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It's Show season!

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Wet weather did little to dampen the atmosphere at the 95th Nimbin Show held on 26th and 27th September.

While entries and attendance numbers were slightly down on last year, they were far better than expected considering the conditions, according to Nimbin A & I Society president, Phil Williams.

Phil said a three-hour downpour which moved across the district the previous Wednesday had left the grounds saturated, with patches of water laying on the surface in some places for several days.

"While this resulted in a no-show for some side-show operators, we continued to attract a good selection of dog, poultry, cattle and horse entries from across the Northern Rivers," Phil said.

"Pavillion entries were good and of the usual high standard, and there was a lot of interest in the pet competition and guinea pig show. The ever-popular reptile display was also a good crowd puller."

"Unfortunately, the horse events were held up by the wet conditions and an increasing muddy ring on the Sunday."

"Feedback from the gate crew also indicates that the Show continues to attract a growing number of visitors from as far afield as Coffs Harbour, the Sunshine Coast and out west to Warwick. These visitors say that they really enjoy the atmosphere which is very different to bigger shows," Phil said.

One item that attracted a lot of positive



comment was the new vegetable garden being created by Nimbin Preschool students, adjacent to Sustainability Alley. The three, four and five year olds, who are learning about gardening, poultry keeping and composting under the supervision of parent Alex Charles, also won a number of prizes in the Pavilion with examples of their produce.

(We are unable to confirm a rumour that, flushed with success, the children are now planning further incursions into the Sustainability Alley area with a planting of

fruit trees.) Sustainability Alley attracted much attention with a series of speakers and displays, while the Abundance Café proved a popular venue.

Sunday's weather, while still overcast, improved, and set the scene for a program of events with a great community feel to it. Hosted by Nimbin's newest clown, it included live entertainment, a junior talent quest and farm games, culminating in the always popular dog high jump.



Show President Phillip Williams presents Life Membership to Janice Rose
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