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KOMBI KONVOY SUPPORTS BENTLEY



The MardiGrass Kombi Konvoy detoured this year via the Bentley protectors camp, Camp Liberty, in one of the many demonstrations of support for the anti-CSG cause during the 'protestival' in Nimbin on 3rd and 4th May.

Photo: Gasfield Free Northern Rivers

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MardiGrass a big hit this year

by Bob Dooley

A big turn-out, estimated at over 15,000 people, braved extensive police operations on all roads into the village to attend the 22nd Nimbin MardiGrass protestival, held as usual on the first weekend of May.

The planned program went off without a hitch in the strong sunlight, though chilly nights saw many campfires glowing in the packed-out Showgrounds, and a brisk trade for anyone selling jumpers and hats.

Every event was well attended: the forums on almost every aspect of the

useful cannabis plant; workshops on cultivation and production techniques; discussion of the raft of decriminalisation precedents overseas; the hilarious Hemp Olympix plus more comedy, poetry and yarns; lots of music for every taste on four stages; a wedding; and fringe events, such as a highly skilled skateboarding competition.

The massive Kombi Konvoy arrived on Saturday on schedule for a 4.20 smoke-in, which saw the packed main street bouncing the inflatable Big Joint along its length.

Sunday's Grand Parade finale

may have had fewer floats this year, but no fewer costumes, and it was enthusiastically received by an appreciative crowd, roaring agreement with the key slogan: Legalise It!



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Lismore's 24th Annual

Gemfest

2 Full Days: Saturday 17th May, 9-5 pm
Sunday 18th May, 9-3 pm

Venue: Lismore Showground

Entry: \$5 per adult, \$1 per child

(under 5 yrs free)

Featuring: Gold, Jewellery, Gemstones, Rare Fossils, Meteorites

Opals, Metaphysical & Healing Crystals, Raffles,

Children's Activities, Food Stalls, Lucky Gate Prizes

