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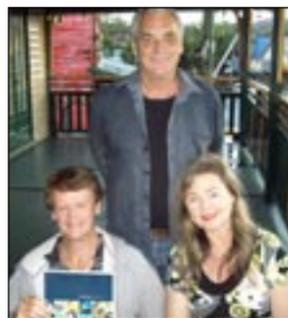
Chamber Chat

The Annual General Meeting of the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday 18th November on the verandah of Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers.

President, Peter Wise gave an overview of the past year's successes and achievements, in particular the completion of the Nimbin Murals project. Treasurer, Peter Hughes presented the annual financial report. The Chamber executive committee remains the same but for the Vice President role, which remains vacant.

Thanks were expressed to Marcelo Angulo for his contribution over the last year, as well as for hosting Chamber meetings and events at the Nimbin Hotel. The Business-After-Hours events at the hotel have proven successful, giving local businesses a chance to network in a relaxed setting, with presentations from guest speakers on a range of topics.

The Chamber also expressed its appreciation



Chamber executive members Peter Wise, Peter Hughes (standing) and Eugenie Stephens

and thanks to Andrew Walker and the team at Lismore and Nimbin Tourism for delivery of visitor information services for the Nimbin community.

The Nimbin Chamber is supported by, and has access to, a wide range of products and services to assist small business; from the NSW Business Chamber, Tursa Employment & Training and the Small Business Support unit of Nortec.

Peter Wise said, "Our thanks to these organisations, and to our members for their support throughout the year, and we look forward to our continued association."

Nimbin central to tourism plan

A group of hinterland tourism operators and community members have formed the Byron Hinterland Collective to prepare a vibrant "visitor vision" and a progressive but sustainable Hinterland Visitor Strategy.

A draft of this strategy is now circulating, covering the Hinterland area from Ballina to Tweed and west of the highway out to Lismore and Nimbin.

President Francesca Esposito-Rose said the businesses west of the highway were a vital part of the regional economy.

"I've run a guesthouse in Binna Burra for 13 years and the hinterland visitor is seeking a very different experience."

"The collective wants to reach these adventurous tourists and unify the areas they typically travel to, and Nimbin is often one of those areas."

"The Byron Hinterland Collective would like to cooperate with Nimbin tourism operators and to encourage them to join and contribute to the draft Visitor Strategy that is now circulating amongst Collective members."



Harvest Cafe, Newrybar, chefs harvesting produce from their on-site organic garden.

Photo: Sue Yacopetti

The group is seeking state funding for activities aimed at extending visitor stays to increasing business patronage across the region.

"We hope that Nimbin will be part of this exciting cross-border collaborative project," said Ms Esposito-Rose.

She says the typical hinterland visitor is more of a wanderer and explorer than a regular coast-hugging tourist.

"We aim to provide a unified umbrella for hinterland businesses so that we can develop and promote a clear voice to local and state stakeholders in the tourism industry."

For more info, email: ByronHinterlandCollective@gmail.com.

In your neighbourhood...

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre news

www.nnic.org.au



Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season from everyone at Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre.

Thanks to all our NNIC staff and volunteers and to the many folks who donated their time, goods and services towards NNIC activities. And especially to everyone who has helped raised funds or donated towards 7 Sibley Street. A truly awesome effort from an incredibly generous and energetic community.

NNIC Xmas close dates

NNIC will be closing on Friday 20th December and re-opening on Monday 6th January.

The Centrelink Agency will be closed from 20th December until Friday 27th December and re-opening on Monday 30th December (closed on New Year's Day, 1st January).

We apologise for any inconvenience during our closure period. You can do your Centrelink business on line as usual while we are closed.

7 Sibley Street updates

• NYE Raffle

Our final big fundraising effort for the year is the ultimate raffle... New Year's Eve Special. You can WIN your choice of:

2 tix to Woodford Folk festival OR
2 tix to the Falls Festival, Byron Bay, or
2 tix to Rainbow Circus - Tropical Fruits NYE party.

Tix available at NNIC, the Visitors' Centre, Happy Highs, the Green Bank and the Apothecary. If you can sell some for us, come see us at NNIC. Drawn on 13th December 2013, so don't miss out!

• Master Concept Plan Community Workshop

Saturday 7th December at 1pm - This workshop is to enable further discussions about the Concept Plan with a view to getting it closer to

being a final plan to bring back to the community in early 2014. At the Town Hall. If you have not looked at the Plan yet, you can see it on the website: www.sevenonsibley.com

• Xmas gifts

Don't forget you can get Sibley Street T-Shirts (\$20), stickers (\$2), and Rainbow Dreaming books (\$30) from us at NNIC - great Xmas gifts and help us to raise funds for Sibley Street.

Soup Kitchen and community Xmas lunch

Nimbin Town Hall on Friday 20th December - As usual the Soup Kitchen will close over Xmas and will resume when the weather is good again for soup. The final big soup kitchen event for 2013 is of course the Annual Community Xmas Lunch at the Town Hall. Doors open at 12 midday. Santa at 1.30pm. Everyone, young and old is most welcome! This is a free community event brought to you by NNIC.

Thanks a million to everyone who donated to the Soup Kitchen and towards our Xmas hampers for needy families. Special thanks to the Emporium, Nimbin Bakery, Outward Bound and Johan and Maria. Donations of non-perishable food for our Xmas Hampers can be dropped off at NNIC or look out for other drop off points around town when we are closed.

Donations of good quality toys in good condition (preferably new) for Santa to give to the kids at the Town Hall Xmas party are also needed. Again, drop them into NNIC.

Nimbin 11th Annual Women's Dinner - comedy night

Another great night was had by all and thanks to everyone who came along and all those who made it happen, especially Cat, Teena, Venessa, Gail, Sue and Pauline plus all the performers, Stuart and Karen Batten for the sound and

lights and the Absolutely fabulous MCs.

Also thanks to the Radical Faeries who cooked wonderful food for us all to raise funds for a mens' Non Violent Communication Workshop which they subsequently held at Faeryland. Very fitting for White Ribbon (anti-violence) Week, we thought. We have a few of the fantastic Tea Towels left over - great Xmas gift - only \$10.

Nimbin Community Sustainability Survey

Thanks to everyone who responded and well done to all of you. We are working on collating all the data and will get back to you with the results in early 2014.

NBN update

NBN Co advises that they will back in February 2014 for further community information sessions, and that nothing further will happen regarding the NBN Towers over the Xmas and school holiday break.

NNIC website

Our website aims to serve the community. You can find local transport timetables, latest news, community events, directory of local health practitioners, stuff for young people including updates on happenings at the Sk8 park and heaps more. The site is updated on a weekly basis and is always worth a visit. If you think something should be on there but is not, or for any other feedback, email us at NNICadmin@nnic.org.au

NNIC memberships

Your membership is very valuable to us and helps us a lot to e.g. attract funding. So come on down and get your memberships for NNIC!

To join NNIC or renew your membership, drop into NNIC and fill out the form and pay your annual membership fee of a mere \$5.50. Membership forms are also available on our website.

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Public notices, updates and information for the Nimbin community

Have a happy festive season, Nimbin

Council would like to wish everyone in Nimbin and surrounds a happy and peaceful festive season and new year.

Nimbin is a unique community and we are proud it is part of our Local Government Area.

This year Council joined social media to increase our engagement and we encourage you to like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter as this is a quick and easy way to ask us questions or report issues. Your comments and feedback on any Council issues that affect your life and wellbeing are very welcome.

Once again, a very merry silly season to all our Nimbin residents and remember to stay safe, waste less and love more!

A big year for waste... and Nimbin you're up next!

Lismore City Council has marked some major milestones in waste management in 2013 and next year more change is on the horizon, including catering to the future waste disposal needs of Nimbin residents.

In the last few months Lismore City Council began work on its \$3.65 million Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and launched the first licensed phytocapping site in NSW.

The MRF and associated Glass Processing Plant will be a recycling hub where other regional councils can process their mixed recyclables and glass can be crushed and used as local asphalt and roadbase.

The facility will employ 13 people, including 10 people with a disability, who will sort an average of 15,000 tonnes of recyclables a year, doing away with the need to transport them to Queensland for processing. The venture will not only cut down on greenhouse gas emissions but in time become a revenue stream for Council. It is expected to open in early 2014.

The NSW Environment Minister Robyn Parker recently visited the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre to open the Wyrallah Road Phytocap Rehabilitation Site – the first licensed site in the state.

In essence, a phytocap is a complex layer of local native vegetation that controls drainage, replacing the traditional method of capping with layers of clay, gravel and dirt.

Council is approved to phytocap a 1.3-hectare site, which will be planted chiefly with koala food trees. As these grow, a diverse understorey will be planted, creating a living cap for the old landfill site as well as providing habitat for native wildlife.

Earlier this year Council also opened its new Lismore City Environment Education Centre at the site, which is excellent for school tours and teaching young people about the full lifecycle of waste.

And finally, after almost 20 years, Council recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens. The gardens are flourishing and attracting more visitors than ever with improved walking paths, facilities and signage.

The next important job for Council is to take another look at Nimbin's waste services and make sure they are up to scratch and meeting people's everyday needs.

In the new year, Council will develop a residents' survey in consultation with the Nimbin Advisory Group (NAG) to ensure staff have a full picture of what waste services Nimbin residents require.

People will be asked to answer a series of questions such as: Do you use street bins for domestic waste and if so why? How would you dispose of waste if the Transfer Station closed? Are you interested in kerbside pick-up?

Once Council has a comprehensive understanding of the waste habits of Nimbin residents and what people would like in the future, it will come back to the community with suggestions and costs for different options.

Upcoming NAG meeting

The next meeting of the Nimbin Advisory Group is on 6 February 2014 at the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre from 6-8pm. The meeting is open to community observers.

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Lismore – a great place to live and work



These are **No Mad Bitches** backstage before performing at the Women's Dinner. We also performed at the Blue Moon. Both performances were filmed, and the Blue Moon one is already on YouTube gathering hits. <http://youtu.be/syxabSs9C6Q> We're going to try to get the Women's Dinner clip up there too, because we did a better performance there. No Mad Bitches came out of a merger between the Nomads and the Tap Bitches ... and in this act we are literally fused together, because we're sharing tights, and all in one big skirt!

Caring for the carers

Taking a break to most of us is a given. As Christmas approaches many of us have plans for vacations or to visit the people we love.

But others struggle to get the break they really need at any time during the year.

Carers play a crucial role in the life of the person they look after, but they still need to take time out to look after themselves.

It is recommended that carers take regular breaks to recharge their batteries and to avoid burn-out; but often they can leave this too long due to the worry and stress of leaving the person they usually care for.

However, the Ballina-Byron Respite Cottage, idyllically situated on the far north coast of NSW, is making the opportunity to take a much-deserved break in a beautiful and majestic region a reality.

The cottage gives carers the opportunity to fully relax in a stunning holiday destination whilst feeling confident that their loved one is located close by and being cared for by experienced staff.

This new service is provided and run by the Ballina District Community Services Association, providers of day and overnight respite care, caring for older people and people with dementia who require short-term stays.

The Respite Cottage is also there to support people in the local region who need emergency respite care, need to go away on business, or simply need to take a much-deserved break.

It offers private or shared rooms, some with their own en suite facilities. Residents enjoy tranquil gardens, a comfortable lounge, breakfast room, and the pretty frangipani dining area for meals and activities. One of the highlights is freshly prepared home-cooked food. Respite is also a healthy option for the older person, giving them the opportunity to socialise and meet other people.

There is a range of gentle but stimulating activities available that can include singing, live music, movies, newspaper discussions,



sharing photographs, card games, puzzles, bingo, trivia, knitting, barbecues, picnic lunches and outings.

The Respite Cottage offers extremely reasonable rates through a range of different care packages. The aim is to make a break for carers totally viable, whilst enabling them to still feel the comfort of being close to the person they usually care for.

For more information about this service, go to: www.ballinabyronrespitecottage.org or phone 1300-872-281.

Equinox celebration sale plan hatched

by Lesley Clere

In a bid to increase everyone's abundance in Nimbin there are plans for a twice-a-year Nimbin equinox celebration sale and a trash and treasure, old and gold market next March.

Shops in town can offer discounts on some or all of their items, whether merchandise or food – it's up to each individual to do as they wish.

The trash and treasure, old and gold event will enable locals to have a garage sale in their front yards. Church congregations can donate items and raise money for whatever charity they choose.

Brunswick Heads has an annual market like this which has grown into a huge event, and everyone does well and all have a good time.

Nimbin has farmers who have old farm tools and equipment, rusty old tin which has "character" and old painted wood; objects sought-after by city people.

Lismore has end of financial year sale, but in Nimbin things are more cosmic – so the

equinox celebration seems to fit well.

Restaurants and cafés could all be open with street seating late into the night, with a guitarist and singer to entertain their patrons and keep them there. The pub could have music day and night, the bowlo could specialize in country and western or jazz.

All accommodation could be offered at a 10% discount for the weekend, the Showground could rent camping spaces.

The Rainbow Walk enables visitors to go on a walk around the town and see the permaculture gardens and experience cultural and heritage values.

The Town Hall could rent out spaces to all our local artists to display and sell their works.

There is money in Lismore City Council coffers to help promote Nimbin, with plans for a tv ad and a development application required for the trash and treasure, old and gold event.

For more information, contact Lesley Clere at: info@ozkat.com, 0423-368-603 or Kylie Cain at: kcainedit@yahoo.com.au, 0479-198-768.

Under Abbott our local schools will suffer

Our local schools will suffer if the Abbott government walks away from the Gonski reforms, says Tweed Greens federal spokesperson, Dawn Walker

"Tony Abbott and Christopher Pyne need to put in place a needs-based, sector-blind school funding system around the country - if they don't - it will be another broken election promise from this government," Ms Walker said.

"The Coalition went to the election on an education 'unity ticket' with Labor. At every 'meet the candidates' forum during the federal election campaign for Richmond, we were told that the Coalition would uphold the Gonski reforms. It would be a betrayal to their voters and to children all around the country if they backed out now.

"The need for school funding reform is widely recognised. Currently, the most disadvantaged kids perform as much as five years behind the most privileged children by early high school. We can do better than this. Teachers and principals of our local schools have long been speaking in support for



GREEN SCENE

Gonski reforms."

Senator Wright, Australian Greens spokesperson for education, warned against Mr Abbott's rhetoric about 'streamlining' the reforms, saying it would reduce transparency.

"Much of what Mr Abbott is calling 'red tape' in education reform is ways to make sure taxpayer money is spent well in the schools

that need it most.

"Scrap this and there will be no way to make sure our kids are getting the resources they need to reach their potential.

"Mr Abbott needs to keep in mind any political point scoring in education is at the expense of Australian kids and also risks the economic future of our nation."

CSG fight still on Elliot's agenda

Local MP Justine Elliot made her first speech on the first sitting day of the new Federal parliament on Wednesday 13th November.

"On the first day of the new parliament, I put on the record that our community will fight both the Federal and State Liberal National Party to stop the expansion of harmful Coal Seam Gas Mining in our area.

"Throughout the Federal election, many people highlighted to me their concerns about the impact of CSG mining on the North Coast, a concern I share.

"The reality is that we now have both State and Federal Liberal-National party governments that are absolutely committed to seeing CSG mining rolled out throughout New South Wales, including here on the North Coast.

"CSG mining is of so much concern to everyone in terms of its impacts on our water quality, our environment, and our community.

"Together with locals I will continue to take them all on, including the new resources Minister Ian Macfarlane, the Member for Groom, who is out there actively pushing the CSG companies to come to the North Coast. Well, I have some information for him: we do not want the CSG drilling here. We will make sure we keep highlighting this at all levels of government.

"The people of the North Coast have made their voice and their concerns very clear.



Justine Elliot MP
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We do not want to have any harmful coal seam gas mining in our area, and we will continue our campaign. As the local Federal MP, I am very honoured to be able to continue speaking out on behalf of locals in the Federal parliament.

"I'll continue to hold this new government to account for a whole range of issues that impact the people of the North Coast," said Justine.

Cruel tax hike for mobile home park residents

On Thursday 14th November, Justine also spoke in parliament calling on Tony Abbott and the Liberal National Party to act now and rule out this draft Australian Taxation Office decision to impose GST on mobile home rents.

In 2000, the Howard Government provided an exemption to mobile home

residents from having to pay the 10% GST on their rents.

However, on 30th October this year, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) released a plan stating that these moveable home estates would no longer be considered residential premises, and therefore not exempt from GST.

"This plan is devastating for the thousands of locals who live in the numerous mobile homes parks and simply cannot afford a 10% increase in their rents.

"This is an attack on the nation's most vulnerable, including pensioners, who are already struggling with cost of living pressures and can't afford this rent hike.

"Should this ruling be enacted, the effect on residents who live in the numerous mobile home parks would be devastating. The fact is, they simply cannot afford a 10% increase in their rents. Indeed, many pensioners and older Australians reside in these mobile home parks on the North Coast, and this draft ruling is causing massive distress and uncertainty for them.

"On behalf of the thousands of residents in my electorate who live in mobile home parks and who are very fearful of the recent draft ATO decision, I call on Tony Abbott and the Liberal National Party to act and immediately rule out this unfair plan that imposes a GST on mobile home rents," said Justine.

World AIDS Day in Nimbin

by Chibo Mertineit

On Sunday 1st December, we celebrated the fact that there is an internationally recognised World AIDS Day, to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS as well as to speak and stand up against discrimination towards infected people.

For the second year, the Nimbin celebration took place on the Blister in front of the Rainbow Cafe with a stall, marquee and PA set up. Local musicians Vic, Phil, Andy P. and Kaliba (who by the way, will be performing with 'New Dub City' on 7th December in the pub), all donated their time to entertain us

It was also a celebration to have Tony Bower there. He spoke of the difficulties associated with the TGA (Therapeutic Goods Act), in getting his medicine accepted and distributed.

Tony started to hand out his cannabis tinctures, free of charge, four years ago on World AIDS Day. Since then Tony has successfully helped hundreds of patients with emphysema and different kinds of cancers, at the moment he has more than 10 HIV/AIDS patients using his tinctures. He was jailed early this year for growing



HIV/AIDS patients, told me they were waiting for it.

Jane Treasure, former nurse, spoke about her recent experience in China, where condoms are displayed very openly and right near the cash registers. Jane handed out information and talked to many backpackers and visitors, as well as locals. We realised that it would be good to have a few pick-up spots for condoms in town. Currently, there is a jar of free condoms in the cafe at the back of the Nimbin Museum.

Years ago, twice a week, we had a sexual health service clinic in Nimbin, whereas today, young local people have to travel to Lismore for this service.

There is a 10% rise in HIV/AIDS throughout Australia, 24% in NSW. We need to demand from our government that more money be spent on resources to educate and inform our youth.

200 cannabis plants, tagged for individual patients. He says that every week he has to turn away potential patients seeking his help for their illnesses.

Imagine if the NSW government had decided to support Tony's bid to establish Mullaway Medical Cannabis Pty Ltd, by allowing the building of a factory to produce his tinctures? Instead, on 14th November, the NSW government rejected the recommendation of the cross-party committee which unanimously recommended allowing terminally ill people and people with AIDS access to cannabis. We could have exported his product to Germany for example, where many people there, including



by Cr Simon Clough, Deputy Mayor, Lismore City Council

I was in Broome WA recently in my other role as the chair of the Lock the Gate Alliance, looking at the Kimberley to see if there was a role for Lock the Gate. I'd just pulled up to photograph the bilby sign which was only about 60cm above the ground. I couldn't help thinking it was designed for bilbies to see (read?) so they could cross the red panda road at the right spot.

I was looking at the shale gas wells with two locals who had played significant roles in the James Price Point protests and with Phillip, a traditional owner of the Yawuru people. We were about 90kms east of Broome. We had just been examining shale gas wells which were being prepared for fracking.

The quantity and variety

of mineral resources in the Kimberley, an area as large as Victoria, is truly stunning. The West Kimberley is one of Australia's very special places. It is a vast area of dramatic and relatively undisturbed landscapes that has great biological richness and provides important geological and fossil evidence of Australia's evolutionary history.

Moments after I stopped to photograph the sign, a large white 4-wheel drive vehicle hastily pulled up beside us. A large man, about 190cms, who turned out to be a 'public relations officer' for a mining company, jumped out of the vehicle and strode over to stand about 30cms in front of Phillip and with arms folded across his chest began berating Phillip.

"What are you doing here?" he demanded.

"Just visiting my country, Harold," replied Phillip casually.

"Well you know you should contact us (the miners) if you want to come out here," barked Harold.

"No," said Phillip, "I don't need to talk to anyone to visit my country".

"You know it's not safe wandering around these gas wells," said Harold.

"Why would that be?" said Phillip.

"You know the director

of our traditional owner group has asked you stop all activities out here," said Phillip softly.

"That's not true," responded Harold, beginning to colour up.

"You know it is, Harold," responded Phillip.

"No, no," said Harold, towering over Phillip.

"Well," said Phillip quietly, "if you won't accept the truth of what I'm saying, I think you should just fuck off, Harold."

Harold huffed and puffed and finally got into his 4WD vehicle and drove off.

I was so impressed with the way Phillip had dealt with this bullying man in such a restrained and dignified manner. My mind shot back 40 years to when I was last in Broome and I'd been approached by an elderly Aborigine. He'd proudly told me he was a real Australian, a statement I readily agreed with. But he was not going to be put off. He reached into his coat pocket and produced a passport. Apparently he had got a passport because of his war service and was so pleased. I was deeply embarrassed. 40 years later traditional owners are proudly standing in their country and quietly asserting their rights to their land.

Have a peaceful, safe and happy festive season.



From the mayor's desk

by Cr Jenny Dowell



Council held its annual Nimbin forum at the School of Arts on Monday November 18 and despite the hail storm, 29 residents attended. As usual, the issues raised with the Councillors and staff present were wide ranging including crown roads, the tennis club, mobile phone towers, entry signage, carparking, footpaths, future housing and traffic planning and access to Countrylink buses.

The 2014 forum will be on Monday November 17 for readers who like plenty of notice.

NAG

The Nimbin Advisory Group held its last meeting for 2013 and covered many issues. While a report of the NAG is included elsewhere in this edition, I wanted to add that the NAG is one of the most productive groups I have the privilege to chair.

Blakebrook quarry

Readers will note the progress on the new road alignment at the entrance to the Blakebrook quarry. At our November meeting, Council authorised the general manager to finalise the closure of the old road reserve and the land swap for the new alignment. The upgrade was necessary to meet the consent conditions for the increased quantity of the materials produced from the quarry.

I'm also pleased to see that the works on Nimbin Road at Goolmangar have been completed.

New 'no stopping' zone

Following a police request, Council's Traffic Advisory Committee has approved a no stopping zone on Cullen Street, adjacent to the newly

completed roadworks between Cecil Street and High Street to ensure two way traffic is unimpeded. Instead of signs, Council will paint a yellow line on the ground between Cecil Street and the driveway of No. 21A and again from No.15 Cullen Street to High Street. The yellow line marking instead of signage is the RMS' new standard and will gradually be introduced in other areas in our LGA as existing signs need replacing.

December 10

Council's December meeting is traditionally a long one as we try and tie off the year's work before the January break when we do not have a meeting.

At the meeting on December 10 we will yet again debate the addition of fluoride in our water supply.

As readers of the column on 2006 will know, I was and remain a supporter of fluoridation. I do recognise that many people in our LGA disagree with my views and take every opportunity to tell me so. That is their right of course. It will be up to the council to determine if its position has changed since it voted for fluoridation in 2006. Whatever the vote, fluoride would only be added to water supplied by Rous Water and not to the Nimbin supply.

Growth management strategy

Council is in the midst of preparing a Draft Growth Management Strategy (GMS) to plan for housing and other land use needs for our LGA for the next 20 years. We also need to plan for the infrastructure, such as water, sewerage, roads and

community facilities, needed to support that growth. Our aim is to ensure sustainable settlement, retention of agricultural land and amenity, economic growth including employment opportunities and the services we need as a regional hub.

Council received 49 submissions on a GMS discussion paper and we will now develop a draft GMS that is expected to be placed on exhibition in January for two months.

Changes to the Mining Act

Last month I received notification via Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils (NOROC) that the state government is intending to amend the Acts that cover coal seam gas exploration and extraction to allow mining companies to explore for CSG without seeking permission from the landowner. The changes would prevent councils from stopping seismic surveys on their roads and landholders from refusing access for testing on their lands.

I am therefore moving a Mayoral Minute at the December 10 Council meeting seeking Council to write to the NSW premier, minister for planning and Thomas George expressing our concern with these proposed amendments to section 72 of the Petroleum (Onshore) Act and section 31 Mining Act.

My Road info

As many readers take to the roads over the holidays and as the storm season continues, I encourage you to use the latest version of MyRoadInfo to help plan your drive. The newest

version has a map on the initial screen and a new cleaner look to the tabular listing of roads. The site accessible by PC or via a Smart Phone now includes RMS (RTA) livetraffic.com information on state roads and Council provided local road information from the mid north coast.

Currently our staff is working on a new Bulletin feature that will notify users via email and eventually SMS of changes to 'favourite' roads

Local government reform

Councils throughout the state have been anticipating the release of the report of the Independent Local Government Review Panel into the future of councils in NSW. When the mayors of NOROC met with the minister for local government in October, we were told that there were two options available to cabinet: either release the report for comment or release it with cabinet's initial response. Either way, we await its release with great anticipation as it may well result in the most significant changes to local government in many decades.

Seasons greetings

As another year draws to a close, I thank you all for reading my column in 2013. I hope it has provided an insight into some of Council's doings and decision making processes. Editors willing, I'll be back with you in the new year but meantime, I hope you and your loved ones have a very merry Christmas, summer solstice or whatever holiday season you celebrate.



Cr Danielle Mulholland, Mayor of Kyogle



attention for our area. While they may be able to ignore individual councils they can't very successfully ignore a block of councils all with similar issues. I assure you that no Minister will be able to put his or her hand on their heart and say "we didn't know".

I can't promise that our representations will bear immediate fruit, but I can tell you that I won't stop trying to get much needed funding and recognition for our local government area. If nothing else, they'll all know about the needs of our region!

On 1st November, NOROC had its annual

general meeting, and I was lucky enough to be elected Vice President. I see this as an exciting opportunity to work with the president and other members of NOROC to promote the needs of the inland councils and an important avenue to have the issues confronting the Northern Rivers presented to both State and Federal Governments through the combined voices of all the councils in our region.

I wanted to take some time to talk about communicating with Council.

Councillors and the staff are all trying to do the best job we can with the resources we have available, but we can't do that unless we know what your issues and concerns are and how you'd like us to proceed. Some people in our community are very vocal, and we thank them for their enthusiastic input, but what about the rest of you? Don't let the only time we hear from you be when you've got a

complaint.

To help with this process I'm hoping that the Council's forthcoming Customer Satisfaction Survey to be issued in early 2014 will become an annual one and it's my intention to use it to canvass the community about a broad range of issues, some of which may be controversial and decisive but are nevertheless of considerable importance.

I'm thinking here about CSG, about annual car rallies, about environmental issues and so on. I'd like to be more specific, but the questions are still being formulated and will be for some time yet.

The more we know and understand about your wishes, the better informed we are to try to meet your expectations and on that note I'd encourage you to participate and help us to get the best possible results for you and your family.

I know some will be critical

of a consultative approach and just want Council to "get on with it", but I'm equally sure that this same group will also be the first to let us know when 'getting on with it' doesn't equate to getting what they wanted. The days of paternalistic government, no matter how retrospectively endearing, are well and truly gone.

The Council is trying to listen to the myriad of voices in our community, some of whom want diametrically opposed outcomes, and trying to deliver the best possible range of services for the greatest number of people with the funds we have available.

I encourage you to get involved and let your local Councillor know about your issues so that they can better represent them to Council and try to address them for you as time and resources permit.

I thank you in advance for all your contributions.

On a final point, can I once again appeal to common sense and suggest that drinking and driving don't mix. I understand that our LGA continues to be plagued with needless accidents and injuries related to drink driving. We're fast approaching the festive season when I know many people enjoy and drink with friends and relatives.

Please take a minute to stop and think before you get in your vehicle. A moment's careless bravado and you or your friends can be seriously injured for life or worse. No one ever intends a tragedy to occur but injuries and death from drink driving are almost entirely avoidable and often involve innocent parties.

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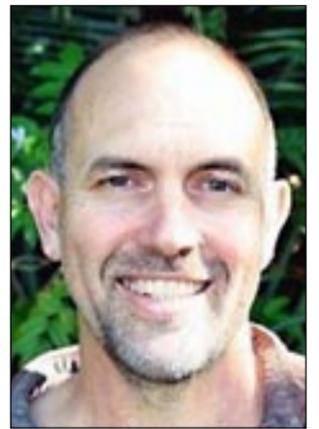
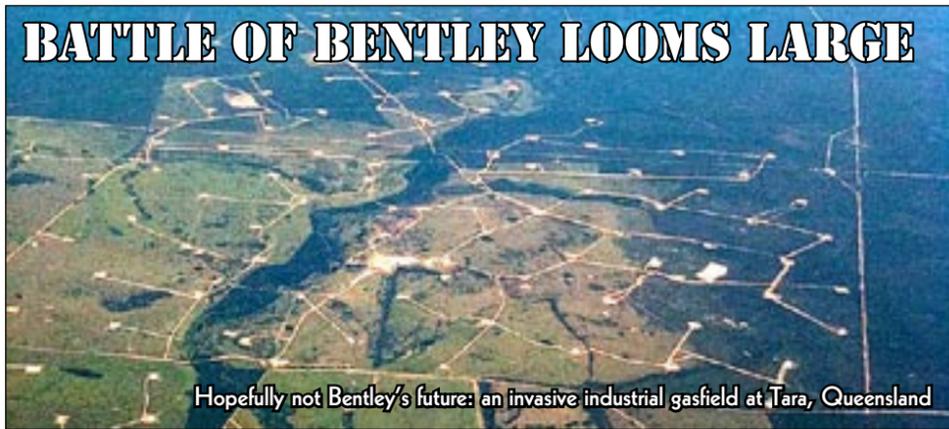
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The prospect of a gasfield between Lismore and Kyogle is a real risk if Metgasco is able to realise its plans to drill for gas near Bentley.

The coming Battle of Bentley will be a life-or-death struggle for the embattled exploration company, as well as a key moment in the fight by Northern Rivers residents to keep their region gasfield free.

Corporations and communities are vulnerable to market forces, but united and persistent communities cannot be beaten.

However, there is no room for complacency. Despite massive public opposition (75% statewide and over 85% regionally) the NSW government has offered no more than a patchwork of exclusion zones.

Metgasco is pinning all its hopes on getting established at Bentley, probably early in the New Year.

Metgasco and the NSW gas industry generally have felt the full brunt of public opposition fueled by the growing body of evidence about the serious risks of the industry.

The big weakness in Metgasco's business model is that it is almost entirely dependent on establishing gasfields and pipelines in the Northern Rivers to succeed.

The share price, once nearly as high as \$1.20, dropped throughout most of 2013 to reach a low point near 5c mid-year. This was around the time that Metgasco had shut down its Northern Rivers drilling programs while waiting for conditions to improve.

"Improved conditions" was code for a change of federal government, and like a snake emerging from hibernation, Metgasco started showing signs of life again just after the federal poll.

At the same time the newly appointed federal Industry Minister, Ian Macfarlane, was busy making noises about getting the NSW gas industry going again.

Metgasco shares showed their only significant rise in many months just after the federal poll, peaking near 16c. But a bloody AGM and the realisation that opposition to gasfields is continuing to grow has sobered the enthusiasm of investors.

At the time of writing, Metgasco's shares are languishing around the 10c mark. Metgasco management is desperate for a game changer, and is hoping Bentley will do it.

The reason Metgasco had to shut down its operations was that it was bleeding money. It has about \$20 million left to get some runs on the board, and that is not a lot for an exploration company.

Hiring staff and drill rigs and making a grasp for Bentley will probably exhaust the company.

Larger companies such as Arrow and Dart have been able to put their Northern Rivers operations aside and pursue other parts of their portfolios, but Metgasco is in a do-or-die position.

There is no room for the communities of this region to be complacent. Metgasco is hoping that the Bentley gasfield will contain a sweet

spot where it will be able to obtain a reasonable quantity of gas from a single well, just enough to make it look viable to the market again.

Below that there is the possibility of tight sands gas, which requires fracking.

Metgasco is also hoping that the fact that this gasfield may contain some other types of gas than the infamous CSG will also fragment opposition.

It's not about the gas, it's about the invasive industrial gasfields.

The gasfield-free community movement is built upon the understanding that gasfields, like the ones near Tara in Queensland, are the end game that we are fighting to avoid.

Every bit of seismic work, every test bore, every production well is a building block toward the establishment of a fully blown industrial gasfield, and ultimately the gasfield will require access to export markets through pipelines.

Suggestions so far have included a destructive pipeline through world heritage forests north of Kyogle, floating processing platforms in Byron Bay, and port facilities near Yamba and Iluka.

Before anyone becomes despondent let's remember that this is round two - and it was the people who won round one.

This is not just about Metgasco and Bentley and the Northern Rivers, it also about democracy.

The mining industry has a long track record of co-opting governments to use state force to impose mining projects on unwilling communities. It has

by Aidan Ricketts

happened in PNG and West Papua, Nigeria, and in South America.

Now we are seeing it in Australia, with corruption in the way mining licences are handled in NSW, and massive police escorts to impose gas mining on our communities by force.

New legislation allows the government to cancel a mining or petroleum licence where to do so is in the public interest.

Ostensibly this is to save face over the corrupt deals revealed by the Independent Commission Against Corruption, but it also provides a legislative opportunity for the NSW government to listen to the public and cancel Metgasco's operation.

Failing a miracle change of tack by the state government, we are heading for a regional showdown.

We need to redouble our efforts to lobby state and federal politicians to prevent the proposed drilling at Bentley, and let the investment community know the strength of opposition to gasfields in the Northern Rivers.

We need to support the people and organisations who lead this fight with our time and our money. We need to prepare ourselves for more non-violent direct action to protect our democracy and our way of life. There are numerous ways to get involved.

For more info go to: www.gasfieldfreenorthernrivers.org (the new name for [csgfreenorthernrivers.org](http://www.csgfreenorthernrivers.org)).

DAG day afternoon

Organised by Knitting Nannas Against Gas, the Dogs Against Gas picnic was a great day held at Riverside Park, Lismore on Sunday 10th November.

It was promoted as a frolic in the park; a sausage /veggie patties sizzle; a chance to sniff bums and watch your people making fools of themselves.

Roving reporter, border collie Kit (pictured, top right) posted that it was a very popular event with lots of great dogs. Useful plans were made for future dog political actions. Plus none of the humans embarrassed their canine owners. She concluded it went well.

More picnics could happen - check the Facebook event page: DAG Day Afternoon.



HEMP HEADLINES

NSW rejects medicinal cannabis [Sky News]

Terminally ill patients in NSW will not be granted a legal exemption to use cannabis to ease pain, with the state government rejecting the proposal. Last November the NSW government established a parliamentary inquiry into the use of cannabis for medical purposes.

The bipartisan committee recommended AIDS and terminally ill patients be allowed to possess and use up to 15 grams of dry cannabis. The committee also recommended a register of authorised cannabis patients to protect medicinal users against prosecution. However the NSW government has knocked back the proposal.

One in eight deaths of young Australians attributable to alcohol: National Council on Drugs report [ABC]

One in eight deaths of Australians aged under 25 is now related to alcohol consumption, a report has revealed. The Australian National Council on Drugs report (ANCD) also found 60 per cent of all police call outs – up to 90% at night – are alcohol-related.

Uruguay to sell legal marijuana for \$1 a gram [Guardian]

President José Mujica presses on with plan to create a government-run legal marijuana industry to combat criminals. The measure would make Uruguay the first country in the world to license and enforce rules for the production, distribution and sale of marijuana for adult consumers.

Marijuana market poised to grow faster than smartphones [Huffington Post]

Legal marijuana is among the fastest-growing markets in the United States, and it's growing at a rate poised to outpace the expansion of the global smartphone market, according to a new report.

Researchers surveyed hundreds of medical cannabis retailers, processors, dispensary owners and industry leaders



While the transit district in Portland, Maine, USA has banned tobacco ads, it accepted \$2,500 to display marijuana billboards on the outside of four of its 32 city buses and in two bus shelters.

The ads debuted in October 2013 and ran until 5th November, when city voters passed, by an overwhelming margin, an ordinance to legalise possession of up to 2.5 ounces.

Handout – Marijuana Policy Project/MC

over the course of six months this year, and estimated that more than \$1.43 billion worth of legal marijuana will be sold in 2013. The report also predicts that figure to grow by 64 percent, to \$2.34 billion next year. By comparison, recent figures show the smartphone market expanded by 46 percent from 2012 to 2013. "Cannabis is one of the fastest-growing industries," said Steve Berg, a former managing director of Wells Fargo Bank and editor of the report, the second edition of the State of Legal Marijuana Markets. "Domestically, we weren't able to find any market that is growing as quickly."

Morocco considers legalizing cannabis [AL Monitor]

Not long ago, the topic of cannabis stirred the suspicion of the political class. However, the arguments of the Moroccan Network for the Medical and Industrial Use of Cannabis (CMUMIK) ended up convincing many politicians and parties. The issue will even be studied in parliament.

Global drug survey partners with Fairfax Media [Sydney Morning Herald]

Fairfax Media is once again partnering with the Global Drug Survey to discover the truth about Australia's drug use. Last year more than 6600 Australians took part in the survey, which is run by UK addiction psychiatrist and researcher Adam Winstock, making it the biggest ever poll of current drug users conducted

in Australia. This year, the survey will run with media partners in 17 countries, across four continents and in 10 different languages. It will be the biggest global survey of drug users ever conducted, Dr Winstock said.

Cannabis induces a clinical response in patients with Crohn's Disease [Cannabis Clinicians]

From research out of Israel, and published in the October, 2013 issue of *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology*, comes this controlled trial showing that a short course (8 weeks) of THC-rich cannabis produced significant clinical, steroid-free benefits to 10 of 11 patients with active Crohn's disease, compared with placebo, without side effects.

Slow-growing plant yields marijuana designed for kids [The Salt Lake Tribune]

Preparing Charlotte's Web is a protracted, tedious process that starts at "the grow," two massive greenhouses on 56 acres of spring-fed land at an undisclosed location in the mountains. Colorado's sunny climate allows the nonprofit Realm of Caring Foundation to grow marijuana year-round. About a third of each greenhouse is devoted to Charlotte's Web, a shorter, squattier plant that grows more slowly than other varieties. The plant is high in cannabidiol (CBD) but low in tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the component of marijuana that creates a high in users. It's in such high demand by parents of ill children, typically kids with epilepsy, that Realm can't immediately supply them all.

Medical cannabis for the dying rejected in NSW

Cancer patients and doctors have rounded on the NSW government for rejecting the findings of a report calling on it to decriminalise small amounts of cannabis use for people dying of cancer and AIDS.

A cross-party parliamentary committee found that some people with terminal conditions experienced symptoms that could not be controlled with existing medications, but that the only cannabis-based product legally available was only approved for use in people with Multiple Sclerosis.

It unanimously

recommended the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act be amended to add a complete defence to the use and possession of cannabis by people with a terminal illness who were authorised to do so.

In rejecting the recommendations, health minister Jillian Skinner said, "The government does not support the use of unregulated crude cannabis products for medical purposes as the potency and safety of these products cannot be guaranteed."

But University of Sydney Emeritus Professor of Anesthesia, Laurence Mather

told the *SMH* this was "complete nonsense".

"Since the 1990s, the scientific evidence that cannabis works for some conditions has become overwhelming," he said. "Since 2001, the Dutch government has been growing and exporting medicinal grade cannabis with closely regulated composition."

The government's decision was also criticised by the Cancer Council NSW, Pain Australia, Cancer Voices NSW and the Pain Management Research Institute at Royal North Shore Hospital, among others.

STREET SHUFFLE

Journal of the North Coast's longest serving covert

by Undacuva

Being Undacuva in a foreign land, you have to be ready to die. Which is why Pipe and I get along so well, we reckon. It's an undastanding. We both suspect death is going to be the trip of a lifetime.

They put me unda for almost thirty hours and I woke up as Olga Plasmoka. Huge tits glued on that have my back aching, along with thick blond tresses that could have been donated by a palomino. My naturally thick lips bright red, heavy eye makeup applied, and I was on the plane for Moscow within a week of the operation. Olga is a wealthy German/Russian divorcee with plenty of rubles to splash in the vodka bars dotted around Moscow's parliament.

By the end of the first evening I thought I'd spotted up to seven other international Undas and there was no doubt we were all chasing the same intel on one very unpopular Mr Snowden. They had to get the Abbot himself to ask me before I agreed to go. He asked if there was anything I wanted and when I replied a million in cash he didn't even hesitate. I'll explain later.

Having been Unda numerous times as bogan Aussie boozers, it was easy for me to work the bars and let the bawdy Ruski pollies grope my massive bust. I couldn't let them downstairs no matter what, so the flirtation game had serious limitations. It was too easy getting them talking about Snowden, everybody is. He's got not only our PM terrified, but every Western leader. They have no real idea of what else he's going to release. The general consensus is that tapping a few Indonesian phones is nothing. What else does he know? Governments across the globe are clearly freaked out. The million I am getting is nothing. Abbot casually promised ten million if I can, "by some sort of miracle", his words, find the passwords to his 'doomsday cache' stored on a data cloud God only knows where.

Only a fortnight ago I was in another universe, when Pipe put a bag over my head and made my lie down in the back of the wagon as we drove to his new hideout.



Then we walked for half an hour, he leading me with a rope. When he finally lets me, I open my eyes to paradise. A garden of Eden no less. An orchard of hundreds of mature fruit trees of every variety from across the planet. The isolated farm was bought by hippies for a few songs back in the sixties and then planted out by the enterprising smugglers who brought home every type of fruit seed they could find as they travelled through Asia, India and South America. Forty years later, the paddocks have disappeared.

Pipe knows his way around and leads me on a trail, picking twenty different fruits as we walk. I can see Mount Lindsay at one point, so have a good idea where we are after all and ask him why all the blind man stuff?

"You don't know how to get here and you won't find it easily." I believed him. Anyway, turns out there is another bit of cleared land next door and the timber thieves are hard at work accessing the national park through this property and Pipe wants to stop them. The landowner has agreed to a million in cash, and that's where I come in. In exchange, Pipe keeps my identity secret. We both know our secret needs to be buried deep. He needs the farm and I need to stay alive, for now at least.

While I was away, the Indonesian scandal broke and unquestionably spying is a dying art and jobs in the industry are hard to keep. Abbot however, who loves spies, is about to lose even more sleep if my information is correct from around the vodka bars.

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Bowlo fundraiser for 'the good chopper'

The Rescue Chopper fundraiser at Nimbin Bowlo was a great success, thanks to the great people of Nimbin who came out on a wintry Saturday night to support this worthy, free emergency service.

Gavin and Richie organised and hosted the event, which raised \$1010, all of which will be presented to the Chopper office in Lismore.

Thanks to the Bowlo for providing the venue for the event, and the bands and DJs – Pepper Boys, Antibodies (pictured), the Drumming Circle collective, DJ Fab, DJ



Gav – for performing.
The raffle was a lot of

fun, made possible by the
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local businesses. To all these businesses, a huge thanks: Sphinx Rock Café, Hemp Embassy, Nimbin Emporium, Happy High Herbs, The Green Bank, Rainbow Café, Naturally Nourishing, Hemping Around, The Grapevine Café, Perceptio, Basil Road Pools.

The lucky door prize, an above-ground pool from Basil Road Pools, was won by No 11, NGT editor Bob Dooley!

Special thanks to Chris Tichborne and Marcus on the door, and Neil (raffle man). It was a truly Nimbin event.

Nimbin Goes Classic celebrates a year of performances

by Tony Coiffet

I was often told it would be fanciful to aim at gathering over 40 people around classical music in Nimbin.

Attendance numbers at Nimbin Goes Classic were 88 in December 2012, 122 in May 2013, and 81 in November 2013. This autumn concert was orchestrated remotely from France, and the organisation was rather hard.

I would like to acknowledge again all the people who generously pulled together to offer you this cultural opportunity: Pritam, Virginia, Peter and Gigi, the School of Art's entire committee, David Hyett, Gerard and Lae, Michael, Ben and Lili, the *Nimbin GoodTimes* and Fred.

Sadly and for the first time, the break-even figure was not met and we ran at a loss. Thanks to artists' donations though, I was able to avoid personal loss, as their gift covered the high cost of the poster

– a one-off expense overdue from last concert.

For this, I would like to warmly thank Hartley, Nicholas, Pritam and Tone. Their generous contribution now allow for a much lower break-even figure for potential upcoming concerts, consequently freeing more funds for artists. It is most refreshing to realise that, in Nimbin, artists can also be patrons.

Another thank you for violinist Chris Gleeson, who kindly accepted to take over Bridget Crouch's part ten days before the D-day as she suffered RSI on both hands. In light of the complexity of Beethoven's Spring Sonata, this was a very hard ask. I am sorry this wasn't acknowledged in the concert's review last month.

The next stage in the development of these concerts would be to set up an association and solicit the government for funding. This would permit us to offer affordable culture in Nimbin by

keeping the entrance fee as low as it always was, as well as offering genuine guarantees of payment to artists. The more demonstrable data in a grant request, the more credibility for a cultural project, and obviously, the more likelihood the backing. Vigorous efforts will be made on-stage at the next concert to encourage feedback.

My personal involvement in organising concerts in Nimbin will now depend on my ability to get a proper visa to come back, although there seem to be between 80 and 120 locals in demand of classical music twice a year. I sincerely hope I could pass on the baton to someone else to take over this enterprise in case I am no longer in a position to do so. I am currently planning an event for the last Sunday of May 2014, although a sequel to these three concerts is still very uncertain. Yet, with the hope this event might see the light, I will see you there.

National
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National Broadband Network consultation to continue in 2014

Over the last six months NBN Co has been in consultation with the community regarding plans to provide Nimbin residents with access to a fixed wireless high-speed broadband service.

With the recent change of Federal Government there has been a change of policy for the NBN. NBN Co will proceed with its existing fixed wireless network serving regional premises subject to a review of the rollout in line with new Government policy.

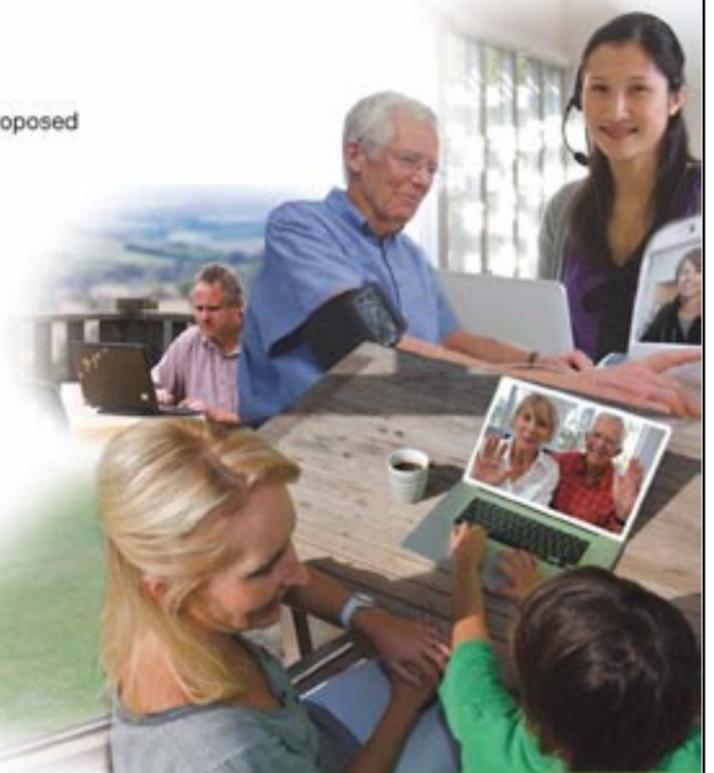
NBN Co would like to thank the community for participating in discussions regarding a NBN fixed wireless service for Nimbin. Two community information sessions were held where both the wider NBN network and specific proposals for two network facilities to provide access to a fast and reliable broadband service to Nimbin were discussed.

Details of the draft proposed facilities that NBN Co put forward in September, 2013, including draft plans and photomontages have been available on the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre website since NBN Co's September information session – and can be viewed at <http://nnic.org.au/pub/#nbr>.

Christmas Holidays

The consultation regarding NBN Co's proposed facilities will continue in the New Year. There will be no consultation activities in the lead up to Christmas or during the Christmas school holiday period. NBN Co plans to re-commence consultation with the community in February 2014.

We thank everyone for their participation in 2013 and look forward to engaging further with the community in the New Year.



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Festive pub gigs



Diana Anaid, New Dub City, Bo Jenkins, Simon Meola and Bill Jacobi will all play at the Nimbin Hotel in December.



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With the release of her EP early in the new year, Cassie is taking her music to a new place, with her musical and life partner Alex McLeod and some of her favourite musical friends.

So head for the hills on Sunday 29th December and find yourself at Sphinx Rock Café for a taste of some sweet tunes in the summer sunshine.

Chad Wilkins at Sphinx Rock

Chad Wilkins returns to the Sphinx Rock Café at Mt Burrell on Sunday 15th December.

Originally from the US and now a Byron region local, Chad's music is more of an invitation than a performance. His songs range from up-beat positive-vibe tunes to peaceful meditations, all showcasing inspiring lyrics.

Being a multi-instrumentalist, he combines many influences to create a blend that is hard to categorise.

Folky, progressive, contemplative, mystical – but the point is the message.



Stay tuned for the soon release of Chad's debut album 'Show Us The Way Of The Heart', and come out for a blissful afternoon at the Sphinx from 2pm on the 15th.

Facebook.com/ChadWilkinsMusic



The Kyogle Acoustic Music Society has finished its program for year, and is delighted to announce the first show of the 2014 season. The Hillbilly Goats from Far North Queensland will be returning to the Eden Creek Hall, 40 Brown Knob Rd, on Wednesday 15th January from 6 pm, for an evening of old time ruckus raising on their way to Tamworth.

The Hillbilly Goats have been touring extensively up and down the country since they last stopped by Kyogle. New members have come on board, and the Goat's stage show gets more exciting each year.

There will be merchandise available, a KAMS raffle, and the Eden Creek Hall crew will have some fabulous food for sale to raise much needed funds for maintenance.

This year's event will be bigger than ever, with an outdoor stage if weather permits. Tickets are available at the door for \$10/\$25 for families/U16s free.

Contact Kym Watling on 0409-534-233 or kams.kyogle@gmail.com for further information.

KAMS wishes the *Nimbin GoodTimes* and its readership a joyful holiday season filled with love and good music.



by Rayzor

The November Open Mic was well attended, though a few more performers would have been good. It turned out to be a fine day with none of the pesky storms that have been dominating the local weather lately. It was great to see some of the young local kids displaying their talents with loads of confidence.

A big thanks to all those who participated in our open mic days in 2013 –

performers, set-up helpers and, of course, our audience.

We will be taking a break during December and January and will be back on Sunday 23rd February at 3pm, so hope to see you there. Let us know if you would like to be on our email list to receive notifications of upcoming Folk Club Open Mics.

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22nd Luke Vassella
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29th Cassie Rose & McLeod
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Saturday 7th	6.30pm	New Dub City
Sunday 8th	5pm	Michael Hart
Thursday 12th	6pm	Bo Jenkins
Friday 13th	7.30pm	Thorazoo
Sat 14th	6pm	Tony Fallon
Sun 15th	5pm	Simon Meola
Thursday 19th	6pm	Guy Kachel
Friday 20th	7.30pm	Sabotage
Saturday 21st	6pm	Mr Troy
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