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Sun shines on Nimbin Show



by Bob Dooley

The weather, particularly the lack of rain, was a common topic of conversation, but no-one was critical of the bright sunny skies that held throughout the Nimbin Show weekend.

The fine conditions brought lots of people out for the first of the Shows in the Northern Rivers, including exhibitors as well as crowds of people.

Cattle numbers were up, though there were fewer equestrians; the new Poultry

Pavilion passed its first test with flying colours; and the dog show was massive as usual.

Adding interest was Sideshow Alley, a great program of music from Ted and Khan, the snake show and some interesting stalls.

The Pavilion exhibits, curated by the Nimbin Hospital Auxiliary, featured some exemplary fresh produce, flowers, preserves, cakes and liquor, as well as art, craft and photography, with the place-getters'

efforts of a particularly high standard.

The canteen volunteers did a great job all weekend, and with a sausage sandwich at \$2 and a beer from the bar at \$4, no-one had a reason to go hungry.

Mayor Isaac Smith said, "A big thumbs-up to the organisers for putting together an interesting event." Federal member Kevin Hogan MP added, "Thank you to you all, you do a great job for our community."

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## Spring into the Arts



Another impressive collection of works by local artists is on show in Nimbin at the annual Spring Arts Extravaganza.

And what an extravaganza it is! The artworks are as diverse as their creators, with paintings, sculpture, ceramics, woodwork, weaving, and photography attracting attention throughout the expansive space.

There is something to delight the eye, wherever one looks.

Most of the works are available for purchase, with quite an epidemic of red dots appearing on opening night, but still plenty to choose from.

In her opening address, Karen Welsh, president of the Nimbin Artists Gallery said the exhibition was a way to encourage the development of younger artists, and praised the schoolkids' art in the foyer.

The Spring Arts Extravaganza is open daily at the Nimbin School of Arts hall throughout the school holidays, until Sunday 14th October.

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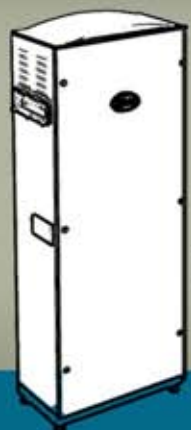
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