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Hey, it's 2007!



Sotto voce NYE mirrors the times

Mellow would be the best way to describe the vibe on New Year's Eve throughout the Rainbow Region. No major dramas, and the personable crowd control, both public and private, was totally surplus to requirements.

No riots. Not even a big prang. In an age of disasters, a quiet night is a good night.

And what a good night it was. Aussies seeing in the new year Aussie style. Families and friends - the classic extended families - providing the few food outlets that geared up for the occasion with a roaring trade.

But how do you measure the mood of the times? Seasoned observers of Auld Lang Synes over several decades are members of the Skylarks dance orchestra, who performed at the Nimbin Bowling Club's New Year's revels. What did they think?

"I think people are more cautious these days, well you have to be, don't you?" said drummer Shane Manual. "Nobody wants to go way over the top, not with all the risks involved."

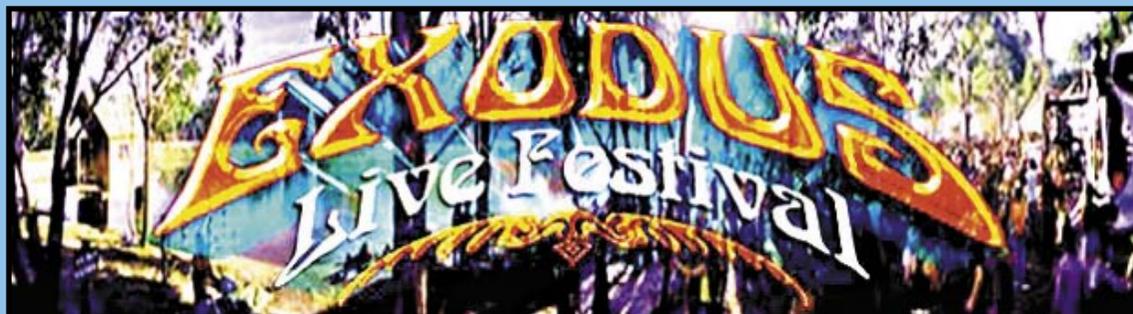
This New Year certainly has its share of big issues to be cautiously about - state and probably federal elections during 2007 will see campaigning ramped up on local as well as global concerns: the Iraq war, our treatment of refugees, a hearing for David Hicks, peak oil, global warming and renewable energy sources, world hunger, social dislocation and welfare responses - it's already a long list, even before the year gets started.

So perhaps it is the dawning of the age of responsibility, but that's certainly no reason to be sombre, as our revellers amply showed.



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