



# THE NIMBIN GOOD TIMES

Slightly feral, but still FREE

Balloon vine  
Edition  
August  
2012

81 Cullen Street  
Nimbin 2480  
Phone 6689-1148  
nimbin.goodtimes@gmail.com

## Lizard's Revenge



March from the camp, 16th July

by Omega Breakspear

More than 300 activists and 450 police gathered outside BHP-Billiton's Olympic Dam uranium mine at the Gates of Hell for the Lizard's Revenge festival between 11th and 21st July.

It resulted in 18 arrests, including our own Bennie Zable for standing on the road in his classic gas-masked



Police at truck lock-on

outfit with an anti-uranium placard at the 'Breakfast not Bombs' event.

Other arrests occurred at the 'It's Just Not Cricket' event, a game of cricket on the Olympic Dam oval that was made a Prohibited Area under the Protective Security Act, and on the last morning of the gathering there were a further four arrests when two brave activists locked onto an articulated mining truck travelling along the Olympic Way.

A crew from Nimbin, including six Environment Centre activists, made the nearly 5000 kms return trip to Roxby Downs in South Australia to be part of the festival, made known through social media and by word of mouth.



NEC Crew

Arabunna elder Uncle 'Kev' Buzzacott made the call to all the people of the world to help wake up Kulta, the old lizard sleeping under the Arabunna land that BHP is mining. Uncle Kev, winner of the prestigious 2001 Nuclear Free Future Award in Ireland, was concerned about the Federal government's approval of a massive expansion to the mining lease, making it the largest uranium mine in the world.

The festival was well organised with 'Food not Bombs' providing free meals until the heavy handed police defected their truck, along with the water truck and dozens of other vehicles. We were all forced to go through police roadblocks prompting Dr Helen Caldicott, who



Dr Helen with Uncle Kev

got searched on the way to the site, to call it "The end of democracy". There was also a police helicopter with spotlights at night and police on motorbikes and horses, with the young crew chanting "Get those animals off those horses!" whenever they charged.

Crew also had fun with bands and music at night, a 'Frocks on the Front' fashion comp with Lady Geiger winning (of course) and a Zombie March. On a more serious note, we had three minutes' silence as we all fell down in remembrance of the Fukushima tragedy, supplied with Australian uranium.

Lizard's Revenge was a huge success in highlighting the many problems with the mine from Federal and SA governments'



Lady Geiger

policies, such as the mine's exemption from the SA Aboriginal Heritage Act, irresponsible export policies resulting in sales to countries not signatories to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and negligent environmental practices.

I hope we won't need another Lizard's Revenge next year, but if there is, let's all be there for the sake of a nuclear-free and safe future.



Bennie Zable being arrested

## Nimbin Skate Park's 1st Birthday

by Laurelli Anderson

On Saturday 4th August there will be a celebration of the first birthday of the Nimbin Skate Park. The day's event will start with a SBA free skate clinic from 9am until noon, then there will be a fun 'skate jam' for all ages in the afternoon.

FONSK8 will be running a fund raising BBQ for lunch with good food and drink, money going towards more



Laurelli, Julie & Trout



From this.....to this



improvements to the park and general maintenance. There will be T-shirts for sale and Mamamalta's Pastizzi will be there with plenty of good coffee and sweet delights. Mayor Jenny Dowell will be cutting the birthday cake at approximately 10.30am and there will be plenty of cake for everyone, so come along and support your community and join in the fun.

If Saturday 4th August is

rained out, the day will be postponed 'til the following Saturday 11th August, so keep those dates in your diary.

Reflecting back, it seemed the issues with the old steel skate park would never be resolved, then it was Connor's speech that won a unanimous vote by LCC that the Federal Funding of \$449,000 would go towards building the skate park in Nimbin. Then once the construction began with

Rob Lewers of Concrete Skate Parks and his team, it rained more days than not, and work was delayed day by day, week by week, it seemed it was never going to get finished, but eventually it did, and in August 2011 the park was officially opened by Mayor Jenny Dowell, Justine Elliott MP, Wiyabul elder Aunty Viv Laurie-King and Connor Anderson, the youth and general community of Nimbin have never looked back.

Pro skaters teams Creature and Volcom from America have put the park up there on their favourite skate park list and the park is frequented regularly by pro skaters from the Gold Coast, who also rank the skate park highly, not only for the fact it's a great park but also for the good, friendly 'vibe' it has.



Ethan, Otto, Connor, Ceda and Jayden in August 2009

Youth worker Lizette Twistleton



The park officially opened in August 2011



Café Central: p.4



Bees: p.12



Findhorn: p.15



Timor: pp.20, 26