

Go Tuntable Rockers!

Diana Anaid and her band, fresh from their east coast tour, wowed the huge crowd at Nimbin Town Hall to kick off the Australia Day long weekend.

The event was almost a Tuntable Falls community production, with Diana supported by another Tuntable songstress, Asia Hatton, and other Tuntable musos in her band, and in the band that took the night out, the Intergalactic Blues Mafia.

Interviewed after her two-hour set, Diana Anaid told Nim-FM's Ian Wickham, "This is completely self-funded, it's grassroots. You'll see me selling clothes on the street. It's totally independent."

This was her last Australian gig for two

months, as she's off to appear at a folk conference in Memphis on 19th February, then on to L.A. for talks with producers, with her new single 'Cheatin' on Me' as her calling card.

"I'll be setting up meetings... I've got a pretty good radar now," she said. "I've got a bunch of new songs I have been writing at home, so now I'm going to see what the world thinks of them."

"It's not just about the American market, I'm also focusing on the Aussie fans, they've never let me down, and on the European market as well."

Judging by the reaction of over 200 people in the Nimbin Town Hall, she's well on her way to more international successes.

Headbangers say Sorry

While the majority of Australians were celebrating the conquering and colonisation of Gondwanaland with the waving of Aussie flags, raising of stubbie coolers, face painted flags and Aussie Bar-B-Ques, a small group of Nimbin people put their energy into an Invasion Day protest, hoping to raise awareness amongst the white community of the reality that the impact of European colonisation has had in and on this land and its custodians.

Organiser of the event, David Hyett presented a short letter from Auntie Viv, which read in part: "I want to remind you people of what this day is really about. How you got to be here enjoying this wonderful lifestyle, and at whose expense? At the sacrifice of the Aboriginal people, their land and their culture."

Over 50 people then enjoyed three live bands (at right), starting with Slug, a four piece punk band who were very tight. They mostly played original material, except for a Joy Division and mutated Beatles song.

Next up was the first live performance by Manifest, a new Nimbin band comprising David Hyett vocals, Geoff Lynne lead guitar, Paul Dvenskovski drums and Pov on bass guitar. Manifest is probably best described as a folk-punk outfit who played 100% original songs written by the band members.

Last set of the evening was by Brisbane band Hypernovae (right), a young band with original material with a distinctive 70's Aussie pub rock style, reminiscent of AC/DC with guitar solos that made the spine tingle and fast beats that invoked some out-there dancing from the floor.

The night was a great success, and if the organisers receive the approval of the Aboriginal community, it will be the forerunner to a bigger and better event next year.



Points of the Compass

Compass Rose comprises the honey-voiced Ebony Quinlivan (above), singing and playing carefully-crafted vamped rhythm guitar with ex-Durga Baby Tim Tonkin on dums, adding tight vocal harmonies.

Apart from the odd Leonard Cohen tune, all the songs were written by Ebony,

who moved here 12 years ago from Western Australia.

"The music has a strong gypsy influence, especially in the alternate timings," she said. Some passages are in 11/8 time.

Unusual rhythms, resonating chord combinations strong vocals: catch them if you can.



Quality music Galore

Nimbin's music aficionados really were spoiled for choice over the Australia Day weekend, with a dozen or so acts to entertain us.

Friday night saw the visit of Bondi gypsy rockers, Three Quarters Hazel, who featured Bangalow's 17 year-old Cody

Butler (on stool, below left).

On Saturday afternoon, Chris Aronsten brought folk and blues to the Bowlo (left), and later the Party for the Planet at Djanbung Gardens featured local latin combo Brazil Nuts (below).

Plus the Tuntable rockers, the headbangers and Compass Rose!



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