

ASTRO FORECASTS

YOUR MONTHLY REVIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS

BY TINA MEWS



October At the moment our Sun is travelling through the social minded and relationship focused sign of Libra. Potentially it is a great time for all sorts of negotiations and renegotiations. Mercury and Venus are still in dutiful and pragmatic Virgo and will follow the Sun on the 10th and 15th of this month respectively. Party time will have to wait till then. However, the first two weeks are great for getting things done and out of the way. On the 13th, Jupiter, the planet representing expansion, optimism and indulgence is turning direct again after four months in retrograde motion. Until early January 2010, Jupiter's benevolent rays of wisdom reach us through the energy field of Aquarius. Then he will enter watery and compassionate Pisces, which will hopefully manifest as a change in the weather pattern. Nevertheless, at the moment, we can expect to be feeling inspired to share our visions with others. The instruction is to 'think globally and act locally'. Then on the 30th, the Keeper of Time and planet of reality, Saturn is also entering the sign of Libra, where he will dwell until October 2012. On a more personal level, test and trials can be expected to take place within our intimate and/or business relationships. On the greater scale we enter a new era of diplomacy, which requires a major shift in perspective – if not to say a 'quantum leap' – in the months to come. Generally, when Saturn ingresses the sign of Libra people are more sensitive towards issues concerning fairness, equality and human rights.

Aries:

It is not always easy for you hot headed rams to understand other people's frame of reference. Yet, you are honestly willing to share and support their causes, if you feel accepted. On the 17th Mars moves into exuberant Leo and you might feel ready for some real fun time.

Taurus:

This month you will find much enjoyment in your work. Your sensibility for 'fair play' is enhanced and your colleagues or friends might call for your negotiation skills. If you have to weigh things up, expand the field of choice.

Gemini:

With so many planets in air signs you can expect to feel flooded with a variety of information and ideas. Maintain an open channel between your head and your heart. Trust your emotional intelligence for guidance.

Cancer:

These are dynamic times for you security conscious Cancerians. Make your

home a sanctuary for much needed rest. Enjoy some intimate moments with friends and family members this month.

Leo:

A great time for picking up some helpful communication skills. When you find yourself feeling extra passionate about something, pull back an inch or two and try to listen to what others have to say.

Virgo:

Money matters more to you at the moment than usually. Attempt to balance your cheque books as well as your relationships. Focus on abundance and trust that the universe will be kind and generous.

Libra:

It seems to be your destiny continuously trying to reconcile opposites in the pursuit of harmony and peace. Yet, what is fair might not always be easy to establish. On the New Moon in your Sun sign (18th) you can trust your inner visions.

Scorpio:

Use the energies of the month for evaluation and reflection. Clear out your hard drives so that new information can be received when the Sun moves into your birth sign on the 24th.

Sagittarius:

This could be a very busy time for you. Exciting friendships might develop. Projects that were started earlier on in the year gain new momentum. Goals and objectives need a clearer definition now to make them successful.

Capricorn:

This month you are willing to work hard for achieving fairness in any cause that is important to you. You might surprise yourself and others with your diplomatic abilities.

Aquarius:

This month you might be looking for a kind of spiritual liberation. Travelling could bring mind opening experiences and an appreciation of the diversity of life. Beware of conflicts in your relationships.

Pisces:

Growth comes through cooperation and partnerships with others at the moment. Resistance towards the unexpected is at its low. A friend from the past might reappear in your life and old wounds could heal.

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"Without a little rain in our life, we would never experience the rainbows.
We are surrounded by beauty, so let us be grateful for everything in our lives and live each day as if it were our last."
– Jane Ehrlich

Nimbin Financial Times

October Panics

by David McMinn

"October is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August and February." – Mark Twain.

It is that time of year again – October. This month has historically witnessed some of the great financial disasters in economic history.

All readers would be aware of those dramatic events in 1929, 1987, 1997 and last year in 2008. October can be a scary time if you are invested in the stock market. However, panics at this time of year may be spectacular, but they are very infrequent.

NB: The annual one day (AOD) rise or fall is the biggest % one day movement in the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) index in the year commencing March 1.

Lunar Phase

Over the past few centuries, major October panics occurred with lunar phase a few days before the new Moon or around the full

Moon – with no exceptions.

Why this observation occurs in financial trends

remains unknown.

October financial crises were also most likely in 7-ended years – 1847, 1857, 1907, 1897, 1937, 1987, 1997. (In 1917, the panic happened in the first week of November.) Another financial crisis was anticipated in October 2007, but it took place somewhat later than expected on January 21, 2008. The emphasis on 7-ended years arises from the well known decennial cycle, in which the New York stock market tends to repeat the same pattern every 10 years.

Seasonality

Another market curiosity is the timing of the DJIA peaks and the seasonality of the ensuing extremes in investor

sentiment. DJIA peaks between February 1 and September 3 were always followed by significant AOD falls (\Rightarrow -2.50%) in the three months to October 31. The corresponding AOD rises (\Rightarrow +2.50%) happened in September – October, with two anomalies in January of 1982 and 1991. Importantly, a few peaks were not followed by significant AOD movements over 2.50%.

For all DJIA highs between February 1 and September 15, the 20 ensuing DJIA AOD rises and falls (\Rightarrow 2.50%) took place in the half year commencing August 1, with no exceptions. This was extremely unlikely to happen by chance and was yet another remarkable example of financial seasonality.

DJIA peaks between September 11 and January 31 were followed by 9 AOD falls between January 20 and May 31, with a single anomalous AOD fall (Nov 26, 1973). The corresponding AOD rises took place between March 10 and July 31, with one exception (Dec 22, 1916). For the DJIA peaks between September 15 and January 31, most AOD rises and falls happened in the 6.4 months commencing January 20. The findings have been summarized in the accompanying table.

DJIA Highs (a)	DJIA AOD Rises & Falls	Number
Feb 01 – Sep 10	Aug 01 – Jan 31	20
Anomalies	-	-
Sep 11 – Jan 31	Jan 20 – Jul 31	18
Anomalies	Nov 26, 1973; Dec 22, 1916	2

(a) Based on the listing of DJIA highs by fiendbear.com

These and many other Moon Sun correlates reduce the whole concept of free market capitalism to an absurdity. What

is more ridiculous than a world financial system highly dependent on the heavenly positions of the Moon and Sun. Clearly one of the theories has to be wrong – modern free market economics or Moon Sun cycles.

Outlook for this October

From cycles, another major October panic is unlikely this year. They are infrequent events and have never occurred in quick succession.

The DJIA scored new highs in late November and thus a panic may be expected in the first half of next year. The timing of the peak in the current bull market will be crucial to determining the timing of the next market panic. It remains to be seen when the next stock market peak will occur.

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THE AGE OF STUPID

Reviewed by Stephen Wright

Why there aren't currently more films like *The Age of Stupid* is beyond me. But of course, it's not like the planet's in any danger or anything...

The Age of Stupid is an independent film, directed by Franny Armstrong of the *McLibel* doco and founder of the 10:10 movement (reduce our personal carbon-footprints by ten percent by 2010), and her colleague Lizzie Gillett. The film was financed by crowd-funding, ie: a whole lot of people got together and donated a bit each.

It was released globally at the end of September and will probably pop up here and there, because I doubt if the major corporate players like Hoyts will go anywhere near it. (They seem to have difficulty enough coping with distribution of Miyazaki's new release *Ponyo*.)

I saw *The Age of Stupid* at the Star Court Theatre in Lismore, but I imagine it will hit DVD soon, if only as a way of getting round the distribution issues.

Keep an eye out for it in either form.

The Age of Stupid stars Pete Postlethwaite as a kind of last man in earth, locked in a giant archive in 2055. Speaking to his computer screen, which we sit on the other side of, he asks why we, the human species, weren't smart enough to save ourselves from the imminent global environmental catastrophe. Ratcheting through his computer files, Postlethwaite calls up half-a-dozen documentary scenarios,



actual footage of contemporary events, to show what was going on circa 2009, when we still had the chance to do something about global warming.

The scenarios are six mini-documentaries centred on six real individuals, some of them linked: a designer of wind-turbines in the UK tries to get council approval for a wind-farm against the wishes of locals who worry about their view and land-

values: an Indian entrepreneur wants cheap air-flights for everyone in India; a young woman in Kenya shows us her community destroyed by the greed of Shell; a Shell employee in New Orleans ponders the link between big oil and environmental catastrophe; a couple of Iraqi children talk about the effect of the Gulf War and so on.

As a narrative device it works strikingly well, and is all the more powerful because what is being told is really happening. As an exposition of the consequences of corporate and personal greed it really hits home. It would be interesting to see what the film's protagonists, who all get star billing alongside Postlethwaite, thought of their portrayals.

I've read a few negative reviews of *The Age of Stupid* online, and if anything what they are carping about – in a very naïve way, I think – is a consequence of *Age of Stupid* having to do too much.

After all, its not as though there are a million films out there trying to do what *The Age of Stupid* does, so it has to carry a lot of weight, a lot of baggage and a lot of expectation.

I think it held everything together pretty snappily, and is able to cover the breadth necessary to fire up and hit home without being distracted. You can catch the trailer for *Age of Stupid* at youtube, or have a look at the film website: ageofstupid.net

Reviews from the Crypt by Stephen Wright

Sandinista! The Clash (1980)

The dog chewed up my vinyl copy of *Sandinista!* this week, so this is by way of a memorial.

Released in late-1980 as a triple-album for not much more than the price of a single album, *Sandinista!* staked out ground which everyone has followed and no-one has been brave to emulate. *Sandinista!* is a sprawling tour-de-force, an epic released at the peak of the Clash's influence and at the height of the Thatcher-Reagan alliance: an axis of evil if ever there was one.

Sandinista! was a nakedly political statement and a musical one that brilliantly covered ground that no-one had covered before on one album, and certainly not a supposedly punk band. Reggae, jazz, dub, gospel, rockabilly, rhythm and blues, calypso, rap, all get a look in.

Sandinista! is where the Clash put their hearts on their sleeves and their money where their mouths were. In today's times where multi-millionaire popsters carp about file-sharing,



the idea that a band could deliberately lose money to do what they wanted, beggars belief.

All great bands are great covers bands, and the Clash covers on *Sandinista!* – Mose Allison's Look Here, Eddy Grant's Police On My Back, the reggae standard Junco Pardner – stand alone and deservedly so.

The Clash's revisiting of their own 1977 song Career Opportunities, but this time sung by the young children of the Clash's studio keyboard-player, deserves to be much better known.

In these apocalyptic times, the themes of *Sandinista!* – justice, democracy, the dignity of ordinary people – are ones we could all do to revisit.

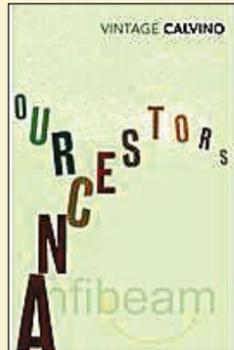
Italo Calvino Our Ancestors (1960)

It's not often that one can come across fiction so simple, so unadorned, so elegant and so fantastical as Italo Calvino's.

Calvino went on to become a major innovator in European literature, and his unwillingness – or perhaps his inability – to be categorised, or tied to any one genre, style or narrative, perhaps parallel's Kurt Vonnegut career in the USA. Like Vonnegut, Calvino's experiences were forged in World War 2, Calvino's as a communist partisan.

Calvino said about his writings that he wanted to "remove weight from the structure of stories". The stories in *Our Ancestors* are simple and unique: the boy who grows up to live entirely in trees, the Knight who is invisible inside his armour, and the Viscount who survives being blown in half, one half becoming holy and pure, the other sadistic.

They are like strange fairytales, that leave marks in one's mind that are not easy to erase.

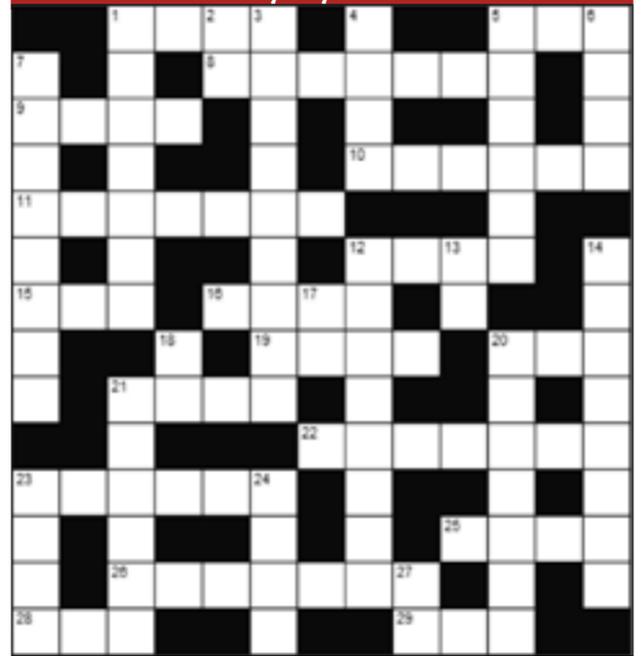


Calvino's other novels, *Invisible Cities* (Marco Polo describes weird cities he has seen to Kublai Khan), *Cosmicomics*, (a strange character called Qfwfq describes the origin of the universe) *The Castle of Crossed Destinies* (a novel told using tarot cards) became big sellers in English, but it is in *Our Ancestors* that we can find Calvino's lightest narrative, fairytales for adults that we wish would go on forever.

Got a favourite old book, record or film in your crypt? Suggest it for us to review! nimbin.goodtimes@gmail.com

Nimbin Crossword

2009-10
by 5ynic



Across

- (and 5 down) Rum, coconut cream, pineapple
- Large earthmover? Feline
- Hell?
- Question intently? Game show
- Delicious rewards
- Incredible?
- (Italian) capital of Italy
- Solid H2O
- Volcano on Sicily
- Charity
- "The Way" of Eastern philosophy
- Israel's airline
- Ugly QLD seafront, allegedly opposite of 8 across
- Taste spoiled? Stopped
- Come suddenly into view? Tool for weaving
- Penitentiaries
- Small green legume (in ref's whistle?)
- Text message (init.)

Down

- Biological order which contains lemurs, humans and tarsiers
- Periodic table: Nickel
- Pre-birth
- Touched? Roofing material
- See 1 across.
- New Mexico city and artists' colony
- The age dawning? (since '73?)
- Hairy red fruit
- Belonging to me
- Flowers
- Country code for Holland
- Capital of Malaysia (init.)
- Minor quakes
- Consort of Zeus. Smallest Galilean moon
- Edge (of 7 down for example)
- Indian crepe
- Nazi Party Schutzstaffel (init.)

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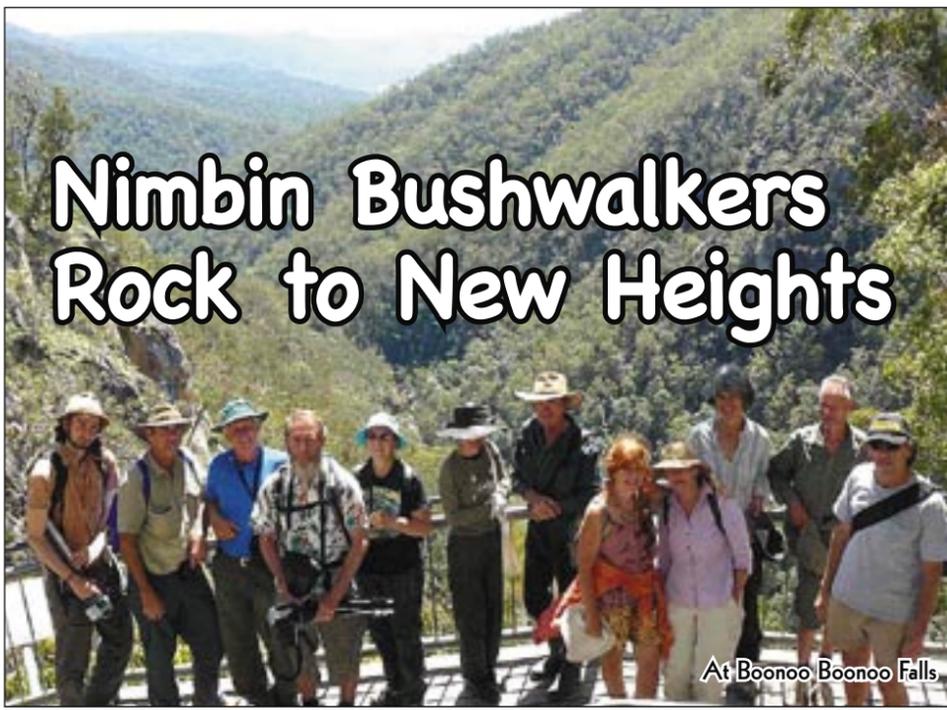
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Nimbin Bushwalkers Rock to New Heights



At Boonoo Boonoo Falls

by Len Martin

Yes folks, and all in the one month: sea-level at Black Rock, Bundjalung NP - 1227m above sea-level on the summit of Bald Rock in the eponymous NP (just showing off my erudition folks) out Tenterfield way.

On September 5th, a small and very select group enjoyed a northerly wild-flower-rich walk beside a placid Jerusalem Creek, returning via the beach, into a brisk, cool, southerly head-wind with those fabulous black rock formations on one side - statues, arches, embedded tree - and broad sands, surf and diving Gannets on the other.

On return to camp the wild-flower enthusiasts tackled the short Emu circuit to discover photogenic floral riches. A pleasant undisturbed night, an early morning foray into the Emu circuit to view the treasures discovered the previous evening, then off for a dip in Wendoree Lagoon - with wild flowers all the way - not masses, but a great variety, including ground orchids

and Melaleuca mistletoe in full bloom at eye-level.

The pieces des resistances (erudition again folks) came from Don Durrant's proposal for two short waterfall walks at Undercliffe and Boonoo Boonoo - travelling via Woodenbong and Legume on Saturday, primitive overnight camping at Undercliffe, walking BBx2 and returning via the Bruxner on Sunday.

Given that the W-L route is a right b**ch of a drive for two short walks, some of the more privileged club members decided to go early (Thursday), camp at Bald Rock NP (to hell with the expense) catching up with DD at Undercliffe on the Saturday.

And so it was a goodly number of us enjoyed a very civilized camp site at Bald Rock, doing various wonderful, photogenic walks through mazes of tumbled granite megaliths, festooned with masses of Rock Lilies in full glory, before emerging onto the grandeur of the summit of Bald Rock - wild-flowers galore, fabulous woodlands and Satin Bower Birds gracing the camp site.

Saturday saw us meet up with a lonely DD at Undercliffe - before descending to the bottom of the falls.

Now Don had described this walk as "Grade 2-3... walk to bottom and great swimming hole by unmade track, then off track into rainforest and back". Well, yes, the track down was "unmade" but was also "near-vertical", as was the "into rainforest and back".

Nonetheless, I did

make it, so perhaps I shouldn't whinge too much, particularly as Undercliffe Falls are perhaps the most spectacular of all the waterfalls that DD has taken us to over the years - a fabulous plunge pool below multiple cascades 100 metres across. The vertical rain-forest wasn't bad either, a great diversity of ferns (and prickly bits), before emerging onto the multiple streams feeding the falls, where we met up with visitors Alex and Lucy who had gone to Kyogle to meet up with DD, but neither party had recognised the other.

We all then went off to the Bald Rock camp and, would you believe it, DD had never been there before (except to fight bushfires), so he was so rapt with the place - the rocks, the views, the wild-flowers - he was off walking well into the night.

Sunday to BBx2 falls which, being of advancing age, I am pleased to see has "almost" wheelchair access. The view from the top of the falls is fabulous, but the pools at the top of the falls are absolutely fabulous - complete with a natural "spa" which just comfortably accommodated a half dozen club members.

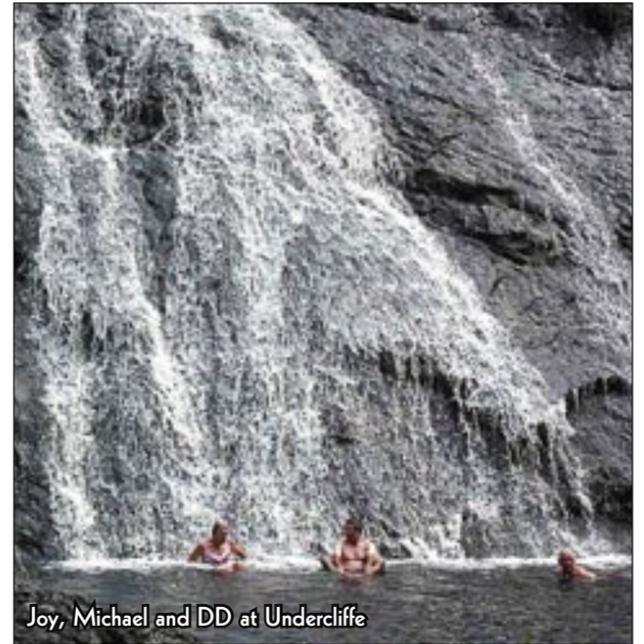
As we left, DD spotted a climbing orchid in full bloom, much to the enthusiasm of the wildflower enthusiasts. A stop at Morgan's Gully for old gold workings and more wildflowers, before DD had to return home. Some of us, however, were able to return to the BR camp for more explorations on the Monday, with me (and Kay) achieving the summit of Little Bald Rock.

A dry tent packed before the rain came, and back via the Bruxner - not the easiest

of drives for the elderly. In Casino, I managed to find the Naughton's Gap turn-off for the short-cut to Nimbin, only to get lost, ending up cursing and swearing my way through Caniaba!

Apart from that, a near perfect trip. And truly it was a photographers paradise - for the first time ever I filled my 4Gb memory card (over 550 pictures) though many were multiples for panoramas.

Please note that we now have a new web address - <http://nimbinbushwalkers.150m.com>



Joy, Michael and DD at Undercliffe

October Walks Program

Saturday 10th October Mt Nullum (members only)

Leader Dianne Angus (6679-5184) Grade 3-4, approx 4 hr. Most of walk is on bush road/ track with final section near summit off-track over hilly rougher terrain. Beautiful vista of Murwillumbah and surrounding area at summit, great lunch spot.

Meet Nimbin carpark 8.30am, Uki Buttery carpark 9.15am - walk start is 5-7 minutes' drive from Uki. Bring lunch and water.

Tuesday 20th October Byrrill Creek Mebbin NP and Brummies Lookout

Leader Michael Smith (6689-9291) Byrrill Creek: Grade 2, 450m, 30 min return on a good track, some easy gradients. Brummies Lookout: Grade 3, 30 minutes return. Moderately steep rocky walk to lookout, 600m above sea level. Spectacular views of Mt Warning, only 4km away, unforgettable place. Magic flora.

Meet 9am Nimbin car park, then drive in convoy along dirt roads - Cadell Rd to Mebbin camping area, to start of Byrrill Creek walk; 4WD or good clearance adventurous vehicles needed for final section to Brummies - will not go if rainy with low cloud, as the views are the point of the walk. Bring food for picnic and water.

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Sunday 25th October Bushrangers Cave Numinbah

Leader David Holston (0428-867-757). Grade 2-3, 3 km return. Walk from tick gate along Border Fence on ridge with extensive views into Tweed and Numinbah Valleys to large overhang under Mt Wagawn, hidden in the rainforest.

Meet 8.30am Nimbin Carpark, 9.30am Byangum Bridge carpark (Murwillumbah Side) 10.30am Numinbah Tick Gate. Bring lunch and water.

We are always looking for new walks and new leaders!

World Mental Health Day 10th October 2009 Exercise and Mental Health

from David Hoffmann, David's Health & Lifestyle Studios

Mental health issues affect over 20% of Australians, with 30% of those suffering serious adverse affects.

Mental health issues also affect younger people, with 14% of children aged from 12 to 17 years, and 27% of 18 to 25 years experiencing a mental health issue in any given year. Half of the younger population will have experienced a mental health issue by the time they reach 25 years, according to the Mental Health Council of Australia fact sheet.

Exercise as a treatment has been shown by the Duke University of North Carolina, USA to improve feelings of wellbeing through increases in hormones and chemicals in the body. Unlike medication, exercise continues to affect people when they do have breaks, or finish treatment, and has a more lasting affect on a person's mental health.

Exercise helped all those people who tried it, as opposed to medications that do not always work on each individual.

Exercise partaken as a group will help with feelings of loneliness, fear of lack of support especially in those people who suffer from major issues of depression

What do we need to do?

- Keep up a regular routine of cardiovascular exercise (walking, running swimming or at the gym) for 200 minutes or more each week, or 30 minutes each day
- If you find that hard break it up into smaller parts during the day
- Exercise at a level where you are 'huffy puffy' which means you are able to talk while you are exercising, but need to take deep breaths mid or at the end of sentences.
- Exercise as part of a social group
- Have regular resistance training sessions each week as part of your routine

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Nimbin's straight shooter heads for Sydney

Salvatore (Sam) d'Aprile took up archery 15 years ago, when he took his son along to learn.

"My son's interest didn't last, but I kept going," he explained.

Sam currently holds a grand master ranking from the South Queensland Archery Society for the 18m Indoor competition, and for the past 18 months has been an active member of the Lismore archery club, Great Eastland Archers.

He has been placing well in indoor and outdoor shoots up and down the coast, using compound bows and re-curves, but for the past few months he has been competing in the more challenging longbow division.

"It's the traditional form of archery - it's quite a bit harder," Sam said.

He makes his own arrows in the traditional way too, a dozen at a time, tapering the Port Orford cedar shafts to fit the nocks and points before gluing on the turkey-feather fitches, painting on a distinctive coloured banding and varnishing them to keep the moisture out.

He puts his arrows to pretty good use, climbing the points tally through his success in club competitions to qualify for the national 3-D target titles to be held later this year at Nambucca Heads.

This month he will compete in the Grand Masters Games at the Sydney Olympic Stadium's indoor range. He is funding the trip to Sydney himself, and while he has lined up free accommodation, he would welcome any support for travel costs.



Sam in costume for his role in Diana Anaid's new video clip.

To help out, or to share his love of archery, Sam can be contacted on 0407-664-054.

Bowlo Club Champion decided



Nimbin Bowling Club's hotly contested singles championship was decided in September with a great display of bowling.

In a see-sawing match, last year's champion Derek Cooper (blue cap) took the early lead, only to be caught up to by challenger Anton Eldridge, who streaked away in the last few ends to win convincingly 31-23.

In addition to its popular Barefoot Bowls program on Sundays, the club is now offering a 2-4-2 competition on Saturdays - register by 11am, games start 1pm.

Demons Best & Fairest cliffhanger

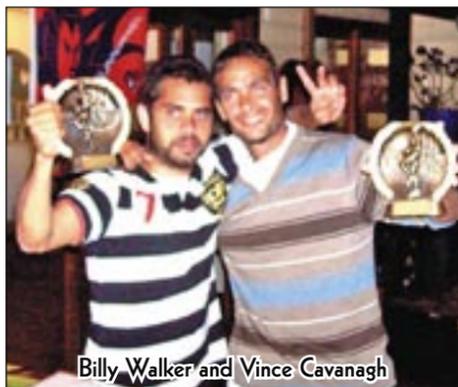
The Nimbin Demons presentation night, held on the back verandah of the pub on Saturday evening 9th September, became a cliff-hanger for the club's highest award.

With votes being counted on the blackboard during the night, it was not until the result of the last game played for the year was tallied, that the winners emerged - a tie! The first in the club's history.

Billy Walker and Vince Cavanagh were both awarded the coveted Best and Fairest Player award, which all agreed was a perfect result that could not have worked out better.

Other awards went to: Best defender Tim Caldwell; Best new player Colin Roberts; Most improved Cameron Goulter; and Leading goal scorer Billy Walker with 16 goals for the year.

Coach Chris Helyer thanked the club's major sponsors, Nimbin Hotel and Nimbin Newsagency for their ongoing support, and acknowledged field helpers and committee members for their work throughout the season.



Billy Walker and Vince Cavanagh

Club stalwarts awards were given to Angie, Corrie and Red, and the Coach's Award went to Beast, who has also taken on the role of Club President.

Longtime player and inspiration, Frank Reid was voted the Player's Player by the players in attendance. In his acceptance speech Frank said, "We managed to bring the spirit of Nimbin back this year", which the Club aims to build on in next year's season.

Nimbin Garden Club Notes



Tony Pitman

September Meeting

Last month's meeting of the Nimbin Garden Club attracted a small group of enthusiasts to Jenny and Tony Pitman's garden on the Koonorigan ridge overlooking the Tunttable valley.

After nearly five years of weed clearing and bush regeneration at the front of the property, the results of much hard work are beginning to show through. We look forward to seeing the finished project in years to come.

Other parts of the garden visited included Tony's excellent and well-mulched veggie patch, and the mixed fruit orchard. Some of us even got take home armfuls of superb ripe Seville oranges - just perfect for making marmalade.

Thanks Jenny and Tony.

Next Meeting

The club's next meeting will be held at Gil and Jan Schilling's place, 'Green Park', 166 Stoney Chute Road, at 2pm on Saturday 17th October. Special guest speaker will be local bushfoods authority and contributor of interesting articles to this very journal, Peter Hardwick. Peter is keen to talk about recent insights gleaned from scientific research into the attributes of some local bushfoods.

Please don't forget to bring fold-up chairs, a cup and a small plate of something to share at afternoon tea. A swap table will operate at the meeting, so please also bring along any surplus cuttings or seedlings. Visitors and guests are most welcome.

For more information about the meeting, or the club itself, please ring Gil (6689-0581) or Den (6689-9324).

Mt Tamborine Open Gardens Visit

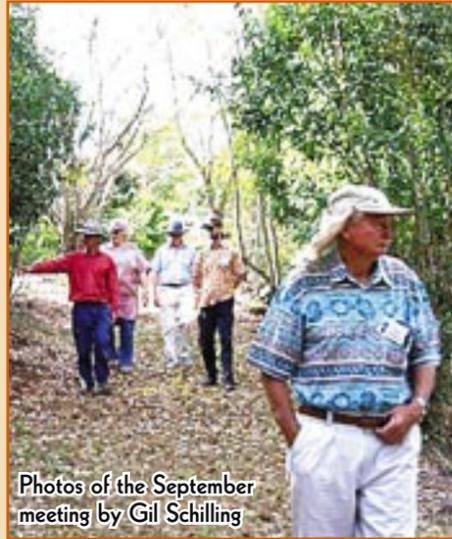
Following last month's plea to get more bums on seats for the trip to Mt Tamborine, the bus was filled and the visit went ahead as scheduled last Saturday.

Maybe some pictures will make it into next month's NGT.

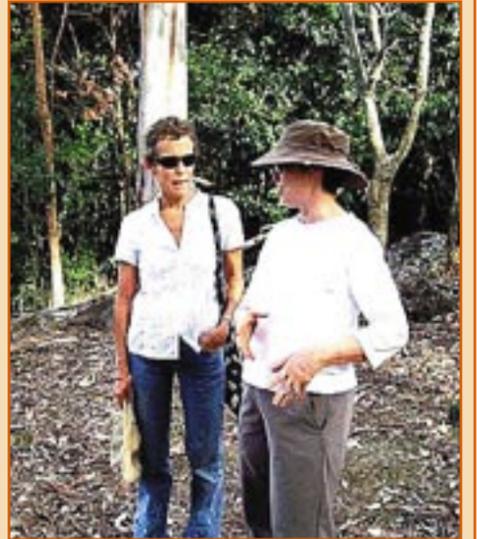
Final meeting for 2009

The final meeting for the year will be a club lunch at the Blue Knob Hall and Art Gallery on Saturday 21st November.

Members wishing to find out more, or to reserve a table for the lunch, should contact Hendrik DeVries on 6689-1233.



Photos of the September meeting by Gil Schilling



Crossword Solution

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Fashionating!

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Jigging Fighting Fish



by Pixie, Fishing Reporter

Some members of the Nimbin Heads fishing team managed a two-day mid week fishing trip off Wooli this month, with all the guys having to manage time off work.

Gerard 'Mr Bobcat', Pixie the builder, Cal the painter, and Warren the baker all made two days and Bill the bus driver and Mark, Mr NRMA, made the second day. Also along for two days were Harry and Wizz from Sydney to make up the crew.

The first day started with plenty of excitement with the tide being so low the boat was hitting the bottom of the river all the way to the bar. The waves at the bar were around one and a half metres and standing up and closing out right across the river mouth.

After hanging on the bar for about fifteen minutes, with waves crashing around us and not getting any better, the skipper decided to try and outrun the incoming waves by

heading north at speed and then nosing into the oncoming waves, which sent us flying high over every wave.

Once we passed the shore break, the seas were great, with half a metre swell and wide apart with only a five knot breeze. All we needed now was to find some fish on the bite. We tried four spots before we found a school of kingfish. They wouldn't take baits but went mad on jigs. So jigging we did. We also put \$10 each into a pool for extra interest.

Biggest fish of the day takes the pool and then it was on. What a great way to start the day with kingfish coming in all around the boat and Gerard, Pix and Cal all marking the three biggest kingies to weigh later to try to take the pool.

After two hours of fighting four to five kg kingies, we were all bagged out and the eskies were pretty full, so now it was time to go out wide and chase some pearl perch and snapper. So after another 45 minutes of heading east, we were on a slow drift, fishing around 80



On the job (left to right): Bill Nugent hooks up a samson fish; Mr Bobcat with his 5.2kg samson; Pix with his 6.5kg snapper.

metres deep, catching pan-sized pearlies and snapper until your humble fishing reporter landed a 6.5 kg snapper and big enough to take the \$50 pool. Also having a top day was Wazza, who hooked fish all day and must have topped the bag count. So with plenty of fish to clean, it was time to head for shore.

Day 2 saw a bit more water in the river and the bar crossing a bit less exciting and after catching plenty of kingies yesterday, we decided to go wide and head east for about one and a half hours to catch samson fish and what a great fighting fish, especially on jigs.

The wind was already blowing 10 to 15 knots and the seas around one metre, so drifting was out of the question and anchoring on the pebbles a mission. It took a few times of trying to get the anchor to grab and still be on a school of fish. The water depth was around 100 to 120 metres deep and each time the anchor missed, you would have to pull in about 300 metres of rope and try again. But

once we were on the spot, Mark and Wazza were straight into samson fish using jigs again.

So we had snapper, pearlies, leather jackets on baits and samson happening on jigs. The samson were all around 3-4 and 5kg and pulling them up 100 metres was a back-breaking mission. But great fun.

Cal and Bill both had their first experience of fighting samson fish, a fish with plenty of muscle and grunt that fights from the bottom 'til it's gaffed at the top. Then Gerard landed the fish of the day and the \$50 pool with a 5.2 kg samson fish. Once again, we had plenty of fish to clean before our long drive back to Nimbin.

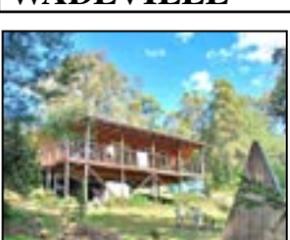
What a great two days fishing. Tight lines, guys and for those interested, only 209 sleeps to go to our annual Fraser Island fishing expedition.



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