

Water crisis

Did you know that Council intends to withdraw supply of drinking water to 79 Nimbin households?

Affected residents received a copy of Council staff's Report recommending that, at their meeting on 9th August 2011, Councillors immediately declare the water non-potable.

Their action is based on the expectation that, when the new Public Health Act comes into force - Council speculate some time in 2012- it would be too costly make the water meet health guidelines.

No public consultation has been conducted - we simply got a letter advising their decision on 28th July.

As affected residents discussed the implications and circumstances, the Council's precipitous action seemed suspect. If you have an interest to know more I'll be happy to speak with you.

Gwen Trimble
Nimbin

Poetry vs fishing

With the rapidly diminishing biodiversity of life on earth and in a country where killing wildlife for sport is still admired as a pastime, it is with pleasure and relief that I look forward to the World Poetry Cup in Nimbin this weekend.

Despite their aversion to Japanese whale hunting, the average Aussie still considers fishing using lines and hooks an acceptable practice. The untold misery of not just the fish caught, but the turtles, dolphins and sea birds

who suffer painful deaths as a result of this barbaric practice is not acceptable (just go to the Seabird Rescue in Ballina and see for yourself).

I suggest poetry to be a far more worthy pleasure and except for the occasional barbed inference, causes little harm and frequently a great deal of mirth and amusement. It is relaxing, as fishing is proclaimed to be, and may be written, read or recited on the beach at sunset. Anyone can compose a poem and most people have. The poetry project 'Dust Poems' involving Aussie truckdrivers highlights this claim and the rewards of this pastime.

So I suggest forget the fishing tackle and tackle a poem or two. Why not be inspired by a cruelty free sport using clever lines as the hook and bait instead of our rapidly diminishing wildlife? For inspiration come to Nimbin Town Hall this weekend 6th and 7th August for a bit of absolutely fabulous free poetry and be thoroughly entertained!

Omega Breakspear
Nimbin

Farewell Doc

It is with great sadness that after 8 years I must announce to the Nimbin community that my family and I will be moving on. It has been a very difficult decision as I truly feel part of the community and have made many special connections. The burden of "on call" plus the need to spend more time with family have been central

to this decision. As many of my clients know, I have been developing a passion for Nutritional and Environmental Medicine (NEM) over recent years and I have a unique opportunity to be part of a GP clinic in Mullumbimby which specialises in this type of medicine. I hope I have the chance to speak to everyone in person and I certainly invite clients who wish to continue their journey of Nutritional Health to see me in Mullumbimby at the Argyle Street Medical Centre. Our plans are not finalised yet, but it is most likely we will be moving some time after September.

Yours in health and wellness,
Dr Oscar Serrallach

Out with the old...

I agree, get rid of the bogan hippy as a smokesperson for pot. The HEMP movement ideally needs a mother who is comfortable in a twinset and pearls but has a son in jail to drive her passion.

Seriously, the HEMP Party is registered again and wants to run Senate candidates in every state at the next Federal election. We are disappointed the Greens have not shown more strength and leadership on the issue of cannabis law reform. If you are interested in being a HEMP candidate please get in touch.

The good news is there are finally rumblings in the big smokes around the country and ending prohibition rallies are organised for Brisbane on 3rd September, Melbourne and Adelaide on 20th November, and on 23rd August there is a Mullaways protest for medical cannabis outside Parliament House in Sydney. Please get involved.

Sincerely,
Michael Balderstone,
Nimbin Hemp Embassy

Olley art gallery

This week marked the sad passing of one of Lismore's favourite daughters Margaret Olley. Margaret was an inspiration to young artists

and an icon in the Australian art world art.

She was a tireless advocate for regional art and had agreed to lend her name to the proposed new art gallery in Lismore. It is a great tragedy that she did not live to see that dream come true.

Lismore desperately needs a new gallery as the current gallery is falling apart. It is very disappointing that council's poor financial situation prohibited such a project going ahead.

It has been said that those of us who were concerned about the state of our roads 'scuttled' the project. That is a distasteful over simplification of the real reasons and unfair to those like myself who have worked hard for responsible local government.

Let's be clear, Lismore has two major swimming pools that bleed council's budget and no art gallery. Both those projects were approved by previous councils with no long term financial plan. Services in other areas of council have had to be wound back to run the pools. Council could not afford the new gallery, even with substantial Federal funding without further reducing Council's level of service.

The Dept of Local Government makes it clear that if funding for a new project, even with substantial grant funding, requires the winding back of Council's services, then that project is unaffordable and should not go ahead. This is the hard economic fact behind spending ratepayer's money and a cornerstone of sound financial planning. Had the two pools come under such scrutiny then we would not be in the current poor financial state.

If we must blame anyone (I personally think that is distasteful), blame the councillors who supported the poor decisions to build the GSAC and the Memorial Baths. We should have had one pool and a new gallery.

Cr David Yarnall
The Channon

Notices

For sale

5 x split rims and tyres to fit landcruiser/troopie. size 750R16, good cond. \$200. Phone 0448-334-327.

For sporting groups

Top quality Kinson professional competition table tennis table. Never used. Offered for half price to Nimbin Valley community or youth group at \$650. Phone 6689-7490.



Instant home

Royal Wolf 20' Stainless Steel, insulated Porthole Shipping Container. Professionally set up for minimalist lifestyle with marine-ply flooring, sink with hws, electricity mains board, Daikin inverter a/c. Immaculate. Vermin and water proof. \$16,500 ono. ph 0428-488-550



Wanted to buy

Locally grown organic medicinal herbs, dried and cut. Prices negotiable. Please contact Rebecca for further info, phone 6689-7227 or 0423-596-368.

Bus timetable correction

A misprint occurred in the quick check times of Waller's Nimbin - Lismore printed timetable flyer. During school holiday times, departure from Nimbin should read 7.30am, not 7.54. Correct details are in Waller's new ad on page 21.

Northern Rivers Greens meeting

The Northern Rivers Greens will be holding their next monthly meeting in Nimbin. It will be on Monday 8th August at 5.30pm for a 6pm start at the Nimbin Bowlo, Sibley Street, Nimbin. Interested visitors and supporters welcome. Contact Sue Stock on 6689-1148 for info.

TROPO AGM

To be held 20th August at 9.30 am. It will be followed at 10am by a farmwalk at Neville, Julie and Robyn's farm, Wellwood Organics, 237 Camerons Road, McLeans Ridges. Enquiries contact 6628-1209.

HEMP AGM

Help End Marijuana Prohibition (HEMP) Party AGM at H*E*M*P Embassy, Friday 26th August at 6pm. All members encouraged to attend.

Computer give-aways

Lismore City Council is upgrading its IT system and has surplus computers to distribute to community based not-for-profit organisations in the Lismore Local Government Area. To be eligible, organisations need to complete an application form and return it to Council by 4pm, Friday 26th August. Forms are available at Council's CBD Office; Administration Centre, Goonellabah, Council's website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or by phoning Council's Customer Contact Centre 1300-87-83-87.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

BY NIMBIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND INFORMATION CENTRE INC (NNIC)

"Nourishing Nimbin" Sustainable Local Food Day
29 October 2011 - Coordination

NNIC invites EOIs from suitably qualified and experienced persons (event management/food security) to coordinate the Nourishing Nimbin event. The position involves working with the NNIC Food Security team to produce and manage the event.

Contract basis - Please contact NNIC for a copy of the Brief available from: Nimbin Neighbourhood and Info Centre at 71 Cullen Street, PO Box 20168 Nimbin 2480 Email: nimbinnic@yahoo.com.au Phone: (02) 6689 1692 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

Expressions of Interest close: Friday 26th August 2011

NIMBIN AUTO CENTRE

20 Sibley Street Nimbin • 6689-1028



FUEL - GAS - ICE - WOOD
Newspapers • Eftpos • Snackfood
LARGE RANGE OF GROCERIES
Locals welcome to bring produce
CAR WASH - TRAILER HIRE
Plugs, bulbs, springs, O-rings, oils
CYCLE PUNCTURE KITS

Open Monday to Friday 7am-6pm
Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 8am-4pm



Next Market

14th August

9am - 3pm

Band of the Day:

Luke Vassala

Charity of the Day:

Tuntable Creek Public
School P&C

Enquiries: 6688-6433

Nimbin Newsagency

&

General Store

EFTPOS

Ink Cartridges

Every Day Groceries

Office & School needs

Newspapers & Magazines

Prepaid Phone & Internet Credit

For all your
everyday
needs

Frack off

The NSW State Govt.'s new rules for coal seam gas mining and exploration, as reported in the *Northern Star* 25/7/2011, are a fraud and a sham being perpetrated on all the citizens of NSW for the following reasons.

1. No BTEX chemicals (Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene and Xylenes) are allowed. This applies to existing licences. Well and good, but what other chemicals are to be allowed? What chemicals are released from the coal itself? These questions need answers.
2. Hydraulic fracturing (fracking). Although the 'moratorium' has been extended to 31/12/2011, fracking is not banned, only postponed. Up to 22 chemicals have been implicated with fracking, some have no testing for health and environmental safety.
3. CSG companies are to hold water access licences for extracting more than 3 megalitres per year. This only applies to new licences however. 70% of NSW is covered by existing licences, so new rules do not apply to them.
4. Ban on use of evaporation ponds. So what do CSG mining companies do with the contaminated water? Spray it along roads as has been reported in Qld? Again this rule only applies to new licences. In the over 70% of NSW covered by existing licences evaporation ponds can still be used.
5. New guidelines to increase transparency & accountability. Great.



Again they will only apply to new licences. What a fig leaf.

It is worth bearing in mind that existing gas exploration licences run for 30 years, so sixty day and six month moratoriums do very little to alter the big picture.

They are only window dressing designed to lull communities and citizens into believing that the Government is acting for the common good, when the truth is that they have already signed contracts worth tens of billions of dollars, which if honoured, have the potential to damage and pollute our ground water aquifers and alienate our farm lands and food security.

Simon Chance
Richmond Hill

Byrrell Creek

Now we hear that the Tweed Water Sharing Plan and the decision to prohibit the construction of a dam on

Byrrell Creek will be reviewed by the new State Minister for Primary Industries.

After researching the question for more than a year, after all the money spent on studies and assessments and reports, after all the personal efforts invested during the community consultation process, after all that, they don't like the answer. So let's do it all again so they can get the answer they want.

This is how taxpayers' and ratepayers' money is spent. The big boys get to play "Build a Dam", and the taxpayers and the ratepayers get to pay for it. The current estimated cost of the construction of the

dam at \$67 million will surely blow out to more than \$100 million by the time it is completed.

In the timeframe of the dam construction, all costs will have increased enormously, and then there's the interest repayments.

Each existing household would be outlaying thousands of dollars personally from their pockets to pay for a dam that they simply don't need.

Is this tenacity or mendacity? Is this public interest or private interest? Who's misleading who? And, would the real facts please stand up.

Miranda Mills
Mount Burrell

Water supply options

If Minister Hodgkinson is serious about reviewing water supply options for Tweed then it's imperative she also look at the fundamental issue that water conservation measures, especially for new developments, would negate or at least greatly defer the need for either dam option.

Dual reticulation has been supported by the whole Tweed community, including the Tweed Combined Rural Industries Association, yet repeated calls from the community for a review of this option have so far been rejected.

The Minister must show the people of Tweed that she is willing to support all her constituents for a review, not just the developer driven faction that have already caused numerous Public Inquiries and the sacking of the Council.

Otherwise there is no doubt this would end up the same way of Traveston and Tillegra Dams with the plug eventually pulled due to overwhelming evidence, but only after millions are wasted avoiding the obvious.

Cr Katie Milne
Carool

Hemp Party seeks candidates

After being suspended

for two elections by the obdurate Electoral Commission, the HEMP Party is back in business.

At our AGM, which will be held at Party Headquarters 51 Cullen Street Nimbin on Friday 26th at 6pm, we are aiming to preselect our NSW Senate candidates for the 2013 Federal elections. Any members from other states who might be willing to stand up and run in their State are invited to attend or to notify us for consideration. The sooner we can get started the better.

We are also calling for activists outside of Nimbin to establish their own local or state branches of the Party. If we want justice for the 80,000 Australians arrested every year in the futile 'Drug Wars' then we can't just sit around and expect some other party to do it for us. There is just us!

If you can't devote any time to help out then maybe you could send the Party a handout. Life Memberships of HEMP can be gained for a one-off donation of \$100.

Please address any offers, ideas, or donations to the Nimbin HEMP Embassy, NSW 2480.

Michael Balderstone
Nimbin

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

As the consenting authority, Lismore City Council has received the following Development Applications (and/or Applications for Modifications to existing consents) for consideration.

The development application and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm. Staff are available to discuss applications between 8.30am and 10.00am, and by prior appointment at other times. Documentation may also be inspected at the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre, 3/46 Cullen Street, Nimbin between 10.00am and 4.00pm, seven days a week.

Written submissions in respect of any application, quoting DA number and location, and addressed to the General Manager, will be accepted by Council until 4.30pm on the date specified in the column below. Please also note that any submission you make may be made available for inspection by any member of the public, as it will form part of the file that is a public record.

Any submissions received will be considered on their merits in conjunction with the assessment of the application.

| DA NO | LOCATION | DP LOT | APPLICANT | DESCRIPTION | CLOSING DATE |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| 11/0151 | 29 & 31 Blade Road, Nimbin | DP 230663 Lot 2 DP 755739 Lot 103 | Newton Denny Chapelle | Amended proposal for the Zorb recreation area development to now incorporate the inclusion of an adjoining lot (Lot 103, DP 755739) and the associated modified site access and on-site carpark area. Modification to the Zorb run earthworks to reduce encroachment into the dam, and installation of proposed earthen wall noise attenuation measures around the Zorb run launch area. | 19/08/2011 |

Disclosure of Political Donations

If you wish to make a submission on any development or rezoning proposal (either objecting or supporting) you are required by the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008 to disclose any reportable political donations or gifts to a Councillor or council employee that were made within the period commencing two years before the application was submitted. This includes any donation or gift made when a person was a candidate for council election.

A completed Disclosure Reporting Form, available on the Department of Planning website www.planning.nsw.gov.au must accompany your submission if you have made any such donations or gifts.



Above Us

Editor: Bob Dooley
Assistant Editor: Sue Stock
Sub-editor: Hal Williams
Layout: Peter Chaplin, Andy Gough, Bob Dooley
Photographers: Sue Stock, Tracey Lewis, Thorsten Jones, Marie Cameron, C. Mac
Distribution: Angus, Sue, Coralie, Ben, Marcus, Faerie Laura's (Bellingen), Dave (West End).

Bookkeeper: Martha Paitson
Website: David McMin
www.nimbingoodtimes.com

NGT is auspiced by the Nimbin Community School Co-operative Ltd.

Next deadline:
Wednesday 31st August

Email: nimbin.goodtimes@gmail.com or put stuff in our pigeonhole at the Nimbin Community Centre.

Please limit contributions to 600 words or less.

NIMBIN NUMBERS

Bookkeeping
– Specialising in MYOB
Payroll
– for Wages and Salaries
Business Activity Statements
– Electronically lodged

Phone Jayne 6689-0314, mob 0457-497-011

BAS Agent No: 98777 003

Email: nimbin.numbers@bigpond.com



BUDGET ACCOMMODATION

- Motel rooms
- Self-contained Units
- Swimming Pool
- Restaurant & Bar
- Spa

For more details please phone Joe or Audette on **6689-9350**

1597 Nimbin Road
Goolmangar NSW 2480
11km to Nimbin, 19km to Lismore

Nimbin Post

Open 7am - 5pm Monday - Friday
Full counter postal services

Home of the Next G
range of pre-paid phones

Locally owned and operated

New stock now in!



Delivering a clean energy future

by Justine Elliot, MP

I am very proud that the Gillard Labor Government is acting to tackle climate change by putting a price on pollution and assisting households move to a clean energy future.

I have been meeting with many locals and discussing how jobs and households will be supported as Australia undertakes this important economic reform, and I'm proud to be part of a government that is building Australia's clean energy future.

The carbon price is not a tax on households — around 500 of the biggest polluters in Australia will be required to pay for their pollution under the carbon pricing mechanism, and every dollar raised will go to support jobs, households and to invest in clean energy and climate change programs.

Nine out of 10 households will receive assistance through a combination of tax cuts, higher family payments and increases in their pension and allowance payments.

Why Do We Need A Clean Energy Future?

When people ask "Why do we need to move to a clean energy future?" I remind them that we know the science tells us that we need to act on dangerous climate change.

In Australia and across the globe, 2001 to 2010 was the warmest decade on record. The CSIRO, the Bureau of Meteorology, and Academies of Science from around the world have all advised that high levels of carbon pollution are contributing to this warming.

Respected scientists agree that the worst effects of climate change can be mitigated if we reduce carbon pollution to an acceptable

level. Australia has a responsibility to move to a clean energy future and to cut pollution before that task becomes more difficult and costly.

Countries from around the world are already taking action on climate change. 89 countries representing 80 per cent of global emissions and 90 per cent of the world's economy have already pledged to take action on climate change.

The Government has a comprehensive plan that will set the stage for the next phase of Australia's development as our country moves to new and clean sources of energy to drive our economy. This move to a Clean Energy Future will cut pollution by at up to 80 per cent below 2000 levels by 2050.

How the Government is Introducing a Clean Energy Future?

To deliver a Clean Energy Future, the Government plans to:

- Introduce a carbon price and returning every cent to assist households, support jobs, and tackle climate change;
- Promote innovation in addressing Climate Change;
- Promote investment in clean energy; and
- Encourage energy efficiency

The carbon price is just one part of this plan to move to Australia to a Clean

Member for Richmond
107 Minjungbal Drive
Tweed Heads South
Phone 1300-720-675



Energy Future. It provides a very significant incentive for the development of clean technologies, especially renewable energy. The Government will complement this market signal with targeted investments to bring forward new technologies at as low a cost as possible.

Delivering a Clean Energy Future will benefit all Australians for generations to come.

The carbon price will commence on 1st July 2012 and will be fixed for the first three years before moving to an emissions trading scheme in 2015.

The top 500 polluting businesses will be forced to pay for the pollution they emit. If polluting businesses can lower their pollution, the price they pay will be less. This is how the carbon price drives innovation and energy efficiency.

But because some of these big polluters

may choose to pass on these costs to households, I welcome the Government's announcement of a comprehensive household assistance package aimed at helping those who need it most.

To help with the costs of introducing a carbon price, nine out of ten households will receive a tax cut, an increase in payment, or both.

The Government is also protecting pensioners as we take action on climate change. In addition to the household assistance package both pensioners and self-funded retirees will also get up to \$338 extra per year if single, and up to \$510 per year for couples, combined.

For more information about the Government's plan to move to a Clean Energy Future, visit www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au

Janelle's Page



Janelle and Climate Change Minister Greg Combet with local climate action campaigners Hayden Doolan, Jacob Fitzroy and Jessmine Horder

by Janelle Saffin, MP

Carbon Pricing

I have always made it clear to the people of Page that I support action on climate change. This was my position before the 2007 election and in last year's election campaign I reiterated that I support

reducing emissions, and support a price on carbon.

I have been lobbying for more funding for renewable energy. The carbon price is not a tax on households, contrary to some of the scaremongering. It will bring levels of carbon pollution down by making the biggest

polluters pay. Under the carbon pricing mechanism around 500 of the biggest polluters in Australia will be required to pay for their pollution put into the atmosphere.

It's not only the most effective, but also the cheapest way, to lower carbon

pollution. And every dollar raised will go to support jobs, households and to invest in clean energy and climate change programs.

Most households will receive assistance through a combination of tax cuts, higher family payments and increases in pensions and benefits. Pricing carbon tackles the problems climate change presents, while keeping our economy strong.

Compare this to Tony Abbott's absurd plan to pay subsidies to the big polluters which would cost every household about \$720.

Climate Change Minister's visit

I recently hosted a visit to the electorate by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, Greg Combet, to meet representatives from local business, youth groups, local government and regional development.

The Minister and I had the opportunity to address participants in a carbon accounting class at Lismore TAFE and I was particularly

pleased to be able to introduce him to some of our young campaigners for climate change action.

We all need to do our bit to reduce carbon emissions. We can watch the electricity we use; consider solar energy options and; even plant more trees so we can make a dent in reducing our carbon footprint.

The move to a clean energy future is a necessary reform for the environment and our economy. We owe it to our kids and grandkids.

I will continue to work hard for the people of Page as we set about tackling the environmental and economic challenges of competing in a low-pollution world.

If you want more information, or if you would like me to speak to your local group about the

Government's Clean Energy Package please ring my Lismore office on 66219909 or follow the climate change link on my website www.janellesaffin.com.au

Equal Pay Case

As a long time campaigner for pay equity, I very much appreciated the letter sent to me by the Australian Services Union branch secretary, Sally McManus, thanking me for my ongoing support for their equal pay campaign.

There has been significant progress this year. In its interim decision, Fair Work Australia acknowledged that gender did have an important influence on wages in the services sector.

Conciliation is continuing and in July the Government announced it will provide appropriate supplementation to help support any phased in pay increase Fair Work Australia may award.

Like me, the Australian Government is committed to achieving a fair outcome for women whose work has long been undervalued.

Member for Page
63 Molesworth Street
Lismore
Phone 1300-301-735

TERETRE

Four cosy one-bedroom timber cabins nestled on 33 acres of natural bushland with abundant wildlife, within easy walking distance of local restaurants and shops.

Overnight or Weekly - Wheelchair Access

TERETRE Retreat - NIMBIN

5 High Street, Nimbin NSW 2480 AUSTRALIA
Ph: (02) 66 891 908 - Mob: 0427 891 626
Email: info@teretre.com.au - Web Site www.teretre.com.au

Emmalee & Darren, trading as

Nimbin Mill Farm Hardware & Gas

at the Old Sawmill on Gungas Road

Plant Nursery & Garden Ornaments

We sell bulk landscaping materials and Searles gardening products

Come out, see our range and compare prices

Winter Opening Hours: Wed-Fri 8am-4pm; Sat 8am-noon

Phone 6689 1206

Mini Excavator & Tipper Hire

• Bobcat • 3.8T Excavator •
• 300mm - 400mm Auger •
• Tipper Hire 5T •

Laurie Turner
0427 891 708

From the Mayor's desk

by Jenny Dowell
Jenny.Dowell@lismore.nsw.gov.au

Margaret Olley

Lismore residents and art lovers from across the nation were saddened to hear of the death of our favourite daughter, Margaret Hannah Olley. Margaret was born in "Alkoomie", a hospital run by Nurse Elliott in Conway Street, Lismore on June 24, 1923 and remained connected to this community all her life.

Her generosity to the arts and galleries throughout the nation and her encouragement to young artists are legendary. Margaret donated so many works to our Lismore Regional Art Gallery and one of my special joys was to have 'Lillies and Grapes' on the wall of my office for 12 months early in my term as Mayor.

It remains a deep regret that we were not able to deliver a new gallery named

in her honour during her life. Despite that regret, I remain determined that the Margaret Olley Arts Centre will become a reality in Lismore in the years to come.

Nimbin Water Supply

Council water engineers have made a presentation to Councillors on the need to be proactive in protecting the health of 79 households that receive water from the Mulgum weir before the water reaches the dam that supplies water to the village residents.

While there have been no reports of health problems associated with the water supply to the 79 homes, new water standards expected in 2012 require Council to determine how to proceed.

A range of options will be presented to Councillors including the provision of large rainwater tanks. The report will go to the August Council meeting for determination.

Lismore Club

I was happy to use my casting vote at the July meeting to ensure that the old Lismore Club in Club Lane was not demolished during the construction of a new levee wall where the current wall is failing.

The cheapest and quickest option is not always the best. Instead we must consider alternatives that may cost a little more money and may take a little longer to deliver but are in the best interests of the community now and into the future.

Skatepark

I'm delighted to hear regular reports of the difference the new skatepark is making to Nimbin. I understand that tourists from Queensland are coming to see this magnificent facility and that local businesses are reaping the benefits of people staying in the village longer.

I hope to see lots of residents at the official opening on August 11 at 10 am.



New Policies

Council has adopted a new Festivals and Events Policy and has endorsed three other policies for public exhibition until August 12.

Readers can check out the draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan, the draft Cycleways Plan and the draft Sport and Recreation Plan and let us know your thoughts on these important documents.

July LEP Workshops

As I write this, the first of Council workshops on the Draft Local Environmental Plan has been held at Lismore Workers Club.

Over six nights, staff make presentations and suggest options for Councillors' determination at a future extraordinary meeting.

About 80 people attended the first presentation on rural zones and feedback suggests that many people were pleased that staff had carefully considered submissions and have suggested some sensible changes.

Local Government Week

The first week in August is Local Government week when we focus on the importance of Council services for our community.

This year, Lismore will hold its annual grant distribution morning tea on Monday August 8 following a ceremony to welcome new Councillors to our community.

Readers may also be interested to read that Council has advertised free computers for community



groups. Applications close at 4pm on August 26. See Council's website or call Council on 1300878387 for application forms.

Gary Murphy

Our new General Manager, Gary Murphy will join Council on August 1. We are looking forward to welcoming Gary and I'm confident that he will be keen to get out into the community to meet residents too.

Subscribe to LCC news

If readers would like to receive Council's media releases directly, go to www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and click to Subscribe to Council's e-news. You can also register to get Job Alerts on positions available.

Simon says...

by Simon Clough
Deputy mayor of Lismore

Sparing no expense I've had a young friend and avid scooter rider Jack, "road test" the new skate park. "It's easy to find", was one of his first comments "Dad and me usually can't find the skateparks". Having successfully got there Jack was impressed!

The bowls were great, very smooth and apparently not too deep and scary, aren't 10 year olds wonderful. I couldn't imagine anything worse than dropping down a 3 metre concrete wall.

The snake was awesome, especially as you could get onto the coping (the metal edge apparently) and the spine was very nice. Jack liked the architecture and over all gave it a 4/5 star rating. The only higher rating he's seen is the Gold Coast Compound. Jack



reckoned the kids were very friendly. From what I hear the park is attracting people from all over. Nimbin may have a skatepark led boom on its hands. Everyone is welcome to the official skatepark opening on Thursday August 11th at 10am.

I can't let a Simon Says pass without reference to Cadel Evans's extraordinary feat in winning the Tour

de France. I've been losing sleep for weeks watching Le Tour and Cadel's last time trial when he finally won was an amazing effort of determination and courage. I've actually convinced Trish to become an enthusiastic fan of Le Tour, aah true love is watching sport together!

Council is nearing the end of the Local Environment Plan process with 6 workshops open to the public. We still have 3 workshops to go.

Last Council meeting was significant for the decision to retain the former Lismore Club and build the levee behind it. There was strong pressure on Councillors to demolish the building, but thanks to the casting vote of the mayor it was saved. I hope Council is able to sell the building as soon as possible because the last thing Council needs is another piece of high maintenance infrastructure. Other highlights of the meeting included acceptance of my motion that staff prepare key performance indicators to benchmark an aimed for 10% increase in

efficiency in road building and maintenance. A proposal to investigate rating buildings separately on Rural Land Sharing Communities was lost. Though this idea has some superficial attraction it has been investigated before and as I said at the meeting it is a "can of worms" that will consume large amounts of staff time in a pointless exercise.

Letters about a proposal to create a new locality "Tuntable Falls" will be sent shortly from Council to residents and landowners in the Tuntable Falls area. This letter is in response to a request from a resident to consider formalising the naming of the locality. The letter offers landowners and residents an opportunity to comment on a proposal, which would formalise the status of Tuntable Falls as a defined area, becoming a formally recognised locality/suburb, to be approved by the Geographical Names Board.

For some residents in this area the lack of acceptance or ability to use "Tuntable Falls" as the locality name in their property address

has caused significant frustration. Some residents of "Tuntable Falls" have experienced difficulty because that name is not recognised by the Government as a place, and residents must currently use the locality of "Nimbin" as their formal suburb address. For residents, this proposed change would facilitate processing of applications and registrations with the various organisations and agencies who rely on approved (Council) addressing for their business activities.

A submission period of four weeks closes on Friday 2 September 2011. Review of

the responses will culminate in a report to Council at a future date if the proposal is to proceed, and a timeframe for finalisation is yet to be determined.

If your non profit community organisation is after a second hand computer Council is giving them away! Forms can be downloaded from www.lismore.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-AUY-18-83-64&c=18, or hard copies can be obtained from Council offices.

Contact Simon at simonclough@internode.on.net or phone 6624-2894 or 0428-886-217.

From Spiral Design

SPIRALIDOO

Ancient Sound
Modern Groove

www.spiralidoo.com

www.plumbingworks.com.au

on-site waste water
treatment & disposal systems
designed & installed

all plumbing & drainage

Mob. 0427 108 677 - Phone: (02) 66 890 169

whatever you're looking for...

we can help you find it...

nimbin

nimbin visitor
information centre

shop 3, 46 cullen st nimbin nsw 2480
02 6689 1388

nimbin@lismore.nsw.gov.au
visitnimbin.com.au
open 10am-4pm

Cannabis law challenge

On the 23rd of August Mullaways Medical Cannabis will be going to NSW Parliament House to hand over their terms for a treaty on cannabis.

A treaty will be drawn up and presented to the Health Department, which controls the growing and possession of cannabis in NSW for medical purposes.

The Hemp Embassy is supporting Mullaways' bid, and both groups are calling on people to travel down to show support.

Mullaways says it will dispense cannabis tincture free of charge to anyone with a doctor's letter stating they have an illness cannabis is known to treat.

The delegation will also be asking the NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner to issue a card protecting patients from legal harassment, a move which should have been taken in accordance with the TGA Special Access Scheme.

"If they are unwilling to provide this medicine they cannot stop you from providing your own," said Anthony Bower, director and founder of Mullaways Medical Cannabis. "This is in law."

If the Parliament bid fails, Mullaways intends to take the issue to the NSW Supreme Court.

A Letter of Notice has been sent to the NSW Health Department advising action

will be taken on that day.

"It is time to stand up and show we have the courage," said Mr Bower, "not only to help ourselves but to help others less fortunate. Let's help them have a quality of life they deserve."

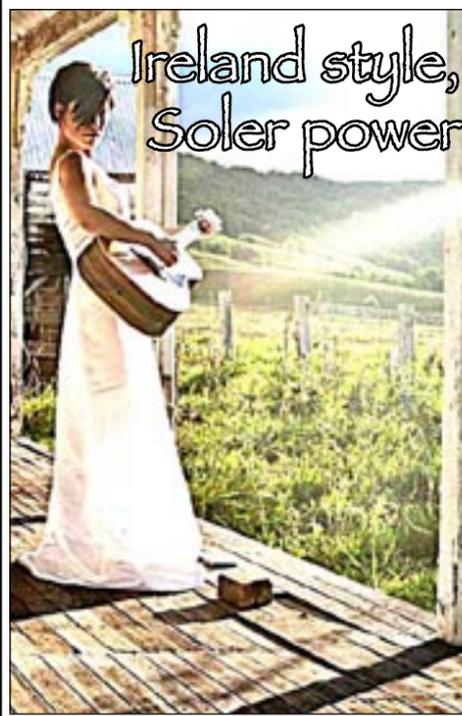
"Let's sit down and actually talk about the end of the 100-year war."

The Nimbin HEMP Embassy will be sending a delegation to Sydney to support the Mullaways Medical Cannabis protest. Anyone interested in joining or supporting in any way the convoy to the Big Smoke please contact the Embassy.

"We have known Tony for a long time and his extraordinary efforts to show how beneficial cannabis is as a medicine have left us all in his wake," said HEMP president Michael Balderstone. "We know dozens of people who have discovered tremendous pain relief through Tony's efforts and we will support him wherever possible."

"As Tony says, it is against his culture to refuse to help someone suffering if he can. We feel the same."

For more information contact Mullaways by email: www.mullawaysmedicalcannabis.com.au or phone 6566-1525 or mobile: 0428-871-027; or Nimbin HEMP Embassy: 6689-1842 or 6689-0326.



Does the idea of relaxing into the pews and soaking up some quality sounds in the hushed and respectful atmosphere of a church appeal to you?

Ukitopia Arts Collective and Euphoric present the fourth Songwriters on the Songline event of the year at the Uki Holy Trinity Anglican Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 6th August.

With the long-awaited 2011 release of *Love and Sticky Tape*, Rebecca Ireland (pictured) created a big splash on the Far North Coast music scene. Slow burning rhythms, plugged-in lyrics, a star-studded cast of backing musicians and trademark sultry vocals has led to frequent radio airplay.

The gig is a chance to catch Rebecca up-close and solo in an intimate setting, onstage at 7.30pm.

After the intermission, local star Andrea Soler (joined by friends Elvis Calaghan on violin, Shay Henderson on percussion and James Ross on lead guitar) will complete the evening.

Continuing the effervescent vibe of her recent East Coast tour, expect a bunch of ukulele-driven acoustic pop songs such as forthcoming single

Daydreamer, and maybe a Joni Mitchell cover in an upbeat performance.

The congregation for the soiree will be made to feel welcome by Minister John Tymon, Rich Bell will be at the mixing desk and refreshments will served up on the front lawn by Chai Potion.

Advance tickets \$20 (\$15 Ukitopia members) from the Uki Cafe, online at www.ukitopiaartscollective.com or on the door on the night from 7pm. The Church has a seating capacity of 80.

STREET SHUFFLE

Journal of the North Coast's longest serving covert

by Undacuvva

Was invited for the first time to the annual UNHWMC in Washington, (United Nations Hippy Watch and Monitoring Conference). It's a fact they are terrified of the hippies who are seen as a real threat to monetary security. They think hippies are the only voice saying 'do what you want and don't worry about money'. And now it looks like they are to become the future millionaires with the carbon credit plans. The cows got rid of and the trees set free are the gold of the future.

It infuriates them every future bonus point plan invented has the hippies coming out winners. They worry themselves sick over the solar panels with no power bills, the millionaire forests and home grown vegie swap meets, but above all it's the weed which stops you wanting to compete for the stuff they need you to buy. You consume so little it drives them crazy.

"How come this evil weed that leaves you wanting nothing but a mars bar has so much influence still." Speaker after speaker went on about spending billions

on eradication only to see the plant hide indoors, get more potent and grow into the planets favourite medicine after aspirin. Cracks are appearing everywhere in their plans for the future and many blamed Americas current financial dilemma on the 'devil weed' itself.

"They don't respect money like us, if they have weed nothing else seems to matter," said the World Bank President. "Pharmaceutical sales are already in decline as their medical cannabis dispensaries spread across the country."

I kept nodding off in the long speeches and twice woke up forgetting where I was automatically slipping

into the the dribbling staring Unda Bethany. She's scarcely noticed on Nimbin streets but in the UN auditorium we got very funny looks. I spent a lot of time in the bathroom staring at the mirror remembering who I was.

Back home the ADHD kid is getting desperate. The WKTA backyard has been a reliable source of primo bunt for months and suddenly the holes are empty, the stash spots are bare. He's even been heard talking about the lithium program with a week in bed but the Boss wouldn't allow it. Wouldn't look good he said, cops on pot withdrawal programs.

I even got searched the other day on one of his frantic street missions. Staring at him dribbling and filthy he moved on quickly but he did mutter the withdrawal of troops doesn't mean the war is ending, and yes, the drones have been

authorised for my favourite little ganja village I heard.

Not for those pesky youth in Rainbow Lane but for tree counting, monitoring wood fires which are soon to be banned, and of course spotting and poisoning patches.

They had to create safe jobs for so many of the Force on stress relief so now it's like kids playing computer games all over the office, except it's for real. And more than forty hours in front of the screen means you take the compulsory Force green pill, as well as the blue and red. The green one is a new one, an experiment in exercise replacement.

Their drone choppers discovered a patch while I was watching. It automatically fired half a dozen PPB's (pot poison bombs) and the patch disintegrated in a cloud of smoke. The patch spotting is no problem for the Pipe tribe as we live in the forest but the smoke spotting is. Every night we sit around the fire, all cooking is on the fire. The sacred fire where I just had a lifechanging experience initiated by Pipes full moon lentil and mushroom soup. The truth was so obvious I couldn't stop laughing, and crying, through a very long night.

"Without imagination the truth is hidden, it's as invisible as the landscape before the sunrise," I remember Pipe saying, as light began to appear in the eastern sky.

"It's the leap beyond logical that's so hard for everyone to make. It comes naturally to the aboriginals, and children, and true hippies," he grinned lighting his pipe. "That's why I love the herb", as he calls it. "It fires my imagination".

He went on and on. "There's a fork in the road that keeps appearing. The mainstream is competing against each other for riches or security. The other path is doing what you love and trusting you'll get what you need. If you're happy you don't need stuff."

He grins at me, lighting his pipe again. But I'm thinking how the girls in the Tribe all spend their pension on laptops and mini solar panels for their kids and he only wants me to stay because one Unda cheque buys them six months food.

The kids, as young as four, are all expert hackers. I told them only members of the Force, Centrelink, Immigration or the Tax Office are allowed to hack. They just laughed at me.

NIMBIN BOWLO

25 Sibley Street
Phone 6689-1250

What's On in August?

- Saturdays – Trivia Nights – 7pm – Cash Prizes
- Thursday 11th – Official SK8park Opening – 10am
- Saturday 13th – Live Band – 2-4pm
- Sunday 21st – Club Visit – Sth Tweed Trippers

- Social Bowls every Sunday
- Courtesy Bus – Phone or book at bar
- Free Broadband – Over 50's

• Lunch & dinner 7 Days a Week
 • Friday Banquets
 • Take-Aways phone 6689-1473

Home of the 'Big Bowler'

THE NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE AND CAFE

OPEN 10AM TO 4PM WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY
MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS, LIGHT MEALS

UPCOMING GIGS:

KERRIANNE COX - 13TH AUGUST
WILD MARMALADE
KING FAROUK

CINEMA OPENING VERY SOON

THE BIG LEBOWSKI
A COEN BROTHERS FILM STARRING JEFF BRIDGES

CALL 0089 1111 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Nimbin HEMP Embassy

NIMBIN CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY and **MardiGrass**, the annual gathering on the first weekend of MAY.

'JUST SAY KNOW' CANNABIS EDUCATION, INFORMATION & PRODUCTS

66891842 www.hempembassy.net

FOOD
FUEL
FIBRE

MEDICINAL

Jazz Club Notes



ACID BLEED

The Lismore Jazz Club presents Acid Bleed on Sunday, 21 August at the Lismore City Bowling Club from 2pm to 5pm. Admission is \$10 for members and students and \$15 for non members.

Acid Bleed is a unique seven piece band playing a virtuoso blend of hot Gypsy swing with a Latin groove.

The band members are all now local to the Northern Rivers. They are all accomplished musicians and have been playing together for 2 years. They are now making their mark on the local jazz scene. Lead vocalist, Geraldine Loong, is a sultry chanteuse with a honey voice that brings back nostalgic memories of Piaf and trips on the Orient Express. This is one train you won't want to miss.

Electric guitarist Adam Blenkhorn comes from a fine jazz pedigree of professional

guitar players. He was the black sheep of the family and went into professional life but nothing can hold back a true Blenkhorn. Jimmy Chiu on gypsy (Manouche) guitar cites Django, Bireli and Louis Pasteur as his three greatest influences. Josh Kirk on upright bass regards Ron Carter as one of his mentors and his Aston Martin as the other. Peter Costin-Neilsen is on vocals, drums/percussion and manacles. Andrew Horowitz plays both tenor and soprano saxophone and electric violin. He just can't make up his mind! Dave Moore on flugelhorn and trumpet, a refugee from the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, is the latest addition to this blissful ménage of styles and musical tastes.

We hope you enjoy listening to Acid Bleed as much as they enjoy playing.



The Bush Theatre came to life on 16th July with a thoroughly entertaining gig to bring the much-loved venue back to life.

Ten-piece Melbourne band Rapskallion delighted the audience with their own brand of vaudevillian, cabaret, junkyard gypsy blues.

Their invocation of 1920s Paris bohemia was well suited to the Bastille Day theme of the night, which celebrated the Bush Theatre's new stewardship by French ex-pat Daniel Soler and his partner Belinda Marsh.

They were delighted by the success of the night, and promise more great gigs to come.

Rapskallion went on to appear at Splendour in the Grass, and are currently in Byron Bay recording their second album, which will be released in November.



Mystic Beats is a collective of Northern Rivers musicians who love to fuse the sounds of Earth with electronics. Their kaleidoscopic interpretation of electro loops, voice and live instruments always leave their audiences begging for more.

Little did Bodhi Seed know back in 2002 when he formed Mystic Beats that the group would go on to become a headline act for the many electro-earth-funk festivals along the east coast. At the mere mention of their name people start moving to their inner Mystic Beat memories.

It was wasn't long before the Mystic Beats were flying to distant shores to play at the Bali Spirit Festival, Symbiosis in California and at the Burning Man festival in Nevada.

With two albums to their credit and another on the way, the Mystic Beats have given the north coast music scene a whole dance track to be proud of. Catch them at Sphinx Rock Café, Mt Burrell, on Sunday 21st, 1-4 pm.



Guitarist Kirk Lorange brings his own blend of jazz/blues/rock/country/boogie to Condong Bowls Club at 1pm on Sunday 14th August, and it promises to be an afternoon to be remembered.

Lorange's career has been the mixture of solo work, playing in bands, session work for other artists, advertising, and film work. Within days of arriving in Australia from Canada on Christmas Day 1974 he had met Aussie folk legend Doug Ashdown and together they formed the acclaimed country-rock group Sleeping Dogs, which went on to support Supertramp on their Australian tour.

He has toured with the Richard Clapton Band, and played on Clapton's Main Street Jive and Goodbye, Tiger albums.

In 1988 he formed country-boogie band Chasin' The Train which supported such artists as John Mayall and The Band, while Train offshoot Six Amigos supported The

Highwaymen (Waylon, Willie, Johnny, and Kris) in 1991.

Lorange has jammed on air with Ringo Starr and was invited on stage with ex-Eagle Don Felder in Calgary in 2009. Felder's verdict?

"Kirk, you'll have to teach me slide one of these days. You're amazing."

Not bad from the guy who taught Tom Petty to play.

Lorange has played sessions for Shane Howard, Kevin Johnson, Mark Hunter, Simon Gallagher, Marcia Hines, Renee Geyer, John Williamson, Graeme Connors and Anne Kirkpatrick.

For this performance he will play with James Cox on percussion, Jim Kelly on guitar, Doug Gallagher on drums, and Greg Lyon on bass.

Playing the support spot at Condong will be expatriate US bluesman James T and Chain bassist Dirk Dubois.

Tickets costs \$18 prebooked or \$25 at the door. Phone 6686-8111, 6622-5399 or 6672-5404 to book.

Nimbin Hotel & Backpackers

53 Cullen Street, Nimbin. Ph: 6689-1246

August Gigs

Thursday 4th
Friday 5th
Saturday 6th
Sunday 7th

Ian Rowe
Two Trax
Dan Hannaford
Bevan Spiers

Thursday 11th
Friday 12th
Saturday 13th
Sunday 14th

Robert Saric
Pappa Funk
Richard Perso
Teiwi Richards

Thursday 18th
Friday 19th
Saturday 20th
Sunday 21st

Bo Jenkins
Tim Stokes Duo
A Beggars Second
Mark Boule (from Haba Dudes)

Thursday 25th
Friday 26th
Saturday 27th
Sunday 28th

Dr Baz
Broadfoot
Bill Jacobi
Ian Rowe

Thurs 1st Sept
Fri 2nd
Sat 3rd

Bo Jenkins
Left Lane Blues
Dan Hannaford

Gigs start: Thurs 6pm, Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7pm, Sun 2.30pm

Accommodation • TAB facilities

Hummingbird Bistro

Lunch 12-3pm Dinner 6-8pm, Friday 6-8.30pm

sphinx rock café

3220 Kyogle Rd, Mt Burrell www.sphinxrockcafe.com

Sunday Gig Guide

August 1pm Start

7th Kerriane Cox

A Ngumbri woman, an inspirational speaker and renowned singer songwriter

14th Mark Heazlett

Expect a journey of Music for the heart; Jazz, Soul and Groove

21st Mystic Beats

An organic infusion of sounds of the earth with electronics

28th Kindling

Be ready to be uplifted, enchanted and enlightened with Folk, Reggae & Soul

Licensed cafe with friendly staff, fabulous food, great coffee and excellent vibes.

For more info please contact us

P (02) 6679 7118

E info@sphinxrockcafe.com

Find us on Facebook

Sphinx Rock Cafe

AUSTRALIA'S MASTER SLIDE-GUITARIST

KIRK LORANGE BAND

Supported by JAMES T. & DIRK DUBOIS

Sunday 14th August, 2011

Condong Bowls Club McLeod St, Condong

→ Doors open 12noon → Show starts 1pm
→ Sorry, changes at the Club means lunch is NOT included

TICKETS \$18 + booking fee OR \$25 at the door if available

Tom's Music Shop 103 Summerland Way, Kyogle
Murwillumbah Music 5 Commercial Rd, Murwillumbah
☎ 02 6672 5404

RVBYESQUE

ALAN MORRIS
PROPRIETOR

SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA & FINE USED BOOKS

21 CARRINGTON STREET LISMORE 2480

PO BOX 1184 LISMORE (02) 6622 4676

Blue Knob Gallery



'Good Morning Mount Warning' by Roland Schicht Sunshine

The exhibition opening for Blue Knob Hall Gallery's latest exhibition 'Print' was a great success. Over twenty artists are participating in the exhibition, with a wide range of interpretations of the genre. This exhibition will run until 21st August.

Following this exhibition, the gallery will be hosting the Nimbin Pre-School Charity Art Auction 'Memories of Childhood', which will take place on Friday 26th August. Doors open at 6pm, with dinner available for a set



vegetarian meal for \$12. RSVP is essential, phone 6689-7449.

Then our next show, which is a collaboration with the Roxy Gallery, 'Pieces of a Puzzle' will open on Friday 2nd September at 6.30pm. It's a busy month for the Gallery!

We are also continuing our weekly Saturday Yum Cha after the Farmer's Market. This starts at 12pm and includes six yummy Chinese delicacies for \$15 per person - bookings are essential, and please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

The Moore Workshop space will be hosting a three-week Healthy Bladder and Pelvic Floor Course - free, but bookings essential and spaces are limited. Come and find out about different types of bladder problems. How they develop... How they can be treated or prevented... in a small, friendly, confidential women's group.

The course will run each Monday for three weeks commencing 29th August, from 9.15am to 10.45am

Phone 6689-7116 or email bkhgallery@aapt.net.au to book - ability to attend all sessions is a prerequisite

A Fibre Fusion Felt Making class with Barbara Mills will be held on Sunday 17th August, contact Barbara (02)66891763 or email barbfelt@hotmail.com

Wood cut - 'Thinking of you' by Steve Giese

New local art gallery opening The genuine article

The Channon Art Gallery has been completely refurbished and was officially opened on Sunday 10th July by Lismore Mayor Jenny Dowell.

David Corraza and Peter Boyle, the gallery owners, have assembled an eclectic collection of a high standard. There are many well known professional artists represented at the gallery and exhibitors include Brisbane ceramicist Stephanie Outridge Field, landscape artist Greg Mallyon, Yvonne Mills-Stanley, local artist Lindsay Hunt plus an extensive collection of Aboriginal art. Zoy Crizzle did an excellent job of hanging and presenting the artwork.

David and Peter thanked the crowd for supporting the gallery and spoke of their vision for the new space. Not only will they be bringing thought provoking and exciting art to the gallery in future exhibitions, they also plan to host artist workshops and offer space to support local artists.



Daniel Harris, local artist Partha Pfeiffer and Dixie Becker

The Channon Gallery's opening hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm, and is located at 52 Terania Street, near The Channon Tavern.

Phone David or Peter on (02) 6688-6322 or visit the web site: thechannongallery.com or find them on Facebook.

Big heart, fine art

Local artists have committed to donate works to a Nimbin Preschool fund-raising auction at Blue Knob Gallery and Cafe on Friday 26th August.

Helena Herendi, Steve Giese, Kach Perrott, Nicole Rayward, Polly Stirling, Coleen Derosa, Donna Sharam, Dawn Thirlaway, Christine Wynnard, Maxx Maxted, Pauline Ahern, Myfanwy Stirling and Harumi will all put works under the hammer (so to speak).

These works are loosely based around the theme Memories of Childhood, which will be mounted into an exhibition at Blue Knob Gallery, together with art works done by children from the Nimbin Preschool.

The whole collection will be auctioned at a soiree on Friday 26th August, featuring artist and musician Sue Edmonds as auctioneer.

The organisers of the event are hoping more artists will come forward with works that explore their memories of childhood. Any art medium welcome, entries in by Sunday 21st August

The auction also creates a chance for the community to celebrate the local talent and spirit of generosity that makes it possible for small community organisations like the preschool to continue, in spite of poor government support.

The audience can expect to see some exceptional child artworks on display, testament to the dedication of preschool staff. People interested in bidding for artworks can view the exhibition in normal gallery hours in the week prior.

The bar opens at 6pm and a vegetarian set menu will be available for \$12, although bookings are essential on 6689-7449. The auction starts at 7pm. A prize will be given for the most popular entry as voted by the audience on the night. For more information, contact Caroline Cowley on el.rancho.relaxo@bigpond.com



CRAIG STRATON BUILDER

- NEW HOMES • KIT HOMES • RENOVATIONS •
- 20 YEARS LOCAL EXPERIENCE •

Lic No: 135371C

Phone: 6689-1724 • Mob: 0407-891-898

Email: workingmen2@y7mail.com



Bentley Art Prize

It's that time of year again, when the Bentley Hall gets full to overflowing with beautiful artworks, as artists compete for \$8,500 in prizemoney in 14 different Sections, including two \$1,000 prizes donated by Tursa and Casino RSM.

The many and varied works are on exhibition on Friday 5th August, 7-9pm, and Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th from 9am to 3pm.

Presentations will be made at 2pm on Saturday 6th, Well worth a trip to Bentley.

Nimbin Market
In the community centre gardens
Every 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month:
Sunday 21st August

Fine music, Fine food, Second hand treasures,
Local skilled crafts and Community coming together.

Enquiries for market:
0458 506 000

Wet weather market is held in
the Nimbin School of Arts - Cullen St

**Nimbin
Trailer Hire**

Phone Damian 6689 1428 Mobile 0458 491 428

BUILDER
Lachlan Gibbons

0427 100 874 • 6688 8179

185 Billen Road Georgica License No. 92563C



by Granny Breath Weaver

The Weave and Mend Festival, Nimbin's small local, hands-on festival of basket weaving, is coming up again soon, on Friday-Saturday 23rd-25th September in the Nimbin Central School grounds.

This festival is organized by Wednesday Women Weavers who meet weekly to weave together. We acknowledge that the inspiration and techniques were passed on by Aboriginal women to various members of our group.

We feel the need to share these experiences and techniques in the same way, these women shared theirs with us. We hold these stories dear to our heart. We thank them for keeping these ancient skills alive during times of extreme hardships. Basketry, like all the arts is meditative and healing, keeping us in close contact with our Earth Mother.

This year our Festival falls on the Equinox (Friday 23rd) Equal day, equal night. A time of equality.. a good time to converge as equals, a time of celebration to remind us of our essential equality with all life. Equality is also one of the aspects of the New Age of Aquarius soon to be upon us. New influences silently invisibly at work to create change. Aquarius is the 'sign' devoted to breaking down established patterns so change can occur. The birth of a New Age (from the Age of Pisces to Age of Aquarius) is similar to any birth. Women are the ones familiar with the birthing process... the pangs of birth of a New Age are big ones! Uranus, the 'ruler' of Aquarius is akin to this birth process. The glyph for Uranus is a stylized form of the birth canal as a baby is being born. Birth is a trauma for mother and child.. if a baby stays too long in the womb it will die.. just as if we humans stay too long in a safe secure environment, we will stagnate and stop growing.

After the 'trauma' comes relief and a totally new unfamiliar world emerges as a baby is born. This period of transition, between two worlds, between two great ages is what our planet is going through... birth on a grand scale. Woman's time has come to assist with this birthing process. Women all around

the world are standing up, speaking out, taking leadership positions.

Aquarius also places high values on freedom, independence and individualism. It is rebellious against authority and traditional values created in the Piscean Age. Aquarius is also marked therefore, by broken families, broken homes, single parents and further disruptions of blood family continuity. There are growing numbers of households headed by women.

Young people suffering from broken homes are moving in groups. Young people are also themselves in a transitional stage of adolescent to adult. Chances are they will grow up to be very special kinds of adults – more free-thinking and independent than any preceding generations (including hippies and radicals!)

Young people are especially welcome to experience a new (for us) way of learning.. camping out on school grounds for a long weekend, weaving together, making rope baskets, mats, hats and traps, dolls, etc and at night, music, song and dance around the campfire. Being grounded, sitting on Earth Mother under the skies is particularly important in these times of great change.

And so on the cusp of Aquarius, on the day of the Spring Equinox, our Festival begins. Friday is for setting up camp, getting our fibres ready for workshops. Saturday and Sunday workshops get under way – from 9^{am} to 5^{pm} every two hours. This Festival is low cost and leaves minimal carbon footprints.

As usual the Nimbin Aquarius Landcare Group will be running the Chai Tent. There will be a food stall. Bring your own tents and camping gear. Campfire provided, shops close by, absolutely no dogs allowed on school grounds, great relaxing family atmosphere. Camping overnight is recommended for a total experience.

For further information, phone (02) 6689-7129 (coordinator) or write PO Box 530 Nimbin 2480.

This Festival is sponsored by Nimbin Central School, Nimbin School of Arts, Nimbin Hemp Embassy and our supportive local business community.

Listening to the planet



by Bob Dooley

What would possess two young French civil servants to chuck in their jobs and set off on a three-year trip around the world, by bicycle?

It's a question that still puzzles the parents of 30-year old Laure and her partner Pierre, 27, who they have kept in regular contact with, every 10 days, since their departure from France in March last year.

Laure, an economic development project officer, and Pierre, an engineering project officer, spent 18 months planning their trip, acquiring their specialist tent and pair of recumbent cycles, and road-testing their kit on a trip around Ireland.

"We share common interests in international development and environmental concerns and wanted to look at sustainable ways of life around the world," Pierre explained, "but we are realising that this is about people and their lives, and what solutions they are finding to cope with problems they face."

They call their odyssey 'Deux velos l'écoute de la planète' (two cyclists listening to the planet). Laure explained, "We want to pay attention to the planet, and to what solutions people are finding around the world."

Travelling by bicycle gives the couple much more contact with local people, and the unusual velos couché machines raise interest wherever they go. Made by Nazca, a Dutch family company, the bikes have 27 gears and a comfortable laid-back



Laure and Pierre at Tuntable shop

riding position for lugging the 65kg of gear that they share.

Choosing a westerly circumnavigation, to try to get the best riding conditions, their first continent was South America, where they rode through Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and Panama. To cross oceans, they prefer to travel by boat, on cargo ships, rather than fly. Their passage from Bilbao, Spain to Buenos Aires took 28 days, and while they it was easy to cross the Pacific to New Zealand by cargo ship, the cost of sailing across the Tasman Sea would have been ten times that of flying... so, they flew.

Such practicality is driven by their need to stay within a tight budget, with expenses limited to 20 euros per day (\$A27) for two. About 20% of the cost of the trip was funded through sponsorship, mostly from French government grants, so their expenditure needs to be accounted for.

"We don't see this as a big trip – travelling the world – but within each country, lots of little trips, to investigate other ways of living," Laure said. "The trip keeps enriching our life-skills."

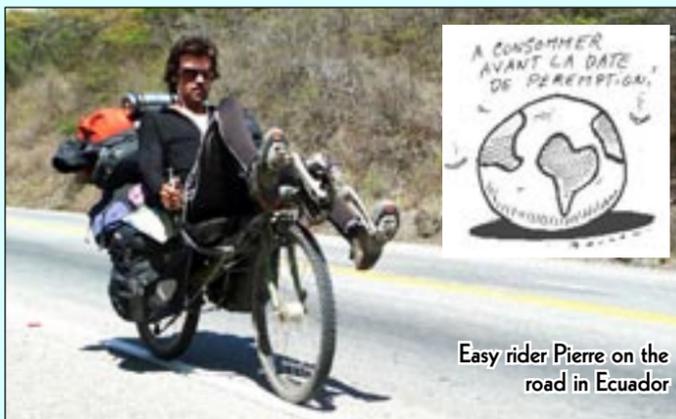
The pair wanted to experience WWOOFing (Willing Workers on Organic Farms), and were able to try it for 12 days in New Zealand, where they met an experienced French WWOOFer who suggested they have a look at the Rainbow Region, which led to them being WWOOFers on Tuntable Falls Community for two weeks.

"This is very good for us," Pierre said. "On the bikes, we don't exercise our upper bodies, it's like being in an armchair."

Laure and Pierre want to disseminate their discoveries to people working in similar environmental fields, and to schoolchildren. They do this by making radio documentaries, mixing in the particular sounds they experience, and putting them with photos to make slide shows, which they publish on their website: www.envirolemonde.fr

They leave this month for Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, then along the Silk Road through the 'stans to Turkey, traversing southern Europe before arriving home in June 2013.

Laure said, "We'll be taking a lot of information back to France, including the story of Tuntable!"



Easy rider Pierre on the road in Ecuador

A TASTE OF ART
www.blueknobgallery.com

blueknob hall
gallery

Open Thursday to Sunday 10am - 4pm
719 Blue Knob Road, Lillian Rock Ph: 6689 7449
GALLERY • CAFE

FEDERAL AND STATE PARTY MEMBERS

WE NEED YOUR
email
ADDRESS

CALL
02 66891842
OR VISIT
AUSTRALIANHEMPARTY.COM

Debbie Guest
Civil Marriage
Celebrant

Phone: 02 6689-0089
Mobile: 0427-975-650
email: debgceleb@yahoo.com.au
www.debbieguest.com

Contact me to discuss your requirements