This year, it's a really big remembrance day

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Sunday 11th November Street party markets music vocal wizard visual displays drumming fire dancing town picnic

Take to the streets of Nimbin with peace and joy, from 11am to 11pm

This is the first of the peacechain's "Onedays", where community comes together to share oneness - a day where we choose to move out of the past and start anew, sharing, supporting, nurturing and caring for each other and our home, creating peace and harmony - a positive love magnet that will guide others to oneness.

Come together in town to share lunch, and community. Bring a blanket, pillows and food to share. Let's enjoy our town and each other.

Program

10.30am Drumming and gathering for oneness. At 11am we will gather at the Aquarius centre (The Bark Hut). Here we will conduct a minute's silence, then a group Om till 11.11am, followed by the beat of the drummers til 11.22am. If you can't be there, connect with us in the heart wherever you and your gathering may

11.30am Children's expression session. Live band with open mic for kids under 16yrs to express themselves. Two tracks of music to be played will be available the week before hand and mp3 file will be available to download the music. Participants may create their own lyrics to perform on the day, with a live band.

12.30 onwards Town picnic. Bring a plate to share and a blanket and cushions to relax on. To be held around the Aquarius building and market radio station area, town parks and the cafés of Nimbin. If you can't be in town you can hold you own picnic wherever you are and consciously link with everyone joining the

1pm onwards The shed, Aquarius centre: Lineups performing 30min sets, alternating with open jammimg. E bar: Venue for original free form jamming. A place to connect, network and be insired

2.30 - 5.30pm Town Hall: Grand piano with Daddy Cool and friends.

6 - 7pm Sacred sounds at sunset. Chants, Om's, Spiritual voice. Gather at the pizza oven behind the community centre.

7 - 10pm The shed, Aquarius centre: 3 x 3 Expression jam session where bands or jam line-ups are able to present or inspire three songs or leads to jam with, then pass the lead on to the next inspirator.

10 - 12 midnight Techknow jam and dance. DJs to instgate and guide a loop or beat and musos to accompany.

Come join, jam and dance. Come Saturday and start the fun, after-party to be announced.

For more information, contributions, participation or to catalyse your own oneday in your town go to <www.thepeacechain. com> events page or call Mark Mcdonald 0412-952-797 or email <thepeacechain@gmail.</pre>

A time to be community. To be peace and harmony.

Rally for the Greens

at the Rainbow Chai Tent The Channon Market

Sunday 11th November 2007

11th - 11th - 11th One minute silence and OM for Peace around the Peace Pole Benny Zable will be presenting a full performance

MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

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Sunday Afternoon

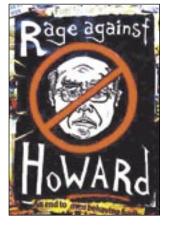
November 11th 2007

1 pm to 8 pm The Italo Club Ballroom, Barrow Lane Lismore Huge line-up of entertainment Entry \$10, food & drinks available

The full line-up has been confirmed for this huge fundraiser for the Greens.

Nimbin's rock chick Diana Anaid will be performing her new single 'Cheatin' On Me' prior to her forthcoming Australian tour.

Also starring are The Old Spice Boys, The Perch Creek





Family Jugband, The Pitts, Black Train, Jimmy Willing, Sara Tindley, Circus The Singing Dog, Samba Blissta, Greg Sheehan, Stipsky, C.B.D. Dub Project, The CWA, MISH, Claude Frock, Von Tramp Family Puppets, and Dirt Poor Cousins.

S. Sorrensen will be compering, so there could be a few jokes too.

Public Art Opening of 'Our Creeks' project

The beauty of public art is that it is created for everyone. It is the type of art that is easily accessible to people and they can form their own opinions. When this happens public art becomes part of our cultural environment, which increases our interaction with the environment and our culture. To celebrate public art and our local cultural heritage The Channon Cultural Collective have facilitated the creation of a large mosaic depicting the local waterways at Coronation Park, site to the renowned Channon Craft Markets.

There is a dislocation surrounding the location and movement of water as much of our creeks is on private land and is out of our everyday routine. Fortunately to get to The Channon everyone must cross a creek, a different creek, either Tuntable Creek, Teraina Creek or Rocky Creek so most people have a reference point as to where the creeks are. Thus 'Our Creeks' project was born. The mosaic is an extension to this idea

of knowing where you are in relation to the waterways. One of the creeks winds its way around the park making it the perfect position as people can follow the real creek if they choose too.

Public support for this project has been wonderful and it is a reflection of the strong community spirit in The Channon. The benefit to the community is greater than the physical mosaic set on a wall. The making of the mosaic was a melting pot of differing techniques and knowledge. Everyone had something to teach which made the construction a rich learning ground. The final result of the public art work is an amazing expression of connectitivity to the environment and the community thus adding to our culture.

There will be a Public Art opening at Coronation Park on the 11th November. This is the next Channon Craft Markets so come and have a

The Channon Cultural Collective would like to thank the following helpers:



Regional Arts NSW, The Channon market committee, Lismore Council especially: Ros Diskin, Annie McWilliam, Kevin Copas and Carolyn Moynihan. Eastcoast tiles, Metrotiles Alstonville. Brims Builders Hardware Billinudgel, Bunnings Lismore, Instyle Tiles, Taylor's Tiles, Community Trading, Coronation Park

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Local playwright wins hot shorts



Bob Tissott, well known locally for his theatrical productions, has walked away with both major prizes from the Hot Shorts Performing Arts Challenge held over the last two weeks of October at the Byron Bay Community Center.

Bob's play, titled 100 Years, won 1st place as judged by the audience, as well as taking out the inaugural Miss Julie Award which was judged by three professional directors.

The play looks at white / indigenous interaction over the last one hundred years, and although it is based in the Northern Rivers it is relevant to many other rural areas of Australia. The play opens with white

explorers hacking their way through the "Bloody jungle, Devil's country" and quickly moves on to encompass Cedar-cutters, two World Wars, land clearing of marginal land for dairy farms and their subsequent demise, stolen children, withheld indigenous wages, police victimisation, the arrival of the 'hippies', old growth logging and the final success of the protesters in the Nightcap. Throughout all this is a dialogue of abuse and exploitation of the indigenous people and the land until the final act of apology and reconciliation.

Bob acted in the piece alongside his son Jed and Athol Compton, local indigenous actor and environmentalist.

NIMBIN FASHION SHOWS 2007 SERIOUS FASHION - SERIOUS FUN

Excitement is building in fashion circles as the Nimbin catwalk is again set for a full weekend of fashion indulgence

Sixteen Northern Rivers designers are busy putting finishing touches on their creations for this years fashion spectacular which will be presented at the Nimbin Town hall on the weekend of the 16th and 17th November.

The shows are an eclectic blend of fashion, dance, music and artistic flair, magically combined to create a feeling of wonder whilst showcasing the region's cutting edge fashion designs.

Organisers of the shows, David Hyett and Christina Chester, are very excited about the talent in this year's shows.

The runway will be graced





with full collections from International designer Pol with his sleek cuts, Christina Chester with her unique combination of fashion and art, well known local designer Judy Who, Barbara Mills taking felting to the fore, Lismore designer Jessie's "wear if you dare" punkedout streetwear, and the sexy provocative clothing by Tara to name a few.

David said, "The depth of talent shown by the younger designers ensures that fashion will continue to blossom in the area well into the future.

"We have had people involved in the fashion industry comment that the Nimbin Fashion shows are among the best they have seen. A number of patrons travel from as far as Brisbane to see the shows annually."

David believes that Nimbin can conceivably become a major fashion centre, due to the depth of talent and the willingness of people to explore their creativity in all mediums.

The show opens Friday night 16th November at 7.30pm with a second show Saturday 17th November at 2pm and the final show on Saturday night at 7.30pm, followed by an after-party.

Tickets are available at the door or through Perceptio's Bookshop in Nimbin, phone (02) 6689-1766.

What the hell is happening about Mulgum House?

Multitask responds to criticism of delays

by Len Martin for Nimbin Health and Welfare Association Inc.

That is a question the Nimbin community has been asking for a long time. Many, many months ago we learnt that Lismore Challenge (now known as Multitask Human Resource Foundation Limited [sic]), an organization that cares for people with disabilities, had successfully tendered for the management of Mulgum House, with 3 of the 10 units reserved for the elderly of Nimbin.

And then! Nothing happened - much to the frustration of the present residents of Mulgum House and the Nimbin community. It is scandalous that seven purpose-built units for the elderly have lain vacant for so many months, despite continuing need, and numerous requests by local health workers to the Office of Community Housing (OCH, who own the property) for them to be used on a temporary basis for needy cases.

On Tuesday November 30th, Multitask's Liz Gehring came to Nimbin Health and Welfare to give us some idea of what is happening. The good news is that, to quote Liz, "Multitask is 100% committed to Mulgum House, and is eager to get on with it". Nevertheless there have been numerous delays, apparently not of Multitask's making, and while there is no intent



Front page media attention on the empty rooms at Mulgum House may help turn the slow wheels of bureaucracy.

that Multitask pull out at this stage, they cannot wait indefinitely - they have clients waiting to move in. Their clients need to know what is happening. Seems that there is frustration all round, with the responses of the OCH leaving much to be desired.

After the preliminary sign-off to conditions of negotiated changes to the building (the responsibility of OCH) Multitask is still waiting for work to be planned and completed for handover. A fire report needed to be done twice as non-accredited people were sent the first time, and the project needs Lismore City Council approval. Liz seemed to be just as much in the dark as to the exact state of progress as we are!

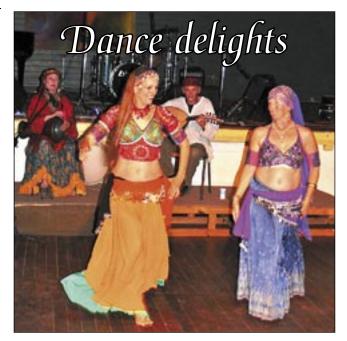
So, questions need to be asked of the Office of Community Housing and Lismore City Council, and the issue needs to be publicised - newspapers, TV, approaches to politicians, candidates and local councillors.

Wendy Kay, Len Harper and Don Sharpe - stars of October 25th NR Echo article - were there to hear what Liz had to say. Don was disappointed that there were only three places reserved for Nimbin old folks, Liz explained that their tender was based on 7 places for disabled and that, with the present facilities, that proportion would have to stand - though she could understand his and our concerns.

It was suggested that Don could be accomodated in the Mulgum House guest room as this was not a part of Multitask's quota - an idea received very positively by Liz.

There was general agreement that expansion of facilities would be a good thing, with Liz very keen on a community-based model for both disability and aged care needs. Faye Scherf pointed out that the existing building was placed so as to allow future expansion - there is certainly room for cabins or even caravans like Don's. Liz suggested we put that proposal to LCC to get their reaction - and we do have an in to a number of sympathetic councillors, and Multitask is definitely on side. Thank you Liz.

So there we are folks. What the hell IS happening about Mulgum?



The 15th Annual Concert of Dance is on Friday 23rd November in Nimbin School of Arts Hall. The Nomads (some above) will be there!



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Tuntable schools show their style

Children, parents and visitors at the Tuntable Falls Primary and Pre School fete had a wonderful day last Saturday at the schools' colourful annual fete.

The focus was definitely on the children with many fun-filled activities designed to occupy and stimulate the little people.

The most popular of these were the Jumping Castle which got a serious workout by the youngsters; the flushing water dunker which was generously lent by Nimbin Preschool and adapted to become a flushing water slide; and the very popular Crystal Hunt in the sand pit.

Lots of tempting treats such as pizza, salads and real fruit ice cream showed that you don't have to have lollies to to have fun.

The Pamper Parlour was again a hit with the parents who enjoyed full bodywork in a gentle setting with incense burning and essential oils flowing.

Live music was provided through out the day by two local bands. The headliner was The Parlour Rats, a Tuntable collective playing Vic Florey originals.

Supporting the Parlour Rats saw the debut of the band Manifest whose three members Paul Drenkovski, David Hyett and Gito Von-Schlipp are all parents at the school. Manifest played a mix of David's originals and a few lively covers.

A rather comical auction proved to be a good fundraiser, with many bargains to be had, such as the full set of golf clubs bought by aspiring golfer Noah Gentle for \$40, and





some revealing purchases such as the pram and change table purchased by Peta.

Visitors to the fete were very impressed with the improvements to the school including the \$45,000 playground, the fencing, watertanks and beautiful groundworks.

Among the people enjoying the Fete was local Police Sergeant Matt Johnson and family. Matt was particularly intreested in the parent-run school's achievements in the area of consensual decision making, whilst Matt's boys were more interested in the array of musical instruments and the water slide.

The dedicated efforts and achievements of the children, teachers and the Parent body were under the spotlight on the day, and the result was a unanamously agreed thumbs up to Tuntable Falls primary school.

The school has places available for the 2008 school year. For a current prospectus contact the school on 6689-1423 or email <tunfalls@australis .net>



Bangalow railway station was the backdrop to a magical scene when Mandrake the Magician (Greens candidate for Richmond Giovanni Ebono) attempted to conjure a railway out of thin air!

"We need more than magic, we need a guarantee from our elected federal representatives that they will work with the State government to fix this track," he said.

"The residents of Dunoon are the latest victims of extreme weather caused by global warming. By spending billions on freeways and nothing on rail, our governments are directly responsible for accelerating Global Warming." Mr Ebono said.

"We need local transport networks so we can burn less oil. We need our railway back. Government candidates have made all sorts of promises, but delivered ... nothing."

Mr Ebono continued, "People who have voted Labor all their lives are considering voting one The Greens, to send a clear message to Canberra. We need real action on climate change. We need this railway open."

The Greens polled 11000 votes in the last election. An extra 8000 votes drifting from Labor to the Greens would see the seat of Richmond won by the Greens..

Flusher with funds now

The weather was right, the crowds arrived, the raffle had the lot, the kids had a ball, and the Nimbin Preschool raised \$3,200. Well done all.



Shakespeare buffs undaunted by tempest

Full marks to the Dicey Theatre Company of Tuntable Falls, for their gutsy adherence to the showbiz creed, 'The show must go on.'

Opening night of their romp through the bard, "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)" was the Friday the tornado hit Dunoon, and Nimbin was blacked out from 4pm to the following day.

A couple of dozen brave souls ventured out to the Tuntable Hall to find, in an atmospheric Elizabethan candle-lit setting, shelter from the Lear-like storm, and with the use of an almost silent generator, the Company delivered a well-timed panto to the appreciative audience, with thunder sounded as if on cue.

Watch for more surprises from this aspiring local rep company.



Position Vacant

Nimbin Preschool, a community based centre for 3-5 year olds, is seeking a warm, energetic, qualified person to job share the Director's position 2.5 days/week for 2008 only.

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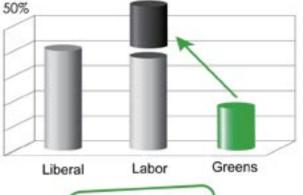
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Working to make communities safe

Hello, Sally here from the Nimbin Safe Community Project.

Last month I wrote about the Reclaim the Night march which is held on the last Friday in October in towns all across Australia. I am pleased to say that despite things generally being against it, including a blackout in town and incredibly feral weather, the Nimbin march went ahead. As I drove into town in the wildest storm I did not really expect to see women waiting at the Police Station, but they were there and keen to march.

A wee break in the rain allowed more women to join us at the last minute but the heavens opened again as soon as we started to march. The march was fun, the turn-out very respectable given the circumstances, and amazingly well supported from those watching from the pavement, so thank you Nimbin for all your support. The evening ended with an invitation from Judy Hale to join the film festival folk for a cuppa at



the hall so the marchers and their supporters ate cake and drank coffee by candlelight which was a great end to the

During the month the Nimbin Safe Community Project has also ran a couple of workshops to tie in with Reclaim the Night and to raise awareness about the issue of safety for women. Sharon from the Richmond Sexual Assault Service in Lismore attended one workshop and spoke to women about what her service can do to support women in Nimbin who have been sexually assaulted. It was interesting to learn how closely the Sexual Assault with Sharon telling us that the police often call them in as soon as a woman reports a sexual assault. Women then gain the support and information that allow them to make the right choices at can be very difficult if not impossible.

Sharon told us that her service can also support women who have chosen not to go to the police as well as offering ongoing support and counselling. The Richmond Sexual Assault Service covers Lismore, Ballina, Byron, Casino, Kyogle and the surrounding areas. It is available 24 hours a day for adults and children, Contact: (02) 66 202970 during business hours or (02) 66 218000 after hours.

In NSW December 7th is Stop Domestic Violence Day. The Nimbin Women's Dinner is traditionally held on the Wednesday before be held on Wednesday 5th of December. This event has coming together to laugh, catch up, be entertained, eat good food, and to raise awareness of issues affecting women experiencing violence.

Tickets for the event are \$18 waged and \$12 unwaged. Tickets go on sale on Thursday 22nd of November at 9am. They can be purchased from the Nimbin Family Centre on that day. Tickets sell out very quickly so be quick to make sure you don't miss out.

The Nimbin Neigbourhood and Information Centre's Safe Community Project is funded by the Commonwealth Attorney General's Community Crime Prevention Program and is steered by the Nimbin

Service works with the police, a time when decision making

Stop Domestic Violence Day and this year the 4th Annual Nimbin Women's Dinner will proved to be very popular over the last few years with women

Domestic Violence Committee.

Women show their support for cancer victims

Sami Day was diagnosed with breast cancer 12 months ago, at the age of 45.

The diagnosis turned her life as a registered nurse upside down, as she underwent surgery to remove a 4.2mm lump, then six months of chemotherapy followed by a course of radiotherapy, every day Monday to Friday for six weeks.

The good news? Her cancer is in remission, and Sami is back at work nursing, celebrating her recovery at the Pink Ribbon Breakfast for The National Breast Cancer Foundation at Nimbin Bowling Club last Sunday.

Surrounded by supporters, Sami said her success in beating breast cancer was due to early detection. "I felt a lump and went and had it seen to straight away," she said.

Four breast cancer survivors were among the large crowd attending the colourful function, including Nimbin Women's Bowling Club life member Phyllis Williams, 82, who was diagnosed at 55.

"When the doctor told me I had breast cancer, I went home and prayed," she said. Phyllis was supported by her family, especially her daughter, as she underwent surgery for a complete mastectomy.

"I thought that when the operation was over, that would be it, but then I had 12 months of chemotherapy to go. I had to send a letter to the Bowling Club telling them I wouldn't be available to play that year," Phyllis said.

Her reflection on the experience? "I never said, 'Why me? Why should this happen to me?' It could have been anyone. I think you just have to accept it, and if you do what



Support. Sami Day (centre) celebrates her recovery with Nimbin Women's Bowling Club members (clockwise) Viola Asi, Seppi Edmunds, Heidi Glover, Maria DeRighetti and MC for the Pink Ribbon Day, Peter Jones (obscured).

needs to be done to stop the cancer, you can get well again, and keep on going."

The 70's revival band 'Boogie Nights' performed an apt rendition of "I will Survive" which brought everyone to their feet in unspoken solidarity with Sami, Phyllis and all other breast cancer survivors.

The event raised over \$1,200 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation's Pink Ribbon fundraising week.

Nimbin does it for the kids

Nimbin Family Centre coordinator Marie Hainaut said she was "flabbergasted" at the success of the International Children's Day parade and fair, held on 25th October.

Four local pre-schools attended colourful parade, which made its way to the community centre for a day of fun activities.

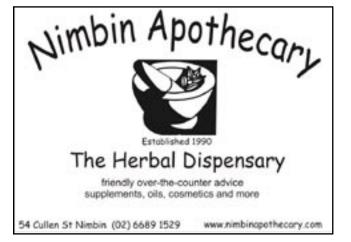
Ms Hainaut said, "The spirit of the day was to highlight how many young children are living in this area, and to recognise the work that parents and carers put into nurturing those children."







On the tongs. Sgt. Matt Johnson takes charge of the Police BBQ at the fair (above). The parade attracted hundreds of children and their parents for a celebration and affirmation of the joys of childhood.





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