



## Thanks for Helping

On January 21st at 6.00pm there was a horrific accident on Gungas Road on the edge of Nimbin. I know, I was there I was the driver of the 4WD.

I just want to say a huge thank you to all those who stopped to help. To Bronwyn, George and Heather who were all there within minutes of the accident, I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart. Many other locals stopped to offer help and support and to you all – I thank you.

To all of the Nimbin community who have overwhelmed me with your care and support since the accident – thank you all.

To all the ambos, rescue squad, helicopter crew, local fires and even the police – you are all truly 'angels' and I thank you also.

I was extremely lucky in this accident – a big thanks to my car – but unfortunately Michael and Linda were not. My heart goes out to them especially Linda, who may never walk again. At least they are alive – thank God.

Accidents like this happen all the time, so please when you are on the road take care and please be responsible.

Cars carry precious cargo all the time.

Tanya Bell  
Nimbin

## Road Rave

I would like to say a big **THUMBS UP** to Lismore Council for the ongoing upgrade of the Nimbin-Lismore road over the last couple of years. It must be 'worse than painting the harbour bridge' with our extreme rainfall and reactive soils. Keep up the good work!

Unfortunately, now that it is possible to drive safely at or near the speed limit for most of the way, incidents of tailgating (with headlights on high beam at night of course), passing on double lines, exceeding limits through school zones and villages, and generally rude/unsafe driving have increased greatly.

The 'gentrification' of Nimbin has proceeded to the point where the Cranky Commuters far outnumber the Iced-up Idiots on P-plates as chief offenders, earning the big **THUMBS DOWN** from those of us who appreciate the scenic drive to our legal 'cash-crop' wage, and our laid-back rural lifestyle.

If you're running late for work, don't take it out on me, and if you want to drive on a freeway, go live where there are plenty already!

Cruisy Commuter  
Name and address supplied

## Retro Rally

I attended a meeting in Kingscliff where a representative from Repco

Rally Championship gave assurances that all was in hand, and no need to be concerned, blah, blah, blah.

He did not tell us that Council approvals had yet to be gained, but rather implied that resistance was useless. He refused to say which roads the race would use and how this would impact residents.

The world has changed but some people have yet to take our peril seriously. People everywhere are trying to reduce harmful emissions. Some people will need to live more simply so that other people may simply live.

Surely there is no need to hoon around (e. i. rally racing) and about time mature people stopped glorifying this behaviour.

This is more than a waste of resources: it is environmental vandalism. It is a bad example to our young drivers too.

I encourage Kyogle and Tweed Councils to show leadership and refuse permission.

Scott Sledge JP  
Blue Knob

## King's Forest

I am writing to express my concern at Leda Holdings' proposal to develop King's Forest south of Kingscliff for 4500 houses, which will lead to the inevitable extinction of the Tweed's largest colony of approximately 300 koalas.

Our poor koalas are under threat from so many areas – such as the drought, climate change, bushfires, floods, road kill, dogs etc. But more than anything, habitat destruction is their biggest threat.

I was shocked to learn that there are only 100,000 koalas remaining in the wild. Therefore we should be doing everything possible to protect this species. Queensland's Anna Bligh has made special efforts to protect whatever remaining koalas exist in the wild. Time for us in NSW too.

The King's Forest plans do not include anywhere near adequate protection for koalas who would be fatally impacted by the presence of dogs, four-laned highways and cars on what is euphemistically called the "wildlife corridor". Why can't these big developers see this simple fact or don't they care?

Chopping down trees that are currently food and shelter for koalas would not be wise considering that it would take at least a decade to grow new ones. In the meantime what are koalas supposed to eat?

I totally object to this land being developed period. Ideally it should become a wildlife reserve so the koalas can be left alone in peace. We have already destroyed so much of their habitat on the coast. How pathetic.

In the interests of our native animals, 40% of whom we have already driven extinct in just 200 years, I hope this proposal is rejected.

Please contact Tweed Shire Council and the NSW Dept of Planning and voice your concerns.

Menkit Prince  
Uki

## People in Glass Houses

I read Michael Kidd's article "What's really behind the Fiji coup?" (NGT Feb 09), and found it one-sided, as only lawyers can do.

Although some of the information was interesting, I can't let his observations go unchallenged.

He compares Fiji with power elites seizing power in African and South American countries, but fails to note that those countries accounted for tens of thousands of deaths, not just a couple, as in Fiji's case, or that Commodore Bainimarama's Fijian coup d'état pushed out Fiji's highly corrupt Chieffy system, which would never let Fiji out of poverty.

He also failed to point out that Fiji's electoral system was heavily biased against the nearly 50% Indo-Fijian population.

He talks about many projects in Fiji collapsing due to world financial crisis. He fails to point out that all the contracts, loan agreements etc that sunk the financial world were ticked off and signed off by lawyers.

Honest dictatorships may be much better than fake democracies. If there is an honest democracy out there on this planet, would someone let me know. I might move there.

Maybe they have no lawyers there.

Peter Rae  
Condong

## Notices

### Accommodation and part-time employment – Gympie

Gerry Amena of Amena's Health Centre is offering a free house and part time employment to a family or single woman with children, who may or may not be in dire straits. Must be vegetarian. This is on a rural property a half hour north of Gympie. Large lake on property.

Employment is mostly packaging and labelling. Gerry is 83 and his son is leaving to go to uni and the family that has been there for years is moving, so he needs help and cannot find a vegetarian family in Gympie area.

Contact Noah at Naclo Health Products 02 6684-3004 office hours, or Gerry Amena 07 5484-6555, evenings best.

### Entries closing for Art Prize

EnviTE is sponsoring a \$5000 environmental art prize for two-dimensional work in conjunction with the Nimbin Autumn Arts Extravaganza.

Application forms and fees are due by 4pm, Sunday 29 March, at Nimbin Artists Gallery. Art works must be delivered to the Hall between 10.30am-1pm on Wednesday 1 April. The prize ceremony will take place at 11.15am on Saturday 4th April.

For application forms and conditions of entry, please apply to [nimbinartistsgallery@gmail.com](mailto:nimbinartistsgallery@gmail.com), or call in at the Nimbin Artists Gallery between 10am-2pm.

### Community School AGM

Nimbin Community School Co-op will be holding its Annual General Meeting on 19th March at 6pm in the ComSkool room at the Community Centre.

"Owners of capital will stimulate the working class to buy more and more of expensive goods, houses and technology, pushing them to take more and more expensive credits, until their debt becomes unbearable. The unpaid debt will lead to bankruptcy of banks, which will have to be nationalised, and the State will have to take the road which will eventually lead to communism."

– Karl Marx, Das Kapital 1867



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Please limit contributions to 600 words or less, and include a photo if possible.

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"Make It, Bake It, Grow It"

# Simon says...



by Councillor Simon Clough

The February council meeting was the first official council meeting of the new year, and it was very heartening as decisions were made which supported the concerns of many residents in our council area. I was successful in having some of my motions passed, unlike in the previous meeting.

For the Nimbin folk, the prolonged issue of the Nimbin Community Centre and the Lismore City Council's requirement to hold mortgage security for s94 grants was resolved in favour of the community centre. Diana Roberts presented an iconic and impassioned speech with the analogy of Mum and Dad helping their adult children buy a house, but requiring to keep the title themselves because they had a small amount invested and wanted to have final control over the property. My motion to the meeting that the Council NOT seek a mortgage over the title was passed 7 votes to 4. The Nimbin community should be acknowledged for its amazing effort in raising funds and managing the Community Centre over the years, and this decision by Council reflects our confidence in the community.

Cr Ray Houston moved to give the Blue Knob Hall Art Gallery a donation of \$2,616.20 being 30% of the Development Application, Construction Fee and s94 charges. This motion was accepted 7/4. Thinking of halls my guess is that there will be some halls in the local government area which won't be able to apply for or spend the \$5,000 Rudd money. Any hall committee with a project ready to go could be

in a very strong position to gain more funds. I'd just like to acknowledge the fabulous contribution local hall committees make to their communities.

The February meeting also addressed the very controversial Development Application by Champion's Quarry for a massive expansion of the quarry's capacity. The local residents had lobbied long and hard against the proposed development, with concerns including inadequacy of buffer zones, noise, dust, health risks, road safety and traffic impacts, flora and fauna concerns, and tourism impacts. There was a huge public gallery, the largest I have seen, and the degree of emotion in the Chamber was palpable, or was it simply that the air conditioning wasn't functioning properly and we were all 'boiling'. I moved the motion to reject the proposed development, not on any one issue, but on the combination of many concerns, but principally that Council would be acting against the provisions of its own Development Control Plan if it approved the development. The vote was 7 in favour of the motion to refuse the development, with 3 votes against, and Cr Meineke abstaining which meant by default he supported the development.

This decision was not taken lightly, and was certainly one of the biggest issues to face the council in recent times. We have read thousands of pages of reports, had a site inspection and workshops. Is it responsible to make a decision that may find the Council in the Land and Environment Court, with its associated costs? On the other hand, legal action by the resident group was likely if the development went ahead with similar cost implications. This was only one of the myriad of issues we considered. It was also very hard seeing the huge amount of work put in by council staff on this issue, but voting against their recommendation.



by Jenny Dowell  
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## Champions rejected.

As most readers will know, Council at its February meeting, rejected the application (7 votes to 4) for an expansion of Champion's Quarry at Tucki Tucki. The non-functioning air conditioning combined with 100 people and standing room only in the Chamber added to the atmosphere.

While the community is naturally pleased with the decision, Council is expecting to be taken to the Land and Environment Court by the applicant so the battle may not be over.

## Nimbin Community Centre

There was also good news for the Nimbin community with Council voting not to require the security of a mortgage over the Community Centre to protect its Section 94 contributions. While staff recommended that Council needed the protection of the mortgage in case things go pear-shaped for NCCI, Councillors were of the opinion that the community has demonstrated its good governance and commitment to the future of the site and were rewarded accordingly.

## Blue Knob Gallery

Also good news for the Blue Knob Hall committee was the decision to donate \$2616.60 as a contribution of 30% of the fees and charges payable for the current development application for improvements. While not the entire amount sought, the money will certainly

## From the mayor's desk

assist this hard-working and energetic group of artists and community members.

## Nimbin Caravan Park

The third 'local' item on Council's agenda for February was the management of the Nimbin Caravan Park and Pool complex. Since the previous manager left in June 2008, there has been an interim manager engaged through an employment agency. No tender was accepted at the meeting but Council staff will continue negotiations with three parties but a contract is expected to be finalised shortly.

## Victorian Bushfires

At the start of the February meeting, those present honoured those who have lost lives, homes and livelihoods in the Victorian Bushfires. We also agreed to donate \$5000 to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal. I know that Nimbin people have organised fundraisers and throughout the community, people have given so generously to help. Others in our Council area have travelled to Victoria to assist as fire fighters, Red Cross aid workers and as Centrelink staff. We hope they return safely to their loved ones and we thank them sincerely for their assistance in this disaster.

## Community Consultation

Council has commenced the preparation of a new Community Consultation policy. We have held one workshop with the second planned on April 7. I understand that the Nimbin community is also looking at how community consultation can be improved and how Council and Nimbin people can work together more effectively. I look forward to hearing the outcomes and regret that I am unable to sit in on your deliberations.

## Water Reform

Last year, the NSW Government commissioned an independent inquiry into the provision of urban water supply and sewerage services

in non-metropolitan areas. Like many Councils, Lismore lodged a submission. Of course that was in the term of the previous Council and so now that the report and recommendations have been released, the new Council needs to consider its position.

The report recommends a binding alliance of all NC Councils excluding Tweed and Clarence Valley. It also recommends that the total water cycle is contained within the new structure. As readers may know, the current structure of Rous Water does not include responsibility for sewerage services that are currently provided by individual Councils.

It would be fair to say that across NC Councils there is a wide range of views and coming to a consensus may be impossible.

## Roads and Budget

Council has commenced its 09/10 budget process by having a presentation from staff on the state of our roads and the increasing gap between what we can deliver in the budget and the needs of both the rural and urban networks. Last year we spent 25% of our total budget or \$18m on roads, but of course the Roads budget also includes paths, cycleways, bridges, roadside maintenance and wages.

It is clear that our roads maintenance budget is under funded by \$2.75m and our capital works or construction budget is \$3m under what is required.

The reality is that this year's budget will be lean. Reduced and indeed lost revenue from investments combined with increases in costs including wages are the main constraints. There is also a need to recognise that the community is facing uncertain economic times and should not bear an increase in rates beyond the rate pegging limit set by the State government and expected to be less than 3%.

Having said that the budget will be lean, the community is invited to make submissions via a one page form available

from Council offices, the web or from me.

It is increasingly apparent that LCC is not alone in its incapacity to meet the demands of its ageing and failing infrastructure. The matter has been raised at the Federal government level through the Australian Council for Local Government. The hope is that local government in the future will receive increased Federal money perhaps through a share of the GST. Time will tell.

## Workshops

Council tourism staff including Andrew from the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre, recently told us of the VIC's success. Over 200 visitors pop in to the Nimbin VIC each day making it one of the top 10 in the state.

The Nimbin VIC is more than an information centre. It sells local produce, has internet access and makes accommodation bookings. If readers are passing, take the opportunity to pick up the latest visitor information guide for Lismore, Nimbin and Villages. It is a great resource for all of us especially when we have visitors and want to know where we can go to show them some of our wonderful area.

## Workshops

Lismore Council's workshop schedule for the rest of this month is:

Tuesday March 24 – Water Reform;

Tuesday March 31 – Roseview Estate (McLeans Ridges);

Tuesday April 7 – Community Consultation 2

All workshops and meetings listed are at 6 pm at Council's Chambers in Oliver Ave. The next Council ordinary meeting will be Tuesday March 10.

There is always so much more I could include in this column so if readers would like to know or tell me about other things please contact me on [Jenny.Dowell@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Jenny.Dowell@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or phone on 0402-651-394. Or perhaps I'll see you at the Blue Moon Cabaret on March 14.

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# Happy marriage on Sibley Street

It's official! After months of delays, the Nimbin Motors NRMA has moved into its new premises at the rear of the Nimbin Auto Centre.

Proprietor Mark Watterson said, "They're better premises, a bigger workshop, better yarding, we're off the main street, and we've got a better office, with free tea and coffee facilities, too."

The same NRMA services and insurances are available at the new site, and the garage is now able to provide wheel alignments and brake machining, as well as all mechanical repairs.

Auto Centre mechanic Steve Brugmans has stayed on as part of Nimbin Motors team, joining Mark, Carl Heydon and casual Wayne Van Boheemen in the workshop, and Gwen Trimble and Laurelli Anderson in the office.

Though the illuminated NRMA sign has not yet been installed, Mark said, "It's been a pretty smooth transition, once we got started."

His sentiments were echoed by Dave Basten, proprietor of the servo, the Nimbin Auto Centre. "Splitting the premises in two was a lengthy process, but after that it's all happened without any problems."

"They're complimentary businesses," he said.

Dave is building his business too, with a growing



**Customer Service.** Gwen Trimble (above, right) helps NRMA customer Myvanwy Fleur, while out the front Dave Basten (below) sells petrol to a tourist.



number of grocery items on additional shelving to complement his range of confectionary and snack food.

"Locals are welcome to bring produce for sale too," Dave said.

Tina Weir has now joined Dave Basten and Kath DeRighetti on counter duties to keep the Auto Centre

open longer hours: 7am-6pm weekdays, and 8am-4pm on weekends.

But the real interest will be when Dave starts up the servo's old car wash, which he has fully restored, later this month. Mechanic Mark said, "It's an antique," to which Mechanic Dave replied, "I've had it going."

# Tunable Folk Café gains steam

There will be yet another wonderful folk cafe at Tuntable on Friday 6th March and again on Friday 20th March - all welcome.

Music is starting from 5.30 and food from 6pm. If necessary, we will give free tea and coffee to those excellent musicians and there is space for anyone who'd like to sing a song also...bring your voices as well as instruments.

A disreputable source has advised that tablecloths improve the ambiance, so there will be tablecloths as well as great music and food.

It's Japanese, to cater for both vegans and omnivores, with miso/vegie soup, home-made bread, sushi and salad as well as cakes and trifle.

See you there!

The cafe draws performers of the calibre of multi-instrumentalist and vocalist Ollie Francis (pictured) to its fortnightly sessions.



# New design workshop with Judy Who



Judy (right) works with client Andrea Lago.

## Want a new outfit?

Judy will work with you to create a design that really suits you, using new and recycling fabrics. Judy has some interesting fabrics.

Also, this workshop is designed to show you how easy it is to make your own clothes and save money. Private and small class available, at 44 Cullen Street, Nimbin.

Phone Judy on 6689-0136 or email [whodesigns@hotmail.com](mailto:whodesigns@hotmail.com)

## Mardi Grass Get Hemped Fashion Show

We want to turn it up this year and make some really exciting hemp clothes, hand painted colourful unique designs with all types of new hemp fabrics.

There will be an exciting work shop with Judy Who beginning in March, at her studio at 44 Cullen Street, Nimbin. Call Judy on 6689-0136 or email [whodesigns@hotmail.com](mailto:whodesigns@hotmail.com)



All Hemp by Judy Who

# Big Joke coming to Bangalow

The Big Joke is one of the rare few comedy festivals which happen in regional Australia. It is a chance for regional audiences and visitors to the area to experience top national and international acts in a setting far more intimate than the metropolitan festivals are able to offer.

Festival Director Mandy Nolan takes great pride in bringing these top name acts to her beloved Byron Bay region.

Tim Minchin (Australia), Arj Barker (USA) and Nina Conti (UK) are all headline acts for the 2009 programme at Bangalow.

Other much-loved local and national comics appearing on the four day line-up include: Kitty Flanagan, Dave Williams, Christine Basil, Hannah Gadsby, Geraldine Quinn, Bart Freebairn, Mandy Nolan, Ellen Biggs and Brandan Lovejoy and Nick Penn.



Tim Minchin



Nina Conti

The Big Joke also features the perennial favourite Funny Kids, with kids aged 10-15 flexing their stand-up comedy muscle on the mic. Sunday morning's breakfast show is Cracked Eggs, a buffet banquet with a bevy of brash

broads. The festival closes with a bang with The Village Idiot Cup, after four free heats of amateur comedy at the A&I Hall.

The Big Joke Comedy Festival is on March 26-29.

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# MardiGrass update

by Max Stone

As Nimbin's HEMP Embassy gears up for the village's seventeenth annual MardiGrass, a cannabis law reform protest weekend that has cost NSW taxpayers a fortune in recent years, an extraordinary situation is emerging in America. New Jersey has just become the 14th state to legislate for medical cannabis. Further, the Attorney General has just reassured law reformers the new government will be treating drugs as a health issue not a criminal one, as Obama promised pre election..

To tell us why California hasn't succumbed to psychosis after a decade of medical cannabis being available, Cheech and Chong are expected to visit, and to explain why the war on drugs can't be won, ex-cop and leader of LEAP, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, a 10,000 strong group in America who just happen to share the hippy view of prohibition, will also be coming to this year's 'Wake Up Australia' MardiGrass.

Most events are well on the way to being organized. A weekend pass including a campsite at the A & I Showgrounds costs \$50. A Saturday-only pass costs \$20, Sunday \$10.

Volunteers of all sorts are still needed and we know from experience this is the way to really enjoy the weekend, from the inside. We especially need parking space and drug free drivers!

There's a new Hemp Olympix event planned for this year called 'Correct Weight'. Or 'Fair Deal' as some want to call it. Entrants have to estimate an oz weight in a standard cliplock bag. 28.349 grams



to be exact. It's a gold medal event and some are already practising.

Also this year for the first time there will be a Fringe MardiGrass, "The Red Pill Circus of Truth" hosted by Jago Jago. The proposed program will include guest speakers on various subjects that are taboo on the mainstream media. Subjects covered will be history, medicine, politics, finance, military and other relevant issues not normally discussed or made available to the general public, and will include film screenings from Friday evening to Sunday night.

One problem: If Cheech and Chong, Jack 'Clean' Cole AND Pink who may well be in Byron for the weekend, all come to MardiGrass this year, we definitely will need all the parking we can find.

The "Wake Up Australia" MardiGrass this year is on the weekend of May 2 and 3, and organisers gather in the Hemp Bar every Friday at 5, if you want to join in and help. Otherwise drop into the Embassy or the Hemp Bar anytime and leave a message in the 'pink book'.

### Cannabis quantities

Among the 12 states that protect the use of medical marijuana, only Washington lacks a commercial dispensary. All other states allow it in the other manner.



# NIMBIN STREET SHUFFLE

by Unda Cuvva

## THE END IS NIGH!

The great thing about being an undacuvva is simply that no one can identify who you are! Like early hippies disappearing into the Andes or the Himalayas in the 70's, anonymous in a sea of strangers. We have to warn all Nimbinites, we are all in for a wild ride, we can see it coming.

Remember the Berlin Wall and how quickly it came down? The war on drugs could reverse just like that with Obama sending shockwaves through our people and thousands of American dealers whose lifestyle is at threat.

You may never hear from me again – seriously! We are already negotiating the terms of our surrender. You potheads will just have to agree not to sue our government which is, of course, broke already.

In exchange, dealers get first dibs at the new and taxable industry – growers, mullers, traders and testers – a myriad of jobs that will come with regulating the multi-billion dollar weed trade.

Nimbin could go from Australia's highest unemployment zones to the very opposite – scary thought!

## PLANTATION SQUAD

As a symptom of the coming change, the plantation squad is falling apart and needs busts, which is a numbers game! Size and quality doesn't matter. Ever tried hauling a ten-footer out of the jungle?

For example, Barkers Vale teachers were observed scooping up the 'remnants' left in the schoolyard after the chopper departed. Apparently it was an interesting scene.

They must have all been biology teachers, as they seemed to identify exactly what they were looking at! Get over it guys, it's still an **illegal substance**, not a plant! I don't care how smart you are.

We've heard some shocking bitching about police and chopper raids this last month. So what if a few chooks left their eggs and a mob of pigs trashed someone's house 'cos the chopper almost landed on top of them? The plantation squad have got to have their



north coast holiday once or twice a year or they'll be hanging out on your footpath with the other jobless bums.

The boys and girls in those choppers have got to get plant numbers, of any size! Maybe you could kindly leave out a couple of hundred sprouted seeds for them to easily find. Maybe at their favourite barbecue spot on the ridge?

Only 5000 seeds (make sure they've sprouted), and that's \$10,000,000 in plantation squad lingo, and another guaranteed holiday up here next year for them! What is a 'plantation' again, anyway? Three plants, five?

## BONUS POINTS SYSTEM

Another big whinge on the streets has been that 'Mike' (not his real name) is back in town. Fresh from his vacation, he's targetting the well known tourist attraction (WKTA) in a daily ritual which has ruffled a few feathers. You all think Nimbin is a hospital without walls, an intensive care unit at that, and this particular WKTA is the emergency and operating theatre as well as the mental health department and waiting room.

Well 'Mike' doesn't see it your way – to him this is like shooting fish in a barrel and he can do the paperwork for each bust in under four hours! Writing up a bag of weed is much easier than a person. Weed can't talk back and you get four bonus points for an 'illegal substance' discovery, and what the heck, they're only kids anyway.

Who wants to send 'em to jail, or give 'em a record for life? Not 'Mike', he just wants to build up promotion points quickly so he'll be promoted out of here. He's really making a difference!

## WKTA ORDERS

Talking about WKTA's, the museum's front door tells a story. The latest statement from the Crown Prosecutor in Sydney is posted on it and demands cameras re-installed, the tin fence gone and a new contact person who will be 'pro-active' in assisting the police. Someone suggested the pastor, but we know he smokes weed too! Seriously, it's hard to find someone who either doesn't smoke, or their mother doesn't.

## ROAD RAIDS

'Selective policing' is the other big complaint floating around the village. You should know it always accompanies chopper time, and that particular police car just loves hiding in the 40 km work zones on the Lismore road. If you've got an old car, dirty car, long hair or beard – or the opposite – flash car and shaved head, or any other sign of 'hippie shit' or 'damned youth', expect to be pulled over. You still wanna be an individual?

## SCIPIONE SPEAKS

NSW police Commissioner Scipione sent us a message this week. He's telling us he wants us to improve our relationship with the community, especially with crime victims. He specified "people wanted to be heard, told what's happening and know that police are there for them and their families. If this meant changing the way police did business, then that would happen".

How many unda's replied telling him we already had a column in the local rag talking to our community? He was thrilled to the bone! We're waiting for our merit award.

## BAND OF THIEVES

On a serious community note, there is a thief lurking around the area of the police station. The male or female took first a guitar, and now allegedly a didgeridoo. Did the same person take the decorated drum from the community centre? Who's starting a new band? If you park your car near the police station, make sure it's locked. It's a worry.

We have to admit our local force is feeling the heat with the Sarge out on stress leave, but who can blame him? It's just too hard here in uniform and this village is fast collecting enough nutters to make your own muesli. We've sent endless reports to HQ warning them the streets of Nimbin will be collecting a lot more unemployed. You local dole bludging hippies will hardly notice it, but we can see the idle masses are rapidly growing.

## OUT TO LUNCH

Underbelly is compulsory viewing for all undacuvva's on Monday nights. It should give all viewers a good insight into our NSW police force. To replace the brown paper bag lunches, they introduced a bonus system for busts after the Royal Commission.

We got cash for closing the Hemp Bar and the Lounge of Sound. Other WKTA's are in our sights now.

We know most of you think coppers hate hippies and ferals, but it's mostly just jealousy. We undacuvvas get crap pay, yet you mob live on the dole like kings and queens. While we just compromise, compromise, compromise, and sign allegiance to whom? I'm confused, who am I again?

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