Australia's coastline "sacrificed".

As a resident of South East Qld, I state that my family, my friends and my neighbours are particularly offended and disgusted, and do not wish to continue to endure this sort of "sacrifice".

We are totally and completely opposed to Operation Talisman. We are totally and completely opposed to the grand scale foolishness and the waste of our precious resources. These military exercises are being

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Email: goodtimes@nimbinaustralia.com or put stuff in the ComSchool's pigeonhole in the Nimbin Community Centre.

Notices

Tradespeople Required

NCDA are looking for tradespeople prepared to undertake project work around the Nimbin Community Centre for competitive rates.

If you have a trade, or know of someone with trade skills who would be interested; contact Ben Wallis at the Nimbin Community Centre on 0427-218-307.

Exhibitors wanted

Expressions of interest are being sought from Graphic Artists, Photographers and Short Film-makers with work suitable for Monitor Loop Presentation, for Mid-Winter Exhibition in Nimbin School of Arts Hall.

Contact Rikki on 6689-0001 or Graham, 6689-1825 or 0428-322-577.

Camphor laurel pieces available. Free

The trunks of some camphor laurels which were felled to create space for a sculpture garden and allow palms etc to flourish, are ready to be taken away. Perfect for wood turning or slabbing. Help yourself.

The logs are easily accessible at the back of the Nimbin School of Arts.

Anzac Day

Needed: military memorabilia for Anzac Day. All items will be labelled and available for public display. Guaranteed safe return.

Contact Anton Eldridge at Nimbin Bowling Club, Phone 6689-1250

conducted by dangerous and pathetic "big boys" who are playing with incredibly deadly toys.

We hope that you will stand with my family and I and represent how we feel about this matter. It is time that our elected representatives stood firm for their people and gave these big "children" who would choose to wantonly destroy, a strong and firm ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

It is time to close the door on this type of insanity. This destruction will NOT occur in my name.

Anne Goddard

Meetings

Nimbin Environment Centre

Annual General Meeting
Friday 27th April 4pm
Green Room, Nimbin
Community Centre

All past and present members are requested to attend.

Membership is still only \$5 Ask not what the environment centre can do for you, ask what can I do for the environment centre? The EARTH needs all the help She can get.

Phil Mitten
President NEC

Tunable Falls Primary School

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 2nd April 11am
at Tuntable Falls Primary
School, Upper Tuntable
Falls Rd Nimbin

All members of the community and association are invited to attend.

Further details phone 6689-1423 email <tunfalls@australis.net>

Trash & Treasure Sale
NIMBIN SHOWGROUND
Easter Sunday 9am.

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