

# Can't stop cannabis

by Soul Juice

So the olde hoary establishment is having another go at attempting to knock Nimbin off its mantle.

Many have come and many have gone and nothing changes here (...well, almost...).

Ask the fella who put his thumb in the dyke and the old Durrangin woman doing the same thing trying to stop the Clarence flowing...**You can't stop progress.**

'Cause that's exactly what they are trying to do.

The government – through the Police – are attempting to slow up the freeing of society.

Cannabis frees the mind – while, as we know, the rest will follow (sometimes at a dawdle).

The 'establishment' (you know...those faceless men) cannot tolerate a herb that liberates the soul from the material realms and opens the doors of perception onto the north-facing verandah of a free life.

So the Federal government is going to spend 14 million dollars on setting up an institution attempting to find things wrong with Cannabis – as if 2000+ years of study in many cultures across the world on the use and effects of Cannabis is irrelevant and useless.

And we are only talking about the medicinal effects here – let alone the industrial benefits for society and the environment. How arrogant and ignorant does this look if one is still looking at the bigger picture?

Cannabis is the only drug that offers instant relief to the limitations of the daily grind for the ever-elusive-carrot-on-a-stick dollar.



Like that guy, stickin' his head through the sky, looking at the world for the first time – from a clear mind's eye. It allows us to contemplate the 'bigger picture' – that's why, sometimes some people seem completely lost after puffing herb – they are unaware what they are looking at or where they are...all part of the experience...

When the grand poohbah policeman of the area talks as if Cannabis is a black and white issue of legal and illegal, it is just a call to take up the cudgel of righteousness and change the injustice of it all. After all, it is still a victimless crime that we take upon ourselves to do. How much longer must we endure being treated like little children?

I am aware of what I do and I am aware of the consequences. In fact, what I do with my body is nobody's business but my own, so what's the story, morning glory? So, it is progress to take responsibility for our lives. We choose to do this in full consciousness, end of story.

Every time we get a new poohbah with birdpoo on his hat and shoulders we go through this process of attempted cultural cleansing in Nimbin.

When those on the beat in previous years at MardiGrasses realised we were just people under what they'd been told, they softened and the smiles and hellos were the only thing shooting everywhere for the closing day.

Carn guys, when you gonna soften up and enjoy the ride like we do?

We've been right about pollution and global warming and stuff - and we're right about this too. And you'll never wear us out 'cos – **Ya can't stop progress.**

\*\*Note. Taking Cannabis is a sovereign act. To do this one must know oneself and one's limitations and strengths. We are all different. Cannabis affects everybody differently. If your body doesn't know it very well, go easy. Have someone experienced with you.

Take a good look and ask yourself: are you using it, or is it using you?

All drug taking is a form of self administered pain relief through a malfunctioning of vibrational energy caused by unresolved issues in the emotional realm.

But hey, its not a perfect world, so don't be too hard on yourself.

Go lightly.

## A Tribute to our bong-throwers



## Congrats & Thanks

Congratulations to all the winners of the Hemp Olympix events. All winners are published on the website [mardigrass.com.au](http://mardigrass.com.au). The site also holds an increasing collection of images from the 2008 MardiGrass.

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