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## Nimbin Central votes for its student leaders

The Nimbin Central School student leadership team for 2017 has been decided by a whole school vote – and it was a very tight race.

Congratulations to Laura Rutley and Tarquin Watt, our captains for secondary and Tyson Sledge and Selena Butler the captains for primary.

Jessie Kenneally-Clark and Ruby Diemer are the vice-captains in secondary, with Lilli Rojo and Dillon Diemer the senior Student Representative Council representatives.

Chelsea Lindh-Jaspers and Djamahl Levy will be representing the primary on the SRC. There are a pleasing number of SRC representatives from the secondary who are listed below.

Pre-election speeches were refreshingly free of personal denigration and political lies, instead containing messages of hope, motivation and deep caring for improvements for all students.

May the spirit of co-operation, community service and awareness shown by all the young people who took this brave step towards leadership be a good news election story.

Student leaders provide a voice for



Back Row: Lilli Rojo, Ruby Diemer, Laura Rutley, Jessie Kenneally Clark, Tarquin Watt  
Front: Djamahl Levy, Tyson Sledge, Selena Butler, Chelsea Lindh-Jaspers, Dillon Diemer

the school at a local, state and even national level through a variety of activities, forums and fund raising activities.

#### SRC Secondary 2017

Year 7: Katia Kovac, Luka Kovac, Hamish Rosie, Henry Higgins.

Year 8: Connor Lindh-Jaspers, Julian Rooney, Evy Mitchell, Joey Travis, Ethan Portails.

Year 9: Lylah Christie, Grace Bellamy.

Year 10: Jaiden Bell, Caydan Douglas.

Year 11: Will Beddoes, Banyan Freeborn, Lakeisha King, Kiara Johnson, Mia McCauley.

## A parent's perspective of Coffee Camp PS

by Kirrily Owen

We are blessed with great local schools to choose from but in my experience, Coffee Camp PS offers something really special.

There is a feeling at Coffee Camp that I haven't found anywhere else. It is a tangible atmosphere of support and consideration for each other that pervades all aspects of the school. It is evident in the way the kids applaud the hesitant speakers at an assembly, when they clap and yell as loudly for their classmates who finish last in the race as those who win, and how they get so excited for each other's achievements because they are all part of one group.

This atmosphere is fostered by a buddy system (pairing Year 6 and kindy students) where the older kids help



the younger children adjust to their new environment, listen to their reading and even help with the confusing world of school buses (like my daughter's buddy). It is beautiful to see how seriously the kids take this role and the thoughtfulness they put into making the new students feel at home.

Another way the students learn about caring is through the peer groups, mixed age

groups with responsibilities such as leading assemblies, tidying the school and taking part in activities. By combining students in this way, all the children get to know each other and form bonds outside of friendship circles. The older students learn to help and encourage the younger ones and they all learn that despite different abilities, they can all contribute and work together

for a common goal.

The Coffee Camp school pledge sounds old-fashioned as the children aim to be good friends, students and citizens, but these aren't just empty words. The children learn in many ways large and small that thinking of others, considering the results of your actions and being aware of the needs of others around you are as important as learning times tables and how to read. How can we raise the compassionate adults of the future without this understanding?

My children have been at Coffee Camp school for seven years and I will be sad not to be connected to the school when my youngest child finishes. I am thankful that my children have been able to spend their primary years in such a supportive and happy place.

## Gidget comes to preschool

by Diane Wilder

Nimbin Preschool welcomes a new friend to preschool in 2017. Gidget is our new education support dog who visits during the week to spend time with the children. She is a gentle dog who assists children to settle and be calm, encouraging them to talk and helping them to understand the needs of themselves and others.

Gidget is a fully trained education support dog, and she comes into preschool sometimes with our newest staff member, Katie Pennant. Katie is an early childhood trained teacher who works at preschool on Thursdays and Fridays each week. We have welcomed Katie to our preschool from 2017.

We are fortunate to have such highly qualified and experienced staff at our preschool including Kylie Kingston and Diane Wilder as early childhood

teachers and co-directors. Diane teaches Mondays to Wednesdays each week as education director, whilst Kylie is our service director.

Barb Mills, Gordon Ellard, Sara Hudd and Leeanne Wessellbaum continue to provide teaching support across the week working closely with teachers in delivering a balanced curriculum for the children based upon knowledge and understanding of early childhood education.

We also welcome Venu Cameron as our new administration assistant in 2017, to assist families with enrolments at preschool.

The preschool is currently taking new enrolments and there are spaces available on each day at present for 3-5 year old children. If you are keen for your child to start preschool, then come down and visit at any time to look around the preschool and meet the staff



Gidget and Katie arrive at preschool

and Gidget. You can also phone us on 6689-1203 to arrange a time to visit. The preschool hours of operation for families are 8.30am to 3.55pm each day.

We look forward to meeting you.

# Sebastian's theories

by Sebastian Spain, 4½ years old and Claudie Frock, 44 years young

Sebastian told us a wonderful story one lunchtime at Tuntable Falls Early Childhood Centre.

When Claudie asked him how the bubba was going in Mum's tummy he said, "Good!"

Then said, "Did you know that the baby started as the size of a pea and then grew to the size of grape and then grew to the size of a mango and would soon be the size of a watermelon and then it would be a human?"

Then he started to tell us all his theory of how humans came to be. He said he had three theories.

His first theory was that humans came after the dinosaurs died, his second theory was that humans came from stardust and his last theory was that God made humans.

Then we started discussing the Big Bang Theory. It was a very interesting lunchtime discussion for sure!

Sebastian decided he would draw a picture to illustrate his ideas and theories.

In the picture, he drew the circles at the bottom of the



page to show the different stages of growth of his baby sibling and he also drew the baby when it is all grown.

Then he drew some different theories of how humans came to be. A human standing on a dinosaur, the dots of

stardust sprinkled in the middle of the page and a meteorite hitting the earth at the top of the page.

It was so exciting to hear Sebastian ideas about life, the universe and everything. From the mouths of babes come amazing things!



Learning all about food production at Kitz vegan food factory. Photo by Katie Ryan

## Homeschoolers out and about

by Susan de Wall

Rainbow Region Homeschoolers are in full swing with activities and plans for the coming months.

We tend to hibernate a bit over the summer, enjoying the company of friends who are on holidays and avoiding the fun places which are suddenly filled with people. When school goes back we come out in force and get back into our social and educational activities. So what are we doing?

We have already met the Rural Fire Brigade and talked about fire safety at Wade Park in Lismore. We had a science session at the Lismore library which included lots of fun physics and chemistry experiments. Some of us visited Kitz vegan foods factory on the coast and learned all about food production in a processing plant that really cares about health.

Others had a blast at the Murwillumbah pools waterslides and some met up at Wet & Wild for a big day of water fun. Our older kids enjoyed a board game day as well as a visit to Rainbow Temple and a swim at Whian Whian waterhole nearby. And some of our high school age kids are back into the Robotics Club at Southern Cross Uni.

This term we have plans for a 'Relax Camp' at Stokers Siding which is a great chance for kids and parents to relax in nature and connect on a deeper level than is possible in shorter meet ups. We will be visiting the Tweed Museum for a talk about geology, and opening thunder eggs. Some of our teens

are busy making a documentary and another group are attending an art class just for homeschoolers.

There are meet ups happening most days around our lovely Rainbow Region, with families taking advantage of the warm weather to visit beaches and waterholes as much as possible. Most meet ups are casual, allowing the freedom to form strong bonds between parents, kids and teens.

Most meet ups involve a mixture of ages and abilities – an often overlooked benefit of home education which helps young people to be both mentor and apprentice; encouraging cooperation over competition. In mixed age and ability groups, we can learn patience in teaching others a new skill, slowing to the pace of a novice; but also to have patience for ourselves and our own shortcomings when we are the novice. Younger ones can look up to their peers and look forward to being like them one day while older ones can practise their caring skills and how it feels to be role models for those making a similar journey. It is a great boost for self-esteem and confidence to be able to relate to such a variety of people in ways that are mutually respectful.

Home education is on the increase in Australia and worldwide as people recognise the need to nurture a lifelong love of learning. Monthly information sessions are now being held in Nimbin. If you'd like to know more, or would like to join our meet-ups please contact us at: [rainbowregionhomeschoolers@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowregionhomeschoolers@gmail.com)

## A closer look at learning

by Natasha Livock

If you were to view Cawongla Playhouse through a looking glass, we wonder what you would notice, observe, hear and see.

Would you see us creating and constructing together?

Would you observe children being encouraged to live bold and brilliant lives?

Would you be a silent witness to deep listening, waiting for a surprise and the birth of a new idea?

Would you realize the cultural voices of children called forward and would you hear the invitation for debate and disagreement?

Would you notice the tiny footprints that all children have the right to leave on this world?

We wonder if the unanswerable questions will be a sphere of comfort for you, as it is for us?

Can you see imagination, invention, curiosity, co-operation, problem-solving and risk-taking?

Would you notice the brave spaces where conflict and discomfort will be experienced. Where we learn to negotiate and navigate relationships and where difference is called forward in order to expand and deepen our understandings.

Would the consideration of other's perspectives be noted?

Would you see unfairness



Educator Leanne uses story to support emotional intelligence

being noted and confronted?

Would the educators be worthy of imitation?

Are all children seen and heard?

Would you discern we care more about understanding than information?

Would you enjoy our stories that help make sense of our feelings and our world?

Not everything is as it seems. Look a little closer, listen a little deeper and you will see that play is children's learning.

*"In every person in the world there is a piece of a child's heart inside of them"* – Unknown

New enrolments welcome. Please phone 6633-7167 for more information.

## Focus on germs in early learning

by Carina & the team

The month of February at the Nimbin Early Learning Centre has been the focus of germs, on how they spread and how we stop them from spreading.

The children have had so much fun learning about germs and how to wash our hands so all the germs go down the sink we also built our very own germ using different coloured play dough

Each month we are learning four sign languages. This month was finish, eat, wash hands and hello/goodbye, we have all caught on so quickly and love using the signs through our transitions.

Some of us got to experiment what paint feels like by using our hands for finger painting, as you can see from the picture, Kalani enjoyed the painting experience very much.



In the month of March we are going to focus on feel, touch, smell and taste things that are around us every day. Please feel free to phone

the Centre on 6689-0142. You can book in for our Wednesday morning orientations, which are held between 10.30 and 11.30am.



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

Finding myself alone on Saturday mornings because Norm is busking with his old codgers band outside Mullumbimby IGA, I practise following my intuition and see where it leads me.

I call it Psychic Saturday. It only works when I am alone, mobile switched off, and can free-wheel uninterrupted. I can't explain it, but there is a force which guides me where to go, when to stop and when to stay a bit longer. I feel pulled in a direction and, acting upon that, find something wonderful always happens.

Sometimes I bicycle, other times I drive. I end up at the beach swimming with a pod of dolphins or bumping into a long lost friend. Sometimes I am guided to garage sales and find the one thing I really need. Once I found myself driving to Ocean Shores and stopping at a garage sale. I thought there was nothing I possibly wanted except for a light green



reclining chair. I walked in and there it was with a sign "brand new, never been sat on." OMG!

Recently I was down because my best friend and I are having an official Non-Speaking Period. I was open to a new friendship, but there was no-one at the garage sales or the beach. Will I go home and sulk? No, I'll shout myself to sushi!

I sat down and noticed a familiar face and asked if he was Mookx Hanley. He said "yes" and I introduced myself as his

neighbour on the pages of the *Nimbin GoodTimes* and how he was the inspiration for starting my column. Being musicians, writers and free-thinkers, we got on like a sushi with wasabi, and became friends.

We now meet weekly to happily play music together, and his son might become a piano tuning apprentice with Norm. Go Psychic Saturday!



MardiGrass headgear from sometime in the mid-2000's. This lovely girl must have spent a lot of time working on this number, and found a nice turquoise Chinese garment to match. I think the girls always seem to pip the boys in creativity – so, lads, the gauntlet has been thrown down.

*Nosin' around with PAC*

### She says **HE** says with Aunty Maj and Uncle Norm

#### She says

Dear Justin, I noticed that I too, have an amazing collection of small bowls. They are the kitchen equivalent to scatter cushions. Lots of lovely bowls, and cushions are the quintessential difference between a home and a bachelor pad. He eats out of his one scroungy bowl surrounded by his tools and boy magazines.

Some bowls I inherited from my grandmother, others are family heirlooms from my mother-in-law, some wedding and birthday presents, too good to use and too sentimental to give away. I have bowls for, breakfast, soup bowls, dessert bowls, good ones and every day ones. Yes, I admit, I have far too many bowls, and cushions, and they are in the way of our everyday pedestrian plates. But I like them.

It must be the nesting instinct. Birds with the biggest, brightest, best-made nests are those who get to mate, so one can only assume some subconscious primal instinct at work here.

Not unlike, I might add, men's addiction to collecting tools. His shed are full of these expensive items he insists on buying, whether he has a use for them or not. And don't think about suggesting he get rid of some that are still in the packet, unopened, when you move house, because he never knows when it might come in handy one day.

If you must, you can suggest she puts the everyday plates to the front, but, in turn, it's only fair that you let her in to your shed to suggest rearrangements. Sure, it might be more logical and function better, but you'll never be able to find things again.

Best just to shut your mouth and happily lean a bit further each day. Be thankful for the lovely home she has created for

Dear SSHS, my partner has all these small bowls that she likes to keep in front of the plates we use every day. I find it annoying having to push past these.  
– Justin Casey-Brakeswon

you and your family. Ask her the history of each bowl. You may learn something.

#### He says

Justin, at first I thought you were being neurotic but, after a bit of thought and inquiry into the matter I think you may have stumbled on something truly world shattering.

I had a curious glance in our kitchen cupboard and there, lo and behold, were all the small bowls stacked up in front of the big ones. I hadn't realised until now what a pain the arse that is. But wait, there's more! I surreptitiously checked my neighbour's kitchen cupboards and guess what? Same thing! Over at my bachelor mate's place the plates were all where they should be – in the sink waiting to be rinsed and used as required. So what the fuck is going on here?

Ahh! I thought. Perhaps they're trying to stop us getting too fat by hoping we'll use the small bowls and eat less. But that can't be right, otherwise I wouldn't be the fat pig that I am today.

Do not, I repeat, do not bring this up verbally with your partner or any other female. They will completely discombobulate you with some estrogenic explanation that will have you even more bewildered and vulnerable.

For now, Justin, you have to keep things quiet coz, as conspiracies go, this is right up there with chem trails, the moon landings, and the Titanic being a giant bogey. Leave it to Uncle Norm. I'm going to get to the bottom of this and report my findings to Bay-FM's *Seriously Fact Up* show. Stay tuned.

Send your relationship problems to Norm and Magenta: [normanappel@westnet.com.au](mailto:normanappel@westnet.com.au)

# Unfinished Biz

by Brendan (Mookx) Hanley

I lie here day after day, betwixt hospitals, nurses, bleeding, fainting and of course vomiting all over the place... including over my great little (no longer) travelling lap-top (sniff)... and generally feeling like shit.

Okay that's enough of that personal tripe for this edition!

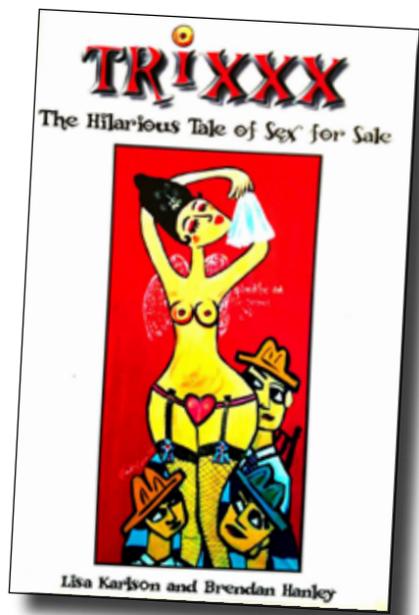
Lying here practising dying, I get to thinking far too much... and one of the things I think about is my massive pile-up of unfinished creative business. I have a computer full of crap that I have outpoured under all sorts of circumstances over many decades.

Literally hundreds of songs, photos, drawings and cartoons, movie scripts, stories, a couple of novels and a three-quarter finished rock opera that I was going to put on in Nimbin a couple of years ago.

That was blessedly prior to diagnoses of cancer and complications, hospitals, operations, infections, catheters, nephrosotomy tubes and bags... the entire plethora of misfortune that has struck me down like a sprayed cockroach, flattened all my ambitions, torn the colour out of my dreams and turned me into the basket-case you find before you now, dear reader. How's that for a whinge?

I do often wonder how the fuck it's gotten to this point indeed! I also wonder about what might be the fate of all this intellectual (I use the word advisedly) gunk that I have deposited in this device as a shrine to undeniably massive creativity over all this time. I was even toying with the idea of publishing all my *GoodTimes* raves in a book like S. Sorrensen does... talk about unfulfilled vanity?

My two novels are sitting there in self-published editions on my bookshelf... and they both have their own stories they could tell as to why they are



Cover art by Mandy Nolan

probably the only two copies you will find, should you scour the planet looking for other versions. The first is a nearly 300-page fine-print tome in three parts called 'The Story of Fairy Pink'. It's a kids' book about kids and fairies, strange lands and wild adventures... and some of the kids who got to read it years ago were known to consider it "the best book" they had ever read! However, it suffered bad timing, being born alongside the mammoth Harry Potter series... and the rest is history.

The second book, *TRIXXX* is something I co-wrote with a woman who had been managing one of Sydney's top brothels for 11 years before she came up North for a gentler, less-complicated existence.

I talked her into doing it (having previously believed she managed a casino for decades), got her an old computer, showed her how to work the 'Word' program and hoped for the best. Having arrived on these shores at age 12, straight from Sweden, her "Swenglish" wasn't quite up to par, so I found myself committed for the next 14 months or so to listening to and

re-writing anecdotes from the inside, and to building composite characters, relationships and continuity into a cohesive story... a word-processor project if ever there was one.

We paid \$500 for Cleo Pozzo, one of Sydney's top readers to look it over and recommend it to a publisher... which is what you have to do if you ever want to compete with the piles of manuscripts that pour into their offices every day. She loved it. "I would take this on in a heartbeat. It's a winner all round," was part of her enthusiastic reply. She promised to deal with it after recovery from a major cancer operation. She died in hospital.

Later on, top ABC Producer Bill Searle (*Country Practice*, *Water Rats*) fell in love with the idea of a TV series based on the book, and had me write a couple of episodes for submission to a production company. Bill was your two packets of cigarettes and umpteen coffees-a-day man, and he too succumbed to cancer during our ongoing negotiations.

The story of my life is hiding somewhere amongst all this. The lost opportunities, bad timings and downright self-sabotage that I have waged on my creativity over the years now amounts to a computer full of stuff that I have no idea what to do with. "Nothing" seems the right action at this stage of proceedings. Let my kids sort it out later... or not! Does it really matter in the long run?

On the other hand and back in the unreal world, I have put forward the idea that a concert be held featuring lots of top local artists doing a night of my songs... sort of a pre-humorous (opposite of post-humorous?) tribute to some of my more popular songs. The concept has been met with approval by the several singers and musos I have spoken to... but with all my hospitalisation and routine medical mania, I haven't been able to push it into existence except here on paper. Any suggestions or offers of help will be most welcome.

mookx@mookx.com



with Bob Tissot



Hello again and welcome to On Air, black and white radio at its best. It's great to have you listening.

Well it may not be spring, but you wouldn't know it judging by the cleaning frenzy going on in the nerve centre of community broadcasting.

Every pane of glass glittering like Bulgarian crystal, every surface free from debris, mud wasps evicted and all rubbish removed. I was lucky not to end up in the bin myself.

Big thanks to all the wonderful people who took part, and a special thanks to Jul for her dedication to transparency for all windows. Also, thanks to Triny for the new curtains in Studio 2.

And speaking of Triny, guess who I managed to pin down in the Spotlight this month? That's right. Producer and presenter of *The Eco Hour* (Tuesdays 6-7pm) as well as *Anything & Everything* (Tuesdays 7-8pm).

OA: Triny, thanks for making the time. So how did you get involved with Nim-FM?

TR: Helmut asked me. He said "Do you want to have a show? You'd be really

good." Then a friend of a friend said I talk too much, so I thought it might be a good outlet.

OA: Do you think you talk too much?

TR: What's too much? My program has talking because it's full of information.

OA: Oh God, not the dreaded information. Are they 'alternative facts' as have become so popular in the States?

TR: Well I try to stick with evidence-based science, but I have been out there with discussions on Theosophy. While to me Theosophy comes across very rational and scientific, it may not come across that way for everyone. I used to go to their meetings in Brisbane, when I lived there.

OA: They're very eclectic in their spiritual tastes.

TR: Yes, absolutely.

OA: So Helmut said you'd be very good. What do you think?

TR: Only this week I was told how very well I spoke.

OA: Good education?

TR: (*laughs*) Oh yes. But I believe they'd been listening to my fairy stories.

Einstein said if you want intelligent children, read them fairy stories. I know parents are very busy these days so from 7.15 - 7.30pm (because 7.30pm is bedtime) I read fairy stories. I've been working through *The Little Mermaid*. You know she dies in the end; she wanted to be something she wasn't and threw it all away for a man. There's the moral. Big mistake honey, a decent career would have seen you through.

OA: So have you ever done any other work in the media, Triny?

TR: Yes, as a matter of fact. I was a video producer for over 25 years. Mostly educational and instructive, often based around research, as research tools. I was based in Brisbane and worked for the University of Queensland.

OA: It appears that reason and logic play a big part in your life attitudes.

TR: They do, but it has been pointed out that my interest in Tarot appears to contradict that attitude.

OA: Does it?

TR: I don't think so. For me it's not so much about what is going to happen but it's using the cards as a learning tool for raising issues that you need to address. And I think it gives hope. I had my tea-leaves read once and my cup was overflowing with joy and happiness. I walked out feeling great and that's what Theosophy talks about. Like attracts like. When you feel good, good things come to you.

OA: Triny, I'm feeling good, you're feeling good, let's wrap it up right there.

TR: Thanks Bob.

# IN BRIEF

## Big numbers in lowering emissions

by Ken Jones, Paul O'Reilly and D.C.

Recent research of our records at Rainbow Power Company has revealed some amazing figures.

It turns out that RPC has installed 4 Megawatts (4,000,000 Watts) of solar panels in the last 20 years. Those panels have generated 70 Gigawatt hours (70,000,000 Kilowatt hours) of electricity.

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To help get your head around these enormous numbers, here are some equivalents from the US EPA:

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Or the carbon dioxide pollution from: 20,954,287 litres of petrol consumed, or 23,811,340 kilograms of coal burned, or 651 tanker trucks' worth of petrol, or 5,195 average US homes' total energy use for one year, or 7,264 average US homes' electricity use for one year, or 1,743,861 incandescent lamps switched to LEDs, or 113,895 barrels of oil consumed, or 2,011,050 gas cylinders used for home barbecues.

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## ClubGRANTS funding round open

Applications for grants of up to \$5000 are available for not-for-profit organisation working in the Lismore LGA.

Category 1 funding is for projects that address specific community welfare and social services, community development, health services and employment assistance activities.

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Applications close on 31st March at 5pm. Successful applicants will be notified by 31st May.

For more information, please phone Catherine Rosenbaum on 1300-87-83-87.

## Nimbin Crossword Solution

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\* Mondays & Thursdays Only

# Billinudgel Nature Reserve walk



Billinudgel reserve walkers

With the days cooling off a bit time for the first day walk of the year and what an ideal walk it was.

14 members gathered at New Brighton before a short walk along the beach northwards before heading over the sand hills and following the coastal track into the Billinudgel Nature Reserve. The walk along the coastal track had us listening to the local dune care/bush regeneration volunteer, Ian giving us a history of the area from the sand mining days to various rehabilitation efforts and today's efforts by National Parks and helpers like himself to encourage the reintroduction of native vegetation while continuing to try and rid the pest introduced plants. A great job is being done and further on we saw the works of NP's with their track maintenance and grass slashing.

After the coastal heath we turned inland and made our way through a magnificent paperbark forest the tall trees giving us a shady stroll while checking out a diverse variety of ferns throughout the tree tops. When turning for home on the Optus Trail the dryness of the season was evident but in a full wet the track would have been under water, still a delightful walk with more info from Ian on the local flora.

After a shortcut skirting the Marshall's Creek Nature Reserve we returned to New Brighton and a relaxing break at the café had us reminiscing about our lovely 12km, four hour walk. As usual a well-attended and great company on a walk with the Nimbin Bushwalkers.

Visitors always welcome.

## Nimbin Bushwalkers

### March / April Walks Program

Sunday 19th March

Christies Creek – Mooball N.P.

(between M'bah and Burringbar)

Leader: Bill West 0429-933-544

8 km ease grade walking up creek beds

Meet: 9.30am Tweed Valley Way Picnic shelter, 4 km north of Burringbar left hand side of road or coming from Murwillumbah 4 km south of Five Ways (Stokers Siding turnoff) on Tweed Valley Way. Shelter is right beside Tweed Valley Way. Bring: lunch, water.

31st March/2nd April

Flat Rock Campground, near Ballina

Leader: Lynne Hackett 0410-696-568 [lmback1@gmail.com](mailto:lmback1@gmail.com)

Grade: 2 – Saturday: 13km to Lennox Head, Sunday: 7km to Ballina.

Meet: at the Campground, contact Lynne for details re booking camp sites. No caravans or power a lovely sheltered camp site for camper trailers, tents and vehicle sleeping. The walk to Lennox is over rocky headlands and beautiful sandy beaches. To Ballina through some lovely coastal littoral rainforest.

Camping: there are all facilities. Available sites are \$42 per night for two and \$15 extra person, we may be able to organise a share. Day walkers welcome; walks will be starting about 9am.



Huge jellyfish

## 'Creatures without spirits programmed to attack our spirit'

### Demystifying Morgellons part 2

by Dr Alexander Leach, MBBS

The horror of the Morgellons creatures is only matched by their fascination.

As stated they are electromagnetic synthetic, robotic, complexes of creatures that are highly malicious, highly programmed, unbelievably deceptive, and quite incredible in their abilities. They can shell themselves against poisons, and in time, inure themselves to antibiotics, antihelmintics, and other anti-parasitics. They tolerate highly acidic and alkaline environments and can resist heat to at least 800 degrees celsius.

Unlike normal micro-organisms they present no definitive start or end point. At least within our visible or dimensional spectrum. Though observation under the 'negative' reverse light spectrum is far more revealing. They live in each other, and go into and come out of each other, to make a constantly changing picture. They can join and build up into classic trapezoidal prism shapes, or divide down almost infinitesimally. It's as if they've been made as a parody of the evolution of life itself.

Emerging replicant fibre-worms show a photochromic effect in changing colour, including transparency, according to the ambient light source and background. Their range of colours is far greater in sunlight's spectrum than in laboratory lighting. They can change shape, texture and mobility from 'completely immobile after having been observed' to 'slower than the eye can notice' to

'faster than the eye can see' when spat out. About a metre or so, often very accurately, into eyes and nose. Often from small specks or crumbs of everything they live in, but particularly food crumbs.

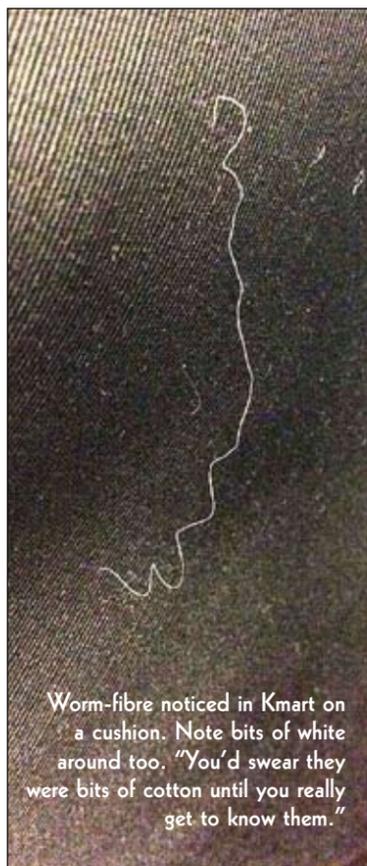
They can really mess up microscope lenses, or glasses, if left on for a while as they enter the glass or plastic, and can never be removed.

The generalised spitting, in common with some pacific parasites, is a lot stronger between the hours of midnight and 6am. In fact the spitters are inhibited by some insect repellants, which should alert clinicians to realise that these unreal creatures are real! These worms can form mucous threads of sinusitis, which unexpectedly, still respond to nasal decongestants.

The fine threads of worms often go onto floors or clothes. What colours do they come in? In various thicknesses they come in black, white, red, yellow, blue, green and purple. They look very innocuous or innocent. One can easily assume they're bits of cotton thread or fluff. They can easily be seen using a strong LED light at a completely oblique or at 90 degree angle (ie flat on the floor or a surface).

They then thicken and smooth out to become what appear to be just a hair on the bathroom or stone floor etc. But this hair is different. It presents a single strand, crescent shaped averaging 15cms in length, on a tile, stone or wood floor, or in a bathtub. It disappears in water (goes transparent), and can reappear if dried, often longer in length.

You can see this "hair" on virtually any black T shirt, or any dark, synthetic, static attracting material



Worm-fibre noticed in Kmart on a cushion. Note bits of white around too. "You'd swear they were bits of cotton until you really get to know them."

in any department store. It looks like, and you will be assured that it is, just a strand of hair. Except it isn't! Even though it won't move. It will give the slightest sensation of swaying towards you, like the merest impression of a leech in the rainforest that's smelled your blood.

It's what is known as the Gordius Hairworm. This black *nematomorpha* links up to a length of 22cms or so and forms many loops into a tangle. It is quite nasty, entering small creatures and then devouring them internally,

completely. And surprise! The nematomorpha has a known mysterious history of disappearing in water!

Spiders in a house, particularly the daddy-long-legs spider (*Pholcus Phalangoides*) may actually provide a basic defense to these worms. Huntsmen spiders (*Sparassidae*), though, are vulnerable to them.

Those sticky irregular spiders webs over pathways that you can run into at night if out running or cycling, with no spider evident, are usually one of these Morgellons webs. Beware! Have you noticed how difficult they are to remove!

In our body they act as a larva migrans (a chain of linked organisms) through the midline and bilateral spiders' web throughout the body. They mostly follow the radial dermatome of our upper limbs to emerge on the most prominent regional spot on the body (eg the ball of the finger). There to create specific lesions as well as more webs. The solid amphipod is joined to numerous others by these worm tendrils, schematically like the 'magnetrix' construction game. If disrupted, this linkage rejoins instantly and obsessively. In keeping with the gordius hairworm it appears to have a blueprint of its forays into our body, that must be maintained.

The Morgellons hairs on the body react to the threat of being continually removed. Some just withdraw back into the body and disappear from view. Others lie down flat on the skin, and, seemingly inadvertently, lie down such that their tip touches the base of another hair. To create the

longer irregular one, it would seem. They too can just 'softly and silently vanish away' until it's safe to come out of the epidermis.

These creatures are attracted to sites of trauma or damage in the body, causing inertial areas or lumps of muscle or ligament that don't respond to anything, with associated parasthesia (lack of feeling). Watch the struggles and bewilderment of olympic athletes sometimes.

One test for these creature-complexes is checking whether the fluids you drink, get a jelly-like look or response, (delayed thudding) to a slow rhythmic swinging. Another one is to stir tea and coffee and see how long it keeps going round and round. It should stop in about three revolutions. But Morgellons affected beverages just 'keep on keeping on', round and round. A coffee liquor inevitably shows the central bubbles that keep returning.

Maintaining one's morale, fitness, and immune system does afford some protection. And note that there's a high incidence of Morgellons within medical, nursing and hands on healers.

Since it's summer I would also advise people and their children not to paddle in still rock pools or stagnant pools near the ocean, when the water temperature approaches 27 degrees celsius.

At this temperature, certain avian *schistosoma* (flatworms) are released in all Australian coastal river outlets. They can penetrate human skin relatively easily, reach the liver and are very possibly the host *schistosoma* protecting the Morgellons worm from our immune system.

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## NEW LISTINGS



Contact Jacqui

**5/278a Mulvena Road, Larnook \$230,000**  
 • Magic 5 acre community share. Artist hideaway. Elevated. N/E aspect  
 • Billen Cliffs to Blue Knob views off level plateau w/ gardens & fruit trees  
 • Unusual yet ambient solar home. Main living building + 2 satellite bdrms



Contact Chris

**61 Hayden Rd, Nimbin \$675,000**  
 • Very clean 130 acre farm. Sensational views, gentle undulation, 3 x dams  
 • Decades of labour from expert Horticulturists & 3rd gen Cattle Farmers  
 • 4 x bed, back to grid solar, quality new kitchen, deep verandahs, Huge shed



Contact Nikki

**28A Mountain Top Road, Georgica \$599,000**  
 • Palatial Two-Storey Mud Brick Home. 5 x beds + office. Peaceful, private  
 • Ample storage facilities. Huge back-to-grid Solar pack, inground pool  
 • 15 acres, 3 x storage sheds, creek plus 2 x spring fed dams. VALUE!



Contact John

**30 Weismantle Road, Nimbin \$757,000**  
 • Stunning valley. Close to town; creek with swimming holes. 15 acre farmlet  
 • 4 x bed home + large apartment + 2 smaller dwellings, all w/ covered walkways  
 • Main house w/ sweeping verandahs, expansive use of timber & designer glass



Contact Jacqui

**241 Mt Burrell Road, Mt Burrell \$995,000**  
 • 108 lush acres, spectacular views. Perfect for horses w/ arena & fencing  
 • Modern & stylish three bedroom home. Income from Air B&B rustic cabin  
 • 3 x permanent creeks, 1 x dam. Northerly aspect. Quality inclusions.



**LAND**  
 Contact Jacqui

**Lot 1/122 Cox Road, Koonorigan \$375,000**  
 • 100ac property w/ spectacular views N, E & S. Rich soil, dams, multi home sites  
 • Ideal for Permaculture - currently 30 head of fat cows. 5 mins to The Channon  
 • Power at top of block or go solar! Creek and rainforest pocket. Simply superb

## PRICE REDUCTIONS



Contact John

**483 Davis Road, Jiggi \$420,000**  
 • 102 acres high plateau; flat to gentle slopes. Regenerated rainforest areas  
 • 5 x bed home almost complete; open plan living, 2 sides verandahs + studio  
 • Private oasis w/ 5 clear acres. Solar pwr & hot water. 4 generous dams + shed



Contact Chris

**840 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin \$550,000**  
 • Amazing Air B&B potential. Enchanting forest with babbling stream; 25 acres  
 • Contemporary double brick home. unique & spectacular 3 x beds, lofted ceilings  
 • Attached 2 x bed apartment w/ glass turret. Enjoy daytime scenery & stars by night



**HOT NEW PRICE LAND**  
 Contact Grant

**6 Tareeda Way, Nimbin \$170,000**  
 • Great rural views of Nimbin Rocks & Blue Knob + the Nimbin Showground  
 • Elevated 671 sqm breeze-catching Eco block in 'Alternative Way Village'  
 • Walking distance to colourful Nimbin. All town services. Build the dream

## FEATURE PROPERTIES



Contact Nikki

**315 Sargents Road, Homeleigh \$635,000**  
 • 93 prestigious acres; 15 mins to Kyogle. ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED!  
 • Lovingly restored farmhouse w/ 10ft ceilings. 3 x beds + sunroom/office  
 • Picturesque views; 2 x huge spring fed dams, creek with waterfall



Contact Chris

**357 Stony Chute Road, Stony Chute \$435,000**  
 • Fabulous opportunity to sneak into the Rural property market!  
 • Seasonal creek. Share in huge, clean dam. True value at this price  
 • 10 acres. Solid 3 bed Queenslander; currently returns \$350p/w



Contact Nikki

**200 Oxbow Road, Cawongla \$595,000**  
 • Magical historic homestead. 10ac rich pastures / forest / Deep creek long frontage  
 • Complete & sympathetic restoration of 4 x bed home. Extra Accommodation potential  
 • Showcases original features; fretwork, 6 inch floorboards, 10ft ceilings. Huge shed

For more information, see **"Head For The hills"** or visit our friendly staff at  
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**NIMBIN NEWSAGENCY – 68 CULLEN STREET**  
**\$ 550,000 + STOCK**

- With a wide rustic frontage, the Newsagency is conveniently situated in the centre of town.
- The store also incorporates fruit and veggies, frozen products, arts and crafts supplies and general supermarket items, with an increasing turnover for many years.
- The landlord is also willing to extend the building, should the new owners wish to expand.
- Only the 2nd time in 33 years this business has been offered for sale, a sound & secure investment



**MOUNT BURRELL GENERAL STORE**  
**\$ 179,000 + STOCK**

- Located between Murwillumbah and Nimbin, Mt Burrell Store is open for business 7 days a week to cater for local residents and passing tourists alike.
- The store supplies fuel, groceries, tobacco, liquor, gifts / souvenirs, confectionery, and more!
- The sale comprises an extensive inclusions list, liquor licence and business systems.
- The work's been done for someone new to enjoy the rewards of running their own business.



**NIMBIN POST OFFICE – 43 CULLEN STREET**  
**\$ 330,000 + GST**

- For the first time in 13 years, the Nimbin Post office is for sale. A rare opportunity for a tourism town such as Nimbin – the third most visited town in NSW.
- Great turnover. Why work for someone else when you can work for yourself and enjoy the relaxed Northern Rivers lifestyle?
- Post Office contract, Nimbin mail run, Bureau of Meteorology contract, solar power installed.



**887 STONY CHUTE ROAD, STONY CHUTE**  
**\$ 473,000**

- Well-built 3 bedroom timber home with a large loft space, set in a private location up a long driveway (2WD access), in the rolling hills of Stony Chute.
- The property is approx. 15 acres in size, and is situated about 12 minutes from the village of Nimbin and 5 minutes from the famous Hanging Rock Falls.
- The property also has a medium sized dam with an overflow dam below.



**15 BELLERIDGE ROAD, NIMBIN**  
**\$ 695,000**

- Elevated 2.4 acres with breathtaking views and an absolute statement of a home.
- Split-level living at its finest with a central, light-filled living, kitchen & dining area.
- The kitchen features gas cooking, dishwasher, bar, and lots of bench/cupboard space.
- The dining and formal living area have access to the North-East facing verandah through expansive folding glass doors.



**181 LINDSAY ROAD, LARNOOK**  
**\$ 288,000**

- A stunning 43.76 Ha (108 acres) property set in a secluded valley.
- There are at least two excellent flat building sites: the 'Lakeside' option by the large dam at the lower northwest corner; and the spectacular 'Mt Warning View' option on the secluded cleared shelf about 200m higher up.
- The large permanent dam near Lindsay Road adds to the attractiveness of this property.

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