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Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month, 6.30pm at Nimbin Fire Brigade on Sibley Street. Come down and meet the crew, you won't find a better group of people.



Nimbin's Volunteer Fire Brigade is also in desperate need of a recruitment poster to entice fit young men and women to join our brigade.

The Nimbin GoodTimes, in conjunction with local businesses, is running a competition over the next two months to see what our creative residents can come up with. The challenge is open to all ages.

There are over \$1000 in prizes up for grabs... so fire up your creativity and your computer or start putting your pens to paper.

A new season starts at Nimbin pool

by Sue Edmonds

Friends of the Nimbin Pool celebrated the reopening of our fabulous pool, and 10 years of friendship, with a pancake breakfast (pictured).

The pool is in tip-top condition with the old cracks filled and sanded back to be smooth again, almost like new; another coat of paint has been applied and the black lines reinstated to keep swimmers on the straight and narrow.

Entry to the pool is free, anyone over one-metre tall can lift the latch and stay as long as they like. There's shade, seats, grass and lots and lots of water.

Wearing a swimsuit, you can wade, swim or float until your fingers wrinkle up.

There is a free gas BBQ and drinking fountain with a shaded shelter to linger in.

The pool is a welcoming, democratic public space available for any resident or visitor to use and enjoy.



The ABC has been showing an interesting two-part series, *The Pool*, about the importance many local public pools have in Australia.

Catch the series on Iview, it's well worth a look.

There are over 100 sea pools along the east coast from Kiama to Newcastle, built during the depression in the 1930's.

They are examples of forward-thinking, rather than the punitive measures

of the cashless card system touted by the current conservative government.

Many thanks to John, our pool maintenance man, and the many volunteers, for getting the pool into perfect condition for another season.

New CWA holds first Annual General Meeting

The Nimbin branch of the Country Women's Association will celebrate its first eight months of activity with our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 21st October.

As a result of considerable interest, the branch hit the road running since reforming in February earlier this year, following a 25-year adjournment.

With some 25 members, much of our time has been taken up with sorting out branch processes, brainstorming our focus of activities, getting to know each other and what we are collectively capable of, and networking with the broader CWA of NSW.

Fundamental to our activities is raising funds to be put back into the community. To this end we have held our first raffle, made possible through the generosity of Nimbin's traders and artists. We have also had stalls at two Nimbin Sunday markets, and participated in Sustainability Alley at the Nimbin A&I show.

Money raised partly goes towards statewide CWA programs such as drought relief, medical and education grants, but much of our fund-raising is earmarked for projects that will benefit Nimbin.

Branch membership has expressed particular interests in supporting youth, the elderly and the homeless. To this end we are currently planning specific projects that we have the capacity to support.

As a branch of the CWA of NSW, we can also participate in regional and



President Linnet Pike and secretary Kitty van Vuuren at Nimbin Show

statewide activities that cover a broad range of issues and topics. Although famous for its cookery, craft and charity work, the CWA also serves an important lobbying function at State and Federal government levels (see 'Current Issues' at cwaofnsw.org.au). Many of its policy positions are generated at branch level and therefore are genuinely grass-roots.

It's an exciting time for members of CWA Nimbin. As a newly formed branch what we do and how we do it is an open road where the journey is as important as the destination. So far we have discovered that Nimbin has given rise to a CWA branch with a confident

and talented membership who strongly desire to share their knowledge and skills with each other and with their community.

New members are welcome to attend our inaugural AGM at the Community School room, 81 Cullen St, Nimbin, on Monday 21st October. The door opens at 4.30pm, and the meeting will start at 5pm, followed by refreshments and then our (shorter) regular monthly meeting.

To find out more about who we are and what we do, contact Kitty van Vuuren, CWA Nimbin Branch Secretary, 0422-549-706. You can also follow us on Facebook: CWA Nimbin Branch.



Nimbin Show a bobby dazzler

by Dave Fawkner, secretary

The 100th Nimbin Country Show went off without a hitch, with attendance up by 50%, encouraged by the free entry and pleasant warm weather.

Stallholders were very pleased with the turn-out, with one selling 80 litres of ice-cream over the two days, the preschool and CWA cafes doing a roaring trade in coffee and cake, and the Show canteen selling out of food by the end of the weekend.

Pavilion exhibits of fruit and vegetables were down, no doubt due to the drought, as were the cattle and horse entries, but there were good numbers for the poultry judging, a big dog show, plenty of guinea pigs, and magnificent displays of equestrian skills in the newly-fenced show ring.

Sustainability Alley featured elaborate displays of sustainable products and processes, which were a drawcard for those seeking ideas for using renewables and developing cottage industries, and there was a display of classic cars owned by Nimbin locals.

Great live music was performed by local entertainers throughout the Show; the ever-popular novelty events, particularly the dog high jump and junior talent quest drew large audiences; and the sideshow alley rides were a hit with the kids.

The Show was officially opened by Jean Stevens, who cut the magnificent cake, assisted by Daisy Stewart and Phyllis Williams (pictured), all long-time members and supporters of the Show committee.

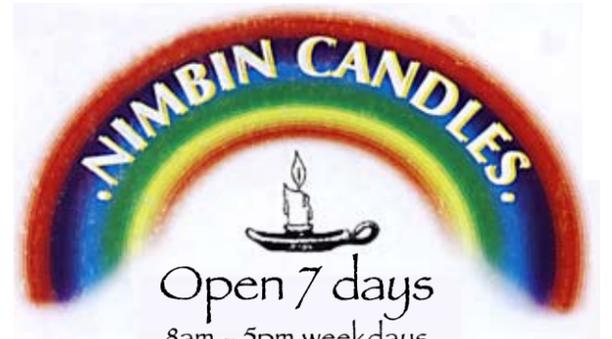
A&I President Phil Williams said, "It all went off pretty well I think."

The committee is planning bigger and better things for next year with greater community involvement, including a larger classic car display, and additional off-street parking.

See you at the Show next September.



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Bill to criminalise forest protests

by Dailan Pugh
NEFA spokesperson

The North East Forest Alliance has slammed the *Right to Farm Bill* 2019 now before the NSW parliament as a covert attack on the rights to peacefully protest or even audit forestry operations on public lands.

If this bill passes it will mean that if we do anything to hinder a logging operation on public lands we will be liable to fines of up to \$22,000 or imprisonment for three years.

In a time of climate emergency and an extinction crisis, this is an unprecedented and reprehensible assault on our civil rights, aimed at stopping any future actions to protect our public lands.

It is no coincidence that this coincides with protest actions in the Kalang headwaters near Bellingen and Braemar State Forest near Casino.

The *Right to Farm Bill* 2019 includes forestry as an agricultural activity and makes any activity that hinders, or attempts or intends to hinder, logging an 'aggravated offence' liable to a \$22,000 fine or



Alan Roberts and Yellow Bellied Glider at Gibberadgee State Forest

imprisonment for three years if a person entering enclosed lands is accompanied by two or more other people.

Inclosed lands are defined to include State forests where they are fenced or defined by a natural feature, which includes most State Forests.

Even if NEFA incites or induces people to enter a State Forest, we will be liable for a \$11,000 fine or imprisonment for 12

months.

This bill is intended to increase penalties for logging protests in an attempt to stop any future peaceful protests that hinder logging operations.

Though a broad interpretation it could mean that even our forest audits make us liable to fines and imprisonment.

It says a lot that this draconian legislation is being promulgated on

the 40th anniversary of successful protests to protect Terania Creek and the 30th anniversary of protests to stop logging of rainforest in the North Washpool Wilderness.

The Berejiklian Government is using the rights to farm as a covert means of criminalising public forest protests. This is a fight for democracy as this bill is aimed at outlawing effective protest.

Nationals 'Right to Farm' law a dangerous muddle

The NSW Nationals' *Right to Farm* law, introduced in parliament in September, is very bad news for the right to protest in this state.

The Bill amends the Inclosed Lands Act to expand both the definition of unlawful acts of trespass, as well as offences and penalties.

Locking onto a farm gate in the company of others under this law has a maximum jail term of three years and a \$22,000 fine!

Of major concern is the impact of this law on the rights of activists to peacefully protest on the premises of corporations that are involved in environmental destruction, such as the logging of old growth forest and CSG exploration and mining that we are all too familiar with on the North Coast.

When we place the draconian aspects of this law with other steps taken by the NSW Liberals and Nationals to curtail citizens' rights to take political action and peacefully protest, we see a very disturbing picture indeed.

The first step was the creation of an aggravated trespass offence for trespassing where a business is interfered with by protest activity; the second was new regulations under the *Crown Land Management Act* that mean police can move on any assembly or gathering on crown or public land in NSW; and the third are the changes under the *Right to Farm* law that up the ante with huge fines and jail time for peaceful protest on private and closed public lands.

The *Right to Farm* law also shields farmers from being sued under Nuisance at common law if their agricultural practices unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of another person's land.

The rationale is that working farms will emit odours and noise that may disrupt a neighbour and that the



by Tamara Smith MP,
Member for Ballina

purpose of agriculture should trump those property rights.

The defence of agricultural enterprises and shielding farmers from litigation has its context in all 50 states of the United States.

The rhetoric around this Bill has also been to demonise animal rights activists who trespass on farms to highlight farm animal abuse.

Of major concern is the law's impact on the right of animal welfare organisations to name and shame the inhumane treatment of animals on specific farms.

Staff within organisations like Aussie Farms would certainly be caught under this legislation for publishing maps of working farms that are mistreating animals if that publication is proved to have incited activists to trespass on that farm.

Individual desktop activists could face the same jail time as the person who trespasses.

The ideological attack on so-called "vegan vigilantes" and "latte-sipping professionals from Double Bay" referred to by the Minister for Agriculture in his

speech to the House, completely misses the opportunity for transparency and improved standards of animal welfare on farms.

The Nationals should be supporting farmers to improve the condition of animals on farm, invest in new technology to replace offensive animal welfare practices and promote transparent, open and proud food labelling to promote farms that are cruelty free.

The recent National Report into 'Australia's Shifting Mindset on Farm Animal Welfare' showed that a staggering 95% of Australians are concerned about the welfare of farm animals.

56% of those surveyed believe that cattle, sheep, goats and pigs are sentient, and only 10% of respondents think current government regulation is adequate.

Having clear animal welfare guidelines, an independent regulatory body that monitors and has the power to act against incidents of animal cruelty on farms, and farmers embracing transparency around their animal welfare practices can add exponentially to the economic value of food production in NSW and Australia.

The national research suggests that most people when given a choice to purchase products that are cruelty free will do so.

It is the community perception of poor regulation and fears about animal rights abuses that leads to extreme measures. Hitherto unheard-of abrogation of the ancient common law right of the public to meet together on public land, massive restrictions on the right of the public to express political views on private and public land throughout the state, and lost opportunities galore.

Just another day in the life of the NSW Liberal-National government.



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ENVIRONMENT NEWS CENTRE

by Scott Sledge, president

Why are students upset?

On Friday 20th September millions of people around the world, led by students, went out in the streets demanding action to reduce the effects of climate change.

In the Northern Rivers we had reports of 7000 at Byron Bay, 3450 at Lismore and 1700 at Pottsville. All were peaceful, but passionate. These young people – and their older allies – have decided that “Enough is Enough”, as I read on one hand-painted sign. “There is no Planet B,” said another.

The following Monday, 23rd September, 16-year-old Greta Thunberg addressed a Climate Action Summit at the UN headquarters in New York. She spoke with clarity and passion saying, “We are into a mass extinction event and all you can do is talk about money and economic growth. How dare you?”

She said the young people of today will not forgive their elders for “empty words.” There is not sufficient commitment among the world’s leaders to limit emissions, and atmospheric CO₂ levels have even increased by 20% over the past five years. Australia’s Prime Minister was in New York with the US President, but both refused to attend this summit.

Logging rules

Back home in NSW we have a new set of rules for the removal of trees, both on private property and public land.

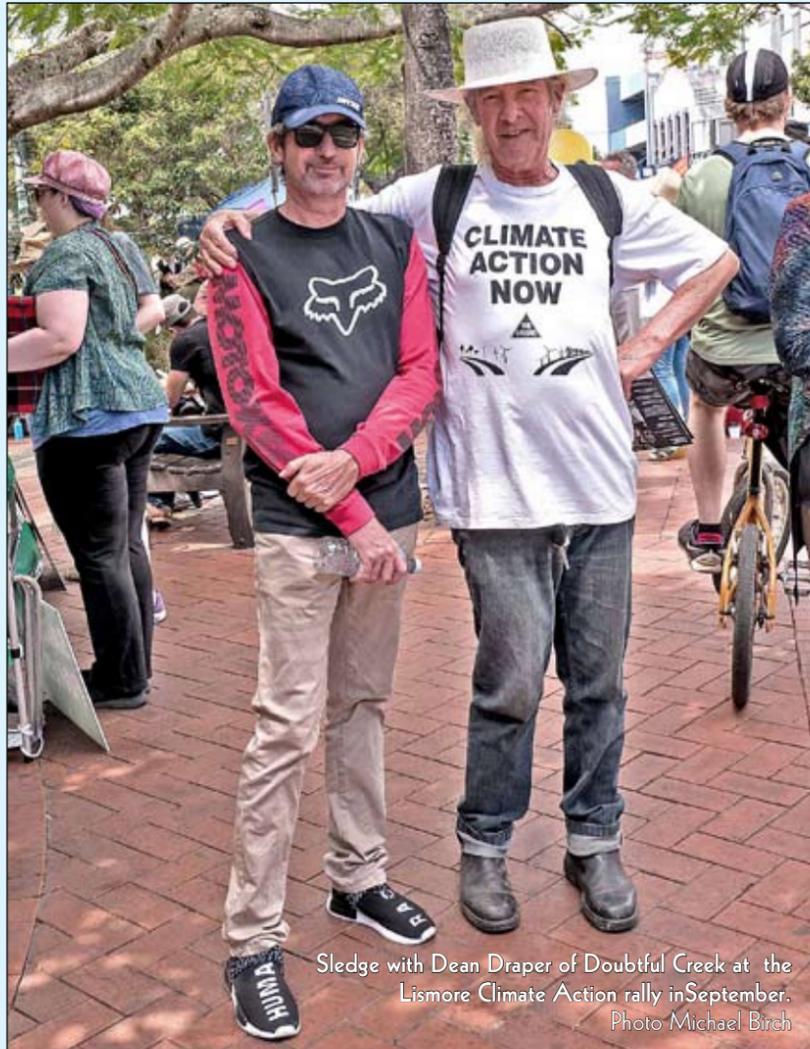
The body responsible for conducting logging is now called the Forestry Corporation (FC) and they are no longer required to consider impacts on native animals, even the endangered iconic species such as koalas.

Habitat can now be cleared with little regard for biota, and what was once a public Commission is now just another money-grubbing planet-eating entity.

Recently about 100 members of the community gathered in the Braemar State Forests south of Casino to protect a known koala “high use area.” Because NEFA (North East Forest Alliance which includes NEC) was there in force and determined, the FC was ordered to stand down for the moment.

It seems the new Minister for Environment, Matt Kean is listening, so we need to lobby for this sensible improvement. NEFA spokesman Dailan Pugh publicly called for the neighbouring forest reserves to be joined together in a Koala Reserve and not clear-felled for the meagre few trees of millable size.

We also need to ask Lismore Council to refuse permission for the developers



Sledge with Dean Draper of Doubtful Creek at the Lismore Climate Action rally in September. Photo Michael Birch

of Alternative Way house blocks at Tareeda Way in Nimbin to remove two old koala food trees.

Why have the developers not complied with Council’s request “...to ensure that a fenced Tree Protection Zone is immediately established around the two trees as required by Condition 51 of Development Consent”?

I could see them from our Sustainability Alley stall at the recent Nimbin Show, which was a really good event. Congrats to all involved.

Fire season

The National Parks and Wildlife Service budget has been slashed to the point where they don’t have the resources they need to control wildfires, despite the early onset of our “fire season.”

We see more trucks carrying water which has been extracted from underground sources, carting it to be bottled and sold by private companies: this dries out the usually moist areas that serve as natural firebreaks.

Fire is now destroying even rainforest which should not burn – such as near Uki and at Binna Burra on Queensland

side of the Border Ranges. There is not enough water for towns and farms, but the water mining goes on regardless.

Why? The selfish attitude that we should all grab as much as we can to make money has gone from a social concept (why is “I have to work” the most acceptable excuse to fail our social obligations?) to religious belief. Hey, jobs trumps every other consideration, for most planning decisions.

Coal mine ruling

I am glad that the recent Court decision to refuse permission for a new coal mine at Gloucester on environmental grounds has been backed up by an Independent Planning Commission refusal for a new coal mine at the Bylong Valley last month.

That decision was based on “generational equity”, the idea that what we destroy today must be remedied (paid for) by people in the future.

I salute Greta Thunberg for her clarion call at the UN: “The world is waking up. Change is coming whether you like it or not.” For the sake of all inhabitants of this unique planet we call Earth, I hope she is right.



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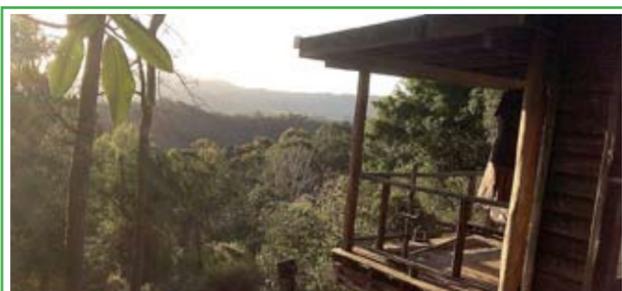
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Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre News

Welcome to Nimbin Kit available

Have you moved into Nimbin in the last six months or so? Or do you know someone who has? Maybe you have a new neighbour?

Then the 'Welcome to Nimbin Kit' is for you. Our great community is rapidly changing hands and lots of new folks are moving in.

This kit is designed to start conversations between new neighbours and get newcomers started on everything they need to know to become part of the wondrous fabric of Nimbin.

Launched at the Nimbin Show by Lismore City Council Mayor, Isaac Smith, the Kits are now available at NNIC for distribution to new community members (also at the Real Estate agencies).



Lismore City Council Mayor, Isaac Smith (right) presenting the first 'Welcome to Nimbin Kit' plus some baskets of goodies from local businesses to new Nimbin residents Will and Baden with Natalie Meyer (left), team leader of NNIC at the Nimbin Show.

Tools and equipment library now open for borrowing

The Community Tools and Equipment Library is now open for business.

Opening hours are Wednesdays 9.30am – 2pm, and Saturdays 10am-1pm, at 7 Sibley Street.

To join the library come into NNIC weekdays 10am-4pm or drop into Sibley Street Monday-Wednesdays.

The membership fee is \$22 plus NNIC membership \$5.50 per year. For more details including a list of the equipment available to borrow see: www.sevenonsibley.com/tools-equipment-library

Surveys, surveys and more surveys

Our survey for local young people closes this month, so encourage any local peeps you know aged between 12 and 25 years to either drop by NNIC or else go to the link and complete the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/W5XH28D

Community Sustainability Survey

We are once again running our big Community Survey where we ask the questions that matter!

This survey assists us to track progress against the Sustainable Nimbin Community Plan and gather evidence for projects and funding applications.

The survey closes on 31st October 2019 and has a particular focus on plastic waste because of a project we are currently investigating for 7 Sibley Street. It is available at NNIC or on line... see our website and facebook page for the link.

NNIC Client Snapshot Survey month

October is also time to undertake our twice yearly client snapshot surveys.

We promise to finish surveying you all at the end of October!

Nimbin Show & Sustainability Alley 2019

Many congrats to Nimbinites who turned out in droves to support our local annual country Show.

Special thanks to Steph and the Sibley Street crew for making Sustainability Alley happen, and to Kath and Al and the NNIC crew plus the CWA crew for making the SA cafe happen.

And of course many thanks also to the great folks of the A&I Society for their support of Sustainability Alley.

Nimbin Community Drug Action Team (CDAT)

We are looking for more community members to join Nimbin CDAT.

Nimbin CDAT is an action-based group which mostly aims to attend events around the region and conduct engaging harm reduction activities.

We have a lot of fun. We hold meetings generally once a month on Thursday afternoons.

We are always on the look-out for

more superheroes. To be a superhero you must be a max height of 6', med-slim build, and have some acting skills.

To contact us, email Nat on: admin@nnic.org.au or call NNIC to find out our next meeting date.

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Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre (NNIC) is run by locals for locals. Everyone is welcome at NNIC. If we can't help, we probably know who can. You can also find lots of useful local and other info on our website. For appointments, phone 6689-1692 or just drop in between 10am and 4pm weekdays. www.nnic.org.au

Nimbin Hospital information

Child immunisation clinic

For 0-5 year olds, held on second Tuesday of the month. Next clinic: 8th October. Phone 6620-7687 (Lismore Community Health Centre)

Early childhood nurse

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Women's health nurse services

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Drug and alcohol counselling services available

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Nurse practitioner clinics

• Diabetes clinics: third Thursday of the month, next is 17th October.
• Respiratory clinic: second Tuesday of the month, next will be on 8th October. 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 a 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 first Wednesday of each month at the hospital, at 9.30am. Next meeting: 6th November. New members are always welcome.



SCU discovers sea snail compound which reduces cancer risk

The remarkable ability of a small Australian sea snail to produce a colourful purple compound to protect its eggs is proving even more extraordinary for its potential in a new anti-cancer medicine.

Southern Cross University researchers together with colleagues at Flinders University and Monash University have isolated one compound in the gland secretions from the Australian dogwhelk sea snail (*Dicathais orbita*), which has not only antibacterial and anti-inflammatory qualities but powerful anti-cancer properties.

The results are published in the journal *Scientific Reports*. The lead author is Southern Cross University post-doctoral researcher Dr David Rudd.

Natural compounds from marine and terrestrial plants and animals are valuable sources of current and future medicines for human health, says Southern Cross University marine scientist Professor Kirsten Benkendorff, who is also researching the snail's anti-inflammatory properties.

"In this latest research we have not only shown that a specific snail compound can prevent the formation of tumours in a colon cancer model, but we were also able to use sophisticated technology to trace the metabolism of the compound inside the body," said Professor Benkendorff.

"This is very important for drug development because it helps demonstrate the absence of potentially toxic side-effects."

Using the latest mass spectrometry technology, the research team has been able to pinpoint the lead active compound which, in future, could be put to good work.

Along with tracking the active compound inside the body to confirm it reaches the colon where it has the anti-tumour effect – which is important for oral drug delivery – the snail compound comes from a class of compounds called 'indoles' which are commonly found in both natural plant medicines and some pharmaceuticals.

"We were able to use the fact that snail compounds contain bromine, which acts



Professor Kirsten Benkendorff holding the sea snail *Dicathais*. Photo: Southern Cross University

like a unique fingerprint, to trace how these types of compounds are metabolised inside the body and identify some potentially toxic metabolites from the crude extracts that were not found with the pure snail compound," Professor Benkendorff said.

"This research is very important for understanding the safety of these types of natural compounds for human medicine."

Colorectal cancer is the second leading

cause of the 9.6 million cancer deaths every year, with the World Health Organisation reporting 862,000 deaths in 2018.

"After a decade of work, we have found an active compound derived from the substance produced by the mollusc's gland which could be used as a preventative in bowel cancer," said Flinders University senior scientist Professor Catherine Abbott who coordinated the animal model.

Professor Mary Spongberg, Deputy Vice Chancellor Research at Southern Cross, said the findings represented a new frontier.

"This research highlights Southern Cross University's growing reputation at the intersection of marine science and natural medicine, and signals that the future of cancer treatment may not sit in medical schools or with big pharma."

Dicathais orbita's natural medicine or medicinal food potential was further supported when Professor Benkendorff's research team cooked the snail and found the amount of its main active ingredient increased.

New classes at Open Learning Centre



by Christine Strelan

Term 4 begins on Wednesday 23rd October at Nimbin Community Centre.

Enrolments can be made in person at the Community School classroom on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October between 10am and 3pm, and we will also be available for phone enquiries during these hours.

Courses confirmed so far include: Art, Conflict Resolution, Creative Writing, Herbal Remedies, Dance like a Dag, Singing, Guitar, Tai Chi and a weekend workshop in Herbal Lotions.

All courses are \$60. For more information, call 6689-1477 or check out our facebook page at Nimbin Open Learning.

We would also like to introduce a new tutor, Louise Plant (pictured).

She is an educator, author and complementary therapist who embraces

change, awakening and freedom from struggle and pain.

She has 30 years' experience as a Naturopath, Master Herbalist, Holistic Nutritionist, Counsellor, Teacher and Spiritual Healer, treating those who are disconnected, frustrated and feel as if they are failures.

She has been teaching and content writing on a wide array of Health and Wellbeing subjects for over 20 years, and is passionate about sharing her learning.

She has a following of clients and students from over 30 years who have experienced a wide range of life transformations aimed to unite great health, relationships and families.

She is the founder of "The Expansion Project™", helping others to find reconnection, inspired creativity and success in all aspects of their lives.

She also runs a practice and manages an on-line wholesale herb business.

Nimbin Community Centre News

by Teresa Biscoe, co-ordinator

Aged Care outdoor seating

Many thanks to all those who so generously donated to this very worthy project. The community response has exceeded our expectations.

We have to date been able to raise \$2440 in total, with one donor actually covering the full target amount of \$1400. Over the next couple of weeks, the installation will go ahead.

The additional funds will then be dedicated to providing either gardens or shade around the seating area.

This area will become a great space for the clients from Nimbin Health and Welfare and the wider community to enjoy.

Suggestion box

The Centre is always seeking feedback from the tenants and wider Community to inform our decision making processes and identify areas in which we can improve our services.

We have now installed a suggestion box next to the door of our office at the Community Centre. Please feel free to drop any helpful feedback or suggestions into the box.

The co-ordinators will empty the box on a regular basis and any suggestions will be taken to the next committee meeting to inform our processes and plans.

Sticks and Stones sculpture exhibit

Last year the first Sculpture exhibit occurred as part of the Nimbin Community Centre 20th Anniversary Celebrations. We decided at the time that we would make this an annual event as part of our ongoing support of the Communities art and culture.

We invite the community to attend and enjoy, or participate if you have a sculptural form you are inspired to contribute to the exhibition.

The quad area will be the main focus for sculptures, but there will be other areas of the NCCI grounds where other installations will be placed. We intend to light up sections of the grounds so that the area will be accessible at night.

The Exhibition will begin on Saturday 18th October at 12pm with a Maypole Dance by the students in years 5-6 from the Rainbow Ridge Steiner School.

The Maypole will then become the focus of a mandala created out of natural



materials (flowers leaves, seeds etc.), and we extend an invitation to all visitors to the centre to take a few minutes to add to the mandala over the week of the exhibition.

The flowers supplied symbolise wishes, remembrance of loss and hope and we encourage visitors to place their offerings with this in mind.

Visitors will also be asked to complete a quick survey form to comment on Quad project and sculpture exhibit (for future grant applications).

A sand mandala will be created on Saturday 26th October in front of the Market Stage for a Closing Ceremony at 3pm on the Sunday.

We hope the community supports this event. We intend to build the event to a point where we can seek funds to sponsor and commission works from local artists and support the vibrant art community in our village.

Please contact the event co-ordinator Stephanie Seckold or the NCCI office if you wish to participate. Find out any other information by email: nimbinmarkets@gmail.com or: ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au

Management Guidelines Review

The Community Centre Committee recently met to do their five-yearly review of the Centres' Aims and Objectives and focus for the next five years.

Apart from the management of tenancy and the buildings and grounds, the committee has decided to prioritise



the Centre Aims and Objectives into three main areas:

- We recognise the need to make future-proofing the NCCI against climate chaos a priority. This includes: more water storage, increasing alternative energy production and storage, insulating buildings, designing our gardens to reduce water use, reducing our carbon footprint through

improving our management practices and engaging with the community around climate chaos and community action.

- Supporting youth led initiatives and projects like the Youth Film Festival and making the NCCI facilities and grounds available for Youth projects and events.
- Supporting the Aboriginal Cultural Centre to promote and facilitate cultural events and practices. This includes facilitating an Indigenous Music Stage for the Nimbin Roots Festival, supporting NAIDOC Celebrations and developing a Reconciliation Action plan for the Centre.

We welcome advice, support and input from the wider Community. The Centre belongs to us all and together we can manage and build the centre to serve the whole community into the future.

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