

# A yuletide flavour



**Festive.** Winners of The Nimbin GoodTimes 2006 Xmas Lights competition, Bill and Nancy Nugent, who outdid themselves this year with a magnificent lumee display featuring many free-standing sculptural forms and a panapoly of decorative seasonal lighting effects, which reached well beyond the confines of the house.



Senior Citz cake (above), Manuela and Inge singing German carols (far left), Jesse Shoer practicing his fire-beathing (above left), Robyn Francis celebrating the solstice (left), and the undisputed winner of The Nimbin GoodTimes silliest dog competition for December.

## Nimbin Skate Park noise monitoring

Rain again stopped play at the Nimbin SK8 park, even before the sound test planned for 16th December got started.

The Australian Standard for undertaking environmental noise monitoring/measurements require that measures should not be undertaken during periods of rain or winds greater than 5m/s as these can affect the results significantly.

Given this, it was recommended by the acoustic engineers engaged by the NCDCA that the noise monitoring program be postponed until January 2007, with a tentative plan to perform the measurements on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th January.

Sound-level readings will be taken from 10am, and continue into the afternoon.

Look for a sign on the park fence to confirm the date, then bring your board! All local and regional skaters are invited to participate, and for the first time, try out all the ramps, whether sound-proofed or not.



## Nimbin's student leaders



Athena, Tammy, Sebastian and Tristan.

Nimbin Centrtral School finished the year with formal assemblies which acknowledged achievement throughout the year. Above, secondary Sportspersons of the Year with their trophies, at left captains and vice-captains for 2007.

## Statewide award goes to local political stalwart

by Peter Godden, Secretary Nimbin Branch, Country Labor

At November's NSW Country Labor conference, Nimbin born resident John Ryan received recognition for his services to Country Labor by being granted the 2006 "Bluey Rodwell" award.

Since its inception in 2000, this annual award is given to only one person in NSW and chosen from many nominations for people who have given extraordinary contributions to supporting the Labor Parties activities in country NSW. The late Bluey Rodwell was a co-founder of Country Labor.

John is a life long local resident, worker and farmer, who was born in Nimbin and now lives in Goolmangar. He was highlighted for his efforts including assisting Young Labor get off the ground in the Northern Rivers, maintaining a presence at the Primex shows, campaign work over many years, long time delegate to ALP State and National conferences and helping out the local Branches and their state and federal elecotoral councils.

In accepting his award John said, "I think I am fortunate to get this award. There are many other people in the party who have contributed as much or more than myself. It's good to see someone from the North



Coast get his award. It's the highest award for Country Labor."

In being granted this award John has received a significant thankyou from the movement he has dedicated much of his life to.

## A birthday sadly remembered

To Josh LeBars,

Happy birthday Josh. We all miss you and love you, mate. There was always love around you and you shared it with everyone.

All the best to your family, Love Winga and everyone.



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