

# LOOK TO THE STARS

YOUR MONTHLY REVIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS

BY BEV MURRAY

**D**ecember is shaping up to be quite a feisty month. There is some intense Mars and Pluto activity suggesting some volatility world wide. Western Africa, Central America and parts of China look particularly unstable, as does the USA. The full moon this month is also a particularly potent energy. Opposing Mars and squaring Saturn we can expect this full Moon to bring relationship difficulties to the fore not only on a personal level but on a global level too. Midsummer on the 21st is full of intense emotion and hidden agendas. There is a focus on secrets and miscommunication this month. If you are not sure about something the wise procedure is to keep quiet! If you have secrets expect them to find their way out into the open! Mars enters Capricorn and conjuncts Pluto late in the month suggesting an opportunity to sweep away all obstacles and blocks. One problem is that individuals can push too hard in an effort to do this, not stopping even when tired. This unmanageable approach may cause exhaustion. Anger will be expressed in a rather cool, level-headed way with this placement of Mars. There are also fears of "letting go" and the need to stay in 'control' could cause problems.



**Aries:** You struggle with an overabundance of energy this month! The Sun/Mars conjunction in Sagittarius in the first week can spur you on into adventure and risk taking activity! You may also start an argument or two if you are not careful. Watch the full moon on the 12th for accidents caused by lack of forethought.

**Taurus:** The month starts out on an incredibly romantic and luxurious note. All things pleasurable are highlighted. However, from the 12th things get a little more serious. Finances can be worrisome or tempers can flare. Try not to let things escalate out of control. Practice deep breathing and letting go. It gets better from the 28th on.

**Gemini:** It's an edgy month with much that irritates and frustrates. Major shifts in relationships can happen around the 12th. The 16th brings some sense back into the fray and you can afford to forgive and forget. The rest of the month is all about the holiday spirit. Saturn and Mercury on the 26th suggest creativity and optimism.

**Cancer:** Watch the Gemini Full Moon on the 12th as tempers can be unstable. You could say something you will later regret. It's a month for quiet times and reviewing the year past in order to reprioritize goals and wishes. Let others know you need your space; communication is the key to peace right now.

**Leo:** Think before you act this month or you'll take issue with the consequences. The 12th brings out your fierce sense of self will. Others may not understand this! You will need to be prepared to take responsibility before the month is out, for all your actions and words in the year past!

**Virgo:** It can be hard to think clearly or get organised this month; All anathema for Virgoes. Problems at home mid-month can make you feel off balance. The New Moon on the 27th is intense but there is also an abundance of fun, play activity highlighted. You will be in better shape by months end.

**Libra:** Reconnecting with relatives and organizing fun social activity keep the early part of December very enjoyable for you! Mid month has people around you in argumentative mood and worry and fear coming to the fore. Keep level headed and practice your relaxation techniques. The last week is all about practical issues.

**Scorpio:** It can be a stressful month for Scorpio. Avoid arguments by recognizing that you cannot always be right. The more you push your point the more others push back. The 16th sees you more focused and ready to embrace a new goal with gusto. You are ready for hard work. The 28th may see old issues resurface.

**Sagittarius:** The month starts out in festive mood, with much nice Venus/Jupiter activity. The Full Moon on the 12th though, is a different story! You want your own way and will stop at little to get it! Others are not impressed! Try to pull that self-will back a tad. Enthusiasm and a clearer sense of direction come with the new moon.

**Capricorn:** Emotions are all over the place this month and this is unsettling for you. You can feel the need to move quickly on ideas and become easily frustrated by delay. Mars/Saturn on the 15th-17th can put you in the mood for a little soul searching. The 28th offers a gentler energy of romance and sensitivity.

**Aquarius:** A month filled with ideas and inventions. With Venus in your sign early on you feel good about yourself and are ready to take on the world! The 10th brings the only frustration in December and that is a need for more freedom. Dreams and wishes have a way of coming true in late December and early New Year.

**Pisces:** It's a great month for taking care of yourself and your needs. The Full moon makes you feel like bucking the rules but do be careful! The New Moon brings friends into focus and you will have cause to both enjoy and appreciate them. Interesting new friends are also likely. A new motivation and direction are very likely in the New Year so look forward to it.

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# The US Presidential election

## A wolf in black sheep's clothing?

by Rob Bruce

*"The two greatest obstacles to democracy in the United States are, first, the widespread delusion among the poor that we have a democracy, and second, the chronic terror among the rich, lest we get it."*

— Edward Dowling

**T**he charade and circus that is the US Election cycle has reached its agonizing finale. The illusion of democracy remains stark. No matter who Americans vote for, they can only elect a war monger and secret representative of the Wall Street corporate oligarchs.

Americans seem only ever to get stuck with war criminals and mass murderers as presidents or presidential aspirants. Bill Clinton ruthlessly bombed Iraq during the 1990's, enforcing a no-fly zone and sustaining a brutal embargo that killed over half a million Iraqi children. Obama has promised to bomb and destroy all "terrorists" in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where the "good" war must continue to be fought. As for McCain, he has already bombed a nation as a soldier decades ago.

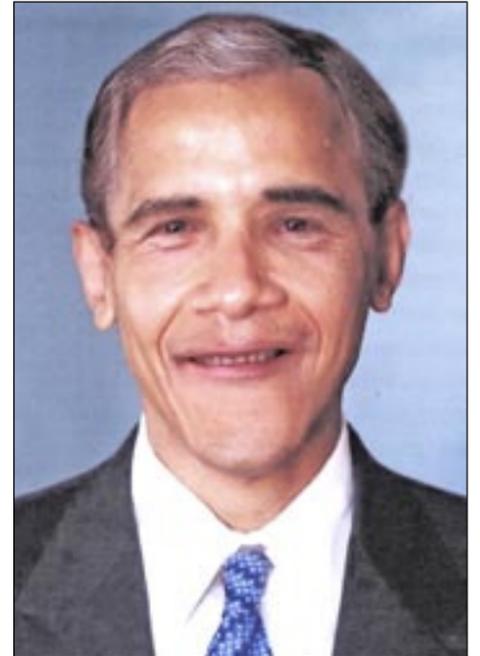
Decent Americans just want a taste of democracy for once. They are sick of their politicians serving the interests of corporate criminals and the industrial military complex, while destroying their legitimate aspirations, hopes, dreams and needs, ripping them off blind, and erecting a corporate fascist police state around them. Decades of bold and relentless US hegemonic aggression worldwide has normalised a permanent state of war and conquest

In the minds of many Americans, but more people than ever are beginning to see through the game. And this, despite the powerful, bewildering and relentless media censorship that operates within the USA. The spin doctors have been successful in creating the Obama phenomenon. He is a talented orator, and his overall disposition appears compact, resolute and disciplined. Indeed, in comparison with the belligerent and oafish Bush and McCain, Obama appears dignified and serene.

No doubt, he is a more decent man than McCain and Bush, who are unapologetically atavistic and even more shamelessly subservient to the Wall Street mafia. But even if Obama suddenly became a saint, he has accepted so much campaign money from Wall Street that no matter what good he might seek to do, his hands are well and truly tied.

Many have been fooled by Obama's smooth and slick approach, and by the charade of the two party circus in America. In Obama, the power brokers who run America have made a very clever choice. He appears to be the change honest decent people are thirsting for. But people need to watch him closely, and actually listen to his words, his ambitions, his promises, and the caveats he places upon those promises.

Obama's aspirations and actions will be dictated by those who bought him during and prior to the election campaign, and he will be different to Bush only in personality. Even the rhetoric is largely the same.



**High hopes.** Expectations are high in many quarters that US President-elect Barack Obama will deliver significant reforms, both in domestic and international policy, but will he measure up?

Digital photomontage by schoolchildren.

In fact, in many areas, Obama seeks to go further than Bush. He laments that the US "has lost Latin America," and, describing the democratically elected governments of Venezuela, Bolivia and Nicaragua as a "vacuum to be filled," promises interference in these countries. He supports the criminal Uribe regime in Colombia, and asserts its right to launch military raids across its borders. He has also expressed a desire to pull Mexico into line using the Colombian model adopted by previous Washington regimes, and, in language more expansionist and ambitious even than George Bush's, announced that in South America: "We must press further south as well."

As for the Palestinian question, even the Bush regime recognizes the UN designation of Jerusalem as an international city to be shared, but on June 4th, Obama made the extraordinary promise at a conference of the Israel Public Affairs Committee of an "undivided Jerusalem."

"We lead the world in battling immediate evils and promoting the ultimate good," says Obama. "We must lead by building a 21st-century military... to advance the security of all people." Sounds familiar doesn't it? Obama says in pursuing "terrorists" he would attack Pakistan. As for the Iraq question, Obama now "reserves the right" to change his pledge to get troops out next year. "I will listen to our commanders on the ground," he says, creating his inevitable loop hole and escape route.

Obama's adviser on Iraq, Colin Kahl, has declared that the US should maintain up to 80,000 troops in Iraq until 2010. Like McCain, Obama has voted numerous times in the Senate in support of the Bush regime's request for an ever greater war chest for Iraq; and he has echoed Republican calls for an escalation of military actions and personnel in Afghanistan, and for emphatic military interventions elsewhere in the region.

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# Teeth, necks, feet and backs

**Seventh in a series by Tonia Haynes**  
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One would think from the title that I am all over the shop this month. Why should a Bowen Therapist who also practices basic kinesiology, pranic healing, remedial massage and emotional field therapy, but is not a dentist or podiatrist, be chatting about teeth and feet?

Well, if you have an on going and mysterious muscle or skeletal problem that keeps reoccurring, your practitioner is remiss if they haven't addressed those two parts of your anatomy to see if there is any malfunction in either or both of those areas.

There are times when body therapists of all denominations will say something like, 'Geez mate your duvalaki keeps going out on the whatsit, with an accompanying shrug and righteous expression that tells one loud and clear. It must be your fault!

So instead of asking, 'why is my duvilaki so disobedient?' We humbly return for more treatment that may or may not bring our duvilaki into line, or at least persuade it to feel a little more in harmony with our whatsit. Or we leave despondently, thinking, "Oh well I guess I had better learn to live with it."

A good practioner will do everything in their power to find out why your duvalaki

won't do as it's told, because you came to them with hope and your hope is as important to them as you are.

I have learnt through long experience that a continuing neck problem may be coming from a teeth problem.

This is due to a hinge in the jaw called the TMJ or temporomandibular joint. This joint is a junction for nerves that run all over the body. It particularly affects the neck area, which can affect shoulders, arms and even lower back and legs. Bad teeth which are in a continual state of low infection, can have a huge negative effect on the TMJ and also directly, on the vertebrae in the neck.

The feet are the foundations of the temple, (our body). Like any building, if the foundations aren't right the body will slump somewhere and no amount of propping up the temple will fix the problem.

So, if your practitioner's wealth of knowledge did not improve your feet and your back is still not right, it may be that podiatry assistance is needed. I remember one

client in particular who had seen everyone including me, to no avail. The back was still crook. We finally discovered she was slightly (only slightly) flat-footed. After a couple of visits to the podiatrist and inserts for her shoes, her back surrendered to good health.

Make sure when you see a professional practitioner that you tell them everything, when they ask for your history. Feet and teeth problems included. It gives them more of an opportunity to assist you.

## If your teeth need attention.

Public dental health is appalling in Oz as we all know and dentists are expensive, but healthy teeth and a healthy you are worth it. If you are really out on a limb financially, it is better to have the teeth removed, rather than let them rot in your head. The health implications of rotten teeth can be huge.

I know, dentures are the pits, particularly bottom dentures that fly out of one's mouth with gay abandon when one is attempting to verbally impress an important opinion upon others. Or during that passionate embrace, they leap into the mouth of the loved one and there you are. Attempting to prove to our uniformed protectors that the death of your love by suffocation from denture was an accident, rather than pre-

meditated murder.

I hope I haven't ruined anyone's future plans.

All jokes aside, teeth or lack of are an important part of one's health. Remember the hassle it was to get them?

A last word about feet. My mother made me wear lace up shoes until the age of twelve. I loathed them, but I thank her now. During the years when my feet were growing they were well supported and I have no trouble with them as an adult. Putting supportive shoes on our kids will give them well formed feet in adulthood. Bare feet are great and often preferred in this area, but kids all wear shoes to school. Let's make sure they are good ones.

Have a good Christmas and I am sure 09 is going to be varied and exciting. Let's do our best to see the positive in these times. I know the media are doing their best to let us know daily how dreadful things are, but petrol prices are down at the moment and so are interest rates. The weather is still gifting us with rain albeit rather forcefully at times, but at least we are not frying in the heat or dying of thirst, thanks to the wonderful buffer and water retaining skills of our beautiful trees.

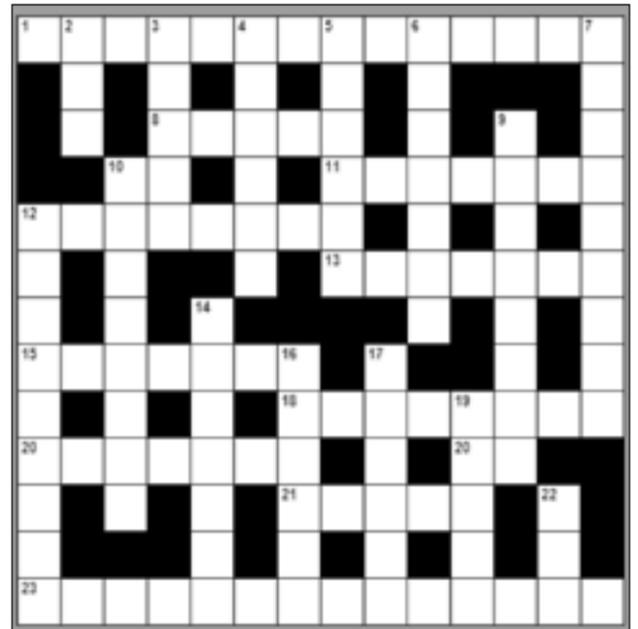
Planting another tree would be the best of Christmas presents for mother earth and for ourselves.

Love, light and for goodness sake, remember to laugh. It's good medicine.

## Nimbin Crossword

2008-12

by Synic



### Across

- (and 7 down) orbital platform for transmitting Rupert Murdoch's content across the globe
- Small person?
- Second Life (innit.)
- Bird's feathers
- This is paid on capital, sometimes
- (3,4) drilled to extract crude
- Anything containing the hallucinogenic fungus ergot
- Rough (like sandpaper?)
- Bogan fashion icon? Soft cotton fabric, with nap only on one side
- Head nurse (innit.)
- Picture?
- Complete change, such as we'll need in our energy sources to avoid planetary death

### Down

- Not a Hindu symbol of the absolute, but a unit of resistance
- Canadian tree? Syrup good on pancakes
- Chunk of gold
- Hidden-? Method to prevent data being eavesdropped upon
- Mexican agave spirit
- See 1 across.
- Posable artist's model for drawing the human figure
- 1960s Kids TV puppet show? Flat, barbed fish
- Flawed? Past tense
- "Watch out in Nimbin mate, it's full of \_\_\_\_\_"
- English plain woven cotton or muslin cloth
- (Sexual?) climax
- Single page? Bed linen
- Wrote "Little Red Book", killed tens of millions, enjoyed calligraphy

Solution Page 23.

## Creative writers Re-Placed

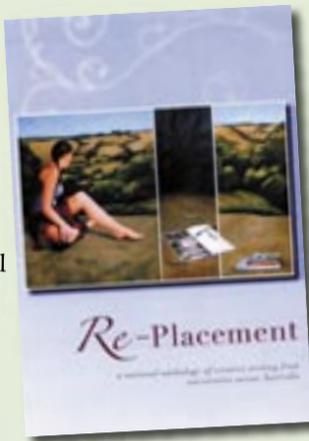
A new anthology, *Re-Placement*, featuring the work of some of Australia's top emerging creative writers will be launched in Lismore by Jeni Caffin, director of the Byron Bay Writers Festival, on Thursday, December 4 at The Alleyway/NextArt Gallery in Magellan Street.

The anthology covers prose and poetry – from creative non-fiction to personal essays and short stories. It brings together the work of writers from universities around Australia, and Dr Janie Conway-Herron, a senior lecturer in Southern Cross University's School of Arts and Social Sciences, is executive editor.

*Re-Placement* features the work of undergraduate and postgraduate students and includes well-established writers as well as others who are being published for the first time.

"We were very pleased to be asked to edit this anthology," Dr Conway-Herron said. "It's a real mark of respect for the writing program at SCU."

Nimbin resident Dr Nell Cook, who has just completed a PhD, is one of four SCU students whose work was selected.



"Writing is a reflection of culture and the contemporary world and knowing the theory gives you the techniques to really understand the different layers of meanings and to incorporate those in your own writing," Nell said. "This anthology is a celebration of the craft of writing, particularly for new and emerging writers. It's very exciting to be part of that."

*Re-Placement* is published by Southern Cross University Press in association with Australian Association of Writing Programs. It is available from the University Co-Op Bookshop.

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# 102.3 NIM FM RADIO-DECEMBER PROGRAM GUIDE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7am					GET THE F*CK UP! WITH JUSTIN	ALL NIGHT METAL CONTINUES...	
8am	PMS WITH ASHER	THE MORNING SHOW WITH CHICANA	NIMBIN ABORIGINAL BROADCASTERS WITH J.B. LUKE + BURRI	THE 3RD STONE WITH PEAH	LIFE IN THE SANDPIT WITH BOB + JACK	PIG FAT + BUMNUTS WITH GARY	THE WORD ACCORDING TO PAM WITH PAM PUSSYCAT
9am							
10am	AB FAB WITH GAIL M. CLARKE	THE UNDERWATER RADIO SHOW WITH MARTIN PREEDY	OLD IS GOLD WITH KERRY	DANIEL DEN WITH DANIEL	ECO-CENTRIC WITH RAINE + JAK	THE KAT KAVE WITH KAT	HITS + MISSES WITH KAT
11am							
12pm	RANCID CANDY WITH MIM	THE HEALTH SHOW WITH HELEN	THE HIGHER SELF WITH ASHER	WOLFGANG'S WORLD MUSIC - CURRENTLY - KARIT RADIO WITH MARTIN JENSEN	THE HEMP HOURS WITH BOB, MICHAEL THE GODDESS + MORE	THE POWER + THE PASSION WITH PETER PEDALS	LATIN RADICAL WITH WARRICK FRY
1pm		RON'S RAVE WITH RON	NOTHING SACRED WITH CHRISTINE STREHLAN	THE SIMMO OSCAR SHOW WITH SIMMO + OSCAR	NIMBIN ABORIGINAL BROADCASTERS WITH J.B., LUKE + BURRI	THE LOUISE SHOW WITH LOUISE	NIMBIN ABORIGINAL BROADCASTERS WITH J.B. LUKE + BURRI
2pm	MUSEUM REQUEST SHOW WITH ELSPETH + SIMMO	MAIDS, MOTHERS + CRONES WITH RAINE	THE GOODTIMES MUSIC SHOW WITH BOB DOOLEY			UNCLE LEN'S TALL STORIES WITH LEN + RICKIE	
3pm	NIMBIN ABORIGINAL BROADCASTERS WITH J.B., LUKE + BURRI	SUE'S SHOW WITH SUE	MAMA MIA! WITH JINGLES	FRENCH FRIES WITH OLIVIER + PHILLIPE	THE FOOTY SHOW WITH TONY + FRANK	CLASSIC ROCK WITH RICKIE	FUNK MACHINE WITH MARC'E MARK
4pm			ITALIAN SHOW WITH JINGLES		THE DJ'S SHOW WITH DANIEL, JOSH	CITYRAM R+R MAGAZINE WITH RICKIE	THE 4 ELEMENTS WITH MC BUSHWAX
5pm	NIMBIN NEWS	NIMBIN NEWS	NIMBIN NEWS	NIMBIN NEWS	NIMBIN NEWS		
6pm	ROOTS 'N ALL WITH FRANK BREWE	EINE UEBERSTUNDE WITH MATTHIAS	DEMOMVILLE WITH RICHARD	NIMBIN BLUE STRAIN WITH GARY	EARACHE MY EYE WITH ASHER		
7pm	ITALIAN NEWS WITH SIMONETTA	FOUR-FOOTED FURRY-FACED FRIENDS SHOW WITH PAM PUSSYCAT	THE MATRIX SHOW WITH MARK JAGO		ALL NIGHT METAL WITH ASHERS' PLAYLIST		
8pm	EAST AFRICA NEWS WITH OSCAR	OLD, GOLD, RARE + RETRO WITH PAM PUSSYCAT					
9pm							
10pm							
11pm							

Program design by Mim

## Nim-FM celebrates nine years on-air

Story and photos by Pam Pussycat

On a sultry November evening music drifted down Cullen Street and the scene was set with balloons, cake and smiling faces. The night was high for a party, as local community radio station 2NIM-FM was set to celebrate its ninth birthday.

The evening began with a welcome to the country, then was followed by

the gentle guitar and songs of Essie Thomas. Our minds expanded with street understandings, hearing local wordsmith and hip-hop artist Kaliba (Stormrider) inspiring the audience with his insights. Healing Earth sang wise words to tantalise, reminding us of the footprints we leave as we tread upon Gaia. Rancid Candy brought sassy sensuous tones to the night, filling the room with sweet delight. Brisbane based

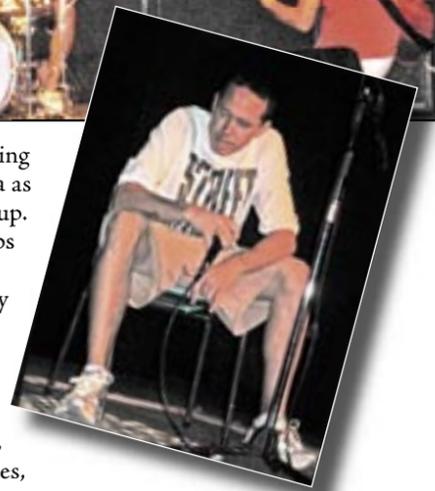
band Hypernovae rocked our socks off and people began to leave their seats and hit the dance floor.

A few short speeches, then Judi's selection of birthday cakes appeared. Candles lit and extinguished, during birthday songs. The kids happily enjoyed the sweets... ok the kids at heart as well. Meals and refreshments were available from the kitchen crew, as well as fruit punch, energy punch and more sweets selections.

The Nimbin School of Arts shone resplendent with its new fittings and fixtures since redecorations were completed.

Revellers were surprised by a short guest appearance by two local police, who assured us that they had our safety first in mind, and warning about the dangers of drinking. They were not tempted to indulge in the kitchen's fine fare on offer.

As the evening drew to a conclusion the dancers exploded to life en force with the new wave sounds of Manifest.



Around midnight, a few smiling faces were enjoying the veranda as the radio crew began the pack up.

Thanks to Happy High Herbs for the special energy punch, Beau Khan sound mixer, Lucky for co-ordinating the event, Martin Preedy who was the MC for most of the night, Judi Hale's kitchen, the entertainers for the good vibes, Katrina and Pam for door duties, Gail for speeches, and to all of you who came to celebrate.

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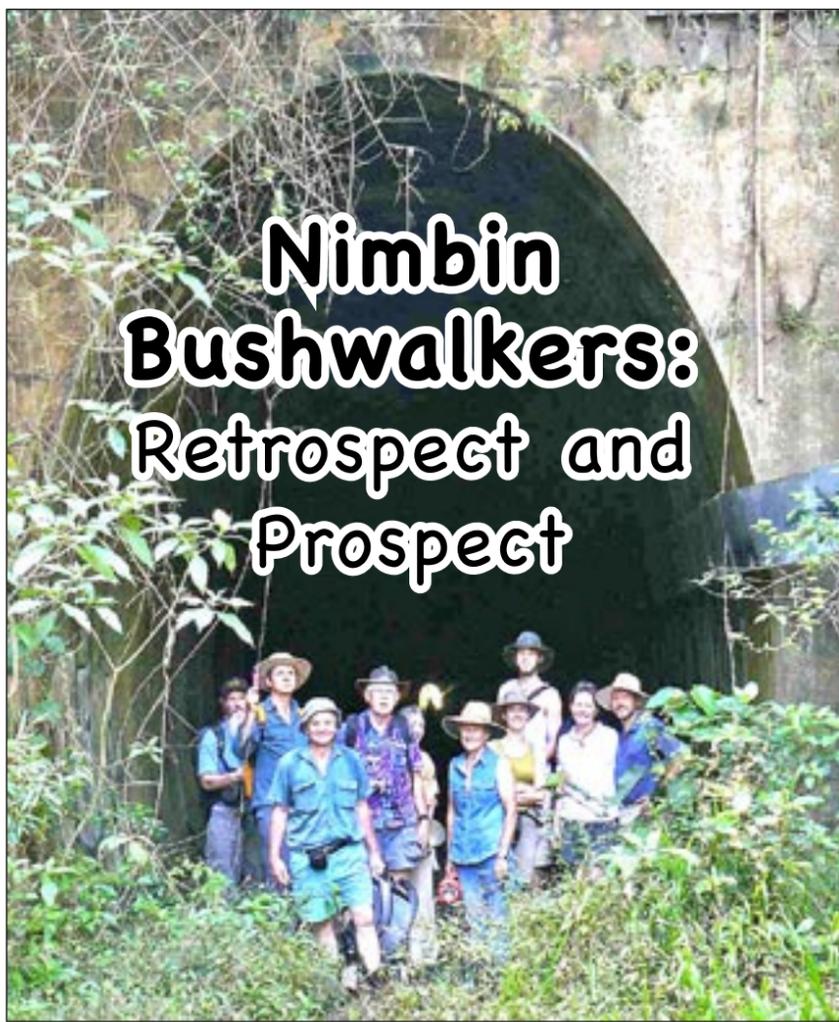
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# Nimbin Bushwalkers: Retrospect and Prospect

by Len Martin

What is that famous Dickens' quote? "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times".

The worst undoubtedly was the accidental death of our much-loved secretary Peter LePatourel. The best? For me probably managing to climb to Glennie's Chair and beyond to a fantastic panoramic view of Mt Lindsay, Mt Barney and Main Range – and surviving! Then again it could be the climb to the top of Stoney Chute trig or... or... Any one really interested in the gory details can go to that wonderful *Nimbin Good Times* web-page and check out all of our monthly reports/ previous programs.

From November 2007 to October 2008, club members enjoyed 27 walks. A further five were cancelled due to weather and one in respect for Peter. Member walks totalled 306 and

visitor walks 48 (many visitors became members) giving an average of 13 bodies per walk. We had nine leaders for these walks: Don Durrant (9), Martins (6), Michael Smith (4), Judy Hales (3) and five others with one. Top attendance was Ron Ronan who did 22 walks.

Current membership is 50 and 2009 membership fees are now due at \$15/head. We were established in October 2005 and affiliated with the NSW Federation of Bushwalking Clubs (which organises group insurance). We started walks in February 2006 and have since maintained a regular program of two weekend and one mid-week walk per month, including occasional camping weekends – one of which is planned for next month (see program for details). There will be no more club walks until February 2009.

By the time you read this our last walk for November and AGM and will be over, and we will have a new, enthusiastic committee ready to lead us into the great unknowns of 2009 and beyond.



Limestone in the tunnel.

Alas, our November 9th walk through Don Durrant's Afterlee rainforest was cancelled due to rain. But the sun came out long enough on November 16 for Ron Ronan to lead 11 brave souls along the Casino-Byron railway track and through the depths of the Burringbar Tunnel - built way back in the 1890s. The walk started a couple of kilometres out of Stokers Siding beside a great timber bridge. Unfortunately the state of the track and bridge is such that a complete reconstruction would be needed before we could enjoy a functioning rail service again – perhaps the blessed Kevin 07 could fling some infra-structure money this way (think peak oil, global warming, global recession etc, Saint Kevin). Alas, that prayer is probably pie in the sky, flying pigs stuff. But more seriously the way must be kept in public ownership as a track for horse riders, walkers and bicycle riders.

There is lots of good native vegetation regenerating along the track – and camphor and privet! The tunnel is in excellent condition and had a few microbats roosting in the side alcoves, numerous glow worms with their sticky-thread lures, and some fabulous lime-stone formations where water has dribbled down for the past hundred years or so – even a couple of minute stalactites: all in all a fascinating walk, thanks Ron. And would you believe it, by the time we got back to Nimbin it had started to rain. See you all in the New Year.

Merry stormy season.

## Nimbin Garden Club Notes



Cheers! Garden club members at the Klassic Lodge lunch.

Photos by Mac MacMahon.

by Gil Schilling

### Christmas Lunch

The garden club's annual Christmas lunch was recently held at the Klassic Lodge Country Retreat. The lunch, which was very well attended, enabled many members to catch-up before the holiday season break. Entertainment highlights on the day included being sung to by Joe, the Lodge's manager, and an excellent poem from Len on the perils of the aging male.

### Next Year

As for past years, the club will not now meet again until 2009. Garden club will resume near normal activities with its first meeting for the year scheduled for Saturday 21st February 2009. Venue details etc will be advised in future editions of this esteemed publication and by club newsletter. So mark the calendar and watch this space.

### Weather

Global warming tells us that weather patterns are changing. As I understand this it means not only are average temperatures rising, but also that dry regions are becoming drier, while wet parts of the country are experiencing increased rainfall.

Where Nimbin sits within this pattern of change I'll leave to others better educated in the climate sciences. All I know is that this year's rainfall recorded out along Stony Chute road to the end of November is a mere poofteenth\* under 1700mm – and that's got to be good news for our gardens going into Summer.



## Walks Program for December

Saturday/Sunday December 13th/14th

Camping at Forest Tops, Border Ranges NP – with day walks and Xmas celebration

Leader Len Martin 6689-0254

Day walks:

• Saturday 10am Brindle Creek

Grade 3, 3.5hr 6km superb rainforest walk on good track; two waterfalls with swimming.

• Sunday 10am Booyong Walk

5hr, 10.5 km one way (downhill) with car shuttle. Leader will go up on Friday.

On Saturday meet 8.30am Nimbin car park for car pooling etc.

On Sunday same time/place for those coming for day walk. Note that National Parks entry/camping fees apply. Campers Bring camping gear/supplies for weekend - daywalkers water and food for picnic lunch.

Given recent storms, check with National Parks on Friday 12th if road is open. If road is closed, the weekend will be cancelled.

There will be no walks in January.

## Crossword Solution

See page 21.



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### Leaving Lismore through to Murwillumbah

Normal Depart Times			School Holiday Times		
8:00	2:35	3:20	Lismore Transit	8:00	2:35
8:10	2:45	4:00	Goolmangar	8:10	2:45
8:20	3:00	4:15	Coffee Camp	8:20	2:55
8:45	3:20	4:30	Nimbin Ave	8:35	3:10
9:30	3:30		Nimbin depart	9:00	3:30
9:40	3:40		Blue Knob	9:10	3:40
9:50	3:55		Twin Bridges	9:15	3:45
9:53	4:00		Mt Burrell	9:20	3:50
10:10	4:20		Uki	9:40	4:10
10:15	4:25		Mt Warning turn	9:45	4:15
10:30	4:40		Murwillumbah	10:00	4:25

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7:10	1:50		Murwillumbah	7:30	2:15
7:20	2:03		Mt Warning turn	7:42	2:28
7:30	2:08		Uki	7:55	2:33
7:55	2:30		Mt Burrell	8:10	2:55
8:00	2:35		Twin Bridges	8:20	3:00
8:32	2:40		Blue Knob	8:30	3:05
8:45	2:50		Nimbin arrive	8:40	3:15
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# Making the hard yards at sea



Story and photos by Pixie, Fishing reporter



**Hook-ups** (clockwise from left): Chris with a 7kg samson fish, Zac with a large snapper, Huen with a 5kg jewfish, and Pommy Chris, happy just to land a fish.



Pommy Chris finally landed a samson fish which topped off his day at sea.

In between all the bad weather, with strong winds and big seas, the Nimbin Heads Fishing Team managed one trip to sea this month, with Pix, Cal, Zac, Ryan, Arrow, Chris, Huen and first-timer Pommy Chris getting a lucky break in the weather.

Fishing out of Wooli, we first came across a school of kingfish about 20 kilometres out. We were using live slimy mackerel for bait, and seeing the kingies on the sounder, we were confident of some good hook-ups. But the fish were not on the bite and it was a long start to the morning, with hardly any current and the barometer dropping.

An hour later Huen landed our first small kingie, and Arrow an even smaller one, which went back. The livies were active but it wasn't happening. After two hours we still had only one fish.

With hardly any current, we decided to go wide and chase samson fish. An hour later we stopped on a reef

and could see a shitload of fish on the sounder. This looked good. We were so wide we could not see land, and we were fishing deep. We put the pick down, dropped down our lines with a one-pound sinker and found the current was gushing and we couldn't hold bottom.

The only thing to do was pull up anchor and try to drift with two-pound sinkers. With the wind blowing the same way as the current, if you didn't get a hook-up as soon as you hit bottom, it was too late. After each drift we would land one or two fish and find we would be about 5K off the reef.

So for 4 hours we kept doing the same fast drift, and the fish were now coming in, with your humble fishing reporter and Chris both landing 7kg samson fish and Arrow and Huen landing a nice silver 5kg jewfish each, and Ryan and Cal landing a 4kg samson fish each.

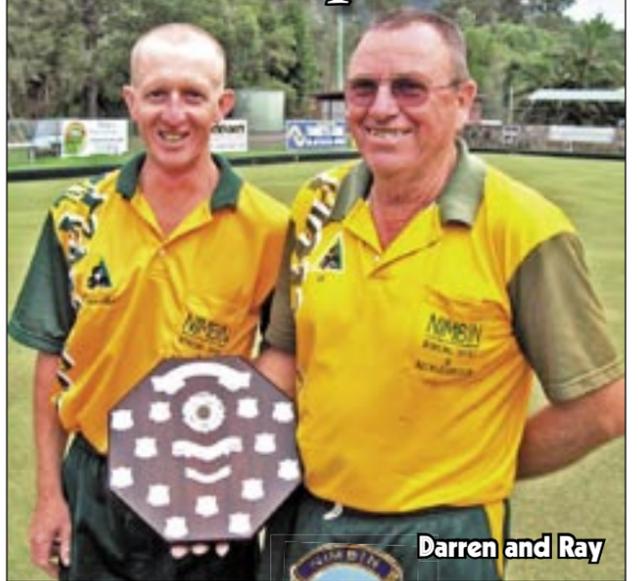
Then after six hours of fishing,

Nothing was easy catching fish that day, but that's fishing. It was great to be at sea again, and it makes you appreciate days when the Fish Gods are smiling upon you. So all in all we still landed about 60kg of fish and all ate fish for a few days.

Last month on a trip that I wasn't on (now that doesn't happen very often) the boys tell me Zac landed a huge snapper and manhandled it like it was a little pinky. Nice one, Zac.

Tight lines, guys.

## Knockout pair



Darren and Ray

Nimbin Bowling Club has an engraving job to do.

Over the past four weeks, 16 bowlers have competed in the 3-ball mixed-pairs knockout, and by the end of November, the winners were decided when Ray Nugent and Darren Marchant defeated Damian Cleary and Che Potter.

The Curtis and Mann Shield competition is only in its second year. The shield was donated by a 'pair of poms' who visited the Club with the touring UK Nomads bowls team in 2006.

The Shield final provided an engrossing contest as the challengers whittled down Ray and Darren's early lead, and included one end when the calipers came out to



measure the closest to the jack (pictured).

Ray commented, "There was only a fairy's fart between them."

Ray won the inaugural Shield knockout last year, with partner Dave Childs, so his name will appear twice on the Shield, which hasn't yet been engraved.

"It'll happen," he said.

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### GOLDEN OLDIE \$330,000



Situated on just over 1/2 an acre of elevated north facing land is this lovely 3 bedroom turn of the century Queenslander. The home is framed by tall graceful trees and there are glimpses of distant mountain ranges from the large decks that surround the home on three sides. The home has many features that you would expect from a home of this era; high ceilings, fan lights above the doors, VJ walling, French doors and loads of under house storage. The home also has an excellent 2 bay colourbond shed.

### FAMILY HAVEN \$350,000



A lovely tree-lined driveway leads up to this family home. This fantastic home has more than enough room for the whole family with a large, clean kitchen, 4 bedrooms, a huge light and airy living room and a studio attached to the garage. Set on a sealed road only minutes to town with a rural outlook this property ensures peace and tranquility with all of the conveniences of village living. The land is rich and level with amazing views of the ranges, ensuring many happy hours of gardening and more than enough room for the kids. This is great buying on today's market!

Occasionally an opportunity to be part of something special comes up. This secluded two acre share set on Nimbin's 5-star community awaits...Tucked away off the main access road, this block has a sunny northerly aspect providing ample opportunity for solar power (with excellent extra rebates investigated & available). Surrounded by old growth trees and with stunning expansive views of the pinnacle and the caldera this is truly a special place. The owners have commenced work and there is a driveway down to a laser leveled building site, plus clear clean spring water piped to three locations on site. Community fees have been paid in full until Feb 09.

### MAGIC HAPPENS \$129,500



Situated on a quaint country road is this 2 storey timber home. This is a great family home with 3 good sized bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a kitchen that is an entertainer's dream, including a new big stainless stove and granite bench tops. There are also two separate living rooms, with one opening onto the resort style grounds surrounding the gorgeous in-ground saltwater pool. The home is nestled in beautiful tropical gardens with fruit orchards and a great little veggie garden. With 5 acres of good soil, an abundance of water from a mountain spring fed creek and a huge workshop you could grow just about anything!

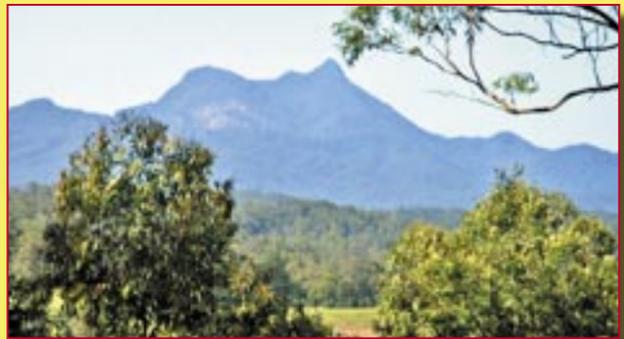
### HAPPY HILLS \$875,000



The ultimate family sanctuary! Within this property there is a 4 bedroom house, a 3 bedroom house and a 2 bedroom studio plus extra building entitlements AND 3 sheds all with power. There is an abundance of water from the creek and 2 dams. All of the homes have beautiful landscaping and views of the valley. The main house has a pool, spa, sauna, carport, 2 bay shed and a 200m airstrip.

### TWEED VALLEY TREE CHANGE \$650,000

Situated on the Tweed caldera is this amazing property. There are 130 acres of rolling land with tall forests, open plateaus and inspiring mountainous views. The majestic Tweed River starts in a rainforest clad valley on this property ensuring an abundance of water. There is plenty of room for the whole family with three dwellings on this property, all with Northern views of Mount Warning.



### HOME SWEET HOME \$495,000



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