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Clean cars, great coffee and happy kids

by Coffee Camp P&C

Is there anything more joyous than the shrieks and giggles of kids having fun?

Recently Coffee Camp School had a fundraiser carwash as well as a cafe serving real coffee and lots of tasty cakes and treats - an abundance of chocolate seemed to be the theme!

Teams of very excited kids hosed, sponged and hosed again many cars and each other, a fabulous time was had by all!!

The last week of November saw all the kids having swimming lessons in Lismore learning valuable skills or refreshing their swimming before summer. An intense but fun week for all the kids.

Several Year 5 boys have been given the responsibility of researching a new technology based makers space. They presented to all of the staff and next year we will see the implementation of this plan.

The Year 6 kids are busy visiting high



schools in the area, getting ready for the next big step in their journey.

They are a lovely bunch of young men and women and we wish them all the very best for the future.

We are also very proud of Hunter, a year 5 student, who is on his way to compete in the National Athletics at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide.

Good luck Hunter!

There are spaces available in 2018, so please contact the school if you would like any further information. Phone 6689-9259.

Wishing everyone in our beautiful community the compliments of the season, and let's hope that 2018 is wonderful for us all.

Kindy at Tuntable

The advantages of a separate kindergarten class are numerous, and include factors such as similar ages and abilities and class unity as the children learn to identify with the larger school group, not to mention a gentle integration into the overall expectations of 'big school'.

The community philosophy of Tuntable Falls Community School means that active family involvement in the school setting is encouraged. Family involvement in schools is associated with academic success and when parents are able to share their children's home and community experiences, they come to view the school more positively.

This is highly valued in our school, where a Parent Committee runs the school in all matters of governance as well as having input into the learning curriculum - within the bounds of the NSW Curriculum.

The Kindergarten teacher, Deborah has put in place an effective learning program for the Kindies based on an understanding of children's needs and how they learn.

Having formal training as well as training in Steiner and Montessori education, Deborah feels that all children are catered for.

Taking elements of the different disciplines, she is able to develop a classroom environment suited to the different needs of each child, while at the same time, creating an environment

of collaboration, joy and harmony.

A broad range of ages and developmental abilities are found in a new Kindergarten class, and it is important that children are happy and comfortable in their new environment.

For this reason, children are closely observed and gently encouraged in their new learning environment at Tuntable Falls Community School.

Children aching to read and write will soon discover opportunities to do so. However, those children still in the dreamy realm of early childhood will also find the environment rich, stimulating and satisfying.

All children have opportunities for exploration, investigation, self-directed work and learning through play while they are gently guided through the expectations of the curriculum.

Learning through play is an important part of the day, made all the more exciting by the beautiful forest setting out the back door of the classroom.

With the younger children in mind, the wonderful school vegetable garden was planned around children gardening and playing too.

As the garden features prominently in learning programs, teachers and parents feel it important that the children have play areas for downtime after the rigours of gardening. The sand pit amongst the vegetables is perfect for creative play.

The Kindergarten class and the pre-



school littlies love the responsibility of growing flowers and herbs in the garden.

The school also has the SEE Program (Sustainability and Environmental Education) where the learning curriculum is extended beyond the classroom, vegetable garden and into the rest of the school grounds and wider community.

The Kindergarten class partakes in aspects of the SEE Program by spending time outdoors on their sitting rocks, exploring the creek, going for walks and visiting each other's homes with our home visit program.

Self-select class for Nimbin Central

In 2018, Nimbin Central School will be creating a "self-select class" in Years 7/8 across all subjects.

Students may apply to join this self-select class from Years 6 or 7 if they plan on attending school at NCS in 2018.

Students will be successful based on their ability to demonstrate how they have fulfilled the following selection criteria.

Positive Attitude

A positive attitude is mostly about maintaining and inspiring motivation in yourself and others. A student might provide an example of when they used a positive attitude to motivate themselves to do extra work.

Or better yet, a student could provide an example of when they maintained a positive attitude when everyone else was feeling down and their positivity won out.

Co-operation

Co-operation is about working with others to achieve a common goal. A student could illustrate this by finding examples of when they listened to other members in their team and helped make their ideas a part of achieving the goal(s).

Grit

Grit is about 'never giving up', 'no quit', and putting up with things when they get hard and maybe even

uncomfortable. Examples of this could be something like pushing through pain in a Netball or Footy game.

A student could also find examples of when they pushed themselves beyond what they thought they could achieve in the classroom or at home.

All students who apply for inclusion in the class will be interviewed by a panel made up of the Principal, the Year advisor for that year and a parent representative from the P&C. These interviews will take place either late 2017 or very early 2018.

Although this class will follow the normal Stage 4 teaching programs across all subjects, the intention is that more student directed and collaborative learning opportunities will be offered.



Nimbin's Year 12 formal

The Nimbin Central School Year 12 Graduation Formal was held on Thursday 16th November at the beautiful venue, Beach at Clarkes Beach, Byron Bay.

All the Year 12 students looked stunning in their formal outfits, accompanied by their parents, family and friends. Nimbin Central School staff also enjoyed the evening of fine

food and company. It was a pleasure to be a part of this important milestone event, formally marking the end of school life for this group of young people.



Back left to right: Summah Pearson, Gaia Heart, Sage Cartwright, Ruby Diemer, Alkira Finegan Smith, Gabriel Diemer, Mikey Batori Payne. Front left to right: Ember Drenkovski, Melita Gaias, Sumieka Hemming, Tarquin Watt, Laura Rutley, Amarah Carlyle Harris, Anika Parker, Lili Rojo, Jessie Keneally Clark, Dillon Diemer.

Sand, water and pipe play

For the past two terms the children of Tuntable Preschool have been experimenting with water and pipes and how water can be used as a source of energy. Using the PVC pipes, split bamboo and trenches the children manipulated the flow of the water. They studied the effects of erosion by building walls to try and stop the flow. They measured how far objects would wash down a trench with different amounts of water flow.

Inspired by water as a source of energy some of the children designed a "water



machine station". "It's made from pipes and sand and the water goes in here and goes up all the way up and then down into here,"

Leo explained. "It recharges the batteries of rockets with sun and wind and water and then they can blast off up up up into space."

The children took some of their ideas to the creek where they tried to stop the flow of the creek in a small area. They noticed that they slowed the flow but couldn't stop it completely.

"It's good to not stop the water because some of the animals might die," Ruby said.

"And some of the trees might die too," Frankie added.



Kinder transition visits

Nimbin Central has been hosting some excited and keen children who have been joining us for transition into kindergarten (2018) visits. 2017's kindergarten class has provided some very responsible buddies to our transition students, helping them to settle into the routine of our kindergarten classroom.

Our transition into kindergarten allows children to build their confidence levels, ensuring they feel safe and secure about starting school.

This helps to nourish the seeds for a love of learning planted in preschool and sets them up for success at school.



Paddy doing weaving for Christmas craft

Kids learn to cook and recycle at Nimbin Early Learning Centre

by Carina and the team

As Christmas is sneaking up quickly, we have been getting ready to decorate our centre with beautiful Christmas craft.

We have also been learning some Christmas songs that we can play at our end of year party.

This month we also started cooking for the Friday soup kitchen. First we cooked blueberry muffins, Weet-bix slice and scones.

We are going to make it a weekly experience with the children. It is a great way for the children to give back to our community and have an understanding

about helping others in need.

As it was recycling week in the month of November, we made a recycled bird feeder out of a milk carton, and also made a train out of shoe boxes.

We like to use recycling materials as a weekly experience like cars out of boxes, recycled paper for drawings and food boxes for our shop corner.

So recycling week is every day for us, but we enjoy extending on what we already do to find new exciting things to make.

Please feel free to call the centre on 6689-0142. We are open Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5pm.

Nimbin Family Playgroup activities

by Rachel Whiting

We have had a lovely month at playgroup, despite it going quiet again...

If you have children aged 5 and under you are warmly welcomed to enjoy our free, friendly, open-minded and diverse family service here in the centre of Nimbin.

Please spread the word about our beautiful little playgroup, full of fun activities, toys and crafts. We provide a comfy lounge for parents / carers / grandparents to sit, enjoy a cuppa (we have a cosy kitchen) and chat.

Or you can enjoy precious time bonding with your little one and supporting their development through our large range of toys.

I am a friendly person to talk with

about any parenting or family-related topic, with access to all sorts of services and support.

We have information and books on nearly every topic you can imagine relating to family, from breastfeeding to tantrums, toilet training, and self-care.

During November we had Wendy Green, our Nimbin children's dentist, visit and discuss how to care for your bubba's teeth.

We visited the playground together, sang songs and rhymes to the drums, made tigers and lady bugs, and explored playdough and fingerpainting!

So much fun! I hope you can join us sometime.

Our last day before the big six-week Summer break is Friday 15th December.





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**The world according to
Magenta Appel-Pye**

For many people, Christmas triggers grief for lost loved ones. It is especially hard when a partner, child, or close friend is no longer in our lives. A once happy, loving and secure relationship now makes us feel rejected, angry and depressed.

When it is your own child you

Good grief!

feel ashamed and embarrassed. People cannot grasp something so fundamentally wrong and can only offer unhelpful platitudes. It's impossible to comprehend it yourself, especially if there was not good reason, or you put up with years of abuse before you said 'no more.' So you keep it to yourself. There is no definitive ending, just lingering grief and the hope that one day they might change and stop blaming mummy/daddy for their angst, overcome their drug addiction, or whatever.

When a loved one dies, people sympathize and support us. Funerals give us the opportunity to express ourselves and have our love, and loss, witnessed, a very important part of the healing process.

Grief is a powerful emotion that must be acknowledged and accommodated

when it arises. We must forgive, the other and ourselves. Forgiveness does not excuse, but frees us by moving the stuck energy out of our consciousness. If we constantly live in the past, we are never truly present and we can't move forwards.

Our souls love ritual and imagery which help us honour grief and integrate change into our lives. Have a releasing ritual. Have your say, yell, cry, burn contracts, rebuild your boundaries. Then dance and feast.

Get counseling, see a psychic healer, spend time in nature, meditate, pray. Learn strength, resilience, and loving detachment. Discover your reason to be here, not just in relation to someone else, but as your own unique self.

If necessary, please reach out for help. Ring Lifeline on 13-11-14.



My fat, middle-aged husband insists on wearing his Speedos to the beach. I have bought him several pairs of board shorts, but he refuses. It's embarrassing.

— Kylie Snitcher, Budgewoi, NSW

Send your relationship problems to
Norm and Magenta
normanappel@westnet.com.au

She says

Kylie, I think the problem here is over-exposure of men who look fabulous in Speedos – bronzed lifesavers and professional swimmers, with impressive sexpacks (oops, Freudian slip, I mean sexpacks, shit I did it again – six packs!) with Manly emblazoned on their tight little buns and a provocative dark curl escaping out the front.

Middle-aged white men pale in comparison with hairy beer-guts hanging over a flimsy bit of bulging nylon, barely containing their dropped balls and softball bat, with a bit of loose baccy hanging out the sides, and Brunswick Heads emblazoned on their backsides.

Have some compassion for these guys. The beach should be a place we are able to forget about fashion, style and embarrassment, and enjoy ourselves, however we look.

There's a simple solution Kylie, go to a nude beach. No more budgie smuggler embarrassment. Nude beaches are great places for people to show off all their tattoos, piercings and topiary. Why keep it hidden? How wonderful to see real bodies with all their blemishes, fat, warts, moles and varicose veins unselfconsciously on display.

The kids get to see what bodies really look like rather than the fake, constructed images they spy on porn sites. Let the young-uns be shocked. They may learn to be grateful for their pubescent bodies in the first flush of beauty rather than being embarrassed and thinking they are ugly. Let the older people reminisce about what they once looked like.

Which brings me back to you, Kylie, you need to be thankful that he's got his boys covered at all, or for that matter that he's intact down there. Let him be. Otherwise he might start checking out that cute, chubby middle-aged woman in the intsy wintsy teeny weeny yellow polka dot bikini.

He says

Dear Kylie, having grown up around Bondi, I've seen a lot of beach fashion come and go. When I was a kid, we had swimmers that were a cross between Y fronts and pyjama shorts, called "swimming trunks". The mind boggles as to how they came up with that name. They had a gusset (don't you just love that word?) so your gonads were well concealed. Because they took ages to dry, my Mum always made me change out of them under a towel which was terribly embarrassing, especially once when the towel fell off.

When the iconic Australian company Speedo came up with their 'endurance swimming briefs' in the 1940's, they were aimed at competitive swimmers and lifesavers to afford them more freedom of movement and less drag in the water. By the time I was a teenager if you weren't wearing Speedos on the beach you were a complete dag.

They were very practical, as they dried quickly and you could wear them as underpants so you could go straight to the beach after work for a swim. Only problem with that was, being nylon, things would get a bit tropical down there, which may be where the term dick stickers came from. I remember



footy players always wore Speedos under their shorts in case they had an on-field wardrobe malfunction. I have no idea what footy players wear under their shorts these days, and I'm not about to ask one.

I first became aware of anti-Speedoism when my little snapdragon objected to mine the first time we went to the beach together. Admittedly I'd had them a few years and they were a little droopy and showed a bit of bollock, but they did the job. Like you, she bought me board shorts and I've never warmed to them. They are just 'swimming trunks' re-imagined.

I get it, that for some, there is nothing more preposterous than obese old men wearing Speedos. Mind you, some of the latest swimwear for women is a little cringeworthy too. Recently in the local supermarket, of all places, I found myself behind a young woman who had obviously just been at the beach. Her bikini bottoms looked like she'd just been given a monumental wedgie. Her entire kinetically charged, cellulite dimpled caboose was hanging out in all its glory and reminded me to pick up some cottage cheese and crackers.

I understand your husband's situation completely. We fat, middle-aged men know full well that we don't look good in anything anymore, so we may as well be comfortable, and to hell with what anyone else thinks.

Truth be known, if he's anything like me, he hates the beach, and only goes to appease you. He'd much rather you go without him so he can stay home and have a nice, peaceful nap on the couch. Maybe it's time you cut the poor bastard some slack.

Harry, was vacationing in Byron Bay and couldn't seem to make it with any of the girls. He asked the lifesaver for some advice. "Mate, it's obvious," says the lifesaver, "you're wearing those old baggy swimming trunks that make you look like an old geezer. They're years out of style. Buy a pair of Speedos – about two sizes too small – and drop a potato down inside them. I promise you, the chicks will want you then!"

The next day Harry goes back to the beach with his new, tight Speedos, and his potato stuffed down. Everybody on the beach was disgusted as he walked by, covering their faces, laughing, looking sick. He went up to the lifesaver again and asked him, "What's wrong now?" "Damn, mate!" said the lifesaver, "The potato goes in front!"

The Last ~~Post~~, ~~Straw~~, ~~Rant~~ ... **GASP!**

by Brendan (Mookx) Hanley

I was getting my head into gear to write a big and hopefully appropriate eulogy for my ex-partner Julie (Shanto) Oliver who died recently on returning from several years' residency in Bali.

In brief, and putting it mildly, she had a truly remarkable voice. I have seen it do wonders in different places around the world. She grew that voice herself in the 60s, with the help of a Melbourne singing teacher called Jack White... and later augmented it with a dash of opera training from a maestro in Sydney.

Like all those before us, and all those who will follow... she has left us in this tub of tears, and disappeared like the fading echo of a sacred songline. Vale Julie Oliver... you sang your way into the hearts of so many people and places... Ah well... appropriate place for a heart-soul like you. "Hearts across the Ocean ... Hands across the sea."

And then there's me. Just little, old me. Hangin'-in-still, some 35 kilos lighter... me! I look like a Belsen inmate. I scare myself! The end would appear indeed nigh. I am losing weight (wasting) so rapidly as for it all to be unsustainable beyond a few weeks. Nor is it high on my priority list to remain alive under

all or any circumstances currently being offered to me... just for the hell of it.

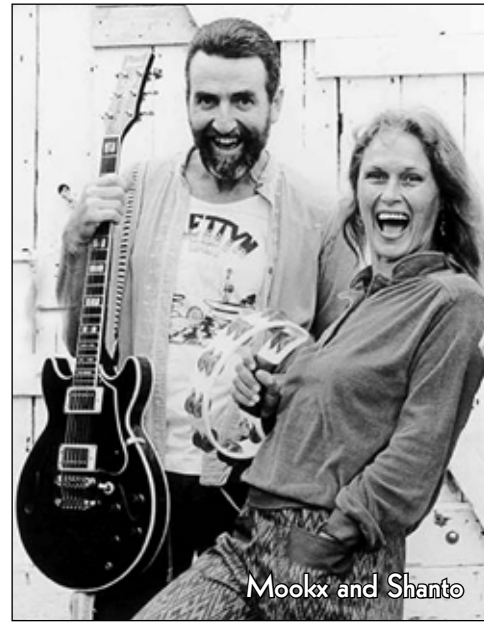
The cancer is approaching my kidneys, signalling a worse set of experiences yet to come. One of my holy tubes accidentally pulled out yesterday, resulting in a day in Tweed hospital with ultrasound and x-ray having the kidney tubes re-inserted and redressed. No anaesthetic, but a full blood transfusion, antibiotics... the lot! All in a day's fun and games, real tears and fears.

So there's no dichotomy here... I really have had far too much of "enough". By the time I get to Phoenix... I'll be ready to fly. I want out!

In the meantime, a memorial concert has happened at the Brunswick Picture Hall... a living wake to celebrate my music and get some top artists onto a DVD doing my songs. What a trip?

I am currently under full-time care, with Meg making it all possible, backed up by a plethora of community nurses, social workers, Amitayus and Feros people... my life, or what's left of it, is a morphine-drenched, laxative-driven, dizzy, daily-debilitating dead-end. It's a cruel cul-de-sac... too late to turn back... a long wait for what?

Well of all the dazzling disappointments



in my life, apart from the premature deaths of me and Julie, the one recent Capital Fail I have endured was the inability to get a Leave it in the Ground Day consciousness-raising concert of many thousands of people on Byron main beach onto a clip and then viral on YouTube.

Over five years or so I have tried

unsuccessfully three times to get this bonfire alight, but usually only one person responds each time. I find it hard to believe.

My birthday is on 23rd July. I hereinafter declare this day as Leave it in the Ground Day every year and dedicate it to the facts and figures behind the ongoing disaster... hoping to arrive at the fastest and safest possible solution our entire global resources can come up with.

I'd like to think that my birthday each year might bring about a global consciousness day that leads to cleaning up the whole show. Make some sense of such a dedicated life... eh? Don't make a fuss of me... make a fuss of Mother Earth!

So I probably will be gone by the time you are reading this... wishing you all happy, healing lives, a global wake-up and the dawn of the Golden Age.

I'm not sure I'd label myself a "peacemaker"... too prickly for that... but shit, I wrote enough songs, attended enough gatherings... choofed enough!

Peace it is!

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It is with deep sadness that we report that Mookx's prediction was correct - he passed away peacefully on 4th December. Vale Mookx.

Moving to Ballarat - full story

by Dave Lambert

I am pleased to let everyone know that I will soon be moving to Ballarat - about 120 km from Melbourne.

I have made a few quick and dramatic changes in my life:

- 1) I left a good job Canada in 1973 and travelled through Asia for three years;
- 2) I arrived in Tennant Creek in 1975 and spent two years in the mining industry;
- 3) arrived at Tuntable and lived there for some 30+ years;
- 4) then moved to Nimbin suburbia for 13 years until now;
- 5) Ballarat here we come!

I always planned to join a retirement village at some stage - as I approach 69, it makes for an easier lifestyle in the company of people your own age. So we can play our bingo and chat about all our ailments!

Why Ballarat?

- 1) First let me stress that I do *not* have any life threatening illness or condition; however, when I do, I wish to be somewhere I can be assisted to die when life becomes too miserable for even a dog to live. Victoria is the only state where this will be possible (after you live there for a year). A newspaper article alerted to me of the good possibility that thousands of other older folk would move there with the same reasoning. The supply of retirement villages is tight at the best of times.
- 2) So I jumped on line within a day of the legislation being passed and found a search site which brought up a list of all vacancies in Victoria - there were a couple in Ballarat!
- 3) The more I looked at Ballarat, the better it looked. As most Aussies will know it was the centre of the gold rush and there was a lot of money splashed at it for several decades, eg beautiful historical buildings; wide roads with footpaths and easy parking everywhere and no traffic jams. It now has 100,000 people with a super-modern base hospital with heaps of specialists etc. The gated village where I will stay has a bus stop at the gate with a bus every 15 minutes going to a bus and train terminal, with a train to Melbourne every two hours. Across the road there is a large TAFE campus with a community centre and 500 m down the road there is a Woolies, Aldi and a dozen Asian eating places are within 1 km.

The gated village has a dining room complete with chef, club room, laudromat etc. There are 43 units, each with a bedroom, bathroom, living room, kitchenette with bar fridge



and microwave oven, as well as a small private courtyard where one can have a garden, BBQ etc.

The menu is fairly basic but there is something different each day over a 28 day rotation and then it varies again depending on what is in season. Sunday is roast day: lamb, pork, beef, chicken etc. Friday is fish day; you get roast spuds one day, mashed the next, grilled, boiled, marinated, wedges...

And what do you pay for this one bedroom unit + food? Would you believe it is only \$404/week + about \$15 for power, for everything including three meals a day! You can opt in and out of any 1, 2 or all meals at any time. There is a normal bond for the rent part of \$1300 and a one-year lease.

I was told I could rent my house for \$350/week or sell for \$350k. With interest at 2% I make half as much as renting - so Nimbin Hills will look after the rental for me. Please see them if you are interested to rent my place.

What are the downsides? Well I will miss my Nimbin friends, my garden and the local colour and culture. And I have been warned about the bitter cold winters - but I should survive, coming from Canada.

I am looking forward to the new adventure!



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Revenge of the Loon

by Laurie Axtens

Hoe hoe hoe. Conceited greetings to you all. The season of deceit is upon us and it's time for us all to indulge.

Time for our increasingly secular community to pretend to celebrating the birth of the Christ, so we can all get a holiday and have a monstrously large dinner and get hog faced with our friends.

Time for our politicians to slip into something fraudulent like a pretend royal commission into the banks - where any criticism of the banking culture is ruled outside the terms of reference. As above, so below. Same deceit, only the size of the trough will be different. Their vessel will be full to bursting for our gowned friends to shove their corpulent snouts into. Yummy yummy public money, nothing makes the Bollic taste better.

Sure there will be plenty of bad media for the big

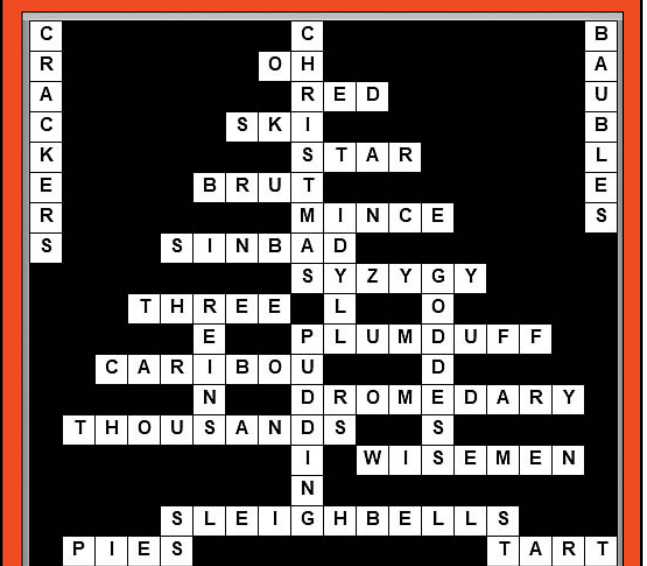
banks - their cruelty and thefts will fill the newspapers and social media. All the better for buying up their shares, if you are a well-heeled senior counsel. Their value will spring back after the sideshow ends and the golden parachutes open and the executives settle quietly amongst us, in god's own country.

So take this illicit hour of pretence to do something real instead. Plant some salad greens in the garden, ring your mum, if she is still with us, say something honestly nice about your siblings to their face. Just talk to your neighbours for a few moments in a spirit of goodwill.

The world is full of mendacity and the trickery of swindlers, but it is also a place of great courage, honesty and respect. These are the choices we all get to make. So just as above, so below; as below, so above. It's time to enact the decency we all deserve. Good on you. Love your work.

Nimbin Crossword Solution

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Nimbin Headers news

In the lead-up to the Mimi Cup in February, and on the back of the recent launch of our new inclusion award in memory of Simone Rutley, we think it's time to blow the trumpet for the girls and women of the Headers community.

In the 2017 season, we ran two teams in the women's league – 3rd and 4th divisions – and both teams reached the finals. The 4th division women were the season's minor premiers and the 3rd division were awarded best and fairest by Football Far North Coast. We also fielded an all-girl team in the 11's, (pictured) and this team was unbeaten over the entire season.



The Headers Club is also well represented at the Liverpool Development Academy, with two of our young women players selected for their U16 development squad, in addition to the several boys selected. Women's football is huge at the moment, and young girls finally have some really positive role models.

The Matildas – Australia's national women's soccer team – are going from strength to strength, slaying the USA, Brazil and China

in recent meets and taking their place amongst the best football teams in the world.

It all starts at the club level and Nimbin is fortunate to host such a strong and encouraging club as ours. Enjoying healthy relationships on and off the field is invaluable for the self-esteem of girls and young women, and the Headers community is a strong and

supportive one. Football is also a fun and challenging way to build and maintain fitness, and learn valuable life skills such as team work and goal setting.

We encourage any girls or women who are at all interested in joining to make contact – ask someone you know who plays, check out our facebook page, or stay connected to social happenings through this

column. We hope to see lots of new faces come registration time next year.

We are also hoping to see some more young (and not so young!) men signing on as we are looking to field three strong men's teams next season. We are interested to hear from any potential coaches out there, too. With up to ten junior teams and five senior teams, there is plenty of opportunity to get involved in some way.

Although we are officially in the off-season at present, the busy volunteers at the Nimbin Headers Sports Club continue to work behind the scenes, maintaining the grounds, upgrading our facilities and meeting regularly to ensure the ongoing management of the club.

We are also hosting social soccer, every Monday afternoon from 5.30pm. This is proving popular with all ages, and there is guaranteed to be a friendly game in progress if you drop down on a Monday afternoon. All are welcome!

Did you know that the soccer fields are community owned and maintained? The fields were purchased through the generous donation of the Janezic family

many years ago, and have been maintained by the community, absent of council input or funds, since then. We are proud to stand as an example of community collaboration, and acknowledge all those in our history who have contributed to this awesome undertaking.

Our next regular working bee is on Saturday 9th December, from 9am. We need plenty of hands to mow, brushcut, chainsaw and assist with small building projects and various other tasks. In return for your labour we offer a congenial atmosphere and a sausage sizzle.

As the year draws to a close, we would also like to take this opportunity to give thanks to all the local businesses who have donated to us over the past year, for raffle prizes and the like, and also a shout out to all the tradies who have gifted us their time and expertise. We are reliant on the goodwill of the local community to remain viable, and we thank you all sincerely for your ongoing support.

We wish all our families a fulfilling end to the year, and look forward to seeing you all at our working bee, or registration days in early February.

Hunter wins prestigious award

by Melanie Stevens

Hunter Roadley has received the award for Most Outstanding Achievement in Athletics from the North Coast School Sporting Association.

Hunter, who is currently competing in the Pacific Games in Adelaide, was presented with the award at the Yamba Bowling Club amid his sporting cohort and very proud family.

This award, together with his participation at the Pacific Games, will spur Hunter on to further achievements in his sporting future and I'm sure he will go on to bigger and better things in 2018.

However, Hunter would have not been able to compete in the Pacific Games without the support of the community and he would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has given so generously:

Theresa Andriske, Kay Wood, Nimbin Hemp Embassy, Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre, Nimbin Headers, Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers, CRT Country Store Kyogle, Collins Creek School, Coffee Camp School, Nimbin Bakery, Nimbin Newsagent, Nimbin Emporium, Richies IGA Kyogle, Kyogle Quality Meats, Nimbin Central School sports coaches.

And all the wonderful individuals who sold raffle tickets, donated food for sale, worked tirelessly over a hot barbecue, who came



and purchased our snags and cakes; those who donated cash or banked money into the Trust; everybody who became involved in ensuring that Hunter would be able to compete in Adelaide. Our grateful thanks and appreciation to you all.

Please remember that the Hunter Roadley Sporting Trust continues, and will provide for Hunter's sporting future. Many thanks also to Andy Kindermann who does a fantastic job of administering the Trust. Donations can be made to the Hunter Roadley Sporting Trust, Summerland Credit Union BSB 728-728, A/C 22317108.

STOP PRESS: Hunter jumped a personal best to place second in the long jump at the Pacific School Games. More in next edition.



Tennis coaches sought

Did you know that Nimbin has a tennis club?

Down the end of Cullen Street, just before the bridge to the Bush Theatre, on the left, is the home of the Nimbin Tennis Club. The courts were purchased by the Nimbin Headers Sports Club three years ago, and the Nimbin Tennis Club was incorporated.

Current membership is \$100 per year for an individual, or \$150 per year for a family, which entitles you to access to the courts (between 7am and 8pm daily), and insurance coverage whilst you are there. Courts are fully insured and available for hire by coaches for individual or class lessons, and others wishing to hit a ball with friends or family.

Hire details are available on our facebook page or by contacting the Nimbin Headers Sports Club at: nimbinheaderssportsclub@gmail.com

We are actively seeking coaches who are willing to collaborate with us to lift the profile of tennis in our community, and players and volunteers who want to help us build a strong and vibrant tennis community. If football isn't your thing, why not give tennis a go?



by Sensei Rachel Whiting

Nimbin's Traditional Okinawan Goju-ryu Karate-do students are all set to end 2017 with their final nerve-wracking, heart-stopping grading, preceded by an adventurous nature training in the nearby creeks and bush.

What a big year it has been for us all. Many have tried the traditional art of karate for the

Karate class ends the year with a bang

first time. Students are loving the spiritual foundations, physical work-out, and the outlet to focus and stimulate their life force energies.

It has been described as a mind-body-spirit practice, with the gifts of life-long qualities inherent in every class: true respect and care for self and others, commitment to a purpose, humility, inner confidence, kinship, and self-mastery.

This young *dojo* only opened its doors in October last year, and we have grown to over 20 students, with all ages and genders from 11 to 50 years. As a female instructor with 30 years' experience, I am curious to find my karate classes attracting a large number of girls and women, yet as it is growing, the ratio of male to female students is finding its balance. It is rewarding to watch as students find their voice and power-centre through the 'kiai's and rigorous yet yielding training.

Our particular style is unique within

karate circles. Our Japanese name *Go-ju* aligns with the Chinese 'Yin-yang', meaning 'hard and soft', and so it is with our training. Weaving hard, strong, direct, quick self-defence techniques with the softer aspects of breath-work, circular, flowing, open-hand movements, we strike a balance that can work for almost anyone seeking a holistic body practice.

We have 12 of our students grading this month, a nervous but exciting time where students build their ability to focus, develop their inner confidence, work on their self-discipline, and build qualities of perseverance and all-round strength.

Gasshuku, or nature training, takes us out bush this term, into the creek to learn from our natural surroundings. Every term sees a new outdoor venue, be it bush or beach, to test our awareness, balance, reflexes and self-defence skills, using the environment in its

diversity and unpredictability to train with. The ocean waves challenge us, the unknown creek-bed keeps us alert and responsive to change, and so on.

I am very excited to be able to share my life-long passion for the martial arts and the spiritual path it offers. I am delighted and humbled with the response to classes and the ongoing requests to teach younger students these important skills. Therefore I am offering more classes in 2018, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during school terms:

Under School Age: Mondays 2.15–3pm at Birth & Beyond, Nimbin; **Primary School to 11 Years:** Mon & Fri 3.30–4.25pm at Nimbin Hall; **11 Years to Adults:** Mon & Fri 4.35–6pm at Nimbin Hall; **Senior Students Class:** Wednesdays 4.30–6pm at Tuntable Creek; **Homeschool Class:** Fridays 1–2pm at Wyralla Road, Lismore.

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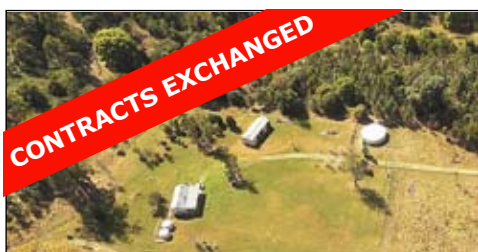
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 • Peaceful property nestled into the eastern side of Border Ranges foothills
 • Mostly forested w/ 20 acre high cleared plateau & N/E views of Blue Knob
 • TWO DWELLINGS, each 2 x bedrooms, 1 x bathroom. Mature plantations



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 • Prestige property. Unbeatable end of road location with panoramic views
 • Green, undulating, clean paddocks dotted with mature shade trees. Dams
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Contact Grant or Samara

197B Billen Road, Georgica \$449,000
 • 5 acres of the perfect hobby farm. Quiet, views, easy to maintain. Great Value!
 • Simple & stylish open plan home w/ huge covered deck. Solar & mains power
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Contact Jacqui

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