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It's Showtime!



by Dave Fawcner

The 94th Nimbin Show kicks off the school holidays on 20th and 21st September with lots to see and do for young and old.

Along with the popular equestrian events in the ring on both days, there will be cattle, dogs and poultry judging on the Saturday, and The Grand Parade will kick off at 2pm.

There'll also be a guinea pig competition, a kids' pet competition and an alpaca display on the Saturday, and a games afternoon with gumboot throwing, horseshoe tossing, an egg-and-spoon race, and three-legged races.

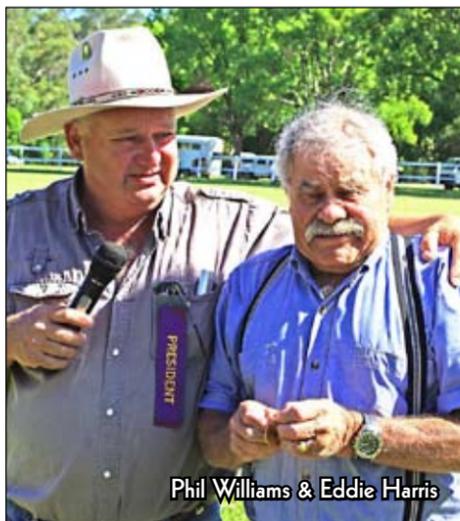
Sustainability Alley – including members of the Blue Knob Farmers Market and the popular Paddock to Plate Café – will be operating with stalls showcasing local sustainable food production techniques, including beekeeping and biochar production, and there will be a great lineup of local knowhow at the Speakers' Tent.

Pavilion exhibits will include produce, preserves, baking, brewing and needlework displays, plus photography, art, craft and work by local students. There will also be a display of photographs detailing the show's history since its beginnings in 1920.

On Sunday the popular Dog High Jump will be on from 12.30pm outside the Secretary's office.

Ted and Khan, along with the Barkers Vale Brothers, will be providing entertainment, and there will also be a talent quest on the Sunday.

It's shaping up to be a great Show this year, so don't miss it.



Phil Williams & Eddie Harris



Gail M. Clark & Dave Wacey



by Peter Calkin

Nimbin Show has something quite unique taking place.

Sustainability Alley offers around 20 stalls, and some very enthusiastic people to meet and talk with. There is even an old-fashioned childrens' games tent that keeps the young ones entertained, and the whole site is powered by the sun, with the Rainbow Power Company plugging in a trailer-mounted solar system as part of their stall.

According to Jenny Creasy, the co-ordinator, Sustainability Alley is a showcase for the burgeoning local food movement, and for local innovative and sustainable industry.

"This is a very new direction for traditional Shows. There is a new wave of young farmers and producers setting up in the area who are looking for alternatives to the traditional monoculture farming. They are often small-scale, interested in organic food production, and not afraid to try new ways of doing things," Jenny said.

One of the main features of the alley is the Paddock to Plate Café, where every delicious meal is made with ingredients sourced within 30km of the showgrounds.

The Speakers Tent offers a busy schedule of free, high quality and informative talks and demonstrations. Renewable energy, composting toilets, bushfoods, seed saving, mushroom growing, fermenting food, caring for chooks, spinning and weaving are topics on offer this year.

Entries are now open for the short film competition 'Food Bytes'. Filmmakers are invited to enter their short films having something to do with local food, with the chance of winning a cash prize. Details are available at: www.nmic.org.au

The 'Most Sustainable in Show' award has been expanded this year to include fibre as well as food products or operations.

Guy Stewart, the Community Development

worker at NNIC said, "This award encourages producers to reflect on their practice and consider where changes to their methods to a more sustainable approach could be made."

The Best Show-themed Shop Display competition invites local shops to be in the running to take the coveted hand-made pumpkin trophy from last year's winner, the Nimbin Bakery.

And don't forget, anyone in the community can enter their own produce into the show and be in the running to win ribbons and fame! Exhibits must be entered by 10.30am on Friday 19th September – simply take entries to the main pavilion and fill out the entry forms.

Let's have the most produce exhibited at any small rural show!



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