

Antiques from foreign shores

Auction – 19th November

Members of the newly-formed ‘Nimbin Women and Children’s Health and Wellbeing Centre Inc’ are calling on the Nimbin community for support.

The idea is to have an auction of antiques from foreign shores donated by our community. Monies raised will be used to set up the proposed new premises, and will be much appreciated.

Bring your favourite treasure, your much-loved antique, and donate it to show your support for the establishment of the new Centre.

The Auction will take place at the Aboriginal Art Gallery at the Nimbin Community Centre at 12 o’clock on Sunday 19th November, with Michael Balderstone as auctioneer.

Donations of antiques can be left at a private address in Nimbin town two weeks before the Auction, from 5th to 18th November. To arrange for your antique to be safely stored, please phone 6689-1170.



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Know your rights by Gari Slater

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Namaste

Centrelink Petitions are available for signing at the Nimbin Museum Café, as well as in Lismore, Byron Bay, Tweed Heads, Ballina. Anyone who would like to take it to Sydney – Brisbane – Melbourne etc, please contact 0427-816-183.



Nim-FM 102.3 is on an exciting course for 2007. Thanks to the efforts and generosity of many, Nim-FM has surfed the waves of 2006 and is on course to broadcast some interesting ‘07 radio.

Community radio is continuing to corner a very large slice of daily radio airtime. Changes to media ownership laws and the present world events have caused many to look differently at the media industry. Community radio has fared well and is gaining in momentum. We recognised the growth as an opportunity: we invested in our presenters and equipment.

Nim-FM’s full name is “Nimbin Independent Media Inc.”

Talk Back Radio

Technology is our future whether we like it not. Our ‘06 equipment acquisitions included talk-back radio, which alone required an investment of over \$10,000. It is with thanks to the Nim-FM technical team we are about to take Nim-FM into a new era of radio...Talk Back.

This means we have the ability for immediate interaction with our community. We can immediately report on what is happening in Nimbin, the culture, issues, people, visitors, the politics etc. It also allows us to travel on a multi-lane information highway that can take Nimbin to the nation and the world, and bring the nation and the world to Nimbin.

The talk-back facility will

be officially launched with a very grand opening at Nim-FM studios on Monday 23rd October. Turn us on at 9am and participate in an historical moment for Nim-FM Independent Media. The program *Healthbeat* hosted by Stuart Cameron will be the first show to use talk back.

Training

We have put a lot into training and presenter support. Marie Cameron, Vice-President and Nim-FM’s radio teacher, designed and taught three adult presenter training courses. A youth course was also implemented so youth from the “Links to Learning” program at Nimbin High School could hip-hop over the airwaves.

The full impact of running the courses is about to be felt. The old blow-up DJ (the MP3 player) is about to be sent to its room for revamping whilst real presenters take over.

AGM

The Nim-FM Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon

19th October, 1pm at the Community School Room in the Community Centre. President Bob Tissott, is already practising the fine art of public speaking so he can give an eloquent rendition of the President’s Report.

All members are invited to attend. The 2006 committee will be vacating their positions and nominations are open for the 2007 committee positions. Paid up members (\$20.00 non-waged) can nominate, be nominated and vote for the new committee.

Nim-FM is passionate about being a community media outlet. We don’t have to try to be cutting edge.... we are naturally. Thanks to the Nim-FM Podcast Team, Nim-FM has been downloaded over 31,000 times around the planet. This is huge! Have a look on <<http://nimbinradiomedia.lisyn.com>>

If you would like to know more about being a part of Nim-FM please call the office on 6689-0279. The 2006 Nim-FM Committee gives heartfelt gratitude to all the presenters who give us our on-air identity; to the be

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Mulgum management matters

by Ian Wickham,
NimFM 102.3

Mulgum House is on the verge of getting a new manager.

To refresh our audience on the history of the house for the 'mostly-independent' elderly, Mulgum House is presently under the interim management of the Housing Department, who took over after the disastrous management of Anglicare almost led to the demise of the facility.

Since then there has been a search for a new permanent manager.

Now after a meeting at Mulgum between residents, nurses and various government departments and potential management, a new permanent manager has been chosen – Lismore

Challenge Ltd.

Lismore Challenge is a not-for-profit organisation that specialises in disabled or partly disabled clients and promotes employment, provides day programs (which is another way of saying 'activities') and provides residential support. The contract papers are yet to be signed, but that will happen shortly and an official announcement will then be made.

I spoke to Mulgum's three tenants, Wendy Kaye (aka Free), Len Harper and Sonia Atkinson after the meeting to gauge their reaction.

Wendy was quite excited. She gave me a copy of the letter that had been sent to all the residents and said "I think it's just marvellous. And I think it's the answer to this House, to keep the



place going. And I think it's going to fulfil a real need in the community. And I think it should really work."

Len Harper said "Well I think it's very good, so far. It sounds like the people coming in are OK... except for one little thing," and he went on to describe his fears that an intrusive perimeter fence or gate may be added to the House to stop people wandering off, "which I don't want!" But he added that

the new managers said "they probably wouldn't do it" after their discussion with the residents.

He also said "Nothing was decided about the meals," and also that "Nimbin people should get in soon and apply as soon as they can", but that he didn't know to whom.

Sonia said "No comment yet", as it was still 'so exploratory'.

I also spoke to Stephanie Ring of the Housing Department. She said she would provide me with an official announcement soon, when the new contract was officially signed.

On another matter I asked why the guest room has been closed, (as revealed on last night's news). She said she would investigate and issue a media release shortly.

New SK8 park committee formed

Upon receipt of the August '06 Sound Test results; an NCDA interim committee has been formed to develop strategies to complete the Sk8 Park Project. The group is dedicated to move forward on the project in the light of Council's request for an Acoustic Engineer's design – addressing sound attenuation, crime prevention and other related community expectations - to take the project through to completion.

Recent acoustic assessment identified that a significant reduction in noise emissions is still required to achieve the nominated project-specific noise performance standard of 40.2 dB(A), and concludes that barriers remain a required component of the site's attenuation works program.

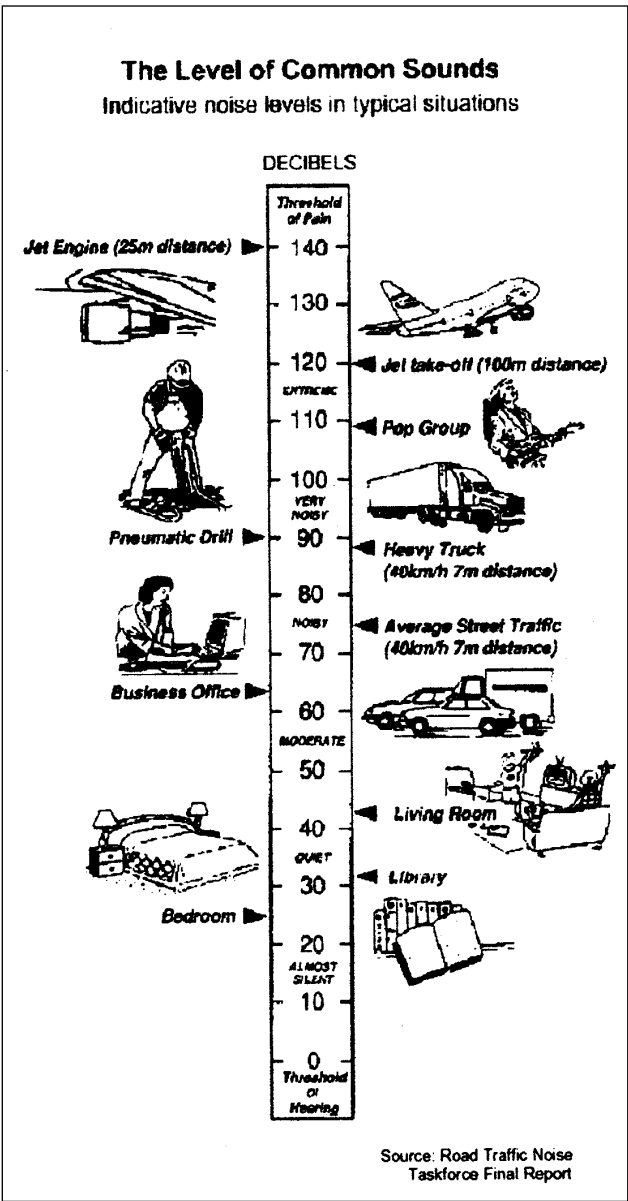
However, Council has serious reservations regarding the construction of barriers that may contribute to potential anti-social and/or criminal behaviour within the village. Such works would need to satisfy a rigorous assessment process and receive the development

consent of Council.

The committee held its inaugural meeting on Friday 8th September at the Nimbin Community Centre, and met again on the 25th of the month, when it considered the Noise Guide for Local Government developed by the Road Traffic Noise Taskforce. Discussion followed about the unrealistic/conservative benchmark of 40.2dBA set by Council.

It resolved to seek the involvement of an Acoustics Engineer in the development and presentation of the Stage 3 design. In light of (potentially high) costs for sound engineering and design, an "appeal for assistance" from local and or regional Acoustic Engineers to offer expressions of interest in the project through media channels was tabled.

As the project remains a construction site the NCDA has reinstalled barriers to ensure the skate facility remains closed to the public until such time as Council issues an occupation certificate.



Nimbin Community Development Association turns nine

Diana Roberts,
NCDA Treasurer

We would like to invite all members of the community to attend the Nimbin Community Development Association (NCDA) annual general meeting on November 2nd at 6pm. As coordinator and manager of the Nimbin Community Centre the organisation plays an important role within the local community. It is important to us that we have your support and that you think the Centre is being run. We would also like to encourage anyone interested to join the organisation and put your name forward for the management committee.

The management committee meets once a month, for approximately three hours. Karlin Bracegirdle from Tuntabla facilitates our meetings, which are usually very productive and harmonious. I've been involved in NCDA since its inception and it's been one of my most enjoyable and satisfying community experiences. Committee members and staff have become close friends and it's been a source of immense satisfaction to see the community centre go from strength to strength.

The Community Centre now hosts an array of amazing services. It's hard to imagine our community without entities and services such as child care, Jungle Patrol, the Family Centre, Radio 2NIM FM, Nimbin

Aboriginal Broadcaster's, the Community Economic Development Officer, the Community School's Open Learning Centre, Nimbin Magazine, the Regional Artist's Gallery and the Communications Technology Centre, who also operate the tourism information centre. However, in the days before the Community Centre was purchased by the community there was nowhere in the village to accommodate such services. Some services were cramped in unsuitable premises within local shops and business premises and couldn't wait to move.

There is no doubt that the Centre contributes to the heart of village life and NCDA is extremely grateful to all our tenants for their contribution to the future of their community. We also enjoy hosting the Nimbin market and a big thanks is due to the many stallholders who support this endeavour. A little over 12 months ago NCDA took over the running of the market and we're optimistic it will grow to become a viable and important part of the local economy.

The NCDA is an open organisation and we welcome any ideas or input you would like to make into the future of the Community Centre. In the meantime please show your support by joining the organisation or renewing your membership and attending our annual meeting where you will get up-to-date information on the year's activities. For more information contact Marcus, NCDA's coordinator, on 6689 0000.

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The Channon Craft Market's 30th Anniversary



Photos: Krisee Oliver

The Channon Craft Market, held every second Sunday of the month, is celebrating 30 years of vibrant existence on Sunday, 8th October.

Market spokesperson Kate Pirie said, "Our colourful and unique market at The Channon is the longest running in the region, and to celebrate this milestone there will be festivities

throughout the day including old fashioned games, film screenings and good music for all."

The Market itself will trade until 3.30pm in October, as part of The Channon Craft Market's 30th Anniversary celebrations.

Contact numbers: 6689-1057, 0428-282-811

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Another graduating class of volunteer Basic Firefighters with their instructors for the rural fire service. People of all ages from Bungawalbyn to Blue Knob undertook the course over two weekends in September at the Yorklea fire control centre, undertaking scenarios in a number of emergency procedures to demonstrate the required competencies. And yes, it's permit season, despite the rain.

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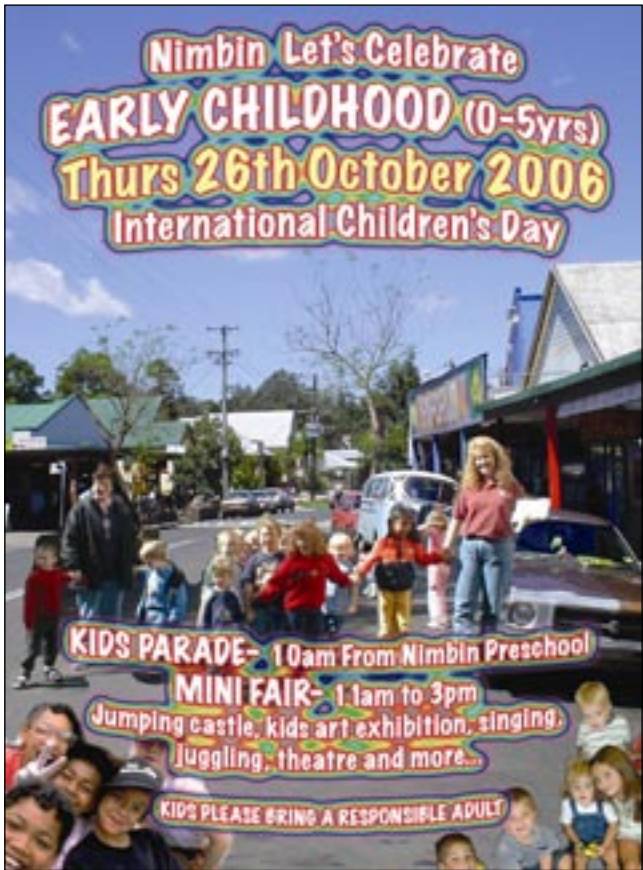
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singing, juggling and face painting. Families are asked to provide their own drinks and food.

The Nimbin Children's Parade has been organized by The Nimbin Family Centre in cooperation with the following pre-schools: Nimbin, The Channon and Tuntable; and also with the help of four dedicated parents.

The local community can support this event by lining

the streets and cheering the children as they pass.

Families who wish to participate are asked to keep in mind that Cullen Street will be closed from 10.30 am, so please leave yourself enough time to get to Nimbin Pre-school.

Volunteers to help set up and pack away are being sought.

For more information or to volunteer please call Marie on 6689-0423.

Children's parade coming to town



One of the best things about living in Nimbin, you will offer hear locals say, is that it such a child-friendly place.

To acknowledge the child's position as central within the Nimbin Community, the Nimbin Family Centre will be celebrating International Children's Day with a street parade and fair on Thursday 23rd October.

The parade coordinator Marie hopes the day will provide children with positive memories and will also acknowledge the achievements of children in their early years.

"It is (the parade) a whole of community endeavor, and not only Nimbin but surrounding

villages are involved and are invited to participate, people from all around Nimbin will be present," says Marie. "It's an opportunity to give children a voice and reflect on the needs of children; to think concretely about what it means when we say "It takes a community to raise a child."

Families are invited to meet at Nimbin Pre-school at 10am for water and fruit, before commencing, at 10.30 am, a street parade down Cullen Street, ending in Peace Park.

Once at the park there will be activites and entertainment- painting, play-doe, a puppet show,

Be a part of Pink Ribbon Day

Come join the fight against breast cancer at this year's Pink Ribbon Day with The Cancer Council Australia, whose goal is to defeat breast cancer.

Held annually in October, Pink Ribbon Day brings together communities from all over the nation supporting our work in to breast cancer. By raising funds - either through selling merchandise, purchasing a ribbon or pin from one of our retail partners, or making a donation, you can change the lives of women affected by breast cancer.

No one should face breast cancer alone, and with the community's help, together we will fund research, prevention and education campaigns, and foster hope for those affected by this life threatening disease. Importantly, funds are spent where they are raised, directly supporting the efforts and needs of the community.

Only through your individual participation can the Pink Ribbon campaign continue to raise support for our close family



members and friends with breast cancer.

Pink Ribbon Day is Monday 23rd October, 2006.

Nimbin farewells its Year 12



The achievements of Nimbin Central School's Year 12 were recognised at their farewell assembly on 28th September, where they received awards and listened to addresses from speakers with a range of viewpoints.

Former Principal Margie Hayes said, "I hope your experience of Nimbin Central School has been the same as mine," and spoke of the creative and intellectual colour, the true sense of identity and the absolute honesty of people at the school.

Parent Christian Borleis praised the work of the school, and said, "A prize should go to the government for this beautiful school, and its equipment, which in my day was only dreamt about."

Other speakers drew on analogies closer to their hearts. Relieving Principal Christine Grieves drew inspiration from Burke's Backyard magazine and Bunnings catalogues for her references to the rite of passage: "It's Spring – spring into life!" but "Do it safely."

Jack Doyle, year advisor and car fancier, told the 17 students, "You're at the end of a long journey, and the start of a new one, equipped with the skills to handle the intersections and roundabouts that may lie ahead."

Addresses were competently delivered by students from Years 7 to 11, that were by turns touching and scornful, insightful and trivial, but overwhelmingly affectionate. Three entertaining musical items were performed, under the direction of Val Hopkins, including the appropriate spiritual "Set on Freedom" during the hour-long ceremony.

As part of the Year 12 response, Ginger O'Brien screened a video she had made of the Class of 06 goodnaturedly farewelling the school.

Best wishes for the HSC examinations and beyond.

More Open Learning

The Nimbin Open Learning Centre has an interesting Course Programme on offer for Term 4.

One of the new courses is Aboriginal People in Today's Society, to be held on Wednesdays 1pm to 2.30pm at the Aboriginal Art Gallery. Tutor Lisabeth Johnson has prepared a course which will increase participants' understanding of Australian history through a focus on the history of Aboriginal People. The course will incorporate discussions on topics, readings, maps and audio material. The participants will consider Australian history, and especially Aboriginal Australian history and ask how, when, who, what, and above all, why?

Another new course on Wednesdays (11am to 12.30pm) is Chi Gong with tutor Daniel Koestler.

Chi Gong consists of 24 simple physical exercises combined with breathing. Slow movements to enhance flexibility, regulate blood pressure and aid with pain management. Daniel's exercises will suit all.

Also on offer for Wednesdays are repeats of popular courses from last Term: Creative Writing with Maxx Maxtead; Yoga and Beyond with Sue Boardman; The Art of Drawing with Carole Barrett; and Sculpture with Donato Rosella.

Thursday courses are also looking tempting, especially the new course Tai Chi Chuan Yang style (1 pm to 2 pm), with Tutor Stephanie Seckold. Stephanie will teach Master Huang's core exercises to develop fundamentals of Tai Chi structure, which will improve your balance, relaxation, posture, and

internal strength.

This course joins other favourites on Thursdays: Intro to Personal Computers with Roy Radle (additional cost \$30); The Zen of Knitting with Lisa Yeates; Conversational French with Andre Marcot; Photoshop with Roy Radle (additional cost \$30); Percussion with local percussionists; and Mandala with Brigitte Ball.

The eight-week Term starts Wednesday 25th October, finishes 13th December. Fees are \$45.00 one course, \$70 for two courses. Enrolment Days are Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October, from 10am to 3pm at the Nimbin Community Centre, 7/81 Cullen Street, Nimbin. For more information look for the old gold coloured programme in your letter box, or contact Nimbin Community School Office 6689-1477.

A Nimbin Community School project.

Nimbin Women's Dinner and photographic exhibition

by Mandie Hale

Following the success of last year's dinner, we're doing it again this year! It promises to be an exciting evening, with the best of last year's format and plenty of time to chat and get to meet new people. Look for the program in next month's GoodTimes.

The event is hosted by Nimbin Domestic Violence Committee (NDVC), which works to reduce the incidence and impact of domestic violence in the Nimbin community. The aim of this dinner is to strengthen our sense of community by encouraging links between women, reducing the isolation some women are experiencing, and most of all by celebrating Nimbin women's strengths and achievements.

At last year's dinner we organised a women's art exhibition and the works were on display in the hall on the night of the dinner. They were truly inspirational. This year we are planning a photographic exhibition, with the theme 'The Female Journey'. We plan to use unframed works, as they are easier to display. Any variation of the photographic medium is



Inspirational. Gail M. Clarke at last year's dinner.

welcomed, including mixed media, photo collage and photographs using text to narrate a story. The theme has been kept broad to encompass any aspect of the female's physical or spiritual journey through life.

We are looking for contributors to this exhibition. If you would like to display your work, please contact me on 6689-1145 or leave a message for me c/- the Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre. Your help in making this another great exhibition would be very much appreciated.

The pool is cool!



The start of the school holidays signals the re-opening of Nimbin pool, which will remain open until the end of April. This is a popular location for family outings, with shade structures, adjacent BBQ facilities and the nearby playground structure in Peace Park, and it's located next to the Bowlo. What better way to spend a sunny day?

Vacation Care



This holiday we are offering dates over October. Once again due to funding issues we have to limit the number of days that we are able to run the program to five days. During the first week of the holidays the program will run on Thursday and Friday. During the second week of the holiday the program will run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The program is open to children 6-12 years of age and the program will be starting at 9 am. from the MPU at Nimbin Central School. Due to occupational, health and safety reasons, there are guidelines for parents/caregivers in regards to sending your child/children to vacation care.

Please read the dates below carefully and book early to avoid disappointment. To book phone Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre on 6689-1692, between 10 am and 4 pm.

Thursday 5th October.

Excursion to Byron Lighthouse for some whale watching and a picnic lunch at Wategoe's Beach. NO SWIMMING. (Limited to 10 children). \$11.00

Friday 6th October.

Excursion to Ballina waterslides. \$15.00

Monday 9th October

Lismore Cinema to see *The Wild* Rated G and lunch at Kadina Park. \$13.50

Wednesday 11th October.

Excursion to The Blue Knob Gallery "Celebrating the Elements" and to Protestors Falls for a bushwalk and a picnic lunch. (wear a hat and walking shoes). \$5.00

Friday 13th October.

Excursion to Murwillumbah Pool. \$7.00

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Disappointed and Disgusted

Firstly to the disappointed John J Hoser who blows into town once a year for sticky date pudding at the Bush Theatre, I'd like to offer you some eggs to suck as an alternative.

Whilst I appreciate the experience you had at the Bush Theatre wasn't as placid as you'd like, I'd like to remind you that the Bush Theatre is not a licensed alcohol retailer, and as such staff there can hardly be held accountable for the irresponsibility of alcohol vendors and the sale of alcohol products to juveniles.

This is an issue that should be looked into by the extra police recently brought into town to control drug related crime, and the alcohol retailers found guilty of supplying alcohol to under-age youths should have their licence to deal drugs revoked.

Now for Vyvyan Stott's disgust at the rubbish allegedly strewn for miles along our local roads, flung there by law reformers. I went for a walk along my Tuntable Creek Road, and covered about 5 kilometres before I was forced through bad health to stop.

I assume the "law reformers" mentioned by Mr Stott are alcohol law reformers given the massive amount of empty alcohol containers I found along my lovely stretch of road...

Both of these letter writers expressed little more than bigotry toward sections of our society they fail to understand, shame on them.

Wayne Collins
The Channon

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Bush Theatre "slander"

I write regarding the most disturbing letter you have chosen to run in the September edition entitled "Disappointed" on page 6. It's a blatant load of which does not reflect the true situation.

Bits missed in the letter include the fact that John J Hoser did nothing to aid the purported drunken adolescents he supposedly witnessed, nor did he choose to simply inform the police of this.

As for food, shepherds pie, potato bake, lasagna, tacos, burritos, quesadilla, nachos, pasta bake, enchilladas, fresh and crumbed pan cooked or deep fried fish, calimari, pizza, chips, fresh salad, satay chicken, tea coffee (espresso machine), chai etc are available whenever a major gig is on (eg. Pirate theme night, Diana Anaid, Nim FM awards) priced from, on average, \$5.00 to \$10.00 a meal. Bland, boring, unaffordable???

It's a pity the music didn't appeal to your complainant, but not everyone likes blues, or rock if you take my meaning. You simply can't please all the people all the time. However, I will not allow anybody to

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slander this business any more – your newspaper, JJ Hoser or anyone else.

Adam Pryor
Manager – Bush Theatre

Fall of Democracy?

George Scott (NGT August) is right about the fall of democracy in Nimbin and the rise of a feminist/jobs-for-the-girls type bureaucracy, which has filled the vacuum.

Your September issue reports the possible demise of the Chamber of Commerce through lack of members and interest from the business section. This is not surprising. The Chamber was strangled by the NCDA and Neighbourhood Centre. As non business members, they stacked meetings and manipulated Council rescission motions behind the back and against the wishes of a clear majority of business owners. (ie. introduction of a 25% rate levy against local business). Business members left in droves.

The only organisations in Nimbin left standing are the NCDA, which controls the Community Centre, and the Neighbourhood Centre. Democracy and community consultation is not part of either's agenda. These organizations contain a conglomeration of committees and sub-committees. Coordinators under the auspices of the NCDA and NNC are supposedly selected, employed, and controlled by management committees. There are a few of those. Seldom does one committee member know what is happening on another

committee. By this method, only the chosen few who are on several committees have a grasp of the whole situation, so money and information is confined rather than disseminated.

The foolish lack of community consultation has led to a serious lack of input of ideas and commonsense from the outside community. In turn this has led to serious planning errors and a major waste of funds. The bumbling idiots at the NCDA who planned the skate park in steel, led the kids and TURSA astray by bad planning and incompetence, then, they claim in a recent NGT, that it was the kids' fault because that's what they wanted. They should hand their heads in shame, not for their dishonesty but their stupidity and waste of public funds. The money so far spent on this fiasco is over \$150,000 and rising. There are other community facilities that could have used that money much more wisely.

Millions of dollars have passed through the hands of these two incompetent organizations since their inception in the mid '90s, supposedly to help the youth, particularly male youth, of this town. They have little to show for their money. They have totally monopolized grants and the flow of public funds available to the village often to the detriment of other community facilities.

The Headers Sports Club, for instance, does more to channel the energies of young and exuberant and/or endangered/disenfranchised youth into positive action, than any other organization in this town. Yet, for years has been starved of grants they need just to keep things running and improve the facilities for visiting teams. Why? Do those who control the money flow, have reservations about competitive sport? Or is it just a hairy armpit club, which basically excludes men?

Another community facility which the 'Up-town money machine has excluded and failed to recognize over the years, is the Nimbin A&I

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shoveling fast food chains,
and botox injected pluck, suck,
fuck and tuck clinics
into our ravenous, neon
encrusted maw.
We are infected.
With the genetically
engineered anthrax
of Americanisation.
Sliding into a stuperating sloth.
As we, the carnalised consumer
suck the processed pastiche
from the bloated beast
of the bitch whore goddess
HOLLYWOOD.
We have become the ugly
American
preferring to bury our heads in
the sand
of a nineteen fifties atomic age
dream.
Blissfully unaware of our
bloated arses
blistering in the reflection
of a mushroom cloud sunset.
Our rednecks betraying our
willful ignorance,
built on the flayed back
of a forgotten and stolen
aboriginal.
Our blind eyes forever
shuttered
to the pain outside our own
experience.

To the truth of our own ugly
shadow
a blot on the historical
landscape
As we squeeze the life from
this ancient land
in our ultimate act of Terra
Nullis.
We have become the ugly
American,
so unreflected we have
disappeared
into the black hole of our own
dead dreaming
Freddy Kruger now walks in
a business suit.
Trading his fist of death
for another decade on the post
modernist recliner
of his robber Baron empire.
Eating the lotus that grows on
the unborn
rapaciously sucking the blood
of the future
to flood our overfed senses,
in yet another futile and
frantic search
for endlessly empty meaning.
We have become the ugly
American,
for in our silence we are
content,
to share the spoils,
and give consent.

Biskit

Society and the Nimbin Annual Country Show. There are large grounds to maintain and many old buildings which need continuous repair. They put on an event, which is second only to Mardi Grass as a Nimbin attraction. Both events generate enormous economic benefits for our small town and yet the Show is ignored and starved of funds by these selfish, unelected and unregulated twits.

A prime example of the attitude occurred over last weekend. While helping out on the gate at the Show over both days, I was disappointed to note the absence of someone one would have expected to see at such an event. The Nimbin Community Economic Development Officer, employed under the auspices of the NCDA, did not appear (unless he was disguised as a scarecrow). Nor did he last year. This coordinator is employed to enhance the village economy, encouraging

more events etc, building up the infrastructure to attract more visitors. Maybe a guilt-edged invitation is required to attract interest.

MA Rothwell
Nimbin

Discrimination alive and well in Nimbin

I had a dream to help create a gym for all the community of Nimbin, which I began back in November 2004. I was fortunate to help raise funding for a Youth At Risk program back in March/April of this year.

I have been gathering support from the general community and I would like to thank the 148 signatures of support from Nimbin residents. I also thank the all the groups for all their support and feedback: Nimbin Central School(use as sporting elective), Nimbin Headers Soccer Club, Nimbin Demons AFL club, Cecil Roberts, local indigenous

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custodian, Father Chris Riley (Youth Off The Streets), Don Jackson (Youth Support), Community Connections, Andrew Kavasilas (President, Chamber Of Commerce) The Nimbin Newsagent, The Nimbin Post Office, Nimbin Butchery, Nimbin Hotel and the physiotherapist from Nimbin Hospital, who I will be assisting in rehabilitation for clients, Nimbin Medical Centre and The Nimbin A&I society.

I originally applied to Lismore Council and the Building Active Communities (BAC) Committee for use of the A&I pavilion at The Nimbin Showground as a gym fitness instructor nearly three months ago. I was informed by the co-ordinator Sue Boardman that everything looked OK with my application and if there were any problems she would be in contact. I still have received no correspondence to this day, by phone or by mail. This, I believe, was a ploy to keep me out of the position until the female fitness instructor had completed her training. I have been informed by others that this was the case.

I again recently applied to the Council to use the A&I pavilion as a Gym/Fitness Instructor, for which I was the main factor in getting things started, contacting Council engineers and bringing the building up to health and safety standards. I was notified by Annie McWilliams from the council, saying I was the

successful applicant. Because I will be self-employed, I have been trying to find out hours for use of the facility. I again rang the council on Wednesday, 30th August, and was informed by Wendy Adriannes, Manager for Community Services, that because I showed that there was so much support for my cause, and because some women do not want to train with and be trained by a male instructor that the BAC Committee, coordinated by Sue Boardman, believed there was a need to have a female instructor.

I immediately rang the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, who informed me that if there is no predominant female welfare group, it would be seen as discrimination to claim that women do not want to train with men, resulting in me - being a male -potentially losing 50% use and income.

Now why is there not also a male yoga instructor? If there is a male Thai Chi Instructor, why is there not a female instructor as well? I believe that there is a female dance instructor. Why then have the committee not found a male dance instructor to cater for men who don't want to train with women? Can I point out that there are already two female-only Gym facilities operating with female only instructors in Lismore at this present moment.

Some of the community committees seem to think that I will be only training

young men, in particular, "Youth off the Street". This is only a small component of my dream for The Gym to cater for the whole community, young and older, male and female. I previously owned and operated Wayne's Nimbin Tours for four years, in which 71% of my clients were female. Why is it now such a problem? Society is male and female, so why do we need to segregate each other?

I believe that the BAC Committee, coordinated by Sue Boardman, and some of the Council employees are discriminating against me because of my sex and it is quite obvious they are being clouded by their own personal dislike of me. I am offended and deeply hurt by all the efforts of the aforementioned to make it as hard as possible for me to achieve my goal for Nimbin. I cannot describe the passion, effort and motivation I have put into achieving this goal for Nimbin's community. I have worked so hard for so long to make this happen and I feel like I have never got a fair go. This is another example of Nimbin being controlled by committees, not the by people.

Those who drink the water should always remember those who dug the well.

Wayne Cuthbertson
Nimbin

Editor's Note: *I should declare an interest in the subject of the last two letters, both by having hairy armpits and having been, at different times, a member of both the NCDA and BAC committees, which I found showed at all times integrity and the best of intentions, and which have achieved an enormous amount for the community of Nimbin.*

Oops

Thank you for running my letter re fibreglasser needed. Much appreciated. However, there was no phone number and the website was spelt wrongly. Would you be able to put in a correction – it is www.birthrite.com.au. Tel: 6689-7490 Fax: 6689-7492.

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Council Jottings
by Jenny Dowell

HELP !!!!

I am going to be locked up on Saturday 21st October at Lismore Square Shopping Centre (10.30am – 12 noon) and need your help! To get out of prison I need to raise bail and am asking for your donation.

All money goes to Australian Red Cross, and will be collected by my debt collector Valerie Tamblын-Mills at Northern Rivers Social Development Council, 22 Cathcart St, Lismore 2480, or can be given to me.

Every little bir helps but if you would like to write a cheque (to Australian Red Cross), that would be wonderful. After the event, Red Cross will send you a receipt for tax purposes.

Set me free.....please...

Animal welfare

Once again the early part of September's Council meeting was devoted to the welfare of animals. Rodeo animals were the subject of Cr Irwin's motion calling for restrictions on calf roping to animals over 200kg, the provision of an adequate water supply, banning the use of electric cattle prods, ensuring a veterinarian is present and informing the RSPCA when a rodeo is scheduled. While some would prefer a total ban on rodeos, most would support these 5 reasonable steps to protect the calves, bulls and horses used in rodeos. It was unfortunate therefore that Council chose not to do so voting 5/7 to defeat the motion.

Unfortunately Council also voted 4/8 to defeat my motion not to proceed with actions to relocate the flying fox colony from Rotary Park and 5/7 against Cr Ekins motion to allocate additional funds to the restoration of Currie Park, the preferred roosting site for the colony. Fortunately Council did resolve to bring the required assessment for the planned relocation back to Council for determination so it is still possible that the Council



will take no further action.

In the meantime, reports from local wildlife carers indicate that most of the flying foxes have left Rotary Park either as a result of alleged unauthorised whip cracking or by their own accord. Council also agreed unanimously to request a report on the implementation of a 1999 restoration plan for Currie Park so it wasn't all bad news for the bats.

Lismore Park

Probably the major item on the agenda was the Lismore Park Plan of Management. These 32 hectares of open space between the CBD and Lismore Square is the 'green lungs' of the city and comprises 12 sports fields and other open space. Unfortunately the very detailed plan had not been presented to Council prior to the meeting to allow for an open and frank discussion on some of its controversial aspects such as the relocation of the caravan park and the lighting of 4 sporting fields. Despite my argument to defer the public exhibition of the plan to allow Council hold a workshop, the Mayor's casting vote saw the Council resolve to accept and advertise the plan.

At the end of the meeting, Councillors Irwin, Tomlinson

and I lodged a rescission motion that was the focus of an extraordinary meeting on September 26. Fortunately the rescission motion was carried 8/1 and we spent an hour after the meeting in a more informal workshop session to discuss issues and make further amendments.

The new draft will come before Council at our meeting on October 10 and will then be placed on public exhibition. It will also be the subject of an independently chaired public meeting before a further report comes back to Council. I would encourage all those interested in the future of this valued and important tract of land to look at the plan and provide comment

In other news...

The September Council meeting also endorsed the donation of surplus computers to worthy community groups and it was pleasing to see that Nimbin Headers Sports Club was one of the 24 successful applicants from a total field of 68.

On a celebratory note, Council joined with the Southern Cross University's Australia-Japan Centre in commemorating the 30th anniversary of exchange between the two nations on September 22, by planting a Cherry Blossom tree at the Council Chambers and hosting representatives from Yamato Takada Lismore's sister city in Japan.

Finally, I look forward to viewing the Nimbin Spring Arts exhibition this week and attending the Nimbin International Children's Day parade and fair on October 26. I wish all participants a great day of celebration and fun.

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Save Lismore Park

by Jenny Gibbons

The Northern Rivers Greens are opposed to the re-classification of Lismore Park from 'community' to 'operational' on the grounds that it is firstly the de-facto privatisation of community land, intended for the use and enjoyment of the entire community, for organised, sporting, as well as passive recreational activity. Secondly that it gets in the way of smooth generational change in local sport. Thirdly, it opens the way for the exploitation of local sporting clubs by traditional sporting status quo. Finally and most importantly, it places commercial needs before the amenity of the community at large, while removing the possibility of community consultation.

The great majority of Lismore's sports fields are situated on community owned lands. Those lands have in the past been classified as 'community' lands and this classification means that individual grounds and practice nets can be leased to different clubs for five years and a maximum of 21 years with community consultation.

Most importantly Council cannot sell lands designated 'community' lands. Under the new classification the Council could lease the lands for many generations or sell the land outright without needing the approval of the NSW Minister for Planning. The Council wishes to avoid 'frivolous' objections to the development process. This means it wishes to avoid community consultation.

As a grassroots party, The Greens promotes community consultation in the interest of true democracy. The 'death of the commons' over the last two centuries has greatly contributed

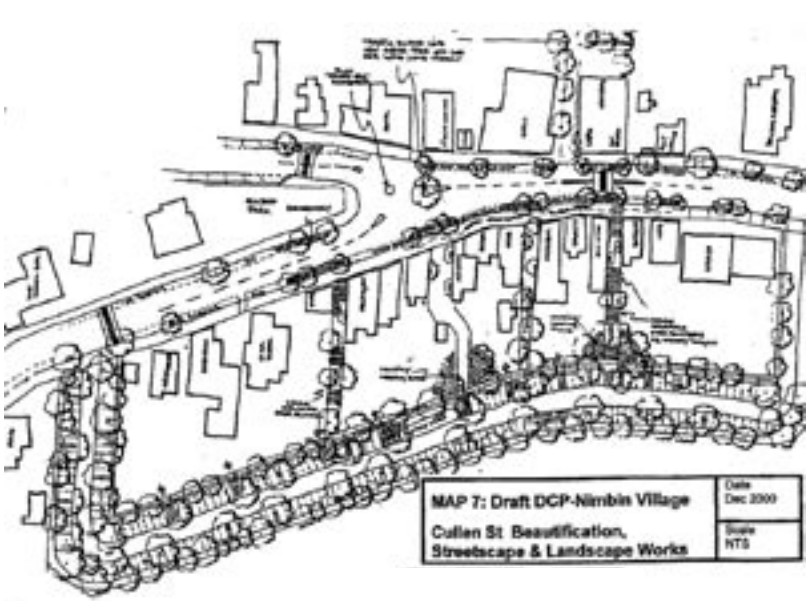
to the demise of community, for the sake of commercial interests. Lismore Park provides the amenity for much passive recreational as well as organised sporting activity. This passive recreational asset is not factored into 'commercial interest'. The picnickers, families gathering, children playing, senior citizens meeting and strolling, workers having a quiet lunch break in the fresh air have no voice as they are not an organised activity. Yet this is what the public park is for, the enjoyment of the public.

Lismore Park has been a community asset since 1887, making it the oldest and largest area of city commons. Giving over control or ownership of it for many years is basically privatisation of our assets.

The community designation ensured that all sporting groups had access as their needs required. Reclassification to operational would allow a sporting group which leases one of the major fields from council, to prevent a new group with growing popularity and numbers from having access to that field, even if the original group is declining in popularity and numbers. Under the traditional arrangements, leases on 'community' land turn over quickly and this facilitates a smooth transition of leased lands to new groups. Under the new 'operational' tag Council can sell leases for as many years as they see fit and in fact they can actually sell off the land altogether.

The reclassification of Lismore Park, Oakes, Crozier, Blair, Heaps and Humbly Ovals, as operational is a very dangerous precedent. The Greens are fervently opposed to such a move particularly as once we go down this road we can not turn back, as control of the lands will pass out of the regular dealings of the council.

Remember this?



Practically an historical document, this landscape plan was developed back in 1998 by a planning team including permaculturists Robyn Francis and Peter Hardwick. Despite it's whimsical idea for a tree planting and a 'fried egg' roundabout instead of the blister at the intersection, it does show extensive planting in the western carpark and paved walkways to it between the shops.

Gathering of the green thumbs

The next monthly meeting of the Nimbin Garden Club will be held at 2pm on Saturday 21st October. Venue details are as published in the September 2006 Club Newsletter. Visitors and prospective members are most welcome. For more information please contact either Gil (6689 0581) or Caroline (6689 1945), or take a look at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nimbingardenclub/>



Garden Club member Len Martin conducting a tour of his most interesting native garden at last month's meeting.

Nimbin Bushwalkers Club Inc.

Walks Program

Sunday October 8th
Nimbin Rocks Co-operative
Leaders Kay and Len Martin
6689 0254.

Grade 3, 2-3 hours, Club members only. "No tracks" walk starting at the Martin place, north across the lower, wooded, slopes then descending through a highly biodiverse bush regeneration area, to cross paddocks before a short climb to a

view-point over the Nimbin Valley. Return along Goolmangar Creek.
Meet 10am Nimbin car park, 10.15am at Martin place.
Bring food for picnic & lots of water.

Saturday/Sunday October 14th & 15th
Two day/overnight walk Mt. Nardi to Sphinx Rock.
Leader Michael Smith 6689 9291.
Grade 6, Club members only,

on and off track, thick scrub and cliffs, some sections exploratory.
Meet Start Sat 14th 8.00 am Mt Nardi.
Bring camping gear, stove, food and water for 2 days.
Must phone leader to register interest and arrange transport to Mt Nardi.

Sunday October 15th
Day walk Mt Nardi to Mt Neville
Leader Len Martin 66 890 254
Grade 3, 4-5 hours return, marked track, then fairly clear track along old logging road, hopefully to meet the returning intrepid Sphinx Rock overnights.
Meet 9.00 am Nimbin car park or 9.15am Mt Nardi car-park.
Bring food for picnic & water.

Tuesday October 24th,
Wilson Park, Lismore
Leader Michael Smith 6689 9291.
1 hour grade 2, easy shaded rainforest walk. Some uphill-downhill walking. Shopping afterwards.
Meet 10am at Nimbin car park, or meet leader 10.35am at the big tank at the end of Barham St, off City View Drive, off Wyrallah Road Lismore.
Bring food for picnic & water.

Sunday November 5th
Broadwater Headland to Salty Lagoon
Leader Michael Smith 6689 9291.
11 km return, 4 hours Firetrail, heathlands and beach walking, wildflowers and birds, swimming a possibility.
Meet 9.00 am Nimbin car park, or Broadwater



Happy Nimbin walkers at Wanganui. Photo: Michael Smith

Lookout 10.30 am.
Broadwater Lookout
Broadwater Beach Rd, off Evans Head - Broadwater Rd, Broadwater.
Bring water, lunch, hat and more water.

Walks meet in Nimbin car park next to Information Centre to arrange car pooling, or at start of walk. Membership fee, \$25

individual, \$40 family.
Contact Kay and Len Martin PO Box 61 Nimbin 2480; 66 890 254. Unless otherwise specified, visitors (non members) are welcome, but will be required to pay a fee of \$5 per walk, (deducted from the membership fee when they join Nimbin Bushwalkers Club Inc).
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SALIVA TESTING

Victoria has been the test bed for Driver Saliva testing, and NSW is basing its program on the Victorian experience, so for all those worried about just how draconian these new laws will be, this article reproduces government information used to guide the NSW Driver Saliva testing program.

It also tells what we know of how the initial NSW Driver Saliva testing program will operate.

Saliva Testing in Victoria

source: http://en.wikinews.org/wiki/Random_driver_drug_testing_to_becomePermanent_in_Victoria

After the world's first-ever 12 month trial of random drug testing for automobile drivers, the Victorian government yesterday introduced legislation into parliament for the testing to become permanent starting July 1, 2006.

The government tests targeted for the presence of cannabis and amphetamines by use of a saliva swab. During the trial period, the presence of ecstasy was not tested, because at the time the trial period began, there was uncertainty over the accuracy of saliva tests for that drug.

The legislation comes in response to the discovery that one in 46 drivers tested were found positive for cannabis and/or amphet-

amines. Victorian Assistant Commissioner of Traffic, Noel Ashby said, "It is one in 46 drivers that we're testing are prepared to take a risk and endanger the lives of other people and that's really what we're about, we're trying to prevent people endangering the lives of others".

Of 13,176 tests carried out during the trial, 199 drivers tested positive for amphetamines only, 19 for cannabis alone and 69 for both amphetamines and cannabis. Each driver who tested positive was fined at least AU\$307 and lost three demerit points.

Police also conducted tests for ecstasy, despite being unable to prosecute those driving under the influence of ecstasy alone. During the trial, 25 drivers tested positive to ecstasy alone and more than 200 tested positive for both ecstasy and amphetamines.

Victorian Police Minister, Tim Holding said existing penalties – which are softer than for drink-driving offences – were inadequate and would be toughened to ensure they reflected the seriousness of the offence.

At present, a first drug-driving offence incurs a \$307 fine and three demerit points; subsequent offences a \$1227 fine and up to a six-month loss of license.

In comparison, a drink-driving offence attracts a fine of up to \$1200 plus disqualification from driving for at least six months and up to 10 demerit

points. Repeat drink-drivers face the possibility of being penalised with a fine of up to \$2500 or up to three months' imprisonment, plus a minimum one-year loss of license and use of an alcohol interlock device for at least six months.

Under the random roadside drug-testing system, drivers who test positive are forced off the road for 24 hours. A second swab is then taken and sent for testing to identify the drug before penalties are issued.

Ken Ogden from the RACV said he would like to see every booze bus in Victoria be able to also operate as a drugs bus

Information from NSW government sources:

1) Why are the tests only supposed to pick up drugs used in last four hours – what advice or research is this based on?

This is due to the fact that the active component of cannabis only stays in the system for a couple of hours at the most/less for 'conditioned' smokers. (<http://www.arrivealive.vic.gov.au>)

A report on drug-impaired driving produced for the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 2003 noted that cannabinoids appear to be especially difficult to detect in oral fluids, as very little drug is excreted into the saliva. A laboratory test is valuable to confirm an initial positive

result in a saliva test'. (Briefing Paper 15/04 NSW Parliament)

Drivers who may have inactive THC residue in their bodies from use in previous days/weeks will not be detected'.

In Victoria – for Cannabis – they only test for the active component in the drug and that this has a short life span within a persons system. They do not test for the non-active component – which stays in the system for much longer.

2) Did the Premier announce that there would be a 12-month trial of this drug testing of motorists?

No, in December 2004 the Police Minister, Carl Scully, announced a 12-month random drug testing trial but it never went ahead.

There will not be a twelve month trial of this testing.

3) Who will look after this unit – have some police officers been trained to administer these tests, what laboratory is involved?

Initially, there will be one 'Emma-bago' van to cover the whole state. A total of 20 officers will be trained for the unit.

The laboratory involved will be DAL (Division of Analytical Laboratories).

Most details will be handled by the Roads Minister and these would be covered in the 2nd reading speech in Parliament.

For answers to more "frequently asked questions" go to www.arrivealive.vic.gov.au/c_drugs_faq.html#17

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Earth nearing warmest point in a million years, may see rougher El Niños

The earth is the warmest it has been in the last 12,000 years and is within 1.8 degrees of its highest average temperature in the past million years, scientists report in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The global surface temperature has increased 0.36 degrees each of the last three decades, more rapidly than during the century up to 1975. "If further global warming reaches [3.6 to 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit], we will likely see changes that make earth a different planet than the one we know," said NASA's James Hansen, lead author of the study. "The last time it was that warm was ... about 3 million years ago, when sea level was estimated to have been about [80 feet] higher than today." Hansen and his colleagues are also concerned that warming of the Pacific Ocean could lead to stronger and more destructive El Niño weather patterns; they say global warming affects El Niños much as it does tropical storms. We'll batten down the hatches.

Tech-alekahi Tech-aheiny Ho

Bush releases plan to fight global warming with technology

As part of its 2002 plan to fight global warming (what, you never heard about that one?), the Bush administration promised a technology-development plan. A mere four years later, it has arrived! To the surprise of absolutely no one, the "Climate Change Technology Program Strategic Plan" is largely a token gesture, a rounding up under one umbrella of existing subsidies to select industries, mainly nuclear, "clean coal," and ethanol, with targets that don't kick in until 2010. It promises \$3 billion a year for various government tech programs, a mere 7 percent increase over money already appropriated for the purpose this year. The Bush climate plan -- which involves no mechanism to impose a cost on carbon dioxide emissions -- has been embraced by big-biz trade groups and panned by most everyone else. Just last week, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office released a report saying that increasing the cost of carbon emissions is a crucial component of a cost-effective climate-change strategy. So much for that.

Search and You Shall Find

New Google philanthropy aims to build super-efficient car

If you're tired of waiting for bold innovation from big automakers, help is on the way from, of all places, iconic search firm Google. The company's founders have established a controversial for-profit philanthropy, Google.org, which will focus on poverty, disease, and global warming. One of its first projects will be the development of a super-efficient hybrid car that will run on any combination of ethanol, gasoline, and electricity. Free from the restraints imposed on traditional nonprofit charitable foundations, Google.org could potentially start a company to sell the car, partner with venture capitalists, or lobby lawmakers. But while it can make money, that's not the point, says newly tapped executive director Larry Brilliant: "We're not doing it for the profit. And if we didn't get our capital back, so what? The emphasis is on social returns, not economic returns." Google.org's unorthodox structure has elicited some dismay and criticism from both the corporate and philanthropy worlds, but it certainly seems to make good on the company's famous slogan: "Don't be evil."

CWA – Change With Attitude

By Heathen Jimmy Lovechild

Generations grow old and die. Now lamingtons and scones have become the new acceptable way of raising funds. Even in Nimbin we have the Cookies on special at 3 for \$10. Every cent goes toward supporting the lifestyle of the new age CWA members. (Cannabis Workers Anonymous)

The recipes are the same only the ingredients have changed. Now forever more the perception of Cannabis has shifted toward the mainstream common belief that it is therapeutic, less harmful and cheaper than many other substances used for similar relief.

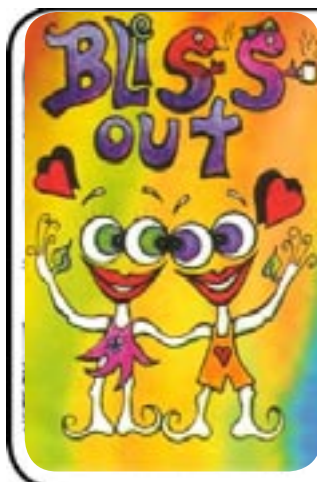
The side effects of many prescription drugs, like Voltaren or Ritalin, are far more dangerous than a Ganja Cookie. Companies pay big money to invent new diseases, patent a drug, and promote their product as the best cure so to make profits. Creating a whole new generation of drug dependents. Young children are diagnosed with ADHD or some other new age disease and prescribed chemical drugs to stabilize their mental health.

Faith in modern science is driven by advertising companies. Shareholder profits are paramount. Put a mortgage on the next generation before they are old enough to understand the

consequences or have the choice. Baby Bonus payments for immunization vaccines given to infants in the hope of health. The one-size-fits-all approach to genetics. Bypass nature because it can't be trusted or controlled.

Well not any more! Now we must accept change with attitude. If little old ladies from the bush think Cannabis is OK then we'd better listen. They don't have the reputation of being evil drug fiends. They have freedom to believe in what they like, and that is Cannabis.

I hope that we can make CWA (Cooking With Attitude) and 'Baking Scones' both Hemp Olympix Gold Medal events.



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Blue Knob Gallery

Latest exhibition: Out of Your Comfort Zone – open till 8th October

Christopher Macartney-Filgate opened the show with a very thought-provoking talk on the theme of ‘out of your comfort zone’ to an audience of around 30 people. The café also put on a great dinner of mushroom risotto, roast vegetables, pumpkin and spinach filo rolls and fresh garden salad, with a variety of dreamy desserts for after.

The artists exhibiting in this latest show at Blue Knob Hall Gallery interpreted the theme ‘Out of Your Comfort Zone’ in many different ways. Some have used new techniques, others have used it as a vehicle for political and environmental statements and still others have taken personal life experiences to construct some very interesting works in different mediums.

In all there are 18 artists showing in this exhibition – some who have come as far afield as Macleay and Coogiemudlo Islands. Artists include Ruth Sutter - mixed media; Christopher Macartney-Filgate – mixed media; Robin Moore – acrylic on canvas and felt; Diana Macartney-Filgate – tuilegraph print; Cassandra Lyn-Palmer – mixed media; Heather Kimber – clay on canvas; Barbara Mills - clay and needle-felt wool; Cassandra Lyn-Palmer – mixed media; Ruth Venner – calligraphy; Graham Ferguson – acrylic on canvas; Suellen Howarth – clay sculpture; Shirley Miller – acrylic on board; Francisco Janssen – mixed media; Anthea Moffatt – acrylic on canvas; Wendy Lageman – acrylic on canvas; Robyn Herriman – clay jewellery; Violet-Mae Scott – acrylic

on board; Simone Rutley – needle-felt wool and Sue Boardman – acrylic on canvas.

This exhibition is open till the 8th October and is well worth the trip out to Blue Knob to view a really interesting show.

Next exhibition: Celebrating the Elements

This promises to be a fantastic exhibition with a great theme for interpretation, and is also a wonderful time of the year for potential sales before Christmas. Work is due in by 7th and 8th October, and all artists in the region are invited to submit artworks. Please contact the Gallery on 6689 7449 for further details and a consignment form.

Recent events:

Sparkler Zone – Central School Exhibition

We also hosted an exhibition of the Central School Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students’ artistic works titled ‘Sparkler Zone’. Many of these works were for sale, and gave students the great opportunity to experience the process of exhibiting and selling their artworks. They had great support in their endeavours and some of their photography and ceramics were sold during the exhibition.

Show a Foreign Film Night

Held on 28th September, this was a fundraiser for the Aetaomah School and featured two magnificent films. Firstly, an 18-minute black and white 1995 German film titled ‘Solo Talent’. The feature film was a 1996 Persian title ‘Gabbeh’.

A gabbeh is a carpet, woven by the women of one of Iran’s nomadic tribes: each is unique, being inspired by the experiences of the weaver. The film told the story of one of



Christopher Macartney-Filgate opening the ‘Out of Your Comfort Zone’ show.



these women, and members of her family, linking the events of life with stories told in the carpet. Visually breathtaking, with its startling use of vibrant colour, this simple story was told with great eloquence by one of Iran’s foremost contemporary filmmakers.

We are hoping to have further film nights in the future, so if you would like to be put on the invitation list, please contact the Gallery on 6689-7449.

Artists and Friends Lunch

The last Artists and Friends lunch was also a combined birthday party for Blue Knob Hall Gallery. The Gallery has now been open to the public for two years, and we are very proud of our achievements in that short time. Twenty-nine people attended the lunch, and the café made a great birthday cake for the occasion!

Update on coming Gallery and Café events:

Artists and Friends Lunch

These are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next lunch is on Wednesday 11th October at 12.30 at the Gallery, and the café will be offering another fabulous two-course menu for \$10 a head.

If you would like to come along, please contact the Gallery on 6689 7449 to book a seat as there is a limit of about 30 places.

Octoberfest – 28th-29th October

Selection of fabulous authentic German foods – bratwurst, sauerkraut, liver dumplings, and potato pancakes and plenty of great thigh slapping entertainment! Contact Michelle or Julie on 6689-7449 for further details.

Beautiful energy of Weave and Mend



Nimbin’s second annual Weave and Mend Festival was a very rewarding experience for those who attended.

Held in the grounds of Nimbin Central School over the last weekend in September, the Festival featured many different kinds of weaving, as well as drumming workshops, music and dance performances and many forms of art-making, including sculpture.

Visitors remarked on the “beautiful energy” of the gathering, which attracted many family groups and campers throughout the weekend.

The Chai tent and food kiosks were entirely staffed by men, leading event host Rain to observe “It’s lovely, the men are serving the

women.”

A feature of the Saturday night outdoor concert were bellydance performances, to the accompaniment of local middle eastern band Al-Khimiya, where Biskit invited the many children present to join her on the carpet for a finale.

Organisers were very pleased with the festival, and plans are already underway for next year.



Weavers Chris, Helen and Antonia were among the many who enjoyed the laid-back festival.

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Nimbin Show revisited

by Mal Rothwell

The A & I Annual Country Show went off with surprising success. Surprising? Firstly because a downturn in attendance had been expected as a result of high fuel costs. Secondly, a few days before the big day, murmurs of ‘quagmire’, ‘mud up to yer eye-balls’ and such, could be heard amongst the shivering volunteers sheltering from the rain. Tractor pulling contests hauling horse floats and cattle trucks out of axle deep mud were envisioned. Optimists were saying there would be no shortage of wellies for the gumboot throwing competition. These miserable thoughts dissipated like mist with the arrival of the sun a few days before the show. There was a persistent rumour that a number of A & I members were seen kneeling, arms outstretched towards the East on various hill tops in the area prior to the show, but when these despicable sun worshippers were questioned, all denied such pagan leanings. My observation, and you can check, is that some of these members have slightly longer noses than they had a couple of weeks ago. Could sun worshippers be the cause of the present drought? Maybe this is a suitable insanity fringe subject you could pass on to Anita Bong and the Goddess for discussion.

Success is very nice. Surprising success, is still nicer. As the years have passed by, our annual country show has, not so much evolved to its present form, as just come back into its own with only slight change. Rural shows historically are a reflexion of the competitive nature of human beings. It was a coming together of people isolated from their neighbours with an attitude of; my cow is more productive, my pickles are tastier, my horse can jump and do other manoeuvres better than yours. There was family pride at stake.



They needed a party, so shows were invented and it was entirely a family affair. Things haven't changed that much, but demographics have. The cattle entries were thought to be down on last year, chook entries and interest were well up, and so were the horse events. The Nimbin Pony Club reports an increase in riding members over the last three years. This rise in interest was reflected in their well-drilled and disciplined Musical Ride on the Sunday afternoon. A report on the rise of the pony club would be worth a separate article.

Janelle, that foot-tapping bitch and secretary of the show society and her perspiring helpers were almost overwhelmed by the renewed interest in the Pavilion events. After good spring rains the garden produce was in great condition. The art and craft display was well supported in each section, especially photography. This resulted in a huge exhibit of the photographic interests we have locally. Scarecrows were well up, fairies and clowns down, in fact, the only clown seen at the show this year was that man of swift wit, our incomparable compere, Mr Dave Wacey. For two days on the mike running the pet show, gumboot throwing, organising brainless scarecrows, the dog high jump, he still had the energy to shame and persecute anyone within range who looked as if they had two bucks to rub together. Why?

To feed the chocolate wheel, in order to pay the \$5000 insurance bill. There was a bit of gravel in his voice towards the end.

The talent quest once again went off well. It's good to see these young kids having the courage to stand before a crowd of strangers and perform. They were guided through their paces by m/s of ceremonies Gayle with sensitivity, good humour and understanding. The big performance, though, was the Tap Bitches' arrival on stage to thunderous applause. The audience was large, jovial and appreciative. No tomatoes thrown, no stage hooks used.

The Showgrounds were in tip-top condition, thanks to the weather, Phil Williams the Show president, and his small weekly work crew. The really good news was that the gate takings were up: A good indication of solid local and visitor support.

Putting on and organising the second largest annual event on the Nimbin calendar is no mean feat. Phil does a tremendous and focused job. There is a core of helpers who volunteer their time over the show weekend, but age wearies some, other have work or family commitments, the ranks thin. New blood is always required.

There will be a meeting at the showground in October. If you have any ideas to further enhance our Annual Country Show, or you feel you can contribute in some way, please drop in and join us.



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Dosing Plants versus real dental care

by Rodney Hearne

The current dental crisis has seen waiting lists for Australians blow out to 650,000 since the Howard government axed the Commonwealth Dental Scheme 10 years ago. Waiting lists for NSW are over 215,000. In June, 4000 people in the seat of Richmond, tired of waiting on lists for years for them or their children to receive dental treatment, signed a petition for Justine Elliot to present to Julia Gillard to reintroduce the Commonwealth scheme.

In NSW, although the Health Budget has increased by 135% since 1995, the Oral Health budget has only increased by 17% in the same period. The total Oral Health budget for NSW in the year 2004/05 is \$120,000,000.

At a time when the Oral Health budget is in crisis the NSW Health Dept is pushing ahead with plans to build more fluoride dosing plants around the state rather than using the money for reducing waiting lists with direct dental care. Dosing plants in Lismore alone will cost \$1,000,000. Furthermore the cash strapped Health Dept. expects Lismore Local



Is Nimbin's Mulgom Creek water destined for diversion to a new dosing plant in the bush?

Government Area residents to pay to run these dosing plants at a current estimated cost of \$170,000 per year.

Considering the latest research casting doubt on the effectiveness or safety of fluoridation surely this money would be better spent upgrading public dental facilities and providing financial incentives for the professionals to run them. If proposed dosing plants in our neighbouring Health Regions were also stopped we could have upwards of \$5,000,000 available.

NSW Health has advised in writing that responsibility for fluoridation lies with the

local council. The ADA has also advised in writing when denying it has no liability for ill effects from fluoridation that "the fluoridation of public drinking water is a matter for the local council." The President of the ADA has written "we do not have blind faith in a pro fluoridation stance."

The peak medical body that previously supported fluoridation, the NHMRC, has recently changed its endorsement of fluoridation whereby it "neither supports nor criticizes fluoridation of drinking water." The NHMRC recommended safety studies commenced in

2000. They were halted in 2002 by the Federal Health Advisory Committee on grounds of "insufficient resources" and with no intention to re-commence (NHRMC 2005).

So our peak medical research body has a neutral stance, while our peak Dental body and State Government leave the reams of decision making medical research to local Councils. However under the present legislation the Fluoridation Committee is unlikely to permit Councilors to cease fluoridation once it is commenced, as experienced in Tenterfield recently.

PM needs minister for climate change with responsibility for water

The Australian Greens have called on Prime Minister John Howard to appoint a minister for climate change and energy with responsibility for water rather than approach the water issue in a piecemeal fashion.

Greens climate change spokesperson Senator Christine Milne said the Prime Minister's belated interest in water was welcome but the issue must be dealt with as part of a wider response to climate change.

"Prime Minister Howard is looking for an issue to take to the federal election next year because he has realised that people are worried about climate change, the drought and increased stress on our rivers and water supplies," Senator Milne said in Hobart.

"The Greens are concerned that the government's focus on water as an isolated issue will lead to poor responses.

"The growing pressure on Australia's water resources is tied to the impacts of climate change, such as forecast changes to temperature and rainfall patterns and evaporation rates, which in turn increase pressure on water supplies.

"The CSIRO projects an overall drying trend for Australia due to increased temperatures and evaporation and changes in rainfall. Australia experienced its driest August on record last month, the bushfire season has started early and with ferocity, while Toowoomba moved onto level 5 water restrictions today.

"Prime Minister Howard has not made the connection between more extreme droughts, floods and fires, and climate change.

"It is imperative that Prime Minister Howard address water as part of an integrated response to climate change. The best way to do that is to appoint a minister for climate change and energy with responsibility for water.

"Prime Minister Howard's plan will focus on water trading and entitlements but the government needs to put the environment's water needs first. That means ensuring environmental water flows for the country's stressed river systems, something the government has failed to do in the past decade."

Breaking the Fluoridation Code

by Gari Slater

Most people are now aware that:

1. Fluoride unfortunately is already administered to the general population en masse without their knowledge or without their consent.
2. Most consumable foodstuffs are produced in areas where fluoridated water is used. The fluoride (as part of the food's water content) automatically becomes part of that consumable product. Examples being: most if not all beer, soft drink and mineral water, fruit juice, cordial, bread, jam, margarine, breakfast cereals, light milk, canned

and frozen vegetables, sauces, etc, and even the so-called health products like soy milk and tofu. (If in doubt call the freecall Consumer Information number listed on every product label).

3. Fluoride has no Food Additives Number, unlike MSG (621) or Aspartame (951). Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ), who are the responsible government department, state that fluoride is a 'Processing Aid' in water and is therefore not required by the Code to be included in the ingredients list on food labels. They state that fluoride cannot be present at more than 2mg/

Litre in Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Brewed Soft Drinks but they do not state or warn that the cooking of food products like bread, etc, actually concentrates the fluoride content. Also they do not monitor the amount of fluoride consumed by the population through such food and beverage products.

4. The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) state in their guidelines that, the addition of fluoride to drinking water is formed on the basis of fluoride being protective for teeth against dental caries and, in their recent publication 'Nutrient Reference Values

for Australia and New Zealand', state fluoride is included in this publication as a nutrient that is essential to human health.

5. FSANZ does not have a role with respect to setting the guidelines for water fluoridation. NHMRC does not have a role in setting the guidelines for the Code on Food Standards.

6. NHMRC, which promotes fluoridation of water supplies, ignores the fact that fluoride is already consumed in vast quantities by the majority of Australians, as it is contained in their foodstuffs and beverages. So, what does this information do to the NHMRC argument that fluoride protects teeth from

dental caries? It should now be obvious that fluoride, already being consumed in foodstuff and beverages and having been so for some time and on a daily basis, and in all areas lacking water fluoridation, is not the protection against dental caries that the NHMRC state it is. So why is fluoride added? Does fluoride actually 'dumb down and control the masses' as some, including Hitler, state?

As no Government Department is monitoring the total consumption of fluoride, one surely has to pose the question ... "When does the consumption of too much fluoride become a danger to the health of the population or of the individual?"

The only solution seems to

become one of total avoidance of all commercial foodstuffs and beverages and if fluoride must be used, then only so by means of the already numerous brands of clearly labelled toothpastes – even then, it is more than probable that it is only the regular brushing and flossing of one's own teeth that any protection from dental caries is provided and not from any fluoride within the toothpaste.

The bonus of this total avoidance is that, at the very least, we will all gain the comfort of realising that at last we will have become responsible for our own clarity of thought and reasoning – with no one but ourselves to blame for any future fuzzy dim-witted thinking.

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Red tape a barrier to solar incentives

by Andy Gough

Many of us enjoy living on solar power, especially not having to pay power bills, but every ten years or so, deep cycle batteries need to be replaced, and they are not cheap. I recently upgraded the solar system at my home at Billen Cliffs – mainly because the batteries were 13 years old, very tired and no longer holding much charge. I had been coping with the old system I inherited with the house five years ago, but being newly married, thought it was best time to upgrade my solar capacity.

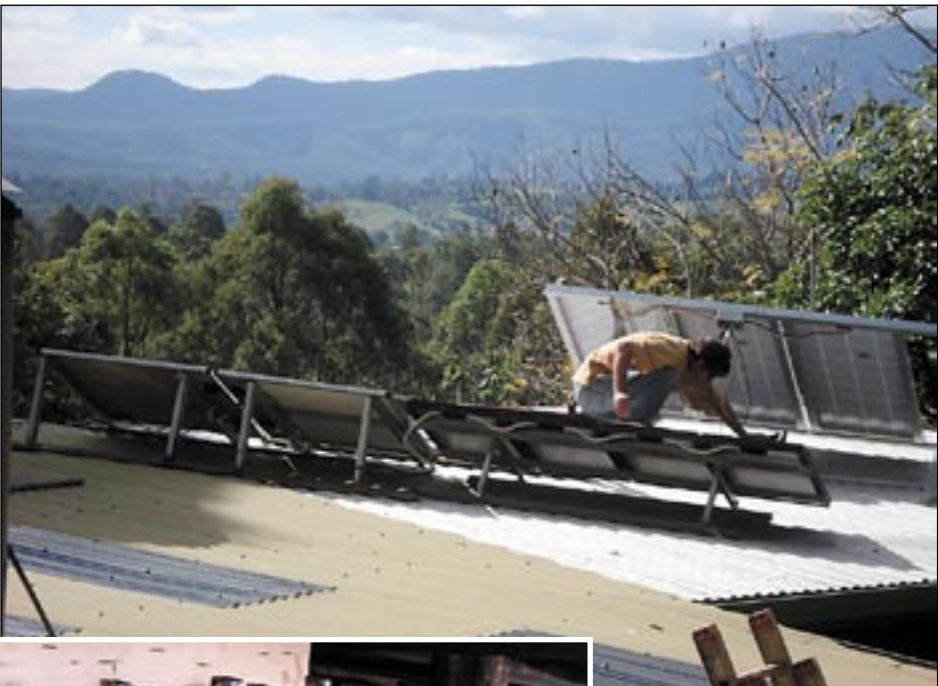
I looked into the solar power rebates currently offered through the NSW Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability and was disappointed to find that support for upgrading an existing solar system was almost half that for installing a new system, and then only available if you include adding extra panels. Rebates are calculated solely on the basis of the rated output (in watts) of the solar panels used, and require a minimum of 450W (over \$4000 in panels) before you can qualify. There is no concession at all for replacing batteries or to increase your storage capacity. Other necessities like regulators, inverters, fuses, cabling and labour are not taken into account

either (but they want to know all about them in the paperwork). You must wait for your application to be approved before installing the system, and then you have to send an 'installation report' before DEUS will grant your rebate - so you need the money up front, but can expect lots of paperwork and a wait for the cash.

I was in a position where I needed batteries urgently and was unable to wait for the application to be processed. If I installed them, they would not include any 'existing' equipment in any application for the rebate. Thanks, but no thanks.

While it's great that the government provides a rebate at all, the DEUS grant is pretty limiting for upgrading existing solar systems. Government policy should be more supportive of people who live on sustainable energy systems and providing more incentive for people to invest in alternative power, as they are effectively reducing demand on an over-burdened grid and helping to reduce our carbon emissions. As usual, only the Greens show any vision with regard moving beyond dependance on coal fired power plants.

There should be a more equitable method of calculating the rebate - for



Solar Simon installing new solar panels on the author's roof. Inset: The new 2000Ah batteries.

Pictures: Andy Gough

people to be able to get assistance to replace old technology, or upgrade their capacity, without having to spend \$4000 on extra panels in order to qualify. For instance, if you need to spend \$3000 on batteries, which is a major outlay, it would be nice for the government to chip in, say \$500-\$1000 of that expense. But at the moment that's not possible. If we had added four new panels, DEUS would have given a rebate of \$1250,

(essentially buy three panels get one free) but it would have cost me nearly \$10,000 in order to qualify, because I also needed to then add the batteries, and a bigger regulator – and of course they don't allow you to use any second hand gear or install it yourself.

In the end we decided it just wasn't worth the expense, paperwork and waiting for approval to bother with the grant. We only ended up adding three extra panels and our system

is now adequate for our needs – we have more than doubled the storage capacity of our batteries and our input from the panels, yet we wouldn't have qualified for the rebate. We didn't end up having to outlay quite as much, and we did it in our own timeframe, saving us more than the rebate offered anyway.

At the end of the day there's no better feeling than running a computer, satellite broadband, stereo, washing machine, power tools, lights and the rest on power generated on my own roof from the renewable and life giving rays of our sun.

The Greens say...

Meeting the energy needs of a highly industrialised society with the current fossil fuel-based energy system also has a huge impact on the natural environment. For this reason it is vital that energy policy in NSW balances social, economic and environmental needs. The Greens NSW propose a raft of proactive, forward thinking policy initiatives to build an energy sector based on sustainable energy offering social benefits, environmental protection and improved economic outcomes. These include a planned, strategic phase-in of renewable energy technologies, including a target of 20% of the state's electricity generated from renewable energy sources by 2012. The Greens are also committed to developing local manufacturing industries and jobs in renewable energy technologies.

The Greens propose that current government expenditure, taxation and subsidies which currently support fossil fuels will be redirected to sustainable energy. A substantial increase in funding is also required for research into and development of renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, small-scale hydro-electric, sustainable biomass, geothermal, tidal, wave, pyrolysis of waste materials, plants and water electrolysis. Income from a carbon levy of \$25 per tonne of CO2 should be used to fund sustainable energy programs and offset any inequitable social consequences resulting from the shift to sustainable energy.

• All The Greens NSW polices can be found at www.nsw.greens.org.au

Broadband for the bush?

Living in rural areas is rewarding by the closeness to the natural environment, but quite tough from an infrastructure point of view. We are bound by distance and limited services, every move we make costs more money than for residents in urban areas.

The majority of Australians are linked by an essential connection – our telecommunication network. We need to nurture this link as a binding force in this land of vast distances – telecommunications is the backbone of a healthy society.

Since the government has moved to privatise our entire national

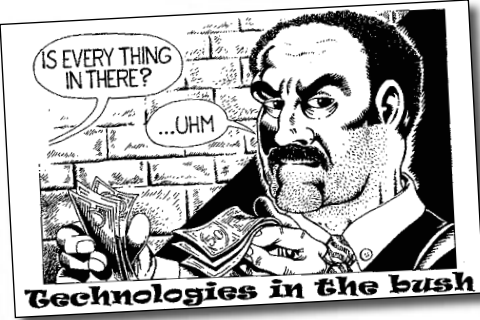
telecommunication infrastructure, the quality of services has declined while costs to the public have increased. Rural Australia has gained no benefit at all from this politically motivated decision. We are, more than ever, paying higher costs for services that used to be managed by the government for the people.

Now we are in the hands of a small elite whose major goal is profits. They are willing to improve infrastructure in more profitable areas such as cities and urban centres while leaving parts of rural Australia still struggling with bare

essentials.

Broadband connections, television and mobile reception are cheap and readily available in the cities with a wide variety of plans on offer. In rural areas we have limited choices and pay premium prices.

This situation leads to a loss of revenue and job opportunities for rural Australia. 'Broadband Connect' is the latest government scheme attempting to remedy the lack of fast internet connection 'in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia at prices comparable to those available in metropolitan areas'.



Technologies in the bush

We have only been given expensive wireless or satellite connection options for our Internet needs so far. A wiser government would ensure instead that all land lines, exchanges and phone infrastructure are upgraded and capable of supporting ADSL broadband, and/or make available wireless and satellite to remote areas

at a cost equal to ordinary broadband available in cities.

"Where is my broadband" task force hope to increase awareness and have this situation rectified by people willing to make their voices heard.

We are not affiliated with any political party, although we ask all political forces to support this initiative.

We are also hoping that people living in rural Australia will look favorably on our initiative and join with us, by either emailing the appropriate authorities or by printing and distributing the downloadable "Technologies in the bush" postcards from the www.whereismybrodband.com web site.

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ASTROLOGICAL TRENDS FOR OCTOBER 2006



by Bev Murray -
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BIRTHDAY – Libra

Librans are charming and generally easygoing. They enjoy socializing and are never without a relationship if they can help it!! In fact a Libran without someone to share there lives with can be a very disgruntled individual indeed!! Librans find it more difficult to cope with loneliness than any other sign! However dull monotonous relationships do not suit them either, they require romance, adventure and challenge!! They enjoy luxury and comfort and thrive in beautiful surroundings.

Give them: Anything made from luxurious fabric(silk, velvet, etc), Roses, Opals, an ambient dinner with expensive champagne or breakfast in bed with all the trimmings!!!

What October holds...

Tip for the month: Open your lungs and breathe deeply...fully embrace the beauty of spring and watch how the Universe rewards you!!

Libra: A busy month, but it can catch you out if you fail to organize yourself properly! The 15th-19th can be a bit touchy on the relationship front so mind your p's and q's! Creativity is highly favoured however and those working in artistic fields will reap benefits.

Scorpio: Others are very willing to oblige your every whim this month, mind you don't take advantage however! Trust your intuition, as it is very accurate this month. The New Moon on the 22nd works beautifully for you, ask for anything, you'll get it!

Sagittarius: The Aries full Moon is all about team work for you guys so keep everyone on side and say thanks. Finances will run smoothly and you'll feel better about this side of life than you have in some time. Those in health care will reap rewards this month.

Capricorn: The 12th is a star day and many of your projects will be completed on this day. It's a great month for big purchases,

you'll snare a bargain or at the very least get something that is very worth the money and that you will enjoy for a long time to come.

Aquarius: You need to get motivated this month! Much can go in your favour but you can be too laid back to really benefit! The 3rd and 4th are high-energy days and much can be achieved as a consequence. Any underlying stress should be dealt with.

Pisces: Your best days overall are the 4th and 5th. The full moon on the 7th is very demanding and can put finances high on the agenda. Spend as little as you can this month for best results! Your charm will help to get you through now, so use it!

Aries: Partnerships are highlighted this month! The first three weeks of October are especially favoured romantically. Travel is also favoured this month so if you can take advantage of this do so! The new moon is all about your public profile.

Taurus: Creative and romantic interests are highlighted this month. Just be careful that you don't let a tendency to be overly fussy get in the way of real enjoyment! Committees

and large groups of any kind can be difficult this month, avoid if possible!

Gemini: You are still restless! Try to focus more for best results this month! Watch finances until after the new moon on the 22nd or you could get yourself into trouble. Those working in creative or communication fields will achieve the best results this month.

Cancer: It is important to consider your words this month because others are listening more intensely than usual! Otherwise just keep things in order and don't attempt anything unusual, wait till November for this and you will reap better results.

Leo: This is shaping up to be quite a productive and creative month! The first week has Mercury and Jupiter in your house of home and family, so look for some positive interaction here. The Full Moon weekend will be full of adventure and fun!

Virgo: Financial caution is advised this month, especially around the full moon on the 7th. Intuition is strong this month so follow it! Try to relax and enjoy life, you have been too serious for too long and the strain is beginning to show.

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New Matilda's Human Rights Act campaign

by Helen Reynolds, Executive Officer
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Campaign

Australia is the only Western country that does not have comprehensive, legal human rights protections. Member-states of the European Union are subject to the European Convention on Human Rights, the US has its Bill of Rights framed within its Constitution, and the UK and New Zealand have statutory Human Rights Acts. Why is Australia the lone ranger on this issue?

New Matilda is advocating for a national Human Rights Act similar to the UK's. Such an instrument is a legislative, rather than a constitutional, bill of rights. The proposed act would operate within our existing system of government without altering its fabric or the existing balance between the parliament and the courts. In this way, it represents an effective method of protecting rights that respects the traditions and history of our government and its institutions.

Australia's human rights protections are piecemeal and while our Constitution guarantees a handful of limited basic rights and certain rights have been implied by the High court, these are narrow in definition and application. Federal and state legislation offers protection for some rights in, for example, the *Race Discrimination Act 1975* and the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*. Finally, the common law protects fundamental rights but many of these have been dispensed with by recent legislation – the plight of refugees and the new anti-terrorism laws are unforgettable and troubling examples.

Channon Market turns 30

by Kate Pirie

Thirty years ago, The Channon Craft Market Inc. was born into The Channon village. Its strongly held ethic of "make it, make it, grow it" flourished, and this ethic is still nurtured by the market today.

The Channon Craft Market quickly outgrew its beginnings in The Channon Hall in 1976, and moved to its present location at Coronation Park. It has grown enormously in size and reputation since then, evolving to become a Non-Profit Community Organisation with a Management Committee of nine volunteers, which employs approximately 18 staff members to supervise and co-ordinate the smooth running of the market each month.

On the Saturday it's an early start for the local crew who do the road taping and grounds preparation. Come Sunday market day, the Market Managers and their staff are up and on duty by 5am. Stallholders, both permanent and casual start to arrive at 6am, their interesting wares, display tables and racks, poles and tarps in tow. At 7am casual stallholders gather 'round to be given a spot on the grounds to trade for the day. Staff then assist stallholders in getting settled in time

A constitutional bill of rights is an alternative path for protecting rights. It would make rights virtually absolute, overriding other laws. Such an approach is very inflexible and has the practical problem of requiring a referendum to introduce. However, a Human Rights Act would not prevent a future referendum to consider a constitutional amendment at a future stage.

New Matilda's Human Rights Act would provide much needed protection for freedom of expression, thought and conscience, along with other rights such as freedom of assembly. The aim of the Human Rights Act is to protect rights by creating a constructive dialogue between the three branches of government: the executive, the judiciary, the parliament. That is, it aims to make the politicians, judges and public servants talk to each other about how best to protect rights.

The campaign was launched in Sydney in October 2005. New Matilda's Human Rights Act has now been successfully launched in every capital city and several regional centres across Australia. An extensive period of consultation and education has culminated in a 'final' draft Bill being presented to the Melbourne launch on 13 August 2006. We are now into the advocacy stage of our campaign, which will be focused on getting our Bill presented to both Houses of Parliament as a Private Member's Bill, hopefully with a sponsorship of members from all parties. We are currently in negotiations with several parliamentarians as to who will sponsor the Bill. We hope to have the Bill tabled and debated in Parliament by the end of the year.

New Matilda: www.humanrightsact.com.au

for early bird market goers who start trickling in from 8am to catch a bargain and fresh produce. The scene is set – serene Coronation Park seems magically transformed overnight into a festival of colour.

Every month, on rotation, a local community charity has the opportunity to fundraise at The Channon Craft Market with the use of the kitchen at Coronation Park.

The Channon Craft Market brings investment and employment to The Channon village, Lismore and surrounding areas. It enables over 250 stallholders to trade each month in a wide variety of goods which include art, craft, second hand, children's activities, fresh produce and therapeutic goods and services.

Coronation Park is an ideal location for The Channon Craft Market, with thousands of visitors entering the village for the day. Tourist buses come, bringing people from interstate and from overseas to experience this "must do" event while on their Northern Rivers visit.

Market-goers are entertained with a music act, which performs from a marquee on the oval.

The Channon Craft Market's reputation, not only as the longest running in the region, but as the most colourful and vibrant market in Australia, really is cause for us to celebrate.

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Homeopathics

by Tarang Bates

I am no longer practicing at the Nimbin Apothecary and would like to thank all the local people, who have consulted with me over the years for their support. The fantastic experiences, raves and energy exchange I have encountered along the way, have been amazing and so typically Nimbin. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful place, amongst so many interesting and talented people. Working in town for so many years gave me access to every facet of Nimbin life, a rich and rewarding experience.

I am now set up to supply Homoeopathic remedies and Colloidal Silver and can be contacted on 6689-1452 or email tarangbates@yahoo.com.au

This is the first in a series, of monthly homeopathic raves, in which I hope to inspire and tempt you, to explore this amazingly effective and gentle method of healing.

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and can be invaluable in the early hours of acute illness, where it may abort more serious conditions. For eye injuries, consider first, aconite has been described as the arnica of the eye.

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Arnica

Must be the best known homeopathic remedy, used in cases of accident and emergency. For shock, trauma, pain, crush injuries & bleeding Arnica promotes healing and reduces swelling in fractures and other injuries. Highly recommended to use before and after dental work and other medical procedures, for quick recovery and healing. For sprained ankles or other parts of the musculoskeletal system, always reach for arnica first and then go on to use the other indicated remedies for sprains, strains or breaks.

These and many other remedies available from Nimbin Homeopathics. Contact Tarang on 6689-1452 or email tarangbates@yahoo.com.au

Celebrating the Nightcap Forest Action

by Sophia Hoeben

In October next year, it will be 25 years since the forests around Nimbin were fought for and saved by the Nightcap Action Group (NAG).

In 1982 the 'Naggers' gained notoriety for their unprecedented radical action in their sheer determination and commitment to saving the rainforest. What had begun at Terania Creek in 1979 was ended on Mt Nardi in October 1982 when Neville Wran, the then Premier of NSW, finally declared the Nightcap National Park. This was achieved by the group after long and muddy months in makeshift camps on Newton Drive, Mt Nardi.

Whilst people came from all over Australia, it was the small dedicated group of about fifty Naggers that won the day. Neither history nor the media have been kind to the group because of the actions necessary in making a stand for the trees in 1982, the Year of the Tree.

Newspaper reports from all over Australia depicted the group as using 'guerrilla tactics' in defence of the forest. This image was conveyed by some imaginative journalists of the time after taking shots of the soggy protestors



sitting huddled around the fire. Their sensationalistic approach came at the cost of the groups' reputation, and soon history started to be re-written.

We hear much of the two weeks of protest at Terania Creek in 1979, yet rarely about the months of actions taken on Mt Nardi in 1982. As a result, many newcomers to the areas think that

the forest was saved in 1979.

Following the hard-fought victory, members of NAG then morphed in to the Nomadic Action Group in their quest to save forests around the world. Many are active to this very day for the forests are still not safe. Even locally, the threat to forest situated on private land is still on-going.

The Nightcap Action Group will reunite to host the 25th Anniversary Celebration next year on the 20th and 21st October 2007. With many old Naggers already showing interest and enthusiasm, it promises to be a memorable event. Already on the drawing board are plans for a re-enactment of the opening of the National Park by a Bundjalung elder at a reunion at the campsite on the mountain, and a victory parade through both the streets of Nimbin and Lismore.

Other ideas slowly emerging include a Commemorative Ball in Nimbin and story-telling around the fire on Mt Nardi. If you have any good ideas, or want to take part in the forward planning, phone Sophia on 0428-685-698 and I will return your call. Any written enquiries should be sent to P O Box 634, Nimbin.

It's getting hot in here

The GetUp team

The time for half-measures, manufactured doubt and self-serving delays is over. **Tackling our climate crisis is priority number one** – this is the resounding message you came back with when we asked you to help set a positive new agenda for Australia.

And here's how we start: there are GetUp members in every electorate across the country, and we're redrawing the map of Australia to make the climate crisis personal. Politicians at all levels of government need to see the writing on the wall, and realise this is not a problem for somebody else to solve - it's the issue in their backyard.

With more than 15 million Australians of voting age, we've set an initial target of 250,000 to create a groundswell for change that cannot be dismissed, trivialised or ignored. **Put yourself on the Climate Action Map now, and ask your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours to join you.**

Our strategy starts with one unified message: this issue is bigger than party politics, bigger than special interests and more important than short-term economic gain. Give us responsible



leadership and bold action now to solve the climate crisis, or step aside.

Our Federal Government likes talking up its action on climate change, but has its head too far down a coalmine to sign the Kyoto Protocol, price carbon appropriately or encourage genuine large-scale investment in renewable energy. As a result, Australia has the highest emissions of planet-changing greenhouse gases of any industrialised country, and they continue to rise. We still rely on 19th century technology and polluting fossil fuels to power our 21st century lives, and now we are all paying the price.

Our farmers are crippled by drought. Bush fires are breaking out earlier every year. We're facing record-breaking heat waves, increasing water scarcity and

intensifying cyclones and storms. Each of us with hopes for our future, or with children and grandchildren who will be left with our mess, must act now.

CSIRO research shows we're on track for average global temperature increases of between 1.4 and 5.8°C in the lifetime of today's newborn child. Yet a mere 1°C rise is likely to double the number of Australians exposed to floods, while a 2-3°C rise in average global temperature will leave up to 80 per cent of the freshwater wetlands of Kakadu evaporated and up to 97 per cent of the Great Barrier Reef dead and bleached.

The economic costs of doing nothing are greater than we can imagine, while the potential returns of acting now are tremendous. But first we must overcome the timidity, the blind spots in our vision and smallness in our politics that are holding us back.

If you haven't already seen Al Gore's film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, go now and tell as many people as you can to join you. It will leave you awestruck, inspired and determined to be part of the solution. **The groundswell movement begins today. Let's show them just how hot an issue global warming really is.**

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What a night!



by Chrissie

Fairyland came alive at Mt Burrell on Friday night, 29th September at Sphinx Rock Cafe. Around 150 people came from near and far to dance, frolic, eat food and spread love with the three bands heading the night. (\$20.00 pre-paid covered food and music).

Jon and Sharon provided a delicious middle eastern feast, enhancing smiles and happy bellies. Everybody dined and were entertained under stars, an amazing crescent moon and an abundance of fairy lights.

Anahata provided an ambient feel with Katrina drawing children to the dance floor and leading the music off with joy all around. Loren sung and funk'd out with his awesome percussionist, Beck, pumping up the vibe and getting the grooves happening.

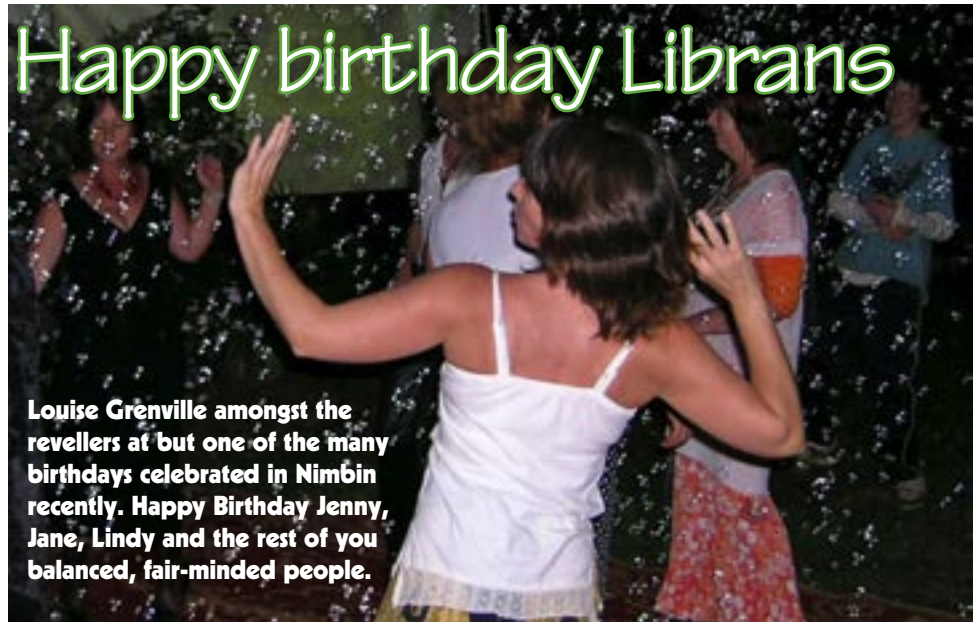
By this time coffee and sticky date pudding was high on the agenda as the news of how good it was spread amongst the crowd. A raffle was held with prizes donated from the fruit shop, the general store, the cafe as well as the Palm Yard who supplied an exotic Kentia palm for 1st prize. All money raised from the raffle will build the best sand pit around, allowing all the beautiful children to enjoy.

Channel Free got everybody up dancing



and groovin' and going places with dance that many had not been before. Amazing, amazing night. Everybody went home with joy in their hearts and good food in their bellies. A night to remember, with everyone looking forward to dancing again under the stars at Sphinx Rock.

Remember that you can come and enjoy original local music every Sunday afternoon with good food, sticky date pudding, coffee and cheap exotic palms for sale at Sphinx Rock Cafe, Mt Burrell.



Louise Grenville amongst the revellers at but one of the many birthdays celebrated in Nimbin recently. Happy Birthday Jenny, Jane, Lindy and the rest of you balanced, fair-minded people.

Nimbin Fashion Shows

The countdown is on to the Nimbin Fashion shows 2006, and the fashion collective are putting a last minute call out to any designers who have not yet come forward to make contact so they can be included in this years programme.

Co-ordinator David Hyett says, "We welcome contributions to the programme from novice designers through to those at the cutting edge."

The Fashion Shows will be held in the Nimbin Town Hall on the 17th and 18th November.

This year the catwalk will be graced by full collections from Nimbin's accomplished clothing designers who include: Pol with his international experience and sleek cuts; Christina Chester with her unique combination of fashion and art; Barbara Mills taking felting to the forefront; Punkin the funkster setting the pace for street wear; Jenny Love exploring psychedelic colours in a blend of fabrics; Tara Austin's sexy provocative style that confronts the



audience; Tina Dvorak's clothing for hippie children; and in the young designers section The Tutable Primary school's clothing, designed by children for children.

Preparations are well underway for the shows which has now become a major entertainment offering

on Nimbin's event calendar. Designers, models or anyone wanting to contribute to this year's Nimbin Fashion Shows can contact Christina Chester on 6689-0205 or David Hyett by email dave@bringabong.com

A Glimpse from the Brink

by Gerald Taylor

Why am I proud of my community; the wider Nimbin Collective?

How do I hear past the stories of street thuggery, poor parenting, and tales of common craziness?

I think it's my ears. My lucky ears. They, like the ears of many Nimbinites, hear things the straighto's can't hear. Let me give you some examples.

Just the other day, they (the lucky ears) heard a group of eminent scientists talking shit. They were warning of global warming and this is what they said: 'Over the next 50 years our planet will heat by as little as 1.5 degrees and as much as 6 degrees.'

Which, in fact, is no information at all. 1.5 degrees is like being pelted with overripe tomatoes, 6 degrees like being run over by a freight train. Just say it fellas; we're about to be buggered, we just don't know how badly yet.

The scientists words remind me of the drivel that seeps from our politicians mouths; drivel like bringing peace and democracy to Iraq and security to us all by making a never ending war on terror.

Straighto's, or at least the vast bulk of them out there in straighto land, believe this crap, pay their taxes and send their children off to

Iraq and Afghanistan. Here in Nimbin we don't. Here in Nimbin we wage our own war; the war on work.

Nimbin has 36 times the national average unemployment yet none of us or our children can be found fighting terror in the Middle East. No Nimbinites are Members of Parliament or even work in Parliament House. And, as far as I know, no Nimbinites work for the tax department.

Another interesting if seemingly unrelated fact is that 98% of Australia is drought stricken. All the wheat and cotton country with its river killing farmers, all the cattle duffers and sheep shaggers, are dry as a bone, while here in Nimbin, the rain's falling and the crops growing just fine. Coincidence? I don't think so, but you need to ask the goddess about that.

It's these little things that my lucky ears pick up on, facts such as, unlike the straighto world out there, we are winning our war.

Outside the gates of Auschwitz was a sign written by the then fascist overlords, although it just as well could have been written by Howard or Beazley. It said, to the Jews and Gypsies and Poofsters as they entered the gates of hell 'Work will set you free'.

What makes me so proud of my flawed community, despite all its failings, is that here in Nimbin, we understand the fascist bullshit; we know that work will never set you free.

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Open your heart at the Wollumbin Dreaming Festival

by Jo Gardner

If you missed the Dreaming Festival at Woodford, come along for a taste of our region's own Bundjalung Baribunma (Dreaming) Festival on the weekend of 6th-8th October at Tyalgum village, under the western shadow of Mount Warning.

This is a grass roots, heart opening celebration of Indigenous culture, dance, workshops and an awesome lineup of over 25 bands and musicians. The festival stage opens at 3pm Friday 6th and runs through to 11pm Sunday 8th.

There's something for everybody's taste: African tribal rhythms with Bellingen's Boom Percussion and Papasa from Brisbane, hip shaking, feet hopping performances from

Brisbane's Bertha Control and Troy 'n' Trevlyn & the Tribe, the infectious high energy grooves of Cloud 9, great Reggae from Bunna Lawrie & the Whale Dreamers, One4One, Monkey & the Fish and the Bush Doctors, music that touches the soul with Shimshai from Hawaii, the Optimystics and Anahata, Tjupurru from the Kimberleys in WA, and multi instrumentalists Nathan Kaye, Greg Sheehan and Bo Kaan and a whole lot more!

Add a fire-lit corroboree, full moon, Bundjalung elders talks, great camping close to the creek, Chai tent, lots of food and market stalls, over 30 free workshops, ranging from how to paint aboriginal art to the Nomad's middle eastern dance workshop, plus an entertaining and creative



Tribal. Papasa is just one of the great musical acts lines up for the Wollumbin Festival.

Kids Space programme with David and Genevieve from the Gypsy Rollers, and we have a recipe for a fantastic weekend.

Make a difference, close the gap of black and white, and come along and help celebrate Wollumbin.

Check out the website for programme at www.wollumbindreaming.org. Enquiries phone 6679 3813. Volunteers 0429-799-463. Weekend Adult pass \$80, camping \$20, Sat & Sun day pass \$30, Friday \$20. See you there!

The Archie Code

Episode 5: Sex and Svarmod in Sweden

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Our quest for the Missing Plot was slow going and Bob "Bulldog" Dooley, visionary editor of the Nimbin Good Times, was not happy: "Our advertisers think they're paying for some indulgent junket when they see pictures of you swanning about in idyllic Mediterranean locations at their expense."

My indignant retort was interrupted by the Copenhagen Sheraton's room service delivering the sautéed pheasant tongues, and by the time I'd decided between the Dom Perignon and Krug champagne, Bob had been disconnected. In consideration of his concerns I reduced the tip to \$100.

I was floundering in my quest like the wretched Merlin could-a-bin left thrashing in the Christiania canal in a deluded escape bid during our recent foray. They'd had it but apparently lost it. I was thus musing whilst enjoying a Mindless Little Nimbin Ponder, gazing out a huge window over the steeples of Copenhagen when



a blue explosion on the plate glass frightened the shit out of me.

Recovering with a gulp (or two) of Courvoisier, the world's finest brandy, I looked down and saw a mangled bird on the ledge outside. It was a dead parrot. A Norwegian Blue. The omen was compelling. And that is how we ended up in Sweden. I always get Norway and Sweden mixed up, especially after a Mindless Little Nimbin Ponder. "It's the Will of Allah," smiles the beatific Jo. We stay again with Jo's bro Brad and bride Therese in Gothenburg and begin to explore the area.

Sweden is a mass of Ulurus with bits of manicured farmland, lush birch and coniferous forest fringes, lakes and picturesque farmhouses and barns,



invariably ochre with white trim. Richly littered with historic sites and colourful coastal villages perched on rocks, the south-west is postcard-perfect. It's a polite, cultured nation with a protocol for everything to minimise possibilities of confrontation. After the colourful chaos of Nimbin and the Mediterranean we could sense the intrinsic *svarmod* of the Swedish psyche, its origins allegedly in long winters, high taxes and perceived politico-socio-economic isolation thus giving grist to Ingmar Bergman's cinematic mill. Swedish attention to personal space and orderliness in all matters denied us our perverted comfort levels of mayhem and magic.

Except for sex, oddly

enough. Sweden has been a militarily neutral nation for almost 100 years (much to Norway's chagrin when Hitler was allegedly chaperoned through Sweden to their doorstep in WW2). The final episode of Swedish Big Brother rated its socks off on prime time TV when we were there, with graphic footage of the winning lass reviewing a big day at the orifice(s) with fellow contestants of both sexes. Simultaneously. No problemo.

Back in Australia we're invading Iraq on a massive fabrication and screeching in pious acrimony at a late-night on-line glimpse of some drunken, consensual 'turkey-slapping'. Much to ponder. I suspect the Swedes may be searching for the Missing Plot or trying to manufacture

Film Awards



Cinematic success. Receiving awards were: Paul Tait and Jenny Kendall (with organiser Paris Naday), and NCS students with their tutor Simon Moore.

The Nimbin Film Industry Group celebrated its successful first Independent Film Festival with an Awards Night at the Oasis café during September.

The film voted as the People's Choice winner was *Kanyini*, by filmmaker Melanie Hogan. An award for Courage went to local filmmaker Shar Hill for her film *Sacred Instinct*, the story of the birth of a friend's child, and the Community Spirit award went to Gaia Films, aka Jenny Kendall and Paul Tait, for their film *Leave it in the Ground*.

The Emerging Talent award was won by Nimbin Central School students for *Harper Here*, an affectionate portrait of Mulgum House resident Len Harper. The students, who had been working one afternoon a week throughout the year with Simon Moore, included Elijah Gentle and Matthew Gambin, who attended to pick up the prize.

Recipients of awards received a hand-made glass trophy, produced as a special limited edition by local glass artist Michael Murphy.

Nimbin's second Independent Film Festival is scheduled for next September. Watch for more activities from the Nimbin Film Industry Group.

it. We wished them well as we headed for home, the quest and our sponsors' patience having finally fizzled out.

It was a rainy afternoon as we drove into Nimbin, I a little disconsolate, Jo content to be home and Ella licking the window in her eagerness to dance on the pavement, say G'day to the boyz in the lane and generally devour life. There were warm welcomes, street music, squabbling and laughing, and hugs and free coffee at The Retro Café and

The Oasis.

I was sitting at a table with my girls, Sheik Andrew and assorted cronies, wondering what on earth to tell the tenacious Bob, when a golden ray of sunshine broke through the cloud and bathed us in its warm glow. The village shone with a surreal light. The hush was complete. The mists rose to caress the blue-green mountains and a dazzling double rainbow crowned it all.

"You still looking?" I heard Jo ask.

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Living Library Launch



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to set up such a project. The Official Launch of Lismore's Living Library will be on 3rd November 2006, 10 am – 4.30 pm at Lismore City Library, ground floor foyer, Magellan Street, Lismore. The format for the day will include: 10 am – 4.30 pm: 'Book' borrowing and browsing. 12 midday: Official welcome and launch of the project with Thomas George MP, and musical entertainment. 4.30 pm: All Living 'books' returned. We all look forward to seeing you there!

Kyogle Library News

Royden's Musical Visit @ Kyogle library

Wednesday 27th September was a very special day at Kyogle library, as musical maestro Royden Ainsworth very generously donated his time to come and visit Kyogle library and share his amazing musical gift with a group from Eden Creek Fairy Mount Pre-school.

Royden wowed children, carers, parents and library clients alike as he played from his own collection of musical instruments ranging from a digeridoo, clarinet, flute, saxophone to triangle, clap sticks and drum, and then asked the kids to join him in a jam session at the end. It was a real treat for everyone at the library to see the Royden working with the kids; as they had so much fun whilst learning about musical instruments, different sounds and the joy of music from a such an amazingly gifted and wonderful person.

Monster BOOKSALE @ Kyogle library

Begins Tuesday 7th November 2006, doors open



Pictured is Royden Ainsworth, his lovely wife Meg and the children, staff and parents from Eden Creek Fairy Mount Pre-school.

at 10am. Prices: Cheap! Cheap! Cheap! eg Hardcover \$1.00, paperbacks 50c, sets as priced. Items: 100's and 100's of items! Something for everyone! Boxes: Don't BYO – we've got heaps!

What's happening @ YOUR library in October?

Free spooky fun Friday 13th, 11 - 11.30am Family Storytime for children 3 years plus and parents/carers.

Spooky stories, a spooky game and spooky handouts to take home for everyone!!! Spooky gremlin, goblin or witch dress-up optional. Bookings essential Contact Kyogle library staff for further information and bookings ph 6632 1134

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Aesop's Modern Fables

The Story of the Peanut and the Rat

- from the Spanish fable 'El cacahuete y el raton'
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Any similarities between real live animals, birds or insects is purely coincidental.

Once upon a time there were two friends, the Peanut and the Rat. The Peanut was very rich because he had millions of CASHew nuts.

The Rat, who was highly regarded but also known as a cheater and a trickster, helped the Peanut by keeping some of the Peanut's CASHews in a box for safekeeping – and helped himself to a few of the CASHews along the way. The Rat also collected shiny baubles and stones with which to line his nest.

Soon many folks appeared, all attracted by the yummy CASHews. The CASHews were fast disappearing but Peanut just had to ask mummy and daddy for more, as they made millions of CASHews selling Cuckoo clocks.

Although he had plenty of CASHews, Peanut was not happy. He was bored and depressed as he could not find a sense of life. That was the time he met the Koalas. They were the experts in the macadamia business and they were friendly and cuddly.

The Koalas were looking for a new paddock to do business. The Peanut, who wanted to learn about the macadamia business and live with the friendly and cuddly Koalas, donated heaps of CASHews to buy a very special paddock for the friendly and cuddly Koalas, as well as an electric macadamia nut cruncher and other expensive gadgets. Everybody was happy.

Suddenly the Peanut realised that he doesn't like to learn, and he didn't want to support the Koalas any more as they spent all their time on the macadamia



business. He wanted them, and especially his favourite koala, to play with him and be friendly and cuddly, nothing else.

That's when everything changed, as the Peanut wanted to control and own everything, including the animals, birds, insects and some veggies. Whenever anyone said 'No' to the Peanut he would scream and use the power of his CASHews to finally get his way. Now, instead of working with the friendly and cuddly Koalas, the Peanut went bonkers and trashed their main tree house.

At this time, the Peanut began spending zillions of CASHews. With the help of the Rat and the Carpenter Ant who was the Peanut's favourite worker and addicted to CASHews, they organised a Troupe. The Carpenter Ant came bringing his "Penguins" – a group of small Carpenter Ants dressed in black and white – serious in their appointed mission. Also a group of packrats (they are called packrats because they carry backpacks), the Candybar with his mouse on a chain, the Cabbage Head slowly turning to sauerkraut, and the famous German Cockroach, a highly intelligent insect but curiously involved in petty theft of computers: all were attracted by the CASHews.

Now the peanut and the RAT declared WAR. War against the friendly and cuddly Koalas who helped the Peanut to live and work in their paddock. War because the friendly and cuddly Koalas could not be controlled or owned.

And so the Peanut and the Rat gang stormed the farmhouse of the nice and friendly Koalas. Winning the first battle by capturing the outdoor composting toilet, convinced the toilet was the seat of learning on the farm.

A flock of Magpies were acquired to be Peanut's solicitors and barristers. The CASHews fell copiously amongst the Magpies as they laughed and crowed, competing with each other to see which Magpie could gather the most CASHews. They advised the gang that they had the right to be in the outdoor composting toilet until the Magpies on both sides could settle the matter, extracting more CASHews all the while.

But on the paddock another plan of action was taking place. The gang would storm the main tree house of the friendly and cuddly Koalas. To chase the friendly and cuddly Koalas off the paddock. The first attempt failed miserably, as did six further attempts, as the Peanut and the Rat and the Magpies were so scattered that they missed the point.

In the end, after zillions of CASHews were spent, the Peanut was left holding his electric nut cruncher, no electricity to run the cruncher, no friends except the Rat cleaning up some leftover crumbs, and some Magpies waving their bills, and no more CASHews!

The moral to the story is: if you have more CASHews than brains, you better hang onto your nuts or the rat and the magpies will eat your CASHews!!!!

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Let's Get Physical

by Sue Boardman

Little nippers summer of fun and surf 2006/07

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Here is an amazing opportunity for 20 Nimbin kids aged 8-14 years to participate in the Little Nippers program at Byron Bay Beach Surf-Lifesaving Club for 15 Sundays over the coming summer. The kids will learn various board skills, surf awareness skills and beach swimming skills. There is a basic swim test pre-requisite for this program. Watch the Physical Activities Noticeboard and the Nimbin Central School Newsletter for further information.

There are two other requirements for this project to be successful. Commitment from participants for all 15 Sundays and the support of parents/guardians. We require 4 parents to accompany the group each Sunday. Initiator and organiser of the project, Nimbin Central School Agricultural Teacher, Chris Herden, will supervise all 15 trips. Free bus transport will be provided each Sunday for participants and volunteers.

This project is free thanks to funding provided by Lismore City Council and Nimbin Building Active Communities Project.

For more information contact Chris Herden on 0427326031.



Links to Learning - Indigenous Dance Program

Are you an Indigenous Youth aged between 14 and 25 who is interested in dance, art and culture? Then the next Links to Learning Course could be for you!

When: 9th October through to the 13th December 2006, for three days a week (Mon, Tues, Wed) 9:30am - 3:00pm

Where: C Block (behind the Northern Rivers Conservatorium of the Arts)

Cost: FREE - The Course is approved by Centrelink!

Contact: If you are interested please contact - Michael Philp (Indigenous Youth Coordinator) 66217919 / 0408223075

Basketball

Thank you Cindy Bateman, Phil Hanlon, Kath Ogle, Josh Stanton, Adrienne Watt, Chris Herden and John McDonald. The contribution you made to

Friday Night Basketball was appreciated by all those who participated.

Basketball re-starts on Friday October 20 and will run for nine Fridays until December 15. I will be asking all parents and community members to once more step forward and provide support not only for coach James Koker but also for all the young people who enjoy the night so much. We need a minimum of nine volunteers. Please contact me (see below) or turn up on that first night to put your name down on the roster for next term.

Table Tennis

Table Tennis is now up and running at Nimbin Community Centre thanks to the efforts of Manager, Marcus Mantscheff. If you would like to play call Marcus at the Centre on 66890000.

Netball

Netball at the Nimbin Central School Netball Court is on Wednesdays at 4.30pm. When daylight saving begins we will be changing the start time to 5pm. Cost is \$3. Please bring water with you and wear proper sports shoes. The Netballers are keen to enter the Lismore Competition in 2007. We need 3 or 4 more players. If you are keen to become involved come down to the court or contact Sue (see below).

Cricket

The Nimbin Building Active Communities Project is in

the process of buying Super 8 Cricket gear for Headers Sports Club. We have heard on the grapevine that there are some enthusiastic cricketers out there who would love the opportunity to play cricket over the summer months. Go for it guys!

Free Community Health and Exercise Information Session

Another session has been organised for Friday 13th October in the Dance Studio at Nimbin Community Centre.

Session 1 (10-11am):

Osteoporosis (thinning bone). Osteoporosis affects one in two women and one in three men who live over 60 yrs. Find out what you can do to prevent or slow it with Trish O'Brien, Clinical Nurse Consultant.

Session 2 (11.30-12.30pm):

Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle. Detergent, dog biscuits and diabetes in the Supermarket! Smart eating begins with smart shopping. Join Emma Alley, Diabetes Dietitian, on an interactive tour to find out about current healthy food choices, reading food labels and learn how to be a smart supermarket shopper.

Morning tea will be provided.

RSVP Sue Boardman 66881454 (Mon & Tues only), 66891731 or sueb@nrhs.nsw.gov.au

Nimbin Physical Activity Centre

The equipment is on its way at last. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nigel Hayes, Uri Ross and Nimbin Headers Sports Club for their help in moving and storing the gym equipment while the Nimbin Show was in action. Thank you.

Another Nimbin Physical Activity Centre Instructor

Daniel Keszler has been training in martial arts since 1993 and has had the privilege of learning from some of the best teachers in the world: Jürg Ziegler, Grandmaster in Southern Shaolin Lohan



Daniel Keszler

Kung Fu, Guo Lo Wing Chun Kung Fu, 9. Dan Sin moo Hapkido and Chief instructor for Arnis/Escrima in Switzerland; Ji Han Jae, Founder of Sin Moo Hapkido; and Austin Goh, Grandmaster of Guo Lo Wing Chun Kung Fu, to name a few.

Daniel has obtained Instructor degrees in Shaolin Kung Fu, Wing Chun Kung Fu and Sin Moo Hapkido. He worked as an Instructor in Switzerland in the Jürg Ziegler Martial Arts Center in Zurich.

He learnt Chen Tai Ji Quan from Daniel Stehli and Ilona Seago in Switzerland and later directly from several members of the Chen Family, with whom he is upgrading his skills periodically in that particular art.

"My training in martial arts has allowed me to develop a thorough awareness of my body on a physical and energetic level. It has developed my ability to focus and remain concentrated, as well as greatly improving my self-esteem, my physical condition and posture. Perhaps most importantly it has proven to me that I can achieve anything I set my

mind to. I have never had to use my martial arts skills to defend myself physically, because my own sense of security and clarity which I developed through training prevents me from getting into dubious situations."

Daniel has also studied Remedial Massage and Traditional Chinese Medicine in Switzerland and is continually furthering his education in Bodywork, Therapeutic and Healing modalities and Spiritual Development.

He is working as a Remedial Massage Therapist in Nimbin and Coffee Camp.

"I see people in a holistic way and am looking forward to starting martial arts classes which will be aimed at the overall development and advancement of each individual. I will not be training people for combative purpose, but to improve their physical, mental and spiritual abilities. I hope to run classes for all age groups."

Daniel will also start another Chen Tai Ji class and move the advanced class he is currently teaching to the new location. Further details will be posted on the Physical Activities Noticeboard, next to the Nimbin Butcher.



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Nimbin local Bevan Cuthbertson, captain of Byron Bay Under 16s, holds aloft the trophy they won as minor and major Premiers in Group 1, after defeating Casino 16-12 on 16th September at Kingsford-Smith Park, Ballina.

All in the hands of the Sea Gods

by Pixie

The Nimbin Heads Fishing Team once again had an unsuccessful month with outings due to the weather gods, with three outings cancelled due to three metre swells and thirty knot winds. Not very nice conditions to go to sea for a day.

With the guys booked on the Friday outings now having ten cancellations in a row, they are starting to have fishing withdrawals. On a brighter note, events coming up this month include an outing off Wooli on the first Tuesday of the month, and hoping to go out wide to the shelf for some big Kingies, Amberjack and Samson fish - fingers crossed guys.

The Hurfords Building Supplies of Lismore are sponsoring North Coast builders on two separate outings to sea off Wooli on Thursday and Friday the



12th and 13th, with Red John Mazza and your fishing editor covering the outing. And on the 14th, a small crew are planning to have an outing off Brunswick Heads.

Classic Catches

Looking back over this year to good fishing times at three different venues, pictured are Mark with his 10 1/2 kg Job fish caught off Fraser Island; Gerard (below right) with his 7kg Amberjack caught off Wooli; and your fishing reporter with businessman Dave from Sydney with two nice Wahoo caught off Byron Bay (top).

Sea Gods willing, let's make this month a good one guys.



Nimbin Bowling Club – October events

Sunday 8th

Seagulls Social Bowlers Visit 11am all welcome to come and bowl.

Saturday 14th

Movie night "The Truth about 9/11" 7.30pm.

Saturday 21st

Gold Coast Dolphins visiting Bowlers 11am

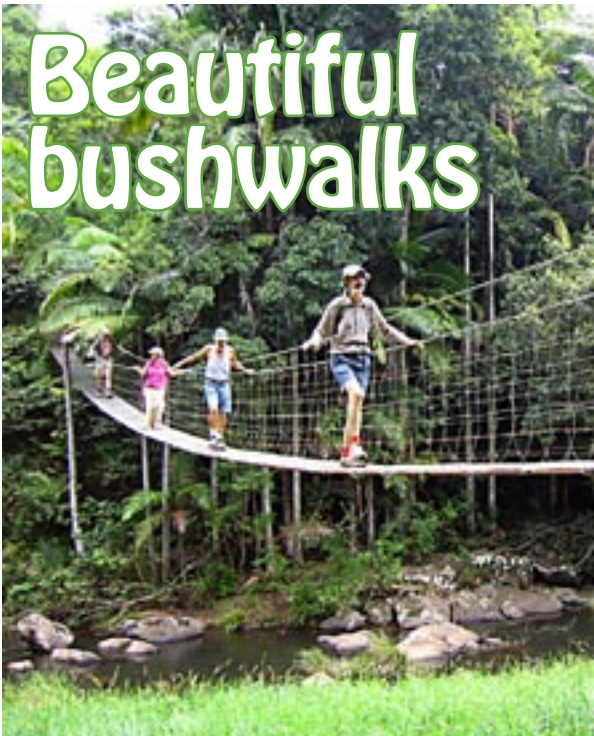
Sunday 22nd

Channon Hotel Visit / Bowls 11am.

All bowls days Mufti dress. Everyone welcome to come and join in a game of bowls. See you on the green!



Tuneful. Entertainer John Shelton performing at the Club's 78th birthday celebrations in September.



See the Nimbin Bushwalkers Club program – p8

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8:00	2:35	3:20	Lismore Transit	8:00	2:35
8:10	2:45	4:00	Goolmangar	8:10	2:45
8:20	3:00	4:15	Coffee Camp	8:20	2:55
8:45	3:20	4:30	Nimbin Ave	8:35	3:10
9:30	3:30		Nimbin depart	9:00	3:30
9:40	3:40		Blue Knob	9:10	3:40
9:50	3:55		Twin Bridges	9:15	3:45
9:53	4:00		Mt Burrell	9:20	3:50
10:10	4:20		Uki	9:40	4:10
10:15	4:25		Mt Warning turn	9:45	4:15
10:30	4:40		Murwillumbah	10:00	4:25

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7:10	1:50		Murwillumbah	7:30	2:15
7:20	2:03		Mt Warning turn	7:42	2:28
7:30	2:08		Uki	7:55	2:33
7:55	2:30		Mt Burrell	8:10	2:55
8:00	2:35		Twin Bridges	8:20	3:00
8:32	2:40		Blue Knob	8:30	3:05
8:45	2:50		Nimbin arrive	8:40	3:15
9:00	3:30		Nimbin depart	9:00	3:30
8:05	9:10	3:45	Coffee Camp	9:10	3:40
8:15	9:20	3:55	Goolmangar	9:20	3:50
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Friday 20th	The Josh Owen Band
Saturday 21st	Trasharama-a-go-go
	Short film festival
Friday 27th	The Vue
Sunday 29th	Heather Franklin Trio (Acoustic Sunday 1-5pm)

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