



## No Excuse

It was a great relief to read in *The Northern Star* (Saturday, May 24) that one of Nimbin's finest young thugs was finally dealt with by the law.

Steven Collison pleaded guilty to raping a four-year-old girl in Lismore District Court in May. The incident occurred in Nimbin and the family who were devastated by this act have left town.

Mr Collison told the court prior to the rape he had been at a sex-party and had taken the drug ice. This was offered as an excuse for his behavior.

In conversations I have had around Nimbin, discussion of the offence is always qualified by the statement: he was off his head and did not know what he was doing.

I think it is important that it be said, it does not matter what he had taken, the fact remains Steven Collison

raped a four-year old girl. He entered her bedroom through a window and he removed her nappy to do it!

Fingerprints put him at the scene of the crime and he pleaded guilty.

There is no excuse. I hope his sentence is a long one.

**Outraged Nimbin mother**  
(Name and address supplied)

## Josh Remembered

I am, along with quite a few others, friends of the late Josh Parker-LeBars, from his days in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges, where he lived with Alison and David for many years. We went to high school with him and have the most beautiful memories of this beautiful man we were so very lucky to call our friend.

We wanted to put a little note in the paper on the anniversary of his death this year, to send our love and well wishes to the Parker, Ward and LeBars families. I know this may seem so late, but for the many of us who could make it Nimbin to say goodbye, there were many many more who could not.

As strong as the mourning was and is in Nimbin, it too flows thick and sorrowful down south too.

Jodie Hester

## Paving paradise

In response to the new IGA, I feel that we are in a critical time right now, where important choices are presented to us. We have economic crises looming, oil prices rising, changes in climate and weather patterns, war, poverty and major

ecological devastation.

I feel that any development that ultimately depends on (and reinforces) the system being 'as it is', will only repeat the mistakes of globalisation and commercialism now found to be at fault around the globe.

It is easy to look at the world and say, this is how it is, we all use cars and shop in supermarkets, therefore that's what we keep doing. But when is the time to make a change then?

Because building a car park reinforces the idea that cars are central to life, that we will always have cars to drive. Building a supermarket says we are happy with products in plastic wrappings, happy with more landfill, more waste, more toxicity for humans, land and animals alike.

This piece of land has been described as degraded land, an 'empty cow paddock'. This depends on your point of view, your ability to see and your imagination. Only a few hundred years ago this land was part of the Big Scrub Rainforest, one of the most diverse eco-systems in the world. This forest was the biggest supermarket of all, owned by all, enjoyed by all, free to shop in.

This land is alive and beginning again to regenerate itself, starting in the soil, in the worms and micro organisms, the insects and birds who come to feed. This land already is habitat for lizards, frogs and many other species.

This life will be paved over, destroyed once again in the name of progress.

If the only things we have the imagination to grow are

more houses, more car parks, more supermarkets filled with shiny products in plastic wrappings, we really don't deserve this earth we live on.

**Nina Boddenberg**  
Blue Knob  
(Edited for length)

## Goonellabah Reality

The housing development that is now occurring on Nimbin's original Aquarius site is at least Phase three if not more.

In the late nineties, Robyn Francis held meetings at Djanbung Gardens to discuss the original proposal, which was a very innovative eco-village with a variety of buildings, some larger blocks as well as townhouse size, with provision for singles, the young and old, and community facilities such as artists' workshops, all to be set on Permacultured orchards and walkways.

It was quite ahead of its time for Australia, if not for Europe and America, and if it had been allowed to go ahead as originally planned, it would have set a new standard for town developments, and set a style for the future for Nimbin that would have been aesthetically pleasing and attracted creative people without it having to cost a small fortune.

Sadly it coincided with the most outrageous period of denigration that Nimbin has ever experienced, and the town virtually went into a black hole. Council threw up all sorts of unaffordable difficulties and the original developer went cold and passed it on.

Now it seems we will be delivered a Goonellabah reality for Nimbin, which is

what everybody was worried about in the first place. It's a pity that we were thwarted in our desire to create an aesthetic, ecological, affordable alternative.

Lynne Oldfield  
Nimbin

## Mayan Calendar

Who in their right mind bothers to listen to ill-informed twitterers when they profess to know so much about complex issues and flutter over them, debunking as they go without offering any hardcore challenge to what they so easily dismiss – just to gain the high (ego) ground?

Those who knock ancient civilizations' wisdoms – seemingly much wiser than

our own, in their time – do so at their own peril in these transitory times.

Who can argue when we live by a calendar that has uneven months named wrongly and attempts to keep us out of whack with natural time?

Dr. Carl Johan Calleman has come up with many discoveries others haven't, regarding the complexities of the Mayan time-keepers, see [www.calleman.com/content/articles/RebirthCelebration.htm](http://www.calleman.com/content/articles/RebirthCelebration.htm)

And if you still don't believe the Mayans, perhaps you'll be influenced by what NASA have found. See [www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/04/2012storms](http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/04/2012storms)

Binnah Pownall  
Mt. Burrell

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### Interagency meeting

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### Volunteer Awards

NRMA has an award program for Volunteers in Environment, Community, Seniors and Youth categories. For details of the Helping People Awards, go to [www.mynrma.com.au](http://www.mynrma.com.au) Nominations close Friday 10th July 2009.

### Poetry Night

Monthly poetry night at the Nimbin Oasis Café, Cullen Street, on 11th June will launch the 2009 Performance Poetry World Cup. The heater will be blazing. Enquiries: call Gail 6689-7424

### March and Rally Against Violence

Saturday 11th July, meet 10.30am at Nimbin Hospital car park for March at 11am to Allsopp Park. Bring your voice and a noisy instrument. "Don't let them hide behind your silence – Say no to violence." Help raise awareness and stop the violence in our community.

### Weave and Mend

The 2009 Weave and Mend Festival will be held as a 5-day camp, Friday 2nd to Tuesday 6th October in the Nimbin Central School grounds, with 2-hour continual weaving workshops, acoustic music and chai/food space. For more information phone 02 6689-7129.

### CD Winner

The winner of the AntiBodies CD competition was Pam Pussycat with her entry, "The AntiBodies are mind-blowing, exposing the truth behind the urban myths." Congratulations, Pam, and sorry to hear of your flood.

## have your say

Lismore City Council has developed a draft Community Strategic Plan for 2008 – 2018 and asks for your comments and feedback. The process to develop this plan started back in November when the newly elected Councillors outlined their vision for the future of Lismore. This vision, with an increased focus on sustainability, social inclusion, the revitalisation of the central business district and our corporate foundations, lays out the broad direction that Council will take over the next decade.

The draft Community Strategic Plan is available at our Corporate Centre in Goonellabah and our CBD Office in Magellan Street. The draft Plan is also available on Council's website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au). If you are unable to access the draft Plan at any of these locations, please contact our Customer Contact Centre on 1300 87 83 87 and we will make arrangements for you to receive the document.

The draft Community Strategic Plan will be on exhibition from Thursday, June 4 until Thursday, July 2, 2009.

Please address your submission to the General Manager via mail or email.



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# Simon says...



by Lismore Councillor  
Simon Clough

How things change in a month. Last month's column opened with "It was great to have all that rain and no serious flood". Today I've changed my mind – it's great to have that glorious Autumn sunshine, and what a helluva flood we've just had.

Of course we've had plenty of floods before, but I do have major concerns about the future impacts of extreme weather events. Council has a huge responsibility from here on to do some serious planning, and despite the vocal climate change sceptics, we can't say we were not warned. I was motivated to stand for Council because of my concerns about climate change, and I can see we have a lot of work to do.

The gaping chasms in Oliver Avenue and at Tuntable Falls show how vulnerable our infrastructure can be, and this can be predicted to worsen with more extreme weather in the future. It was a blessing that no lives were lost, and harm minimisation needs to be a priority in planning. I was heartened to hear from Trish that cultural sensitivity abounds in this region, with food drops of tofu to the stranded families at Tuntable Falls Community.

It's fascinating to wander around town and hear people's flood stories. I must say there are some wild flood stories getting around. It seems that there are always a few people who seem to take delight in telling you that "You're mad to be packing up your business, it's not going to flood", or "Are you

only putting your stock up one metre!" Trish and I heard it all on Thursday night as we worked from midnight til 8am, packing up Traditional Medicinals in Keen Street.

I'm always impressed by the resilience of communities when the pressure is on, and my heart goes out to the many people who are struggling. It is also a reminder of the priorities for Council to address affordable housing, the homeless shelter and the location of the Lismore Tourist Caravan Park.

Ironically there was a planned meeting of the Floodplain Management Committee in late May. The date was set some time ago. Hard to believe, but it is nearly three years since this committee last convened.

On a more cheerful note, I am happy to report that the Aboriginal flag is now installed in the Council Chambers. Without entering into the Republican debate, I am happy to add that the picture of 'Our Queen' has been updated, at my request, to a more contemporary image.

GSAC (Goonellabah Sports and Recreation Centre) is off to a flying start, with water quality measures up and running. I would urge anyone who has not seen the Centre to pay a visit, have a swim and try out the gym. A full Centre daytime pass (all day) will cost you \$10. Or check out the website (just Google GSAC).

I've requested that the Development Application for Nimbin's proposed new shops in Sibley Street be put on display at the Visitors' Information Centre. Brent McAlister, the relevant Executive Director, has assured me it will be there.

It's a shame that the public meeting to discuss the development was on such a miserable evening with few venturing out in the rain (including me).



by Jenny Dowell  
Mayor of Lismore

Jenny.Dowell@lismore.nsw.gov.au

## Floods

Residents and business people throughout our Council area have survived another major flood and are well on their way to restoring their homes, businesses, farms and communities. There are some amazing stories and photos around that tell the tale of nature's power and the resilience of our people.

On behalf of our community, I express our deep gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers both home-grown and from other parts of NSW for the help they provided in our time of need. We could not have done it without you. At the centre of the preparation, notification, response and rescue efforts was the SES ably assisted by the Evacuation Centre co-ordinated by DoCS and staffed also by the Red Cross, churches, St John's Ambulance, Housing and other local welfare agencies.

During the flood we had visits from the NSW Minister for Emergency Services Steve Whan, Premier Nathan Rees and Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland. All were greatly impressed by the coordinated response effort and all had something to offer. The best news was that the event was declared a Natural Disaster so that funding will be available for Councils to gain the appropriate reimbursement of the costs of clean up and repair or replacement of infrastructure.

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# From the Mayor's desk

## Recovery

The recovery phase started immediately after the flood threat passed and a Flood Recovery Centre, a one-stop shop for all enquiries for assistance, was established at 40 Carrington St near Magellan St. Representatives from DoCS, Centrelink, Council and other agencies will be there to offer information, advice and assistance from 8 am- 6pm, seven days a week while the demand exists.

Financial assistance will be available to meet cases of personal hardship, to aid small business and for those on the land. For Lismore Council, the assessment of the damage commenced before the flood passed with several big ticket items likely to head the long list of repairs. As expected, our roads will require significant work especially our rural road network and our main urban roads with their many potholes. We have also lost bridges at Billen Cliffs and on Tuntable Falls Rd and of course, the new tourist attraction, a gaping hole in Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

The 13mx14m gap in the road is over 7m deep and had the potential to cause serious injury or death if it had not been discovered by a Council road crew member at approximately midnight on the Thursday night of the flood. Thank you Allen!

## Federal Infrastructure

Council received word in early May that our application for \$2.75M for the revitalisation of Woodlark St was successful. This grant will be paired with \$1.75M of Council funds to rebuild the street, its underground services and the footpaths to improve the amenity of the precinct. Work will commence in July and may take up to 12 months to complete.

## Other news

The ordinary work of Council did take place for most of May, including the regular monthly meeting at which we discussed a wide

range of important matters.

## Best Practice Planning Review

Having outlined the background for this review in last month's NGT, I used my casting vote to allow public submissions to be invited and received. My personal view was that we should wait to see what the review recommended and then broaden its scope if necessary but when the vote was tied 5 all, I used my casting vote in favour of the motion to invite those submissions.

## Roseview Estate McLeans Ridges

Council decided to give the developers of this estate 60 days to sign a voluntary Planning Agreement or withdraw their application. While Council cannot force the developer to act, the resolution indicates that Council is not willing to reduce the financial contributions payable for the application to proceed and wants to see some action or withdrawal.

## Seniors Housing

An application for six units for seniors in Dawson St, Girards Hill was rejected by Councillors on the recommendation by staff because the development is not in keeping with the heritage precinct. The development is proposed by the Office of Community Housing so Council must request that the Minister for Planning approve our refusal. If granted, Council will then negotiate a reduced scale for the development.

## Sewerage

Not only did Council approve an MOU between Richmond Valley Council for a sewerage connection with Nth Woodburn but we also awarded a \$4M tender for first stage of the replacement of a Rising Main No 3 that takes sewerage from the CBD to the South Treatment Sewerage Works. The main was constructed in 1977 and has been in a bad state despite numerous repairs.

## Budget

Readers with an interest in Council's Management Plan including the Budget and Fees and Charges have until 4.30 pm on June 12 to make a submission. The Plan is currently on exhibition in several locations including the Nimbin Visitor Centre, Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre and Goolmangar Store. It is also available on line at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) in the Public Exhibition section. The main inclusions in the Plan are a 3.5% General Rates rise and an increase in Water, Sewerage and Waste Collection charges to meet actual costs.

## Workshops and Meetings

Lismore Council's draft meeting schedule for the coming month is:  
June 9 – Council meeting  
June 16 – Local Environmental Plan (LEP) workshop  
June 18 – Extraordinary Council meeting to adopt the Management Plan, Budget, Fees and Charges  
July 7 – LEP workshop – Flooding

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**Good news.** After the Budget, Janelle held a pensioners morning tea in her Electorate Office with the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin, to explain the pension increases.

from Janelle Saffin, MP

Once again our region has been hit by a natural disaster with the recent floods, and at such times we see the very best of our volunteers, local, state and federal government agencies and the strength of communities working together, led by the SES.

The Attorney General, Robert McClelland flew to Lismore on Saturday to announce Australian Government financial assistance to communities affected by heavy rainfall and flooding.

In Parliament the Prime Minister announced additional assistance with one off grants of up to \$15,000 for small businesses and primary producers that can provide proof of expenditure on flood related recovery. The New South Wales Rural Assistance Authority will administer these payments.

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As well as the impact on homes, farms and businesses, the floods have caused extensive damage to local infrastructure, including roads and bridges. Clearly the recovery will take some time and the Australian Government will be working closely with councils on a recovery plan for our region.

#### Budget 2009

We're all starting to understand the effect the global recession is having on Australia, and this Budget was framed in very tough times. The global recession has whacked the Budget, wiping close to \$200 billion from Government revenue.

The Treasurer Wayne Swan and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made it clear that this Budget had to be about three things; jobs,

nation building and a path back to surplus, and it is.

Around 70 per cent of our stimulus package invests in infrastructure, including the largest school modernisation program in the nation's history, and investment in roads, hospitals, broadband and community infrastructure projects.

Our borrowings are responsible. Even with the Government's stimulus, Australia's position remains strong compared to the rest of the world. Australia's public debt is modest, 5 per cent of GDP, close to the lowest of global nations.

Australia's public debt will be the lowest of any major advanced economy in the world.

#### Pensions

I'm, really pleased that about 32,000 pensioners both singles and couples in Page will receive pension increases. This applies to recipients of the Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment and Veterans Service Pensions.

This is the first real reform in pensions in decades. Pension reform was the key issue that I strongly advocated on in this Budget. I thank all the pensioners who took part in the seven income support forums I held around the electorate last year and had input into the pension review.

Janelle.

## A timely acknowledgment and thank you to the Volunteer Rescue Association

from Justine Elliot, MP

I recently attended the 2009 NSW Volunteer Rescue Association Mid Year Conference at Twin Towns Services Club. At the conference, which was hosted by the Tweed District Rescue Squad Inc., I congratulated the members of the Volunteer Rescue Association for their dedication and commitment.

The recent weather events have brought home the courage, skill and dedication of our local emergency volunteers who give so freely of their time to protect the lives and property of others. I commended the NSW VRA President Gary Raymond and Far North Coast Regional Coordinator/Commander Noel Ball, and all our wonderful rescue squad volunteers, locally and across New South Wales, for the fantastic work they do.

#### Local pensioners to benefit from reforms

The Federal Budget has ensured local single pensioners will receive the increased support they deserve.

Single pensioners in our local area will receive increases of up to \$32.49 a week as part of the Secure and Sustainable Pension Reforms.

Pensioners thoroughly deserve extra support and it's great that even in the hardest of economic times the Government has delivered. Our reforms will improve the pension system, make it simpler, and more sustainable into the future as the population ages.

#### Round two of National School Pride Program delivers \$2.8 million to 35 local schools

The \$1.3 billion National School Pride program is delivering much needed funding for school infrastructure projects.

35 local schools in the Richmond electorate will receive \$2.8 million for minor infrastructure and refurbishment projects under Round Two of the National School Pride (NSP) program.

This vital school



**At the Tweed Rescue VRA conference (left to right):** NSW VRA President Gary Raymond, Andrea Danvers from the Brunswick Valley & District Volunteer Rescue Organisation, Justine Elliot and Tweed District Rescue Squad President Jamie Stoddart.

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infrastructure is a major boost for local jobs and the economy.

Together with Round One, the National School Pride program Round Two will deliver more than \$9.4 million to 88 primary and secondary schools in Richmond.

Justine said the National School Pride program is one of three elements of the Rudd Government's \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution (BER).

Schools that secured funding in Round 2 of the National School Pride program include:

- Aetaomah School, Terragon - \$50,000
- Clunes Public School - \$75,000
- Coffee Camp Public School - \$75,000
- Goolmangar Public School - \$50,000
- Jiggi Public School - \$50,000
- Larnook Public School - \$50,000
- Manifold Public School - \$50,000
- Tuntable Creek Public School - \$50,000
- Tuntable Falls Community Primary School - \$50,000
- Whian Whian Public School - \$50,000
- The Channon Public School - \$50,000

A list of successful schools

and their planned projects are available at: [www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au](http://www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au) or at: [www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au](http://www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au)

#### \$8 million towards new Byron Regional Sport & Cultural Complex and \$2 million for new Cultural And Leisure Centre at Lennox Head

I recently joined the Minister for Infrastructure and Local Government Anthony Albanese, Byron Shire Mayor Jan Barham, and legendary former Olympian Herb Elliott in Ewingsdale to announce the government would offer \$8 million towards the new Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex.

Then it was off to Lennox Head to join Ballina Shire Mayor, Phillip Silver to announce the Government would offer \$2 million towards the new Cultural and Leisure Centre in Lennox Head.

Through the Rudd Government's economic stimulus plan, we are investing in major projects like this to support local jobs and economies during the global recession.

This federal funding is part of our \$800 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – the largest one-off investment in local infrastructure in Australia's history.

Justine.

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# Council climate change program axed for no good reason

by John Kaye, Greens  
Member of NSW Parliament

The Rudd government has withdrawn funding from the Cities for Climate Protection program that helped councils reduce their carbon footprint.

I am calling on the Rees government to step in and continue support for NSW local government work on climate change.

Using a very crude measure of greenhouse reduction benefits, the federal government is sinking a crucial flagship program in renewable energy and efficiency measures.

While the National Clean Coal Fund is set to receive \$366 million over the next four years, support for local government transformation is to be abruptly slashed at



John Kaye in Nimbin

the end of June.

No account has been made for the long term benefits of a program that allows councils to model low carbon footprint behaviour to their community. Based on the flimsiest of evidence, the program has been deemed to not be cost effective.

The Rudd government has failed to acknowledge that the Cities for Climate Protection program enables

councils to provide leadership to their community.

With the federal government's carbon trading scheme going nowhere and the Rees government fixated on burning more coal, councils had become the best chance of leading the community to lower carbon footprints.

Municipalities around NSW will be left without the support to complete their milestones.

Ending the program now is wasteful and damaging to the future of climate change mitigation. The Rees government should not sit on its hands while Cities for Climate Protection folds.

*Dr John Kaye will be talking about the transition to a green economy, at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Saturday 13th June.*

# Two solar rebates cut this month

by Dave Christmas  
Rainbow Power Company

Rainbow Power Company is very disappointed that the Rudd Government has severely let down the solar industry and the Green movement in general.

The previous Howard government had pleased the solar industry by initiating funding for two rebate programs:

**1. Solar Home and Communities Plan (SHCP)**, which paid \$8/Watt up to an \$8,000 maximum for systems close to or connected to the grid. Howard promised the Plan would run for five years and funds would be topped up if needed.

Labour did top up the funds but introduced a means test, restricting people earning over \$100,000 access to the rebate. Then in November they announced that the rebate would end prematurely on June 30th and be replaced by Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). These Certificates change in market price and also depending on where you live in Australia.

For our area, the total present rebate of \$8,000 + \$1,000 in RECs will reduce to about \$5,000 in RECs. This represents



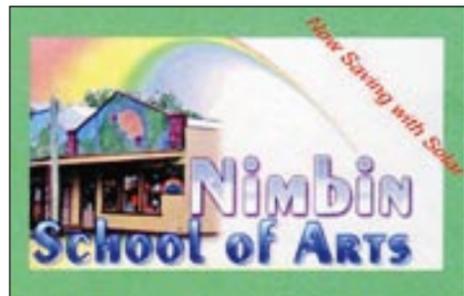
a decrease in support from the ALP Government of some \$4,000. Incidentally, this was all decided before the present recession became as serious as it now is.

**2. The Renewable Remote Power Generation Program (RRPGP)** was paid to those who lived remote from the grid (defined as costing more than \$30,000 to connect to it). It offered a rebate up to 50% of the total system cost. It is now rumoured that this program will also end on (or even before!) 30th June due to the funds running out.

The Howard Government had provided funding for five years but the ALP government pillaged the funds from the scheme when it was first elected.

Dave Lambert, Rainbow Power Company's Sales Manager said, "The ending of the RRPGP rebate will mean in some cases that the grid will be extended into ecologically sensitive areas, and in other cases the use of very inefficient home generator systems producing lots of polluting gases."

Most voters at the last Federal elections assumed that the ALP government would be a lot greener than the previous Howard government. They could do worse than letting their elected Federal representatives know how they feel.



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# NIMBIN STREET SHUFFLE

by Unda Cuvva

## CAMPBOR SNIFFING

How do those hempsters keep falling on their feet?

Without realizing the impact, they covered their backyard with a load of camphor woodchip, just before MardiGrass. Even the sniffer dogs on the pub back verandah were choking on the fumes, they couldn't get anywhere near the Embassy. The poor dogs were vomiting in their cages and their handlers were furious. Camphor eh, simple as that.



## UNDACUVVA UNION

The news of \$1000 reward per dealer before the MardiGrass hit Undacuvva HQ just as the boss unlocked the grog cupboard at the end of a gruelling day.

We wondered if it was a coincidence. The stress of staying in role all day is hard to explain. Inhaling against my will, staying cool no matter what, keeping track of every dollar in the trading, and who I've bought and sold from. There's so many of us on the street, more than once lately Undas have bought a deal off each other without realising.

Anyway, the reward went down like a lead balloon and we refused to work the next day, and the next, and the next. It wont happen again, the UndaUnion promised. Besides, too many homeless derros turned up at Police HQ with a dirty little roach dobbing themselves in and demanding the grand!

Ridiculous.



## SELECTIVE POLICING

There's a serious weakness in the Undacuvva Action Advice Manual, D4 (e), which states, "there is no point targeting minors, under 18 years of age, they just get a slap on the wrist".

It makes me think the cops have invested big time in the new privatised jails. Rather than preventative policing they're into it for the business perhaps.

There was great relief recently over a scare when the UndaUnion had to talk the BigWigs out of a new and dangerous idea for Judges and Magistrates to meet the people they sentence when they come out of jail. To assess how well our punishment system is working. No need, it was decided in the end the system is working well.

Trouble is, the under eighteens are taking over the street dealing now they've figured out we leave them alone.

## NIGHTMARE ENDING

I'm getting headaches from the too tight blonde wigs the boss insists we use to lure the young dealers.

"Short skirts and blond, works every time," he says. And I'm having a nightmare, repeatedly. I'm just a kid in the dream, early twenties, growing up around Nimbin with other hippy kids who all got tempted into dealing a bit of weed for pocket honey. We all did it, but I was good at it, like I'm a good Unda.

In the dream two beautiful blondes are hassling me to get them some pills. I know they're Undas trying to set me up, but I can't stop myself. I get the pills. They want more, I get more. Then they want lots, I arrange the deal, but in a blur they whip off their blond wigs switching from gorgeous to horrid ugly. In an instant cops are everywhere and I'm in jail for years with heavy adult real crims, serious shit, not Nimbin like.

I wake up terrified. Three times now I've had that dream, in a week. My times nearly up. You'll never know who I was because I'll have to disappear. But I'll be back, as a new person, I haven't even decided which sex yet.

I've grown to love you freaks and your strange little tribe, the Nimbinites.