



THE WAR ON DRUGS ISA WAR ON INNOCENT AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

The Drug War is an endless war where nobody wins except criminals and lawyers. It is an embarrassment to the planet. It represents only a senseless waste of human potential and a criminal waste of money.

For 20 years the voice of MardiGrass has been crying out for a national conversation regarding this senseless and endless war: now even the establishment agrees.

This years Australia21 Report was compiled by establishment icons not radical protestors, and these esteemed men in suits called for our nation to end our war on drugs immediately.

'The Prohibition of Illicit Drugs is Killing and Criminalising our Children and we are all Letting it Happen' was the name they chose for their report.

Even the mainstream has come to realise that it is time to revert from a war on drugs to a plan on drugs. At this year's MardiGrass we plan to lead the way.

The Australia21 Report declares that a national conversation must be engaged at all levels of society and in all corners of the country.

We must provide information where there is misinformation, understanding where there is confusion, & calm contemplation where there is currently fear-mongering and deceit.

The discussions we engage in at this years' MardiGrass will set the direction and provide the substance for many other discussions that will be engaged all around the country during this pivotal year.

We must once more demonstrate the fact that the war on drugs is unwinnable and that the majority of Australians know it to be unwinnable.

However this alone is not enough! Currently our Politicians seem terrified of the subject.

We must provide solutions in firm and workable terms. We must provide our leaders with the means to declare the war on drugs to be at an end.

You can help us to change the minds of our leaders. We urge you to join us in demanding our politicians act on these recommendations. We'd love you to come to Nimbin for the weekend and make your voice heard.

Buy an armband to support our protestival; join the HEMP Party and help change our laws.

Join in our rally and enjoy an unforgettable experience.

Australia21 Illicit Drug Policy Report

Australia21 is a non-profit body that was established in 2001 to develop new frameworks of understanding for complex multi-disciplinary problems that are important to Australia's future.

What are the likely costs and benefits of a change in Australia's current policy on illicit drugs?

IN A NUTSHELL

- Prohibition puts the production, distribution, and control of illicit drugs into the hands of criminals and exposes young people, police and politicians to their corruptive influence.
- The harms resulting from prohibition substantially outweigh the gains from efforts by police to suppress the criminal drug industry – a fact now accepted by many politicians, police, researchers and leaders of civil society across the world.

- The harms include a large planeload of avoidable Australian deaths annually; home and property crime; our prisons and justice system clogged by victims of the industry; a flourishing drug culture that is fostered and controlled by criminal interests and a complete lack of control of the dosage and toxicity of the drugs that young people are consuming.

- International drug prohibition has, until now, been maintained through international treaties and conventions, spear-headed by a US "War on drugs". The recognition that this war has been comprehensively lost is leading to an international rethink about prohibition and about these treaties and conventions.

- The enormous profits from the black market trade in drugs mean that an ounce of heroin costs many times more than an ounce of gold. The criminals are much better resourced than law enforcement authorities and any success that police have in reducing the supply, results in an increase in the price of drugs and an increase in criminal profits and activities.

- Despite decades of a prohibition approach in Australia, illicit drugs are easily purchasable on our streets and in our prisons. The perverse nature of the system ensures that a steady stream of young people becomes dependent on a continuing supply of drugs.

- Large amounts of public funds are allocated to a failed law and order approach to drug use. These resources would be better directed to managing drug use as a health and social issue as we do with nicotine and alcohol.

- Drug taking undoubtedly produces serious harms to individual drug users and their families. Many of the harms to them, to others and to society at large are a result of the national policy of prohibition and criminalisation which, arguably, increases, rather than decreases, the risks of more people becoming drug dependent.

\$100 MardiGrass all weekend armband with SHOWGROUND camping. \$50 without camping.
BUY ONLINE
www.NimbinMardiGrass.com

- HEMP OLYMPIX**
- MIND CANDY FORUM**
- BUSH THEATRE**
- Market Stage**
- Mingle Park**
- Picker's Ball**
- Harvest Ball**
- HEMP PARTY**
- Medical Cannabis Tent**
- Lo THC Tent**
- Kombi Konvoy**
- 4:20 Global Mass**
- SilentDoof Nim FM 102.3**
- Sunday RALLY 2.30**



- This is a very complex issue that demands proper community discussion of a range of alternatives to prohibition, that are now being considered everywhere including in the United States where the failed war on drugs and prohibition began.

- National drug policy should be based on evidence of what works and what does not and the international evidence base on these issues is now both substantial and persuasive.

- It is time to stop sloganeering and insist to all of our political representatives and to our media that Australia must have an informed national debate about the alternatives to a policy that has failed disastrously and is criminalising our young.

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AND WE ARE ALL LETTING IT HAPPEN.

FRIDAY



SATURDAY



SUNDAY



Allsop Park 5:00 pm Opening Ceremony with Nunukel Kunjeil

Music until the Hemp Olympix Torch Bearer arrives from the South with the Eternal Flame For The Victims Of Prohibition. From 29th April to May 7th 1770 are the dates of Captain Cooks stay at Botany Bay, when he raised the flag.

In our MardiGrass Opening on Friday evening when we do the "Introduction to Country" by the local elders there will be a smoking ceremony and stories for the Thanksgiving where you can bring gifts to share.

There will also be a minute's silence for all Victims of Prohibition and speakers, followed by the Pickers Ball.



TOWN HALL

The MardiGrass Family Cafe in the Town Hall open all weekend serving healthy meals.

10:00am Town Hall Information Booth opens All MardiGrass Passes Available Here! Join the HEMP Party! Check for all program changes and information.

Picker's Ball

6pm Monkey and the Fish

7pm Essie Thomas

8pm Diana Anaid

9pm Express

10pm DUBLO

11pm Pagan Love Cult

Entry: Show a Weekend Pass, otherwise \$15. (Concession \$10)



PEACE PARK

4:20am to Dawn Peace Park Mahawana Sunrise Meditation

11am Kaptan Reefer and the Konescrapers plus Johnny (No Cash) Ganja

11:30 Hemp Olympix registration

12:00 Tug O' Drug War Between Police and Polite with the Big Hemp Rope followed by the Hemp Olympix First Heats of the Bong Throw and Yell, followed by the Growers Ironperson Event. Hosted by S Sorrensen and Alan Glover.

Special Event: The Inaugural Special Distance and Accuracy Alan Jones About Face Bong Throw.

HARVEST BALL

6pm Sheik Yatush

7pm Andrea Soler

8pm Stand Up Comedy

10pm Anarchist Duck

11pm Fyah Walk



www.youtube.com/NimbinMardiGrass

TOWN HALL

Chill Zone, Medical Cannabis meeting place, Forums, Food, Peace & Quiet in the Garden. The MardiGrass Family Cafe in the Town Hall open all weekend.

11:00am Forums on everything Cannabis all day in the Hall and Medical Cannabis Tent in the Town Hall Garden. FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS See the MIND CANDY Guide on the next page

12 noon: ENTHEOGENIC PERSPECTIVES **12.30pm:** QUALITY, CONTROL AND MEDICINAL USE OF CANNABIS IN AUSTRALIA, EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA.

1:00pm: GREEN BOUNTY: ADVANCES IN CANNABIS AS MEDICINE.

2:00pm: TOUGH LOVE: DOES PROHIBITION PROTECT US FROM HARM?

3:00pm: IMAGINEERING THE FUTURE: REGULATING DRUG SUPPLY.

5:00pm Hemp Olympix Joint Rolling First Heats (Speed, Artistic and Adverse Conditions) and a chance for everyone to roll a "joint" for the Global Marijuana March after. Due to the popularity of this event, you will probably need a Golden Bud full weekend armband for entry.

6:00pm - Harvest Ball Concert for Cannabis Law Reform MardiGrass Big Saturday Night Out. If wet weather, everything in the Town Hall. If fine then music in Peace Park

8:00pm Stand Up Comedy Show Hosted by S Sorrensen & Alan Glover with other guests including Steady Eddy, who started in 1991 at The Sydney Comedy Store and was bitten by the performing bug during that first 5 minute routine.

A Golden Bud full weekend armband for entry to the Town Hall



Medical Cannabis Tent Town Hall Garden

MULLAWAYS MEDICAL CANNABIS MEETING

Register for Tony Bower's Medical Cannabis Clinic, the first in the country. MS, HIV, cancer and chronic pain sufferers are invited to be part of Australia's first medical cannabis dispensary trial. Bring medical documentation to confirm your condition if you are a new applicant.

12.00pm Talk with Kog in the Tent where he will sign copies of his Golden Book on growing, or the CD, which will be showing in the Embassy and Museum all weekend.

1:00pm Bubblebag Hash Making Demonstration See live demonstrations of the official Bubble Bag cold water extract system using lavender and other legal herbs to produce clean, pure, organic resinous plant extracts (hash) using nothing more than ice, cold water and your plant material. Lots of fun and great time to get your questions answered. Bubble Bags will be available for sale.

6:00 pm Hi & Lo THC Cooking - hempseed oil products discussion, Vaporizer workshop and how to cook your medicine rather than smoke it.

LoTHC Tent - Top O' Peace Park

12:00 HempCrete Building Demo with Dr Andrew Katelaris
12:30 Industrial Hemp & Hempseed Uses Forum with Dr Keith Bolton, Andrew Kavasilas, Darius Dunn, and Dr Katelaris.
2:00pm Hemp, Marijuana and Sir Joseph Banks with Dr John Jiggins & Dr Neil Pike
3:00 pm Biochar/Permaculture Demo/Talk with David Perry

Members of the Northern Rivers Hemp Association are keen to meet potential farmers, product processors or anyone interested in the NSW Hemp Industry. Check out the fibre and seed samples from the 2011 crop, hemp fabrics, papers, building materials, plastics, footage of the first NSW commercial hempseed food crops and a video of hemp building.

6:00pm Chronic Cannabis documentary discussion with Richard Baron.



PEACE PARK

Dawn Mahawana Sunrise Meditation

11:00am Seed Swap

11:30 Hemp Olympix registration for the Last Heats.

12:00 MIDDAY HEMP OLYMPIX Last Heats and Finals- Growers Iron Person, Hemp Rope Tug O' Peace & Bong Throw and Yell.



After the Rally Beyond Prohibition Ball!

4pm Diana Anaid

5pm Dinkumbos /NC

5pm Hemp Olympix (Town Hall)

6pm Warchief

7pm DUBLO

8pm The Floating Bridges

9pm Elektrik Lemonade

SUNDAY

OTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

Nimbin Community Centre MardiGrass Market Stage

- 10 Morning Yoga
- 11 Kaptan Reefer
- 12 Vig - N/C
- 1 Healing Earth (2pm Parade time)
- 3:30 Fiona Ryan
- 4:30 Flawless
- 5:30 TBA
- 6:30 Homeless Yellow
- 7:30:30 KOBYA
- 8:30 Dillion James Band

Mingle Park DRY CAMP

Behind the Museum
12.00 BJY the DJ Guy
1.00 Hip hop workshop
2:30 Parade & RALLY
4:30 Kaptan Reefer
5:30 Bill and the jerks
6:30 Rank Individuals
7:30 Kalibah

HEMP Party BAR POLITE BUREAU Webcam cyber-hub, Party Members, protestival wrap. Serving hempseed food and coffee, ARMBAND entry.

Nimbin Hotel Live entertainment. Blue Skillet 1.30 Andrea Soler Band 6pm

BUSH THEATRE MardiGrass Movies, Environmental Films, DJ Fab and more. Great Food from the **Burning Bush Cafe.**

OTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

2:00 Kaptan Reefer

4:20pm - Web Cam Broadcast begins at H*E*M*P Party Bar

NimbinHempBar.com includes Church of the Holy Smoke MardiGrass Blessing with the sacrificial \$US100 bill, lighting the blunt at precisely 4:20. Pot Art on display all weekend. Armband Entry.



6:00 pm GREY POWER

Gathering of grandparents, parents and children outside the Embassy. If you're a Grandparent (or look like one) please join this very POLITE photo and YouTube gathering.

BUSH THEATRE

7.30 MOVIE Saving Grace.

A magic spot by the river at the northern end of Nimbin is running MardiGrass Movies and music all weekend. The Hemp Solution, , past MardiGrass Movies, Cheech and Chong, Environmental Films and more.

Nimbin Hotel - Khanage 7.30

The Nimbin Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre

In Sibley Street on the way to Peace Park, will be open throughout the MardiGrass weekend with Bush Tucker, an Art Exhibition and a chance to talk with Local Elders.

HEMP OLYMPIX

Entry is \$2:00 for each event. Entrants can sign in at Peace Park Olympix Stadium on Saturday the 5th of May.

Tug of Drug War - Competing teams on opposite ends of a good strong new HEMP rope, try to drag their opponents over the centre line for victory.

Bong Throw & Yell - where entrants throw a bong full of stinking bong water as far as humanly possible whilst yelling 'Free the Weed' or something similar.

The Inaugural **Special Distance and Accuracy Alan Jones About Face Bong Throw** - Details of this new event will be invented soon.

Correct Weight - You've got vegetable matter, a baggie and no scales. Make up an ounce. Closest to the correct weight wins.



Joint Rolling

Must burn from one end to the other.

1. Speed Roll Roll a standard three-paper joint as fast as you can. The three fastest go into the finals. Joints must include a cardboard filter, or will be judged incomplete.

2. Artistic Roll - Roll the most beautiful joint within ten minutes with as many papers as you like. The three best examples enter the finals.

3. Roll in the Dark - Athletes are blindfolded.
4. Adverse Conditions Roll - Dependant on weather conditions on the day and the judges' creativity.
5. Seed Sorting - You have to get the seeds out of the mull faster than anyone else.

Growers Ironperson Event

Involves lugging a sack of fertiliser and buckets of water around the simulated planting area obstacle course with a tick and leech infested lantana tunnel.

The men's event is a 40 KG sack while the women contend with a 8 KG sack. The top five crawl into the final. A disclaimer must be signed to compete in this event.

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- 4:20pm Kombi Konvoy (Main Steet)
- 5 Dillion James Band
- 6 The Flumes
- 7 The Floating Bridges
- 8 Elektrik Lemonade
- 9 DUBLO

BUSH THEATRE

7.30 MOVIE Saving Grace. Armband Entry to MardiGrass Movies all weekend. The Hemp Solution. past MardiGrass Movies and Music; Cheech and Chong, Environmental Films and more. Great Food from the **Burning Bush Cafe.**



8.30 till late The H*E*M*P*Bar and Polite Bureau will be hosting a W.A.N party, uploading to YouTube, facebook and other networks, bring your laptop, mobile phone, camera & ARMBAND.

Mingle Park DRY CAMP

Behind the Museum Music and comedy from midday Saturday with "Yarndi Yarns".
12 BJY the DJ Guy
1 Hip Hop Workshop
3 Kalibah
4.20 Kombi mass smoke in
5 The 50 bags
6 Emma Turnicliiff
7 Small Time Hustlers
8 Jo - Man

3:00 pm JAG (Justice Action Group) **BBQ with free legal counselling.** Includes **Rubbish Bong Race** where contestants have to make a bong from whatever they can find, and show it works.

Nimbin Hotel

Food, drink, and live entertainment Azadoota 1.30; Resin Dogs Sound System 7.30.

NIM FM MARDIGRASS MIDNIGHT "SilentDoof"

Bring your radio, headset, phone, earphones to tune in to NIM FM 102.3. Headphones at DAIZY's late Saturday.

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11:00am Official HEMP Party Meeting in the Medical Cannabis Tent to discuss the next Federal election campaign and more. Anyone interested in being a HEMP Party candidate should attend.

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PLEASE NOTE

MardiGrass program venues are subject to the weekend weather conditions. Check the Town Hall Information Booth for late changes.

CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY AND PARADE



2:30pm

CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY The Parade begins at the top of Cecil Street led by the Widjbal Elders of the Bunjalung Nation, with children holding the Koori flag, and makes its way to the Rally at Peace Park.

Sometimes the parade might stop while the Ganja Faeries up front do a brief performance. This keeps the parade from being too hasty and allows the crowd a better opportunity to take it all in.

Everyone waits behind the BIG JOINT until the procession continues. No rush. Percussionists who have not been practicing with the Ganja Faerie troupe are asked to form a second Drumming Troupe, further back in the parade to provide a continuing accompaniment for the parade. People are asked not to occupy the space between the Ganja Faeries and the first group of Drummers.

Protest Art prizes will be awarded before the MardiGrass Harvest Celebration takes over the stage.

Short speeches by Bundjalung Elders, Steve Bolt, Neil Pike, Dr Andrew Katelaris, Ann Symons, Alex Wodak, Paul Wilson, Dr Keith Bolton, Michael Balderstone and Overseas Guests.

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NIMBIN STREETS ARE ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

2012 Nimbin MardiGrass Information

Entry into **PEACE PARK, TOWN HALL** and the **BUSH THEATRE** where most MardiGrass events are held costs \$50 for a weekend pass including Friday night, or \$25 for a one day pass. With three nights Showground camping a full ticket costs \$100.

Armbands are available at the Town Hall, Peace Park and the Hemp Embassy.

Camping sites and tickets can be booked online at www.nimbinmardigrass.com

PARKING

Please park as directed and keep driveways clear. This is important. Cullen St is a no-parking zone. Visitors parking will be appropriately sign posted on the entrances to the village. RTA approved road traffic control will be in place during MardiGrass. Cullen Street may operate as a one-way street and if needed will be regulated by traffic controllers between 8.00am - 6.00pm Saturday and 10am - 3pm Sunday. Sibley Street will be closed from midday Friday for the weekend.

CAMPING

Please camp in designated camping areas only, not beside the road. Be super careful with rubbish, recycling is happening so please bother.

The Nimbin streets are glass-free zones during MardiGrass.

Remember it is a cannabis harvest festival not a beerfest but **JUNGLE PATROL** will provide breathalyser checks for drivers anyway.

No loud drumming or amplified music after midnight and no dogs please!

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WARNING

Be careful with your drug consumption. Especially cookies! They can be a bigger trip than you expect. It is wise to eat half then wait an hour or so before you eat anymore. Don't mix with alcohol.

If you feel woozy or have an injury or need help ask the **JUNGLE PATROL** or go to the Town Hall Info Booth. The main Chill Area is in the Town Hall garden.



Thanks to everyone of you who helped put MardiGrass 2012 together.

The tireless dedication from the Hemp Embassy volunteers and the growing support from the wider community is the magic recipe.

And thank you to the local supporters, please support them.

Town Hall - Mind Candy

Join Pragmatic Visionaries & Solipsistic Psychonauts for an afternoon of Debate, Discussion & the Occasional Stoned Rave.

Outrageous Truths & Believable Lies! Can you imagine a MardiGrass beyond prohibition?

In 2012, the Nimbin Town Hall is hosting MARDIGRASS MIND CANDY where leading campaigners will be joined by a wonderful array of local activists, media provocateurs and other visionary movers and shakers, to discuss the past, present and future of cannabis law reform.

On Saturday afternoon we'll be exploring issues from cannabis and spirituality through to cannabis and sex; the tough love of prohibition; imagining and creating a legal cannabis market; and advances in cannabis as medicine.

Mind Candy? Afternoon distraction or hours of brain bending banter? Contribute, experience and decide!



MCs: Neil Pike [Pagan Love Cult] and **Miss Guidance** [Entheogenesis Australis]

Saturday 12 noon - ENTHEOGENIC PERSPECTIVES

12.30pm - QUALITY, CONTROL AND MEDICINAL USE OF CANNABIS IN AUSTRALIA, EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

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2pm - TOUGH LOVE: DOES PROHIBITION PROTECT US FROM HARM?

3pm - IMAGINEERING THE FUTURE: REGULATING DRUG SUPPLY

Sunday 12 Noon

OCCUPY NIMBIN! WHO'S DOING WHAT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? 2-hour session for organisations and individuals to share their plans, visions, as well as providing an opportunity for seeding synergies and alliances.

The Speakers

Lisa Kirkman [Canadian Cannabis Campaigner, Journalist and Author], **Dr Alex Wodak** [President, Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation], **Prof Paul Wilson** [Chair of Criminology, Bond University], **Ann Symonds** [Founder, Australian Parliamentary Group on Drug Law Reform], **John Kaye** [Greens NSW MP], **Annie Madden** [Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League], **Paul Cubitt** [Law Enforcement Against Prohibition], **Graham Askey** [Help End Marijuana Prohibition Party], **James Moylan** [Civil Liberties Observer Group], **Stephanie Barlow** [Happy Herb Company], **Margaret Cross & Shane Huebner** [Circle Spaces and Beyond], **Moose** [Medical Cannabis Educator], **Steve Bolt** [Solicitor], **Cambedelic** [Social Worker], **Tony Bower** [Mullaway's Medical Cannabis], **Ivan Casselman** [Researcher], **Graham Irvine** [Campaigner], **Nell Jones** [Happy Herb Company], **Steve McDonald** [Psychedelic Research in Science & Medicine], **Dr Andrew Katelaris** [Cannabis Campaigner], **Dr Des Tramacchi** [Entheogenesis Australis], **Erik van Keulen** [Entheogenesis Australis], **Matt Riley** [Independent Activist], **Rak Razam** [Media Provocateur, Journalist and Author]

JUNGLE PATROL

ASK THEM FOR HELP. HELP THEM IF THEY ASK.

The Jungle Patrol grew from the volunteer groups of early MardiGrass celebrations.

The Jungle Patrol is a local volunteer organisation that patrol the streets, encourage people to keep the peace, and bear witness when they do not.

The Jungle Patrol cannot enter an affray, but will encourage a peaceful resolution to any disturbance.

If there is an incident, it is witnessed, and aid is rendered after the event if necessary. Jungle Patrol members will be able to contact the Police if the situation warrants it.

Jungle Patrol operates from Friday 8am through to early Monday morning and people are urged to sign up for two four hour shifts.

The Jungle Patrol will be providing visitor information, crowd safety, primary first aid, event communications and security/police liaison.

Thank you to all the local community support that help coordinate the JP each year at MardiGrass.



KEEP NIMBIN NEARLY NORMAL
Police 66891244 or 000.
Visitor Info Centre 66891388
Nimbin HEMP Embassy
66891842 or 66890326
www.hempembassy.net

SHOW GROUND CAMPING - Down Cecil Street

- * Limited powered sites \$20 weekend...first in best dressed!
- * Camping open from Tuesday before MardiGrass ...each extra night \$15 per person.
- * Firewood supplied. * Hot showers.
- * 3 areas set aside...quiet area; noisy area; family area.
- * Nifty Nev's Eatery open all weekend.