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# Funding for Elders' cultural space

by Jenny Martin

Nimbin Health & Welfare Association Inc (NH&W) have been successful in their bid for Federal funds to develop a culturally appropriate space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders in Nimbin.

NH&W have been awarded \$45,000 from the NSW Department of Health, Dementia and Aged Care Services (DACs) Fund for capital works for activities focusing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The grant application was significantly strengthened



by a contribution from the Nimbin Community Centre

(NCCI) of \$4,635 with an additional \$2,400 to be sourced from community fundraising to cover the total construction cost of \$52,000.

An attractive veranda extension is planned, with bi-fold doors to maximise the flexibility of the space, providing a welcome addition to Bottlebrush Studio, home of Nimbin Aged Care & Respite Services (NACRS) and contributing to the Nimbin Community Centre.

A working party including local Aboriginal Elders, NACRS Aboriginal support workers, NACRS and NCCI co-ordinators and

the veranda project manager will workshop the design and oversee the planning application, build, furnishing and decoration of the space. We aim to complete the project by the end of 2018.

Donations towards the \$2,400 target for community contributions are very welcome from businesses and individuals.

Direct donation can be made at Summerland Credit Union to Nimbin Health & Welfare, BSB: 728-728, A/C: 22205588 (Please put Veranda and your name in the reference, to help us with bookkeeping).

# Reconciliation Week celebrates Mabo

by Darren McElroy  
 Nimbin Aboriginal support worker

You may have noticed singing, dancing and a BBQ in Allsopp Park on Monday 5th June – you may have been there.

This was a sun-soaked gathering to celebrate Reconciliation Week, the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the landmark Mabo decision overturning 'terra nullius' (a legal doctrine imposed by the English and used to colonise Australia). We also celebrated World Environment Day.

Lewis Walker and Boris Sailor spoke to the gathering about how significant the 1967 referendum was for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, along with a few words from Boris, the great grandson of Eddie Mabo, on how proud he is of his great grandfather.



Traditional dance



Monkey and the Fish

On the day, the entertainment included Denis Walker and Steve Didge leading a team of four dancers in traditional local

songs and dance. We also had the pleasure of Monkey and the Fish launching their new album, *A Place of Hope*.

# Polly turns 12



Robyn Francis with Polly

Survivor of a brutal attack on 21st December, for which two men have been charged, Polly the pig has been lovingly nursed back to good health, and celebrated her 12th birthday on 1st July in her newly-renovated pen at Djanbung Gardens permaculture centre.

Robyn Francis said the public support for Polly's recuperation had been overwhelming. "Several experienced veterinary specialists have given their time to give treatments, including reiki."

The birthday cake (pictured) was specially made of Polly's favourite foods: over-ripe fruit and out-of-date yoghurt on a base of stale bread soaked with flat beer.



Past winner Tug Dumbly

# Calling all performance poets

Applications are now open for this year's absolutely fabulous weekend of performance poetry, the 2017 Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup, to be held 2nd and 3rd of September.

Total prize pool is \$5000, with prizes for heats and semi-finals winners, and a People's Choice Award as well as the overall winner, who receives the glittering Cup and a sizable purse.

To register your interest, email: [poetryworldcup@gmail.com](mailto:poetryworldcup@gmail.com) Check out past winners on our facebook page: [nimbinperformancepoetry](http://nimbinperformancepoetry) or YouTube. For any further information, call Gail on 0447-044-603.

# Nimbin's annual Weave and Mend Festival approaches

"As above, so below"  
 Three-day camp at Djanbung Gardens, Cecil Street, Nimbin from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Entry by donation to Our Young People's Arts Trust Fund, established by Wednesday Women Weavers in 2005.

For information, phone the co-ordinator on 6689-7129.



# Robbery on the high seas

## The plunder of Timor's maritime resources

by Warwick Fry

Like myself, Shirley Shackleton, widow of murdered Australian journalist Greg Shackleton (now in her eighties), made a snap decision to make an overnight trip to Canberra for the Timor Sea Justice Alliance deputation to Senators in June.

Still jet-lagged from a return trip from Indonesia that morning, when she learned that former Attorney General of the ACT Legislative Assembly, Bernard Colleary was speaking, she called a cinematographer making a documentary about her to get ready for the 3pm flight to Canberra from Melbourne. (The cinematographer, Luigi was involved in the making of *Balibo*, and later, the prizewinning movie about the Indonesian invasion of East Timor, *Beatriz*.)

Bernard Colleary is the lawyer who took Timor's rights to its sea boundaries to a compulsory United Nations Conciliation Commission to force Australia to recognise a decision handed down by the UN over a decade ago. Australia was to abide by international maritime law (that sea borders be determined by a half-way mark between the nation states).

Successive Australian governments have refused to recognise this decision, claiming that a 'treaty' was signed with Indonesia before Timor was recognised as independent. No longer part of Indonesia (though East Timor never was), the sea



Shirley Shackleton, MC Peter Job and delegation organiser Bob White

boundaries of the 'treaty' were no longer relevant, and therefore the 'treaty' would be invalidated. Initially the Australian government refused to acknowledge the authority of the Commission.

Bernard Colleary had his offices raided by ASIS (Australia's international security organisation) and his computers and documents seized while he was overseas. He was isolated overseas for ten months because there was a threat by the Coalition government of the time to prosecute him for taking the case to the UN. On the lawn in front of Parliament house he described the raid:

"My clerk was held on the floor, her mobile phone seized, held incommunicado and treated like a criminal. Interestingly they went into the ceilings ... in the bedrooms ... to take out whatever they had (installed) up there and took thirty years of files, including my communications with Xanana Gusmao (former president of Timor Leste, and resistance leader during the years of Indonesian occupation)... all of the leadership, going back to the

eighties."

He went on to describe the treatment of the senior ASIS officer who leaked the fact that ASIS had bugged the conference room in Timor Leste where the 'negotiations' were being discussed: "Witness K ... could tell us a lot, and that is the reason why he is being denied a passport by Foreign Minister Julie Bishop. ASIS has said that it would be incorrect to allow witness K to give evidence; that it would damage national security."

Colleary added that ASIO (responsible for internal security) had assured him that it had no objection to granting the passport. However, that power has passed into the hands of ASIS.

"What is the objection to being fair?" he said. "Our whole team was marooned in London for ten months while Senator Brandis threatened us with prosecution and seizure of our passports that stopped us from pursuing the case at the Hague."

Shirley Shackleton was there to remind us of the depth and length of Australia's betrayal of Timor Leste. Her husband was

one of the five Australian journalists savagely murdered by Indonesians invading East Timor in 1975 when both the Australian and Indonesian governments were denying that such an invasion was taking place. "East Timorese children were being taken away in cages, so that they grew up not even knowing that they were Timorese."

And of course "...it was always about the oil." In 1989, Labour Foreign Minister Gareth Evans and Indonesia's Ali Alatas negotiated and signed a joint development treaty over the 'Timor Gap' estimated to have over \$40 billion worth of oil and gas resources. Gareth Evans and Ali Alatas were famously photographed toasting with champagne in a chartered jet as it flew over the disputed region.

Colleary reminded us that the whole operation two years ago against his office and the witness was a "rearguard action" to cover up an illegal operation that is liable to prosecution. "The perpetrators have been 'moved on'; Downer has been assigned to an overseas posting..."

Senators Nick Xenophon, the Greens' Scott Ludlam, and Labor's Shirley Moore were there to speak and support Bernard Colleary's call for a further enquiry into the Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee, which would also enable 'witness K' and others to give evidence about the misuse of ASIS to ensure "...that we can never ever have the term National Security used to hide corporate greed."

## Illegal logging threatens Purple Spotted Gudgeon habitat

The North East Forest Alliance has once again asked the Minister for Fisheries to intervene to make the Forestry Corporation comply with its Fisheries Licence and immediately stop illegal logging of headwater stream buffers in habitat of the endangered Purple Spotted Gudgeon.

The Forestry Corporation's June logging lists state that they are currently logging buffers on headwater streams in 20 compartments that qualify as habitat of this endangered fish.

"We recognise that the Forestry Corporation have been forced to stop logging of stream buffers in 37 of the compartments that we identified two months ago, but they are continuing to log stream buffers in five compartments in Styx River State Forest, and have commenced logging of stream buffers in 15 additional compartments in Brill Brill, Broken Bago, Burrawan, Landsdowne, Riamukka and Chichester State Forests that constitute Purple Spotted Gudgeon habitat that weren't on their March logging lists," NEFA spokesperson Dailan Pugh said.

"It is absurd that when we identify one area where they are illegally logging, that they stop there and start doing it somewhere else.

"We have repeated our request to the



Fisheries Minister, Niall Blair, to not only stop this new illegal logging, but to give a clear directive that all illegal logging of stream buffers in habitat of Purple Spotted Gudgeon must stop.

"We have now obtained a variety of documents under a freedom of information request that show that the Forestry Corporation were informed by Fisheries of the presence of Purple Spotted Gudgeon habitat in Gibberagee SF when preparing their logging plan but chose to ignore it when allowing the logging of stream buffers.

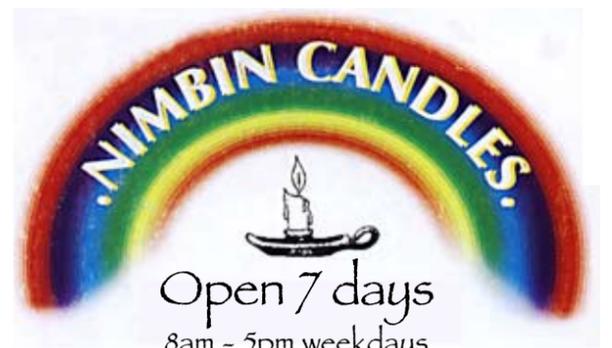
"This is a clear and intentional breach of their legal obligations for which they must be held to account.

"We have recently provided

evidence to Fisheries of widespread illegal logging of stream buffers in Conglomerate State Forest, and they have assured us they are doing their own audits elsewhere.

"For too long Fisheries have ignored the activity of their Forestry colleagues in the Department of Industry. This time they must fulfil their responsibilities as a regulator by prosecuting the Forestry Corporation for their intentional illegal logging.

"The Forestry Corporation must be required to undertake environmental repair and provide compensatory habitat for the hundreds of kilometres of stream buffers that they have illegally logged in the past year," Mr. Pugh said.



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# It's *medical* cannabis not *political* cannabis

Dr David Caldicott and panel at the United in Compassion Medical Symposium.  
Photo: Adonia Lyovtzsis

Inset: HEMP Embassy's Adonia Lyovtzsis, Victorian MP Fiona Patten, keynote speaker Dr Sue Sisley, medical cannabis researcher from the University of Arizona, and Miss Guidance.



by Miss Guidance,  
Nimbin Hemp Embassy

The seed of medical cannabis activism in Australia is now sprouting within the "straight" world. Passionate and determined "elder" pot activists are being joined by equally outspoken doctors, nurses, patients, parents, military and law enforcement veterans, academics, journalists, lawyers, business people, bureaucrats, and politicians. The world of cannabis is becoming mainstream in Australia.

Two major pot events in Melbourne in late June represented these emerging voices. While the event programs focused on educating the medical profession around the medical uses of cannabis, they were important points of networking and forging collaborations among the various interests.

The third United in Compassion Medical Cannabis Symposium was preceded by a first for Australia – a one-day introductory cannabis course for doctors by doctors about using cannabis to treat a range of serious conditions ranging from pain management, relief from chemotherapy induced nausea, to childhood epilepsy.

Hosted by Dr David Caldicott, senior medical lecturer at the Australian National University, the program also covered navigating the current cumbersome legal framework for accessing medical cannabis in Australia. Federally, medical cannabis is legal, but its prescription is extremely limited to a small number of medical conditions as determined state by state.

Rather than decriminalisation or legalisation, Dr Caldicott prefers to talk of the "medicalisation" of cannabis. Dr Bastian Seidel, President of the Royal Australian College of GPs [RACGP], echoed in a panel discussion: "It's become *political* cannabis, and it should be *medical* cannabis". Dr Seidel's view is that health care should be between the patient and doctor. The politician middle man is not required. Because the RACGP represents 35,000 GPs in Australia, his presence should be considered a highlight of the weekend.

The Symposium heard from a range of medical cannabis experts from the USA and Israel – specialists, GPs, researchers, and neuroscientists – who offered a varied and in-depth exploration of their utilisation of medical cannabis with patients, and cutting edge research results. Participating Australian speakers highlighted the utmost importance of education.

Representatives from the government's Therapeutic Goods Administration [TGA] pulled out at the last minute, and left the hard work of fielding the overwhelming inquiries to the head of the Office of Drug Control, Bill Turner. Bill was generous and patient in his



## Medican workshop

Saturday 5th August, 11am – 4.20pm  
at the Nimbin Bush Theatre

Speakers include Carol Ireland (CEO Epilepsy Australia) and a panel of parents of epileptic children; Dr Deb Waldren on healing with cannabis; Michael Stoopman and CBD Luke; Zane Archer on nutrition; Andrew Kavasilas on the latest from the government's dilemma; MC Michael Balderstone. Free entry. If you wish to talk and share your experience, please contact the HEMP Embassy on 6689-1842 or email: [head@hempembassy.net](mailto:head@hempembassy.net)

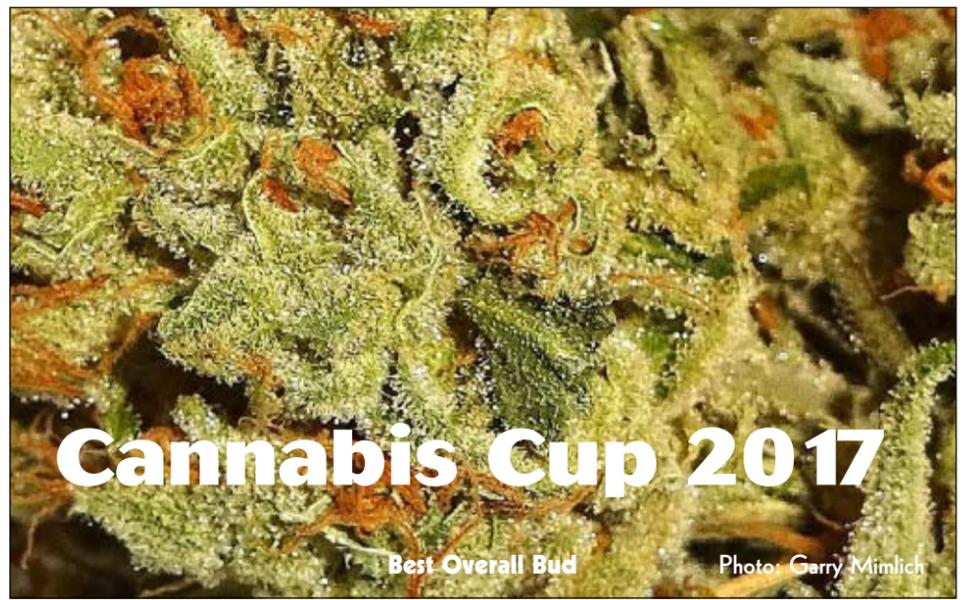
responses, and over the three days of the conference, we noticed that he morphed from a dark suit into sporting a gorgeous pink jacket on the last day. Marijuana works in mysterious ways!

The Nimbin Hemp Embassy's message of Homegrown Health Insurance was thankfully echoed by some of the speakers who include personal control of our own health, and the ability to grow our own, as crucial aspects of any future regulations in Australia. Barrister Greg Barns stressed that personal pain management is a human right.

Richard Di Natale of The Greens called for government to focus on cultivating an Australian medical cannabis industry, rather than importing products from overseas. The Medical Cannabis Council, launched during the symposium, plans to provide a unified voice for the industry to negotiate with government. Other aims of the Council include supporting Australian-based medical cannabis research, and improving the accessibility of medical cannabis. Pot is getting very organised.

Even though underground medical cannabis has been dispensed for decades in Australia, new businesses in the production of medical cannabis are starting to jockey for position in the emerging regulated industry. It's exciting that *hemp* and a thriving Australian cannabis industry may be on the horizon, but sadly there is no discussion about how to make room for, or how to accommodate, the existing black market medicine makers.

Their products are working wonders for thousands of Australians, but there is a cone of silence around their use because of their current illegal status!



by Phil Micone

On a heavy track with wind and rain, the Nimbin Cannabis Cup was held over two days on an auspicious weekend in June.

For the first time, the organisers split the traditional one-day gala into a two-day extravaganza of Cannabis Cup on the Saturday, and Hashish Dish and Extracts Cup on Sunday, as described in the original Testament.

Held at a meticulously maintained abode with the most fantastic of hosts, as well as the exceptional organisational and cater-munchie skills of Ganja Faeries on display, the weekend proved another great success.

Judging panels had organised themselves well in advance, some specialising in buds alone, others only ever judging hash and extracts and several contemporary judges chose to help out on both days.

With 21 runners in the field on the first day, judges were more than impressed with the quality and quantity of buds at the starting gate.

Despite inclement weather wreaking havoc at a crucial time of the year for many growers, this only gave these top class growers the opportunity to show their experience and dedication to the craft by strutting their resin-laden fillies for all to see and judge.

Resin rich or solid dry-grain trichomes, self-emitting aroma or coaxing smells with a strategic pinch to release the terpenes and volatiles which give out their signature scents, these judges knew their stuff. Strain and pedigree recognition wasn't hard to hide from the panel as they inspected every important detail worth looking at.

So as the field headed to the straight and the smoking began, judges saddled in for an afternoon of putting each bud through all its paces, and at the end of the first day there emerged a clear winner through the mud and rain.

Upon plate number 10, the exquisitely 5 star indoor grown offering by the most elegant Lady Haze, the winner of the 2017 Nimbin

## Cannabis Cup

1. G-13 X Haze, 53 points, by Lady Haze, Cannabis Cup, Best Overall Bud.
2. Jean Guy, 43 points, by Henry, Cannabis Cup, Best Outdoor.
3. Blue Dream, 39 points, by Dr Heals Good, outdoor, Certificate.
4. Pure Kush, 27 points, by Henry, outdoor, Certificate.
5. Cluster Bomb, 25 points, by Canna Labs, indoor, Certificate.
6. CBD Critical, 23 points, by Henry, outdoor, Certificate.

## Extract Cup

1. Housewives' Poison, 54 points, by The Alchemist, Extract Cup.
2. Blue Dream, 43 points, by Coastal Extracts, Certificate.
3. Northern Kush, 33 points, by The Alchemist, Certificate.
4. Great White Shark, 19 points, by Lady Haze, Certificate

## Hashish Dish

1. Love Potion Hash, 46 points, by Gingerbread Man, Hashish Dish.
2. Hawaiian Snow, 39 points, by BB Paul, Certificate.
3. Forest Hash, 21 points, by Gingerbread Man, Certificate.
4. G-13 Pollem, 21 points, by Lady Haze, Certificate.
5. Bob The Builder Hash, 19 points, by BTB, Certificate.

Cannabis Cup on 53 points is G-13 X Haze.

Only 13 behind, and managing to scoot around the rest of field of indoor equally impressive outdoor runners, second place, bred, raised and trained by the original stalwart of Cannabis Cupping, went to a man who likes to be known as Henry, mostly because that's his name. Henry's outdoor-grown beauty, going by the name of Jean Guy from plate number 4 was always going to be amongst the leaders.

## Hashish and extracts

The inaugural staging of the Hashish Dish and Extract Cup as a single-day event went off with most Australians not even noticing. In many countries, it's only about the hash and technical extracts. From the earliest of times, the silk routes provided the essential fabric to perfectly allow the passage of resin glands through its delicately and precisely woven micro-mesh when dry buds are gently rubbed over it.

The dry fluffy powder which makes it through is collected and pressed to form the 'black putty' transported all over the world for centuries and used as essential medicine and for a good time. That's what humans do.

We introduced the old

to the new by combining both Cups on a single day of slow motion, slow thinking judging. Everyone was immensely pleased with the 16 entrants, which ranged from partial compressed pollen, water hash and butane extractions.

Judging lasted several hours, most swapping from hash tasting back to the Pure Haze 'Dab Bar' where various devices were arranged for the consumption of the highly refined extracts. Several judges used the Dab Bar to clear their palette before moseying back for another dank hash smoke. A subdued but delightful day was had by all.

The business end of the day turned out much like the bud-fest the day before. For the Extract Cup, in first place, on plate number 1, with 54 points, from The Alchemist known as Arthur Dent, a butane-extracted beauty, from outdoor grown cannabis, Housewives' Poison.

For the Hashish Dish, in first place, on plate number 10, with 46 points, by the half-baked hands of the Gingerbread Man, the new star on the block and winner from last year, from his own outdoor crop, was Love Potion Hash.

Thanks again to all who made the weekend another magical event.

# Busy month in New York for Benny

## NY Diaries

by Benny Zable

**Thursday, 1st June.** Donald Trump announced that the USA is pulling out of the Paris climate agreement, so on short notice, a rally and march was called here in New York, from Folly Square to City Hall. It was very encouraging to see a number of leading federal, state and local government representatives come out to join, speak and march with us, which definitely helped to garner global media attention. The BBC world news service featured a photo of my 'Fossil Fools' costumed character in their coverage of Trump's announcement. It came to my attention that the BBC photo of me was also published in a number of European publications (pictured).

**9th-11th June.** I assisted the International Vigil for Peace and Ecology in the NYC Green Festival Expo Peace Pavilion at the Javits Convention Center. There was quite a good representation of activists, artists and groups at this franchised corporate high end environmental Expo and Festival. A highlight at this event was getting to know more about the work of Felicia Young, the founder and Executive Director of Earth Celebrations. She has designed a comprehensive climate resiliency and ecological sustainability plan, to mitigate impacts of flooding, pollution run-off and the consequences of climate change. Gardeners, river-based organisations, schools, community centres, artists, youth and residents participate through creative and design planning workshops, develop collaborative visual art, performance, music, dance, and poetry projects, to address proposed climate resiliency plans developing ecologically sustainable solutions.

The creative partnership-building process culminated in a public action, a procession with site-specific performances through the gardens, neighbourhood



and East River Park waterfront, featuring the artistic projects developed to cultivate an ecologically sustainable future for the neighbourhood and its contribution to the city and global climate challenges. Check it out at: [www.earthcelebrations.com](http://www.earthcelebrations.com) or: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCGAOWsQN9g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCGAOWsQN9g)

**Monday, 12th June.** I attended the launch of Naomi Klein's latest book, *No Is Not Enough*. Naomi Klein, the inspiration behind the occupy movement, takes us to where and what to do next. Klein explains that Trump, extreme as he is, is not an aberration but a logical extension of the worst and most dangerous trends of the past half-century. In exposing the malignant forces behind Trump's rise, she puts forward a bold vision for a mass movement to counter rising militarism, nationalism, and corporatism in the U.S. and around the world. Time to "dream and plan for a better world". Klein goes on to say that "No" and resistance must be followed by "Yes" and systemic change. A must-read activist handbook of the times.

**Wednesday 14th June.** At the Jersey City PATH Grove Street subway station, I got chatting to Barbara Morillo, the lead singer of the 1960's all-woman a cappella group The Cake, who helped me get to the Port Authority bus station for the bus to Woodstock. Check her out, and please share this unique bit of undervalued women's popular music history: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWArd4cJoY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWArd4cJoY) The visit was to help Nathan and Shelli prepare for a Rainbow Weaver memorial gathering for one of Woodstock's most loved community Native American

activists who passed away recently.

**Saturday 17th June.** I attended a women-led Ban the Bomb march to the UN Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, for a rally. It was stated that a global ban on the world's most destructive and inhumane weapons could be adopted at the UN within a matter of months in spite of a boycott by nuclear weapon states and several of their allies, including Australia. Elayne Whyte Gómez, the Costa Rican ambassador presiding over the historic UN disarmament negotiations that began in New York last week, believes concluding a nuclear-weapons-ban treaty by July 7 is "an achievable goal." Adopting the treaty does not hinge on the approval of the nine nuclear-armed nations. While they may refuse to participate in the process, they cannot veto it. See: [ICAN-Australia-2015.pdf](http://ICAN-Australia-2015.pdf)

**Saturday 24th June.** I again headed back towards Woodstock for a Bob Dylan concert. A lot of his first songs were written while living at the Birdcliffe community in Woodstock in the early 1960's. It is significant because not so much is heard about his times spent in Woodstock. Upstate New York has been the incubation for many iconic peace, environmental and social justice artist activists. I was fortunate enough to be guested with my girlfriend from Jersey City to occupy a couple of prime seats in front of the stage.

**Assistance.** I wish to thank all those who contributed to my journey and work here. \$1452 had been donated to help me with my expenses in preparing for actions, travelling and basic living. Now I hear that the Australian government is planning to cut the old age pension safety net that I rely on. An increasing number of artists here survive on tips.

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NIMBIN ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NEWS

by Cath Smith, President

Right at the beginning of the month, on Friday 2nd June, NEC and other local activists joined an Australia-wide Greenpeace-initiated action to draw attention to and protest the Commonwealth Bank's continuing support of the fossil fuel industry.

To date, Commbank has lent billions of dollars to fossil fuel industries and has not ruled out funding the Adani Carmichael coal mine.

We picketed the pop-up Combank in Lismore with banners, placards, tee-shirts and sang songs to raise awareness in bank customers and passers-by.

Following this, the protest marched to Kevin Hogan's office with a letter of demands, that he represent his electorate's opposition to supporting the fossil fuel



industry.

NEC participated in World Environment Day on Sunday 4th June in Murwillumbah with a stall shared with Northern Rivers Guardians, distributing information and selling our NEC shop's beautiful local and ethically-sourced goods.

The informative and deeply moving movie *Blackfish* was shown at Birth and Beyond on Thursday 1st June, with

a speaker from Australia for Dolphins giving a very revealing talk on the captive marine mammal trade. The film reiterated the shocking plight of orcas in captivity in marine parks and gave hope that with awareness and protest, this practice will end.

NEC is hoping that Lismore Council's great initiative of 'No plastic bag July' can be continued permanently and is working

on encouraging this practice in Nimbin. Watch this space!

**Upcoming events:** Ciska's Collection is a sale of the belongings of the late local identity Ciska who requested that the proceeds be given to Rainforest Rescue. NEC is another organisation that Ciska supported.

Her friend Francis (0490-769-714) is organising the sale at the Nimbin Town Hall on Sunday 9th July, and would appreciate help on Saturday 8th to transport and set up the sale.

Also watch this space for word on the Abbott Point action which is being planned.

NEC meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Community School room. Next meeting is at 5pm on Wednesday 12th July. All welcome.

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**Memberships now due**  
NNIC memberships fall due on 1st July. If you are an existing member, please drop in to renew your membership. To join NNIC simply drop in and fill out a membership form. Membership is a mere \$5.50 inc. GST – the cheapest membership in town! Your memberships are invaluable to the health of our organisation. So don't put it off... *Join NNIC now!*

**Nimbin Community Drug Action Team (CDAT)**  
Announcing the arrival of Captain Competent – Nimbin CDAT's Prevention and Harm Reduction Superhero! You've seen him in the cartoons regularly featured in the NGT and now he has come to life! His first official outing was to the PASH Conference in Lismore in June. We are looking for more Official CDAT Superhero Wranglers to help the Captain get out and about. To join Nimbin CDAT, contact: [admin@nnic.org.au](mailto:admin@nnic.org.au) or just come along to the next meeting. The next meeting will be at NNIC (Elmo room) at 2pm on Thursday 13th July.

**Nimbin NAIDOC Day**  
Friday 14th July at Peace Park. Come along and join the fun and sharing at this family friendly and important cultural event.

**Sustainable House Day**  
The Design Comp is now open. Three categories – Professional, Community and Young People and prizes to be won! This year's theme is 'Build It Local' – which is similar to the food miles concept. For competition details go to the website: [www.sustainablehousedaynr.org](http://www.sustainablehousedaynr.org)  
The SHD committee is also



looking for people with sustainable homes in the Lismore, Byron, Ballina or Tweed LGAs who would be willing to open their homes on the 2017 National Sustainable House Day. Contact us at: [admin@nnic.org.au](mailto:admin@nnic.org.au) for more info.

**Strategic Planning Day**  
Sunday 30th July, 10am at NNIC. All NNIC members welcome – RSVPs essential, send to: [admin@nnic.org.au](mailto:admin@nnic.org.au)

**Sustainability Alley at Nimbin Show**  
Call Out for stalls, exhibits, workshops and volunteers. The Alley will continue with the DIY/Traditional Skills/Makers Faire type theme initiated in 2016. Do you have traditional skills or can you make stuff and are interested in exhibiting at the



show or else running a small workshop to teach some of your skills to others? Are you interested in having a stall at Sustainability Alley?

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the set up and pack down and various other tasks involved in keeping Sustainability Alley sustainable. Contact Guy at: [guy@nnic.org.au](mailto:guy@nnic.org.au)

**7 Sibley Street DA update**  
The modified DA has been approved, so only one minor bit of bureaucracy to deal with (hooray!) and we will be able to commence the building works at last. Anyone willing to help with

demos and site prep contact Guy at: [guy@nnic.org.au](mailto:guy@nnic.org.au)

**Position Vacant at NNIC**  
Vacation Care Casual child care staff (casual). Send EOIs including any relevant experience and qualifications plus the contact details of two referees to: [admin@nnic.org.au](mailto:admin@nnic.org.au)

**Did you know?**  
NNIC is a registered charity and donations to our general services and activities (excluding Sibley Street) are tax deductible. You can also make tax deductible bequests to NNIC. To donate and receive a Tax Deductible receipt, or for information about how to include your local charitable organisation in your will, please contact Nat at NNIC.

**Top tip to quit tobacco, alcohol or other drugs**  
Instead of seeing it as 'giving something up', think of it as getting something. For example, better health and wellbeing. And think about all the things you could do with all that extra time energy and money that you are currently using on your consumption of alcohol or other drugs. Motivate yourself with a plan for what you can buy with the money you would otherwise have spent over e.g. a six month period.

*Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre (NNIC) is run by locals for locals to support people in need and the community to achieve their aspirations. Everyone is welcome. If we can't help we probably know who can. Lots of useful local and other info is available on our website. For appointments call 6689-1692 or just drop in between 10am and 4pm weekdays.*

## Nimbin Hospital information

**Child immunisation clinic**  
For 0-5 year olds, held on second Tuesday of the month. Next Clinic: 11th July. Phone 6620-7687 (Lismore Community Health Centre)

**Early childhood nurse**  
Every Tuesday. Baby checks, weighs, post-natal support. For appointments phone 6620-7687.

**Women's health nurse services**  
One Thursday a month. Confidential service, pap smears, breast checks, contraceptive advice, post-natal checks, general health information. Phone 6689-1400 for appointment.

**Wound clinic**  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am. For self-referral, phone 6689-1288. Referrals also from Nimbin Hospital and GP clinic.

**Cannabis clinic**  
Every Monday. Confidential counselling. Phone 1300-664-098 or 0427-465-708.

**Drug and alcohol counsellor/psychologist**  
Every Thursday. For appointment, phone 6620-7634 or mobile 0428-109-474.

**Nurse practitioner clinics**  
• Diabetes Clinics: third Thursday of the month, next is 20th July.  
• Respiratory Clinic: second Tuesday of the month, next is 11th July. Phone 6630-0488 for appointments.

**Community Registered Nurses**  
Monday to Friday, 8am-4.30pm. Assessments, wound care, referrals, advocacy, provision of palliative care in the home, medication support. Phone 6689-1288 – leave message, will return call swiftly.

**Nimbin NSP**  
Needle and Syringe program open Monday to Thursday. Arrangements can be made to see Community Registered Nurse.

**Health advice line**  
Phone 1800-022-222 if you have a health issue. 24-hour, seven days a week free service. A Registered Nurse will assess whether you need to go to an Emergency Department.

**Nimbin Hospital Auxiliary**  
Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at the hospital, at 10am. Next meeting: 14th July. New members welcome.



# Using technology to educate about medicine

## BUNK Health News

by Noelle Lynden-Way

In the past 20 years, technology has developed very quickly in Australia and many people now use their computers and smart phones to find information, manage arrangements and appointments.

The health industry has realised the importance of using technology for people to educate themselves about their medical condition and medicines that have been prescribed. A number of informative websites have been developed for the general public.

One of them is NPS MedicineWise (nps.org.au), an independent, not-for-profit and evidence-based organisation that was set up in 1998 with the aim of "promoting quality use of medicines" and then expanded to connect with health consumers and health professionals in Australia to assist them to make the best possible healthcare decisions.

You can read more about what this organisation offers on their website: [www.nps.org.au](http://www.nps.org.au).

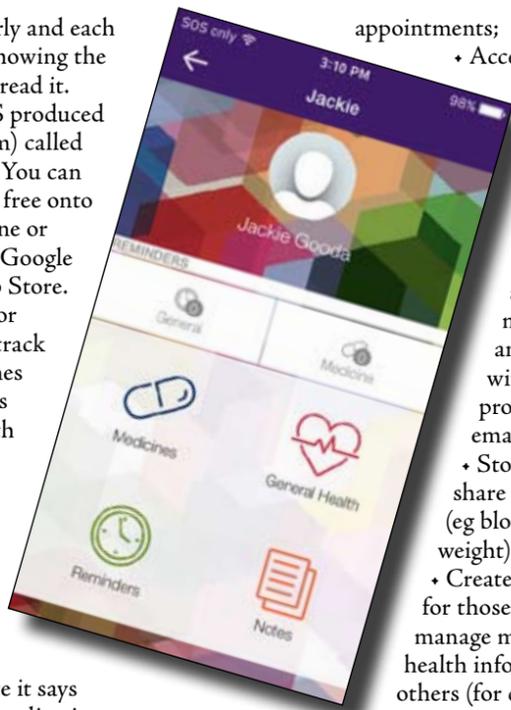
Anyone with a computer can access the site and look up information on medications or read articles about statins, antibiotic resistance, acute ankle or knee injuries or coughs, cold, earaches in children. The articles are

changed regularly and each has a heading showing the time it takes to read it.

Recently NPS produced an app (program) called MedicineWise. You can download it for free onto your smart phone or computer from Google Play or the App Store. It is designed for people to keep track of their medicines easily and access important health information any time and anywhere, especially in emergencies. It can also be used by carers.

On the website it says that, with this application, you can:

- Create a list of medicines by scanning your medicine bar codes or searching the MedicineWise database of Australian medicines;
- Record important health information such as medical conditions, allergies and health professional contact details (doctors, specialists, allied health practitioners);
- Set reminders for when to take medicines and attend doctor's



appointments;

- Access Consumer Medicines Information (CMI) to learn more about your medicines;
- Generate and share your medicine lists and usage reports with healthcare professionals via email;
- Store, graph and share your test results (eg blood pressure, weight);
- Create separate profiles for those in your care to manage medicines and health information for others (for carers); and
- Store notes and questions to ask your doctor.

So you have the opportunity now to be part of the digital age with your medical information stored on your device and enjoy keeping your own records and learning more about medicine, health and wellness.

If you have any more questions about this app you can email: [medicinewiseapp@nps.org.au](mailto:medicinewiseapp@nps.org.au) or call NPS on (02) 8217-8700.

# Nimbin Community Centre News

## Thanks from the new co-ordinator

A big thank you to the Nimbin Community, our wonderful tenants and the team at Nimbin Community Centre for making me feel so welcome in my first month as co-ordinator. It's been great getting to know everyone and also to be getting to work on some exciting community projects. It is such a privilege to be part of a community like ours. – India Morris

## Nimbin Community Centre is auspicing Nimbin Flix

Nimbin Flix is a local, non-profit, film club run by volunteers who work together to screen a wide range of quality cinema from all around the world and across all genres.

\$40 a year will you get free entry to the films that screen on the 2nd Saturday of every month except January (memberships due in July).

Add yourself to the mailing list (request via: [nimbinflix@gmail.com](mailto:nimbinflix@gmail.com)) to receive monthly email updates. You can also visit the Nimbin Flix facebook page and there is a monthly movie review in the

*Nimbin GoodTimes*. If you love the movies, support your local film club!

Membership can be paid at the monthly movie screening or left at Nimbin Apothecary with your name and details.

## Nimbin NAIDOC Day

Do yourself a big favour and get involved in Nimbin's NAIDOC celebrations on Friday 14th July! The fun kicks off from 11am in Peace Park, Sibley Street (right next to the Skate Park)

Darren, Jeddah and local Aboriginal Support Workers have organised some great activities and entertainment including:

Welcome to Country, music, BBQ lunch, Jumping castle, arts and crafts, face painting, and much more!

## Upcoming work to Allsopp Park Mural

The framework for the Allsopp Park mural will be dismantled by Lismore City Council in July. The old structure has become age worn and needs to be dismantled for safety reasons.

This is the first stage in the process of the old mural being replaced with some fab new artwork to add to our colourful community. Watch this space!

## An invitation to our August 10th meeting, 4.30 to 5.30pm at Birth & Beyond

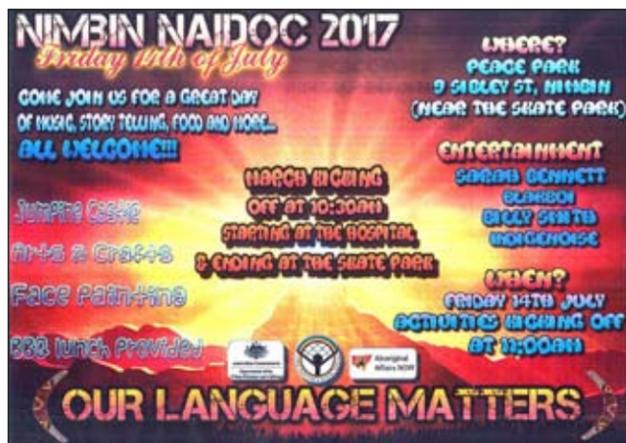
All interested members of the Community are invited to an hour long meeting where we will present our plans for the year ahead. We welcome your ideas for the Community Centre and your feedback on the projects already under way. Nibbles will be provided and the session will be followed by our normal monthly Committee meeting. We will be holding similar consultation meetings on a regularly basis from now on.

## Welcome Sarah

A big welcome to our newest tenant Sarah Pretorius. Sarah will be offering alternative healing treatments at the Community Centre and we are thrilled to have her.

## NCCI has casual hire spaces available:

Please contact the office on 6689- 0000 or email: [ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au](mailto:ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au) if you would like to know more



## July Social Activities at NACRS

For all elders and carers in our local communities.

- Xmas in July – Koonorigan: Monday 24th July, 11.30am-3pm, Bring a Plate lunch, Koonorigan Hall, all welcome!
- Craft Group: Mondays 3rd July & 7th August 11am-1pm at Bottlebrush Studio, explore a variety of crafts, share your own!
- The Channon Social Group: Thursday 20th July, 11.30am-2pm, the Channon Tavern for lunch, all

welcome, phone for info.

- Nimbin Social Groups every Tuesday & Wednesday, 9.30-1pm at Bottlebrush Studio, Nimbin, with morning tea and light lunch, small fee, plus free computer tuition on Tuesdays.
- Bus Outing: Tuesday 11th July, Blue Kitchen Lismore morning tea, Evans Head RSL lunch, headland for whale spotting! Booking essential to reserve seats. You bring or buy your own lunch.



- Respite for Carers: Are you a Carer in need of a break? Phone or pop in to discuss your needs – we may be able to help.
- Drop-In at Bottlebrush Studio, Nimbin, Monday-Friday 10am-2pm, for a cuppa, a chat, internet, computer, a quiet sit down.
- Home visits for company or a break, phone or pop in to discuss. Phone 6689-1709, find us on Facebook or visit: [nacr.com.au](http://nacr.com.au)

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## What's On in July?

- Sunday 9th – Visiting Club: South Tweed Trippers
- Sunday 23rd – Visiting Club: Burringbah
- Sunday 30th – Visiting Club: Coolangatta
- Open Mike Nights – Wednesdays 5th & 19th, 7pm
- Social Bowls – Sundays, 9am
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**Flocking to Nimbin**

The Boss has arrived, are you ready to bow down?

Sue William's recent article on domain.com.au "Sydneysiders flock to Nimbin in search of more affordable, alternative lifestyle" was posted on the facebook group "Nimbin hook ups discussion board", and looks like it was taken down as the comments which followed understandably struck a raw nerve.

A more recent arrival to Nimbin admonished dissent with the virtues of the influx of "cold hard cash". Economic revival was surely one of the incentives for the then struggling Nimbin community to host the Aquarius Festival in 1973, but it would be a stretch to suggest that the festival itself, nor those who remained in the community subsequently were flaunting their fiscal superiority.

In fact, they were rejecting the ethos of "material acquisition", to quote their homebuilders association objectives policy statement of 1977. If you're a prospective resident in town who might have stumbled on this paper on your way to the real estate agent, don't bother flashing your wallet around because that is not a "community value" (to quote Michael Balderstone in the article). On yer bike.

Gregory Bork  
Goonengerry

**Pell on the run**

The cases of Catholic priests accused and convicted of raping or molesting young

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children against the Catholic church are rife throughout the world.

Cardinal George Pell hastily left Australia for the Vatican a few years ago when the heat was on, to now be officially charged with multiple child sex offences. The Pope has distanced himself from Pell and released him from his Vatican 'bean counting' duties whilst sacking the Vatican head of sex abuse cases, Cardinal Mueller.

Meanwhile a special fund has been set up for Australian Catholics to donate to Pell's legal fees after the Sydney archdiocese declared it would not pay for his defence. Any Catholics with a conscience certainly will not be donating to that fund.

It is not surprising that non-religious people now out-number Catholics worldwide. If by some remote chance there were to be a God, would he or she choose to be a Catholic?

Andrew Bennett  
Murwillumbah

**Road kills and anthropocentrism**

"Abe said, where do you want this killing done? God said, out on Highway 61." – Bob Dylan, *Highway 61 Revisited*

The kill rates of wildlife on the roads in and around Nimbin are an ongoing disgrace. Stony Chute Road is perhaps the worst, though there are many other contenders.

The prevailing gross anthropocentrism in the hearts and minds of many drivers in the region finds expression in recklessly fast night-time driving, and a complete lack of care or regard for wildlife. The growing tide of gentrification and yuppification in Nimbin has resulted in many more road movements at dawn and dusk as a new class of professional makes daily journeys to and from work in Lismore.

But it is not the increased road movements *per se* that is the sum of the problem. Even with the increasing levels of traffic, the wildlife would still have a chance if people simply slowed down.

There is no way that anyone can drive at 80kms per hour on our roads at night and be sure they will not hit an animal that jumps or flies into their path. To state the bleeding obvious, speed is a factor in every collision. If you are going slowly enough, you won't hit animals.

The issue is convincing anthropocentric drivers that animals are important enough to slow own for, and that spending an extra two minutes on a Lismore drive is two minutes worth spending. Please folks, for the critters, slow down!

Robert Bruce Lonetree  
Stony Chute

**Land of the "fair go"?**

I recently received an email from someone claiming to be "Bernard Gaynor". It was titled 'Sack the imam'.

In it, the writer boasted and claimed responsibility for the "victory" in helping to bring

**Stop funding Adani**

An open letter to Page MP Kevin Hogan

Dear Mr Hogan,  
You may recall that in February of this year, a letter, signed by 20 plus of your constituents, was delivered to your office. To the best of our knowledge, no confirmation of receipt, acknowledgement of our concerns, or answers to our questions, were ever forthcoming.

Let me refresh your memory. We were deeply concerned about the proposal that taxpayers' funds be used to provide infrastructure for the disastrous Adani coal mine in the Galilee Basin. This proposal is still on the federal government's agenda.

We trust that the lack of response on your part does not indicate a lack of willingness to do all in your power to ensure that not a dollar of taxpayers' money is used to provide infrastructure to advance this horrendous project.

Since February, 2017, the feared trajectory has unfolded.

Following Cyclone Debbie, Adani requested that pollution controls at their Abbott Point facility, be eased. The Queensland government acceded to that request by granting a temporary emission licence to release water containing up to 100mg of sediment, ie coal dust, per litre.

On day four of the four day licence, Adani, by its own figures, exceeded that concession by releasing water with 806mg of sediment per litre, into fragile Caley Valley wetland. That's an excess of 800%. We repeat, 800%.

The Attorney General attempted to weaken the *Native Title Act*, then intervened on behalf of Adani, in the court case brought by the Wangan and Jagalingou Traditional Owners Council.

The recently released Oxfam report: 'More Coal Equals More Poverty: Transforming our World Through Renewable Energy', debunks coal industry spin that coal alleviates poverty. 'Climate change, fuelled by dirty coal pollution, could drive a staggering 122 million more people into extreme poverty by 2030. There is no space for new coal.' Another major finding in this report, is that coal, of itself and as a fuel for power generation, is a public health disaster. This confirms that Old King Coal IS a dirty old soul.

In the past week the Climate Council

has released a report titled: *Risky Business: Health, Climate and Economic Risks of the Carmichael Coalmine*. Key findings in that report are:

1. Developing any new thermal coal mines, particularly of the scale of the Carmichael mine in the Galilee Basin, is fundamentally at odds with protecting Australians from the impact of climate change;
2. Opening up the Galilee Basin undermines other industries, such as tourism and agriculture;
3. Coal is very harmful to human health; and
4. The Carmichael mine is a risky financial investment and promises of economic benefit are overblown.

We know that you have access to that report, as at least one of the undersigned sent you the link.

Ian Dunlop, former senior coal industry executive, writing in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, described the Adani mine as constituting an 'existential threat of climate change'. He defined existential as: 'a risk posing large negative consequences to humanity that can never be undone. Where an adverse outcome would either annihilate life, or permanently and drastically curtail its potential.'

Yet, the federal government is still proposing to use taxpayers' funds to assist with the death of our iconic Great Barrier Reef, and the elevation of temperatures sufficient to bring devastation to planet earth.

We reiterate our question: Who do you represent Mr Hogan? If you reply that it's your constituents, what are you actually doing, and/or are you prepared to do, to bring our demands and protests to the attention of the highest levels of government?

We restate our demands: We're living with climate change, Mr Hogan, and need effective, honest representation. We expect you to strongly oppose your government's trivialisation of climate change. We insist your government stops pandering to Adani, a totally unscrupulous mining corporation. We demand not one cent of our taxes funds any coal mining of the Galilee Basin.

Bev Crossley,  
Lismore

**Rest In Peace**

Terry McGovern 1954-2017

Sadly missed by his family, work colleagues, neighbours and many more in the Nimbin community who remembered him fondly at his Memorial Service at Tunable Falls hall on Saturday 1st July.



about the resignation of the imam in the Australian army. He then went on to claim that he was working to prevent the Australian Navy from seeking the services of an imam to meet the spiritual needs of its Muslim members.

I am concerned (and you may be too), that Bernard Gaynor apparently has no problem with Muslims volunteering to fight, risk injury, PTSD and death in the service of Australia, but

objects to them having a spiritual adviser.

There is no indication in the email that Bernard

Gaynor intends to lobby for the Australian armed forces to dispense with the services of its Catholic priests, Anglican padres, Jewish rabbis and other spiritual advisers.

Although I freely admit to being a less-than-expert Christian, I did ask Bernard Gaynor if his attitude and actions were in keeping with, what I understand to be, some of the basic principles of Christianity. Somehow I doubt that I will get a reply.

Peter Leith  
Bogangar

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**Notices**

**Annual General Meeting**

Nimbin Community School Co-op Ltd AGM Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 5.30pm in the Green Room at Nimbin Community Centre.

# The Ciska Cassa collection

by Francis Martin

There will be an exhibition and sale of the Ciska Cassa collection in Nimbin Town Hall on Sunday 9th July, 11am – 4pm.

Shortly before Ciska died in May, she invited me into her house, and asked me if I would move into the back bedroom in order to keep her company, help sort through all her stuff and dispose of it so that she could leave the house with no possessions. Every room was filled with Ciska's collections. I agreed to do this, we went into the back to begin clearing and sorting to make room for me to move in.

She talked about selling her best pieces on eBay to raise money for Rainforest Rescue. Two days later, I heard that she had taken her own life. After her funeral and wake, once her family and friends had taken what they wanted from her house, it was clear that everything remaining would be dumped

unless I stepped in – so I did. The landlord has graciously postponed needed renovations to allow me time to sort slowly, carefully, respectfully and re-distribute items. As I moved through the rooms many things became clear.

Ciska was a very intelligent, passionate, creative and beautiful woman. She collected beauty, she created beauty, she appreciated beauty... both man-made and natural. She cared deeply about her environment... she recycled everything, she re-purposed many things, she re-used, she mended, she re-created.

Going through her papers, she had given many times to Rainforest Rescue, the Wilderness Society and other charities. She had volunteered in the Environment Centre and participated in protests and actions.

She was very creative, making clothes, lace, hats, jewellery, baskets, braiding,

painting, drawing, crochet, knitting, collage – and in terms of personal style she made herself into a work of art, brand new every day...

Much of her beautiful collection had to be thrown out, but there still remain enough beautiful things to follow her last wishes and sell them to raise money for Rainforest Rescue.

This is emphatically NOT a garage sale. The world has enough junk in it. The ordinary household goods are going to Lifeline/Vinnies/Salvation Army as appropriate.

What will be shown and sold on Sunday 9th July will be only her most beautiful things: clothes of great taste and unique style; marvellous hats; extraordinary fabrics, from scraps through to larger pieces; belly dancing gear; wall hangings; baskets and bags of all shapes and sizes; bamboo, cane, wicker, wood, iron and glass furniture; artworks; curious objects; craft books, tools

and materials; and more... Take home some unique beauty to keep.

The curated Ciska Cassa Collection has to be seen to be believed. Even those who did not know her will appreciate her gift for beauty.

The funds raised will go to Rainforest Rescue. Half to the organisation of that name, and half to the Nimbin Environment Centre to support local actions that defend, extend and repair the rainforest.

If you want to know more or can help me, please call 0490-769-714. I need assistance as I have no vehicle myself. If anyone could help by taking a load to the recycling centre or an op shop, or on Saturday 8th with moving to the town hall and setting up, or on the day attending to sales, or on Monday clearing out...

Please come along and support this event – to celebrate Ciska's spirit and help the rainforest.

## The inconvenient truth about flying

by Bernadine Schwartz

Many would probably prefer not to know the implications of flying, but it certainly needs to be told and it's having a grave effect on our planet.

Now more than ever before Australians are flying. In 2011 Australia hit a record high of 7,795,000 passengers travelling overseas and this doesn't include domestic flights. This is an astonishing increase of 371% compared to 1991 with only 2,099,300. Of those passengers, 79% of their destinations were solely for a vacation or visiting friends and family. Approximately 93,000 scheduled international flights leave airports every day around the world as well as 50,000,000 tonnes of cargo being transported every year.

From 1990 to 2006 emissions from the aviation industry increased by a shocking figure of 87% in the European Union and yet the aviation sector still literally flies under the radar when it comes to restrictions on emissions.

Flying has a dramatic effect on climate change as well as global dimming. Aircraft when in flight emit many toxic substances, not just CO<sub>2</sub> but water vapour, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, nitrous oxide, sulphur oxide and black carbon.

When you discover that a Boeing 747 in flight is using four litres of fuel per second, which translates to 150,000 litres of fuel for a 10-hour flight, it's not surprising that emissions are at such a high level. This is equivalent to driving a car for one year for each passenger on board. But if we look at statistics over the last five years then planes currently account for more global warming than all the cars on the entire planet! A return trip from New York to Europe creates a warming effect equal to two to three tons of carbon dioxide per person.

Planes cause more warming to our planet when the impact occurs at high altitudes, creating vapour trails and ozone production. This process causes as much warming as the CO<sub>2</sub> itself. The science is still coming in, but scientists

from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change believe that contrails have an input on climate forcing. They call it the Aviation Multiplier and it claims that to get the true amount of emissions when flying, you must multiply the planes carbon emissions by two.

NASA has also done research into the atmospheric and climatological effects of contrails, including impacts on ozone, ice crystal formation and particle composition. The Atmospheric Effects of Aviation Project concluded that there is definitely a warming effect, however the effect varies daily and annually. The evidence also revealed how contrails at night have a tendency to stop heat escaping from the earth and this effect was studied by scientists when a rare opportunity occurred with the grounding of aircraft on 9th to 11th September 2001.

Unfortunately, the outlook for more environmentally friendly planes is very limited despite efficiency innovations, ranging from airframes to engines and aerodynamics as well as flight operations. It's still predicted that it will be many decades till we achieve major results and bio fuels have been looked at but this just isn't viable, when it's been concluded that it would require 1/5 of the world's crop lands to meet the demands. This figure would only grow over time. There have been many advances towards more environmentally friendly cars, but these innovations just cannot be applied to the aviation sector at present. The biggest hurdle is getting the planes off the ground, and electric engines just aren't capable of delivering enough power.

On 27th September 2016, the United Nations led talks with the International Civil Aviation Organisation in Montreal. The proposed landmark deal was aimed at curtailing progressively rising emissions from the International Aviation Industry. The goal is to limit emissions to 2020 levels after it takes effect in 2021 but with this treaty the first five years is voluntary, meaning they have until 2027 to comply.

The aviation sector was excluded

from the December Paris talks, and this is another display of the power most multinational corporations have. Time is of the essence, yet international bodies and corporations continue to time and time again, procrastinate on this monumental problem with still no sincere policies that would make a real difference to climate change.

Air travel is not the only issue with this industry. It is the massive amounts of land that is required to support the airports and in addition the energy these facilities need to operate. They more often than not are situated in prime locations in cities across the globe and are constantly expanding due to the growing demand for air travel. The largest airport in the world is Atlanta City which covers a staggering 1,480 hectares and that's equal to 1,850 soccer fields.

Mascot Airport is a perfect example of the current problems that the aviation industry is facing. Landowners are now being forced off their properties at Badgery's Creek because Mascot Airport is inadequate and cannot meet the growing needs of this booming industry. Coolangatta Airport has plans to expand and the wetlands will be lost. Will we continue to destroy land recklessly for an industry that has no bounds? It seems unavoidable, when there are future plans for Tyagarah Airport, Ballina and many other airports in regional localities.

No wonder the industry is growing when we have such affordable airfares, and this explains why aviation fuel takes up to 10% to 15% of an oil refinery's production. Roughly 3,000 tonnes of fuel is processed daily just for aircraft. Worldwide there are no international taxes on aviation fuel, yet this industry is one of the largest contributors to global emissions. Without market constraints, this growth in greenhouse gases will eventually result in nearly all annual global emissions coming from the aviation sector by 2050.

Many unique parts of the world are being destroyed now because of the explosion of tourism in recent years and where will it end?

## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

As the consenting authority, Council has received the following development applications (and/or applications for modifications to existing consents) for consideration.



DA NUMBER: 17/148

LOCATION AND DP LOT: 75 Thorburn Street, Nimbin (Lot 1 DP 630833).

APPLICANT: Nimbin Roots Festival.

DESCRIPTION: 3 Day Music Festival (Nimbin Roots Festival).  
CLOSING DATE: 19 July 2017.

The above development applications and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah or via DA Tracking at: [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au)

Further information relating to written submissions is available on Council's website. There are laws regarding the mandatory disclosure of political donations in relation to planning matters. Political donations disclosure reporting forms are available from the Department of Planning at: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)



### Cawongla Playhouse

'emphasis on real connection: to nature, to our environment, to ourselves, to our daily life'

Cawongla Playhouse is a small community preschool situated in the peaceful village of Cawongla – 30 minutes from Lismore, 15 minutes from Kyogle and 30 minutes from Nimbin, in northern NSW.

Cawongla Playhouse embeds all learning in nature pedagogy, emotional intelligence, relationships, slow flow and sustainable practices.

**Position available: Diploma qualified early childhood educator with a minimum of three years' experience.**

- This is a permanent part time, three days a week position – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.
- We offer a respectful working environment that supports all educators through mentoring and professional development.
- Leading a small team in the ongoing delivery of high quality, innovative and inclusive care and education of preschool children.
- Work with experienced and motivated Early Childhood Teacher.
- Willing to be a Nominated Supervisor of the service.
- Work collaboratively with service manager, ECT and all staff in continuing to develop authentic philosophy and QIP
- Share the role of Educational Leader with ECT

Our pre-schoolers want "someone like Mum and Dad, no-one bad or mean or hurts us, someone who is good at playing everything, good at climbing trees, funny and friendly!"

Please send CV, references and personal philosophy to: [cawonglplayhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:cawonglplayhouse@yahoo.com)

Closing date – Friday 28th July, 2017

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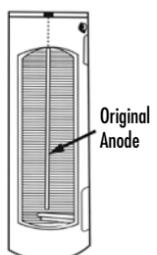
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