



Photo and review: Thorsten Jones

## DIANA ANAID ROCKS NIMBIN HALL

On Saturday 18th October, the Nimbin Hall was again the venue for one of Diana's famous home gigs. She rocked the audience with a mix of her old hits and brand new material which will appear on her upcoming CD.

In her usual fashion she first presented us with a solo performance that got the listeners moving, followed by a short break, which allowed everybody to sample the excellent cuisine by Stephen from Green

Cauldron Catering.

And then she was on stage with band. Starting with some of her classics, she put on an awesome show that lacked nothing of the raw strength she is famous for. The new material also raised great expectations for the new album she is currently working on. It was a great show!

The evening was concluded with DJ Digital Monk putting the dance groove on, capping off a great night.



# Triumphant return to Sphinx Rock

Two years ago, Andrea Soler was an unknown singer-songwriter in Australia. With guitar in hand, a pocketful of tunes and her trademark positive attitude to life firmly in the bag, Andrea left her home in the Tweed Valley for Europe.

Initially returning to her paternal roots in Paris, it was here that Andrea's songwriting first began to spike. Inspired and influenced by the passionate and sometimes challenging joie de vivre of French tradition, Andrea developed a distinctly European influenced sound, drawing on a mixture of nuances associated with that part of the world.

From Paris, Andrea moved north to the UK, settling in Bournemouth less than a year ago. She quickly won the title of Breakthrough Artist of the Month on



Homecoming Andrea with Matt Tarling (violin), Darren Shaw (percussion), Andrea and Big Al (bass).

southwest UK radio, as well as adding a live performance on BBC radio to her credits.

Following the release of the Better In The Sunshine EP at the beginning of May, this year Andrea has racked up numerous appearances within the UK's festival

circuit, including the highly acclaimed Larmer Tree Festival in Dorset.

Andrea's music is a refreshing, unique yet traditional take on indie-folk. "Her songs resonate with life, and watching her perform one falls easily

into the celebration." Nadia Sundae, ABC Coast FM presenter

Catch Andrea with her touring band at her return gig at The Sphinx Rock Café on Saturday 29th November, 7pm, \$12 entry. Phone 6679-7118 for dinner bookings.

## Manifest now monthly at Birth & Beyond

Local band Manifest (pictured below) were more bixarre than usual at their gig last month at Birth and Beyond in Nimbin.

The intimate venue rocked to the punk sounds of the three-band programme.

Another lively evening of high quality music is guaranteed at the next Nimbin Underground Gig scheduled for 8pm Friday the 14th November @ Birth & Beyond, Cullen St Nimbin (opposite the Town Hall).

The line up consists of three bands. First up is Bird Brain from Lismore fronted by Sideshow, followed by local rock chic Diana Anaïd with her successful recording and touring band.

Third band of the night is Nimbin band Manifest who, it's true, surprised their audience at the last gig with their theatrical visual prescence, reminiscent of Alice Cooper or a demonic Kiss.

Admission is by donation. Children are welcome.



Story and photos by Celeste Oss-Emer

'The Sheik from Scrubby Creek', Chad Morgan (pictured), the living legend of Australian country music, was honoured with a Star in the Cock and Bull's new walk of fame at Lismore's Norco North Coast National Show in October.

Chad Morgan gave an unforgettable performance telling stories and entertaining the crowd with songs telling of his life



## Living Legend

growing up in the bush and getting up to mischief: 'I'm my own Grandpa', 'Lovable Lad' and 'If I Only Knew Then What I Know Now.'

The fabulous Cock and Bull tent featured local favourites The Perch Creek Family Jug Band, Dan Rumour and the Drift, and a hugely energetic Sunday performance by organiser Jimmy Willing and the Real Gone Hick-ups.

These were all highlights in a great programme, but to see Chad Mogan perform was something very special.

53 Cullen Street, Nimbin  
Phone 6689-1246

## November Gig Guide

Friday 7th	<b>Stipsky</b>
Friday 14th	<b>Juke Baritone</b> & the Swamp Dogs
Sunday 16th	<b>King Farook</b> 1.30pm
Friday 21st	<b>Ghost Mountain</b>
Friday 28th	<b>The Witness</b>
Sunday 30th	<b>Pacha Mama</b> 1.30pm

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## What's On in November?

**Saturday 8th November – Girls Night In**  
Fundraiser for the Cancer Council featuring Neil Anderson, monster raffles and door prizes. Entry \$10 donation and bring a plate. Starts 8pm.

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## Gear Cranking

We notice the recent addition to NGT's 'Tenant of the Month', well, we feel NGT should also have a 'What Pisses Me Off' or 'What Cranks my Gears' (We wanted 'Asshole of the Month' but thought you may not like to use it.)

Anyway... this month we're nominating the following A-holes:

- Whoever stole the metal mat from the bottom of the ramp at the disabled toilet at the Bush Theatre.

- Whoever stole the female mannequin from the Bowling Club which was going to be used as part of the fundraiser for Breast cancer Breakfast. This resulted in a large part

of the takings being lost. The mannequin was later found in town completely trashed.

- Whoever has tagged the beautifully handpainted Welcome to Nimbin sign. You should show respect to other people's work.

A BIG Thumbs-Down to you. Maybe if we shame these people, they'll start to work with the community and not against it.

**Concerned community members**  
(Names and address supplied)

## Culinary Judging

Firstly let me congratulate Jan Schilling on her wins in the cake section at this year's country show. But I am sorry Jan

was disappointed at the exclusion of competitors and friends from the judging.

I understand this decision was made after a cheerful and supportive group in the culinary section, disrupted judging in other parts of the pavilion at last year's country show.

However, that said, we do want to encourage people to participate in all parts of the show. Any suggestions to make the show more inclusive are welcome.

I am sure we can make enough changes which will persuade Jan to bake her way to victory next year.

Gay Bransgrove  
Secretary,  
Nimbin A & I Society

## Bush Survival

I just want to say thankyou Nimbin GoodTimes for your valuable contribution to Nimbin community. Gareth and I had a very enthusiastic and full class for our Bush Survival course.

Every student gave very positive feedback and signed up for our advanced course.

Gareth's stinging nettle and macadamia pesto had to be tried to be believed. A magical experience all 'round.

Next preliminary course is being held 15-16th November, 2008. Contact - koawindsong@hotmail.com or phone (02) 6689-7027.

Koa Windsong

# Notices

## Nimbin Women's Dinner

Wednesday 26th November 2008 at Nimbin Town Hall for a great night of entertainment, dinner and dancing. Tickets are on sale 10th November at NNIC, so don't miss out!

## Nimbin Agricultural & Industrial Society Inc.

### Annual General Meeting

11th November 2008, 6pm at the Nimbin Showground, Cecil Street, Nimbin.

## Rainforest Information Centre

### Annual General Meeting

Monday 17th November 6pm at the Lismore Workers Club. All welcome.

## Nimbin Aquarius Foundation Inc.

### Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 18th November, 4pm in the Community School Room, Nimbin Community Centre, 81 Cullen Street, Nimbin

## Nimbin Independent Media Inc.

### Nim-FM Annual General Meeting

Thursday 20th November, 1pm at the Community School Room, Nimbin Community Centre. Election of office-bearers and sub-committees. Light refreshments. Membership payable at door: \$30/20/10.

## Nim-FM Birthday party

Saturday 22nd November at Nimbin Town Hall. More details to follow. Updates on Nim-FM 102.3.

## Ted Cox Fundraiser

Sunday 23rd November at the Bush Theatre. Benefit to help Ted fight leukemia. Heaps of music, food and refreshments, and the drawing of the big raffle.

## Nimbin Community Centre Inc.

### NCDA/NCCI Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27th November, 2008, 6pm in the Dance Studio, Nimbin Community Centre, 81 Cullen St, Nimbin. Membership payable at door: \$15/10/5.

## Nimbin HEMP Inc.

### Annual General Meeting

Thursday 4th December, 5pm at the HEMP Embassy, Nimbin. Presentation of Financial Reports. Election of Office Bearers. All members invited to attend.

## Help End Marijuana Prohibition Inc.

### Annual General Meeting

Friday 12th December, 5pm at the HEMP Embassy, 51 Cullen St, Nimbin. Election of Office Bearers. All members invited to attend.



## Kyogle Library News November

### What's on in November @ YOUR library?

### Claim the day! Bargain Booksale @ Kyogle library

Where: Kyogle library

When: Begins Tuesday, 11th November 2008

Finishes: Friday 21st November 2008

Time: Doors open at 10am

Who: All welcome!

Prices: Bargain basement prices! Hardcover \$2, Paperbacks \$1

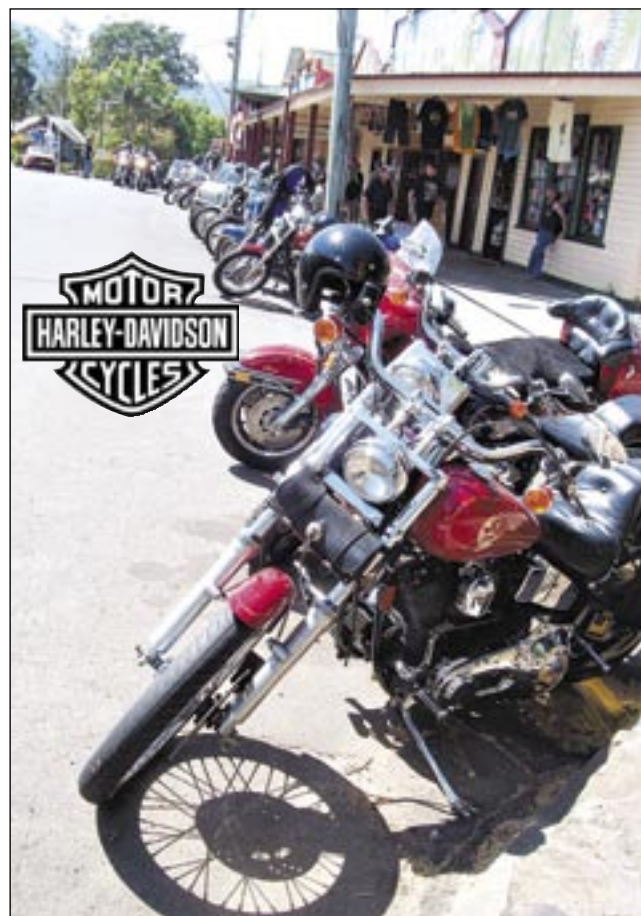
No plastic bags, boxes a plenty!

### Displays

Check out Cheryl's beautiful display - view the helpful products and read about the services offered by Embracing Awareness. You'll find something to enrich everyone's mind, body and soul @ Kyogle library!

### Bookworms

FREE storytime, rhymes, songs and craft for pre-schoolers aged 3- 5 years every Wednesday morning @11am. We have lots of fun and look forward to seeing you @ Bookworms!!



Hogs filled the street when the Harley Owners Group called into Nimbin en route to 25th anniversary celebrations in Lennox Head.

## NIMBIN COMMUNITY MEETING

Residents and members of the local Nimbin community are invited to come along to meet the newly elected Lismore City Councillors at the annual Nimbin Community Meeting, to be held on Monday, November 10, 2008.

The meeting will be held at Nimbin School of Arts Hall, beginning at 7.00 p.m.



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# simon says

Stories from a Lismore City councillor

Firstly I would like to humbly thank the people from the Nimbin area who voted for me, or gave me their preferences, as you have given me the opportunity to help create a sustainable future for the Lismore area with an enthusiastic group of councillors. I hope I will be able to repay your trust. And for the people who didn't vote for me, I will be working for you also.

The first month (is that all it's been??) has been a whirlwind of meetings, emails, phone calls, business papers, and social events. My lifelong habit of early waking (which included 5am fishing with my brother before school on the Tweed River) is quite a bonus. I can do two hours of reading papers and emails while the rest of you are asleep.

One of my first official duties/pleasures was to attend the Spring Art exhibition at Nimbin. It was an exciting evening with lots of familiar faces – very positive about the future of the new council. Mayor Jenny excelled herself with her grace and humour.

The invitation was very last-minute. They took so long to count the vote that we didn't know who was on Council. I had a prior arrangement to look after my friend Joanne's children, so she and my wife Trish could go to



the theatre. Much shuffling ensued, with transport arrangements, timing of return, assistance from the neighbours, initiative from the kids, but we got there in the end. I figured this was symbolic of what my new life would be like. I was not wrong, as the arrangements for getting three councillors to Broken Hill became even more complicated. But that's another story...

Much has been reported of the mayoral election, which was a resounding endorsement for popular candidate Jenny Dowell. Whilst the mayor is elected by the public, the position of deputy mayor is decided by the council. Greens councillor Vanessa Ekins was elected to fill this role. This appointment is a further statement that there is a move towards sustainability with the new council. It is heartening to see Council under the leadership of two capable women, especially given that Jenny and Vanessa are unfortunately the only two women on council. I feel privileged to serve on

a council with Jenny and Vanessa as mentors.

There IS a change in the air. (I hesitate to say, it is called "climate change"). The Lismore Show has just ended, and as a councillor I participated in a number of activities. I have to admire the awareness demonstrated by the Show Society that the traditional agricultural show needs to be relevant to our contemporary community.

This year the feature of the show was the Sustainable Living Expo organised by Southern Cross Uni with a lot of other support. The display was amazingly good, and resoundingly endorsed by the public with a record attendance on the main show day.

The exhibition featured solar energy systems, composting toilets, community gardens, organic products, non-toxic paints, worm farms, sustainable building materials, to name just a few. It was ably backed up by a superb display by Lismore City Council, featuring water conservation, water-wise gardening, sustainable business, educational projects for kids and much more. A special feature was the free sample bag, in the true spirit of The Show.

In many ways the Sustainable Living Expo showcases all those things which people in and around Nimbin since the Aquarius Festival have been living and advocating. We have now become mainstream!

# From the Mayor's desk



by Jenny Dowell  
Mayor of Lismore

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## Council update

The new Council is settling in really well. So far we've had two formal meetings, several workshops and a weekend retreat. One of the first tasks of Council was to elect the Deputy Mayor and delegates to external committees. Cr Vanessa Ekins is our Deputy Mayor and has already been a great help to me in assuming the Chair during my recent hospitalisation. Cr Ekins and Cr Yarnall were elected to Rous Water and Cr Houston to Far North Coast Weeds. Cr Chant and Cr Smith are our delegates to Richmond River County Council and at their first meeting, Cr Chant was elected Chair.

## Tanks and Trains

Among the first issues discussed by Council was the importance of water tanks on new buildings and the need to restore the Casino-Murwillumbah train. It is a step in the right direction that Council agreed to prepare a Development Control Plan (DCP) to commit to water sensitive design in new buildings.

Lismore Council also agreed to support Byron Council's submission to Infrastructure Australia calling for the refurbishment of the rail line and the construction of a link to South East Queensland.

## Finances

As most readers will know, local government has not been immune to the global credit crisis. LCC is also exposed through our investment portfolio but at this stage no losses have been realised because the investments are not reaching maturity for another 12 months and Council is not attempting to sell them prematurely. Council has \$7.38m invested through Lehman Brothers Australia and while the market value of these products is now estimated to be \$5.2 m and some investments have not paid dividends to the tune of \$135,000, it is impossible to reliably estimate the final result. Nevertheless, Council will adjust the current budget to prepare for a loss so that we approach the next budget with some preparedness.

## PAGs

In the next week, Council will again advertise for community membership for our Policy Advisory Groups. I would strongly encourage readers to apply to ensure we have the broadest representation possible. Here is a list of the PAGs and the Councillors elected to each:

- *Arts and Culture* – Crs Battista & Dowell
- *Community Services* – Cr Houston
- *Economic Development* – Crs Smith and Meineke
- *Infrastructure Assets* – Crs Graham & Yarnall
- *Sports and Recreation* – Crs Chant & Marks
- *Sustainable Environment* – Crs Ekins & Clough

## Councillors coming to Nimbin

On Monday November 10, at 7 pm, Council will hold its regular Nimbin Contact Forum at the School of Arts hall. This is a good opportunity for residents to meet new Councillors, ask questions and to tell all of us what your concerns and aspirations are for your community. I hope there will be a good roll-up and look forward to seeing you there.



## My Nimbin visits

Over the weekend of October 24-26, I attended two great events in Nimbin. I doubt that there is another village of its size that could put together such a great three day Film Festival. Although I was only able to see a few films on the first night, the line-up was very impressive. Well done all.

It was wonderful to see so much support for the Nimbin Ladies Bowls Club Pink Ribbon Breakfast too. This small club has four survivors of this dreaded disease so their efforts to raise funds have a deep personal connection. Congratulations to the club for their efforts and thank you for your warmth and encouragement for my journey too.

## Remembrance Day

November 11 marks the 90th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended WW1 and I urge all readers to spend a minute in silence at 11 am on 11.11.08 to reflect on the men and women who have died in wars, conflicts and in peace-keeping missions around the world over the years. Our busy lives have resulted in this quiet time of reflection being somewhat forgotten so I encourage the community to stop just for a minute, reflect and pay our respects.

## Australia Day

Council is calling for nominations for our local Australia Day Awards in 7 categories including Citizen, Arts, Environment, Sport, Multicultural, Reconciliation and Community Services

I am sure readers can think of several local individuals or groups who are doing wonderful things in the community. These are the very people we would love to see recognised on January 26 when all nominees are honoured and winners are announced. Nominations close on December 30 but I would encourage readers to get in early to avoid the inevitable rush and bustle of Christmas. Nomination forms are available from Council's website or from me.

## Personal Update

By now most readers would know of my breast cancer news. On October 7, I had a mastectomy and 25 lymph nodes removed. I start chemotherapy on November 12 and feel very fortunate that I only need four cycles so I am hoping not to need time away from my Mayoral duties but as everyone knows, the cancer journey is not always predictable so time will tell. I am doing well thanks in no small part to all the wonderful people who have offered me words of support and told me their stories.

## Accolades for Class of 2008 at Nimbin Central School farewell

### Awards for Year 12 students

- **Jeddah Bayles:** Perseverance
- **Morrigan Biscoe:** 1st in Textiles and Design; Encouragement in Visual Arts
- **Karma Blinco-Parr:** 2nd in English Advanced; 1st in General Mathematics; 1st in Visual Arts; 1st in Visual Design; To the Maxx Award; Special Library Award
- **Rebecca Cook:** 2nd in Textiles and Design; Encouragement Award in Ancient History; Encouragement Award in Photography; K-12 Award
- **Lucy Crawford:** Encouragement Award in English Advanced
- **Chris Dockerill:** Excellent Attendance Award; Resilience Award
- **Emma Doyle:** 1st in Photography, 2nd in English Standard; 2nd in Food Technology; 2nd in Information technology; Australian Defence Force Award; K-12 Award; Excellent Attendance Award; The New Camera House Photography Award
- **Elle Egan:** Encouragement Award in Modern History
- **Tegwyn Evans:** 2nd in Photography, 2nd in Visual Arts; Encouragement Award in Visual Design
- **Christian Hanlon:** 1st in Design and Technology; Humanity Award
- **Tristina Hay:** 2nd in Visual Design
- **Jemma Jakeman:** 1st in English Standard; 1st in Food Technology; 1st in Information Technology; 1st in Modern History; 1st in PD/H/PE; Reuben F Scarf Award
- **Darren Janezic:** 2nd in design and echnology; 2nd in General Mathematics; 2nd in PD/H/PE; Encouragement Award in English Standard; Persistence Award
- **Jake Lapham:** Perseverance Award; Citizenship Award
- **Ruben Mack:** Award for Distance Education in German; 2nd in Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation
- **Lucinda Moore:** Perseverance Award
- **Sarita Perston:** 1st in Ancient History; 1st in English Advanced; 1st in Mathematics (2 Unit); Award for Distance Education in Chemistry; Award for Distance Education in Spanish; Caltex All Rounder Award; Yr 12 Advisor's Award
- **Hamish Rose:** 2nd in Ancient History; 2nd in Modern History; Careers Advisor Award
- **Jesse Schoer:** 1st in Agriculture; Encouragement Award in Senior Science; Citizenship Award; Environment Award
- **Jenna Sleeth:** 1st in Senior Science; Encouragement Award in General Mathematics; Encouragement Award in PD/H/PE
- **Jesse Ward-Howard:** 1st in Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation; Encouragement Award in Design and Technology; Encouragement Award in Food Technology; Encouragement Award in Information Technology

Good luck to all students for the remainder of their HSC examinations. Nimbin's Year 12 formal will be held on Thursday 13th November at the Belling Bull restaurant.

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# Janelle's Page



**JCDEP Success.** Janelle with Nora Caldwell, Chairperson of Junbung Elders of Casino, who gave the Welcome to Country; and Brendan O'Connor, Minister for Employment Participation, at the consultation session in Casino.

by Janelle Saffin, MP

I've heard from many locals welcoming the Rudd Government's early action to strengthen the national economy and support households during the global economic crisis.

The \$10.4 billion Economic Security Strategy includes delivering for about 47,000 people here in Page, a large number of them carers, disability support and aged pensioners, seniors and veterans.

Pensioners will receive a payment of \$1400 to singles and \$2100 for couples as a down payment on longer term reforms.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit A will receive immediate financial support with a one-off payment of \$1000 for each eligible child in their care."

This is about delivering real and immediate support to people who need it most, including pensioners, carers and families. This is good news as well for our local retailers because people will have extra cash in their pockets before Christmas.

There's also good news for first home buyers, with grants up from \$7,000 to \$14,000 for those buying existing homes, and up to \$21,000 for those buying new houses.

## Green Building Fund

I'm often asked about green initiatives for business, and I hope that local commercial building owners will take advantage of the Rudd Government's new \$90 million Green Building Fund announced in October which offers dollar-for-dollar support up to \$500,000.

The Fund will help tackle climate change by reducing the energy consumed in the operation of commercial office buildings.

The Green Building Fund is aimed at owners of existing commercial office buildings, and will support retro-fitting projects that reduce energy consumption. Eligible projects can include upgrades to common area lighting, and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems and improvements to building fabric through glazing and shading.

I know the Government is keen to include projects involving small, lower grade buildings where there is a significant opportunity for improvement.

## Indigenous Employment Programs

The Minister for Employment Participation, Brendan O'Connor came to Page at my invitation at the end of October to discuss the Government's planned reforms to Indigenous employment programs with representatives of local Indigenous communities.

As we have around 430 people on Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) as well as a range of community benefit programs linked with CDEP I thought it was important for him to meet with locals and have a direct discussion.

The issues raised included the need for development of Indigenous businesses and ensuring employment programs are culturally aware.

The reforms are part of the Government's target of losing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous employment within a decade.

## Registration of Naturopaths

Naturopath Angela Doolan, from 'Naturopaths for Registration' will be meeting Janelle Saffin MP in the Lismore electorate office to hand over a submission in support of National Registration of Naturopaths and Western Herbalists.

Ms Doolan says the registration of Naturopaths and Western Herbalists could significantly extend preventative, natural health care strategies to the Australian people in a way that is safe and protects the consumer. She says at present naturopathy is a totally unregulated profession.

I am happy to support this initiative.

Federal Member for Page  
63 Molesworth Street Lismore  
Phone 1300-301-735

# Minister's Awards for Excellence in Aged Care

by Justine Elliot, MP

Recently the Federal Government announced the Minister's Awards for Excellence in Aged Care, which will identify world best practice in aged and community care in Australia.

We have world class facilities and there is innovation in aged and community care in Australia.

Nurses, personal carers and allied health workers are the backbone of Australia's aged and community care system – it is vital they are recognised along with providers for their commitment.

I have been to every State and territory and I have seen world class facilities and met with hundreds of dedicated and hard working staff – and I believe they deserve to be recognised.

Australians now have the world's second longest life expectancy. The Australian government is responding to the challenges of the 21st century and our ageing population.

Over the next four years, the Federal will invest more than \$40 billion in aged and community care.

Official award nominations will be called for in November with advertisements in national newspapers. Nominations will close February 2, 2009.

Awards will recognise:

- Overall leadership and innovation achievement awards;
- Innovation in IT, human resource management, training and workforce issues;
- Achievements in the not-for-profit sector;
- Award for leadership in community care;
- Merit awards for outstanding individuals in aged and community care; and

- Awards for regional, rural or remote aged and community care innovation.

Awards are open to individuals and organisations across aged and community care including Commonwealth-subsidised nursing homes and hostels, Community Aged Care Package Providers and Extended Aged Care at



Justine with Mr Howard 'Speed' Maher, one of the recipients of an Award during International Older Persons Day on 29th September.

Home Providers as well as Home and Community Care.

## New Training Places

Up to 7,700 new training places over four years in aged and community care will be created under a \$41 million training plan – as part of the Rudd Government's response to the challenges of Australia's ageing population.

A total of 2,700 community training places and up

to 5,000 residential aged care training places will be made available through the Community Aged Care Workforce Development and the Better Skills for Better Care programs, respectively.

We need a well trained workforce to continue to provide quality aged and community care in Australia. This is a practical and commonsense measure – it is about helping people gain additional work skills and build a long-term career in residential and community aged care.

Australia is facing a major demographic challenge and we are preparing. Australians now have the world's second longest life expectancy – after the Japanese.

Currently, there are some 2.8 million Australians – about 13 per cent of the population – aged 65 and over. This number is expected to triple over the next 40 years.

The training would be nationally recognised and include places in:

- Certificate III in Home and Community Care;
- Certificate III in Aged Care Work;

- Certificate IV in Service Coordination
- Certificate IV in Aged Care Work and Community Services; and
- Diploma in Enrolled Nursing.

As part of a plan to reduce red tape, Community Aged Care Development Program and Better Skills for Better Care Program will be advertised together – for the first time – allowing Registered Training Organisations to apply for both programs simultaneously.

The joint round allows the vocational and educational training sector to better coordinate and plan its training delivery and will provide more certainty to providers and staff.

Advertisements will appear in major newspapers shortly and further information is available from the Department's website: [www.health.gov.au/tenders](http://www.health.gov.au/tenders).

## Celebrating a milestone?

If you or a family member are celebrating a milestone 90th or 100th birthday, or a 50th or 60th wedding anniversary, I am able at arrange congratulatory messages from the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and in some cases the Governor General and the Queen. Contact my office (below) for further details.

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# Police Beat for October 2008

## Nimbin Incidents

### • Positive Breath test

On Monday 6th October, police stopped a female driver in Cecil Street, Nimbin. After being submitted to a random breath test, the person gave a positive test and was arrested and taken back to Nimbin Police Station where a breath analysis returned a reading of almost twice the legal limit. The female person was issued a Field Court Attendance Notice to appear in Lismore Local Court.

### • Suspended Driver

On Wednesday 8th October, police were patrolling the Nimbin township when police stopped a "suspended learner driver" as she is well known to police, whilst driving in Cullen Street. The female person was issued a Court Attendance Notice to appear in Lismore Local Court on the 1st December 2008.

### • Malicious Damage

Between Friday 26th September and 10th October unknown person/s attended the Nimbin Central School and damaged two external walls outside H block. These person/s have written numerous words on the walls with spray paint. Inquiries are continuing.

### • Intoxicated Female

On the evening of Friday 10th October, police were conducting a foot patrol of the Nimbin township. Police were approached by a member of the public advising police that there was a female person heavily intoxicated in Cullen Street. Police attended the location to find the female person not in good health. Police carried the female person back to the police vehicle where she was conveyed to Nimbin Hospital.

### • Drug Possession

During high visibility patrols within the Nimbin township, police seized numerous amounts of drugs from three different persons. These persons informed police that they purchased the drugs from a well known tourist attraction in Nimbin. These persons which police

dealt with were issued either cannabis cautions or put before Lismore Local Court.

### • Stealing

On Saturday 18th October in Sibley Street: During this afternoon, police received a call regarding a stealing in Sibley Street. Unknown persons had entered the rear yard of the premises and stolen a number of garden tools. These tools were estimated at great value.

### • Break and Enter

On Monday 27th October, a well-known business within the Nimbin CBD was broken into. The unknown person/s had smashed the window to the premises and gained entry. Any person who may have information is encouraged to contact Nimbin Police on 6689-1244 or Crime Stoppers on 1800-333-000.

### • Stealing

On Monday 27th October, the owner of a blue scooter contacted police to report that his scooter had been stolen. A few days later, a member of the public contacted Nimbin Police to report he had located a blue scooter in his rear shed in Blade Road, Nimbin. Checks revealed that the located scooter belonged to the person who reported his scooter stolen on the 27th October.

### • Drugs Located

On Thursday 30th October, police were conducting a foot patrol of the Nimbin township. During this patrol, police attended one of Nimbin's more popular tourist attractions and found located in a black backpack, 275 grams of Cannabis, 20 grams of Hash and 5 LSD tabs. Numerous items within the bag have been sent for fingerprinting. Inquires are continuing.

### • Intimidate Police

30th October in Cullen Street: A male person from Nimbin was spoken to regarding his level of intoxication and behaviour. Whilst police were speaking with the male person, the male person was becoming aggressive and began to

raise his fists towards police. Subsequently the male person was arrested and taken back to Nimbin Police Station. On searching the male person, police located an amount of cannabis. Due to male person's criminal history, he was refused bail to appear before Lismore Local Court on 3rd November.

### • Intoxicated Male

31st October in Allsop Park Nimbin: During the evening, police spoke to a male person in Allsop Park as he was consuming alcohol, being a alcohol free zone. The male person was warned for consuming alcohol and issued a move-on direction to leave the area. One hour later, police saw the same male person within the park consuming more alcohol. The male person was arrested and taken back to Nimbin Police Station. The male person was charged with the matters and bail refused to appear before Lismore Local Court on 3rd November.

## Assistance

Nimbin Police want to hear from you. We assure confidentiality where possible. However, we also believe that criminal acts and anti-social behaviour should not be tolerated. Please contact Nimbin police in person, or on any of our phone numbers such as, Nimbin Station 6689-1244, Emergency 000, Police Assistance Line (PAL) 13-14-44 or Crimestoppers 1800-333-000.

*Prepared by Senior Constable Peter Irby, Nimbin Police.*

# The State of the Murals

by Benny Zable

Nimbin muralist Benny Zable conducted a live-to-air interview from upstate New York with Bruce McKenzie of ABC local radio on Monday morning 20th October.

In the interview, Benny threatened to perform a black paint-out on the rooftops in protest at the possible closure of the Nimbin Museum, and "to voice my frustration to the apathy and inaction to protect the interests of Nimbin artists."

Below is an (edited) email he sent about the interview.

My artwork on the rooftops is getting harder to maintain. With power lines overhead, and safety reasons, I should be quitting.

Over the 35 years, my suggestions of proposal after proposal to build a

special purpose art space for painting murals on good materials, have fallen on deaf ears.

Dealing with intellectual theft and the like is another issue that hasn't been addressed.

The landlord of the Nimbin Museum promised \$200 after a request for \$1000 was rejected for maintenance of murals, and came to nothing at all.

Well I am tired of this shafting and pissing into the proverbial Nimbin wind.

Finance and support for an art studio complex for murals/public art projects, solar and wind installations on rooftops, getting youth interest with educational institutions programs, all needs infrastructure, which is not happening from the mainstream exploiters.

The money issue for all

this is bullshit. If you want these murals, listen and take action. After all, in five years the murals will be crap. They need constant painting and maintaining on what are cracked, rotting timbers to look good.

Nimbin is deteriorating and we who have slaved our guts out are shafted. It is time for action Benny Zable style.

Maybe a black paint-out of the murals would help get some new fresh energy towards reviving interest in the community to get these proposals to be a happening thing.

It is either quitting or performing an action to bring on a response for badly needed infrastructure and care for the artists who do this work that is free for all to do their trade around.

A thank you to all who have supported my work.



## Payment for artists

by Maxx Maxted

I have read, with concern, Benny Zable's heartfelt cry in support of Michael Baderstone and the Museum. The topic of conservation of the murals and the ongoing expense of maintaining locally placed artworks is important and has never been adequately addressed; nor has the cost of providing these ongoing artistic services.

Nimbin is known for its murals and decorative artworks. They are what people from all over the world come to see. They all bring money into the area. Everybody benefits financially apart from the art makers.

The process of making art

costs money. Artists must be paid for their work. We cannot keep relying on the dole to pay people for essential artistic services.

Take the Museum as only one example. Elspeth Jones has repainted the Kombi many times over the past 13 years. Her fabulous display of talent on this piece has gone unpaid.

Inside the Museum and dotted around town are works by the amazingly gifted Burri Jerome and Donato Rosella whose scope both musically and artistically are dazzling. They have their own stories of being ripped off but I will not presume to air their grievances in public.

Art is undervalued in

Nimbin, no more or less than it is undervalued in the 'outside world'. When money is promised, usually after tiring negotiations to get that far, the money is seldom forthcoming. Promises are made but easily forgotten or diverted to pay unforeseen costs.

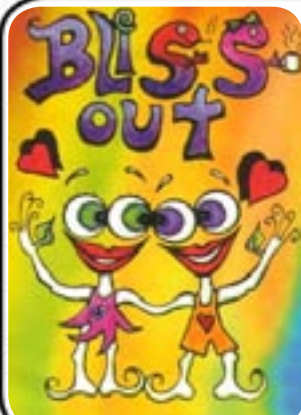
I was promised payment for the three Tribal Poles erected outside the Museum. I was approached to carve the poles by the owner, manager and an agent who was paid a commission. Michael Balderstone assured me I would get paid, but how long

is a piece of string?

After numerous trials the poles were erected and everybody took their bows but no money came until I forced the issue recently. I have been threatened with 'an attack by lawyers' if I pursue the matter and paid off with a cynical gratuity but my bill has not been paid.

How would 'Nimbin' expect to exist without its artists? What would tourists come to see, clapped out dairy farms? I don't think so. Benny is right to feel shafted and pissing into the wind.

There should be provision for Art workspace and financial backing for projects. As Benny says, 'Nimbin is deteriorating, and we who have slaved our guts out are shafted.'



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