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Protest in Kyogle

GAG calls UNESCO over pipeline

Investigations by Group Against Gas (GAG) Kyogle have revealed that UNESCO, the international body governing the World Heritage Convention, is unaware of plans to construct an industrial gas pipeline through the Gondwana Rainforests World Heritage Area.

Ms Hobbs said she had tried contacting UNESCO in the past, about the proposed pipeline through the World Heritage listed Border Ranges National Park, without much success.

"This time I got onto their website and found a phone number to ring so I dialled and next thing I was talking to Kishore Rao, the director of the World Heritage Centre at the UNESCO office in France."

Mr. Rao advised her that UNESCO knew nothing of the Lions Way pipeline proposal, and asked her to send information about the project so that UNESCO could take the matter up with the Australian government.

"He reiterated to me the serious concerns that UNESCO has in relation to the Gladstone developments and was very pleased that ordinary Australians like myself are taking matters into our own hands when it comes to protecting our world-class natural areas."

Ms Hobbs said she was motivated by reading about the environmental catastrophe that is unfolding in the World Heritage Area around



Along Lions Road

Gladstone, where three huge LNG facilities are being constructed.

"In that instance, neither the state nor federal governments notified UNESCO of these developments, which they are obligated to do under the World Heritage Convention."

GAG spokesperson Boudicca Cerese said the federal government was refusing to assess the impacts of the proposal on the World Heritage Area.

"The GAG petition with 1500 signatures calling on the government to broaden the assessment requirements was recently tabled in federal parliament by our local MP Janelle Saffin," said Ms. Cerese. "However, in his reply to our request, Minister (Tony) Burke's representative said that the potential impacts on World Heritage values had been considered when the assessment guidelines were determined, but they were not deemed to be significant."

"We contest this finding and we have obtained expert scientific advice that suggests that the impacts would be significant."

"We now have the opportunity to take the matter up directly with UNESCO. I think the Gladstone experience makes it clear that the Australian government is neglecting their responsibility to properly protect these special places, but they are not going to get away with it any longer."

Nimbin remembers war and peace, and our place on the planet

This year's Remembrance Day, on 11/11/11, has been embraced by a wide cross-section of the Nimbin community, with at least five events organised for the day.

The official WWI observance will be held at the war memorial at 11am, followed by an Om around the World, which the Nimbin Aquarius Foundation has been participating in for several

years, and then a day of musical performances on the street, until 11pm, in recognition of the Jungian understanding of Unus Mundus.

Meanwhile at the Bush Theatre, from 4.30 - 6.30pm there will be a consciousness-raising meditation, inspired by the Mayans, plus there's an Intergalactic party at Billen Cliffs, starting at 6pm. Take your pick, or mix and match. All welcome.



NIMBIN
SYNCHRONICITY
Full Moon Celebration



A thought for the Diggers

by Paul LeBars

On the Nimbin District War Memorial are the names of 114 men who served and fought in World War I under the new federation's Australian Flag.

Volunteers from all over rural Australia went to war on the other side of the world, leaving the women, the young and the old to continue the work on the farms, the forest and the town's businesses.

We must remember that life in Nimbin for the new settlers in 1914 and the years that followed were no doubt arduous and the very test of community resilience.

Life was tough to say the least. Young boys became men, and girls became women, in a very short time. The adult women and the elderly had to take on the

tasks left by the soldiers abroad and to teach and train the young in working of the land and business.

Not only that, most of the produce and resources of the time were directed at the war effort. Rationing was bought in and most of the time the families went with out, all the while fearful for the lives of those fighting on the other side of the world.

Letters, being the only form of communication, were far and few between and newspapers would have been the only way of learning about the war effort. Sometimes it would take weeks to get news of the efforts abroad, with all the worry, sorrow and fear for the future of those afar and what then had been constituted as the free world.

The young had to take on the tasks left by their

grandfathers, fathers and elder brothers. Up before daybreak to work before having breakfast, a short day at school and back home to work till dark, have dinner, do home work and then to bed, six, maybe seven days a week. Sunday would have been welcome, to those who observed the day of rest.

These families also had to deal with the loss of their loved ones and care for those who returned physically and psychologically damaged.

So, when we stop in remembrance for one minute's silence at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 2011, let us remember the sacrifices made by those soldiers, and the sacrifices made by their families and communities who gave their all for peace. "Lest We Forget"

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