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Emergency planning for Nimbin

by Teresa Biscoe

A group looking at creating an Emergency Action Plan for our village has been meeting with various agencies; RFS, SES, Red Cross etc. They have recommended to develop a data base of community members who are trained and available to help in an emergency situation.

As part of these recommendations, it has been noted that we really need at least six people from the village to become locally-trained members of the SES.

If people already have some skills with chainsaws or have RFS training,

that would be great, but full training would be provided by SES if needed.

It is quite a physical job, so some level of fitness is required. This crew would be able to be part of the first responders to local emergency situations, land searches and disaster relief.

They are fully covered by the SES insurers against injury, and the SES will provide them with emergency resources which can be held in the local community for use in an emergency.

The SES is also looking for people to join their early warning system by being flood spotters.

If you live alongside one of the creeks that empty into Wilson River you could be part of this system.

It would be great if they could get at least three spotters on each creek; one at the top, someone in the middle and someone at the end of the creek.

If you would like to be part of helping your community in an emergency situation please consider contacting the SES who are eager to offer whatever training, equipment and funding they have to help communities prepare for emergency events.

You can contact the SES via their website for information and to register for training: www.ses.nsw.gov.au

Warning: Glyphosate in our creeks

by Gina Horsfield

Rous County Council has obtained funding to eradicate seeded bananas.

They've been inspecting properties, and intend to start using glyphosate in our area this month, including along Mulgum Creek.

We want to open up discussions with Rous County Council about alternative, environment-friendly methods, and work as volunteers alongside them to respectfully help eradicate seeded bananas which have

spread in the mountains behind and above the weir, in the creek and downstream.

Rous County Council have not responded to correspondence expressing our concerns and seeking discussions, so we have now started a petition to urge them to address our concerns. There are natural and environmentally friendly alternatives to glyphosate.

Please help keep Nimbin's water supply free from glyphosate. Show your support by:

- keeping the conversation open and sharing natural weed control successes;
 - signing our petition – found in several locations about town;
 - signing up to work for the dole with Nimbin Aquarius Landcare; and/or
 - donating to Nimbin Aquarius Landcare to provide new volunteers with cane knives or maybe even pay some young locals to work with us.
- For information, please phone: 0413-641-402.



Got what it takes to direct a theatre show?

Have you ever considered directing at Lismore Theatre Company? Do you have experience as a director in community, professional or educational theatre? LTC is accepting submissions for its 2020 season.

Directing a community theatre show is a big commitment, but it is also rewarding, exciting, and a valuable service to the community! New directors are always welcome at LTC.

If you have never worked with LTC before, please don't be shy to make a submission to direct a show you'd like to see on stage. All submissions will be considered equally.

If you've always wanted to direct but don't

have any experience, consider getting in touch to discuss an assistant director role on one of the company's productions.

The 2019 season at LTC has been remarkable, kicking off with *Breast Wishes*, followed by the *Winter Cabaret*, and most recently, *Steel Magnolias*.

The Company is also experiencing sell-out seasons, and a surge of interest in its little theatre. It's a great time to be a director at LTC!

LTC wants to hear from you. Just email: admin@lismoretheatrecompany.com and they will send you the submission form.

Submissions close on 16th August.

First aid course

Nimbin Health and Welfare has organised a first aid training day for Nimbin Aged Care and Respite Service staff at the dance studio for Friday 13th September between 9am and 5pm.

There is room available for others to join in. Anyone who requires industry standard First Aid training (renewed every three years) would be welcome as guest participants, just register with NACRS and pay the \$150 fee.

The training includes: HLTAID003 Provide First Aid; HLTAID002 Provide Basic emergency life support; and HLTAID001 Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Please confirm the booking by contacting Jenny Martin at: jenny@nacrs.com.au or by phoning 0490-494-652.

Research your family history in August

August each year is the National Family History Month (NFHM) in Australia.

During this time, events which focus on family history, heraldry and related subjects will be conducted across Australia.

These events include how to start your research, free research assistance, e-books about family research, assistance with DNA and medical connections, special interest groups etc.

It has been said that people without knowledge of their family history, origin and culture are like trees without roots.

A family ensures the continuation of society through both biology and socialization and the nature of one's role in the family changes over time because of these functions.

All that we are comes from the people

behind us sharing their genes, medical conditions and idiosyncrasies through the ages. Knowing where and who we came from can help us understand who we are and why we do some of the things we do and just maybe assist us in our life journey.

Have you ever wondered about where that special skill or ability in a family member came from or maybe you have an unexplained liking or dislike for something? There may be a link to your ancestors.

Researching your family history can assist in understanding the hardships and challenges your ancestors faced and inspire you to keep memories alive.

Family history and genealogy is becoming one of the most popular hobbies around the world and various family history related organisations are

experiencing a welcoming growth in memberships.

Each of us has a story – some more interesting than others – so make your past become your present by researching your family history.

To find out what is happening in your State, check online at: www.familyhistorymonth.org.au

As part of the August celebrations, the Casino & District Family History Group will be offering one day of free research to all members of the group and the public.

Our opening hours will be the usual Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-2pm and Wednesday 12-4pm.

We will also be opening for an evening on Tuesday, 20th August from 6.30-9.30pm. For enquiries, please phone (02) 6662-8114.

Celebrating a forest saved

by Trevor Reece

There have been many project elements underway to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the historic Terania environmental protection actions this month.

The Terania and Mt Nardi rainforest protection stories, with the creation of the world heritage listed Nightcap National Park, should not be forgotten or lost.

The battle to keep our rainforests and native old growth forests secure from logging continues. The telling of the story to save our regional rainforests and native forests is important for historical, educational and environmental purposes.

National Parks has given approvals for both the historical signage and a small monument within the National Park, and has allocated a site location at the start of the Protestors Falls walk.

The presentation and structural design of one signage configuration of four panels has been approved, but the funding for this project element is still ongoing.

The Brunswick Valley Historical Society has initiated various projects associated with the historic Terania and Mt Nardi events, including the inclusion of the Terania story in their most recent historical DVD film production.

The educational project element has seen a small illustrated children's book produced and printed, suitable for our regional schools and libraries. Titled 'The First Rainforest Warriors' it tells the Terania Story with references also to the Mt. Nardi rainforest actions.

Public seminar

The School of Arts and Social Sciences at Southern Cross University is holding its annual Public Seminar to mark the 40th anniversary of the 1979 Terania Creek Rainforest Blockade.

The seminar, 'Inspired by Terania: Women reflect on 40 years of environmental activism' will be held on Wednesday 7th August, 6-7.30pm at Lismore Regional Gallery, nibbles beforehand, with bar open courtesy of Slate Café.

The Terania Creek rainforest inspired a history-making environmental



campaign, and that campaign has inspired environmental and community actions throughout Australia and internationally.

In this seminar hear about this important history and the ripples that continue to wash on the shores of activism from four inspiring women:

- Nan Nicholson, botanist and environmental activist;
- Rhonda Ellis, Terania Creek protest veteran;
- Maddy Braddon, climate justice activist and Southern Cross University Environmental Science graduate; and
- Dr. Vanessa Bible, academic and environmentalist, University of New England.

The discussion followed by a Q&A will be facilitated by Associate Professor Adele Wessell, environmental and food historian at SCU.

Public talk

A free public talk, 'Reporting Terania 1979 – a Journalist's Recollections' will be presented by Dr Mark Hayes on Friday 9th August, 5pm for a 5.30 start, at the Museum, 165 Molesworth Street, Lismore.

As a young Brisbane-based journalist, Mark Hayes was well aware of the looming Terania Rainforest Campaign and already had contacts with TNFAG.

When the direct action campaign erupted on 12th August 1979, Mark regularly travelled to Terania and reported on the campaign for the *Nation Review* newspaper, ABC Radio, and was a member of the QTQ 9 *Today Tonight* crew who shot the definitive current affairs story on Terania in the

last week of August, 1979. Some QTQ 9 material was later incorporated into Gaia Films' *Give Trees a Chance*.

In this talk, commemorating Terania 40 years later, Dr Hayes will play and speak to his reportage on and from Terania, almost all of which has never been seen or heard in public since the original broadcasts in August, 1979 and September, 1989. He will also place that reportage in the context of subsequent direct action campaigns.

Those interested in the ground-breaking events around Terania 1979 will find much to consider in this treatment of "the first draft of its history", as would students of journalism. RSVP to: info@richhistory.org.au or phone 02 6621-9993.

Expo Day

A special commemorative day will be held at The Channon Markets on 11th August. The Terania actions actually started from a Sunday Channon Market day in August all those years ago.

The program for the day, alongside The Channon Markets' usual day, encompasses a photographic display, speakers, documentary viewing, music, the children's book launch and like-minded community groups offering displays, information and resources.

It should be a great day, with many coming from other regions and interstate; a day to acknowledge, celebrate, rekindle and share the stories of the forests and how they came to be saved.

Many thanks to all the people, regional organisations and groups that have been supporting the Terania Nightcap Commemorative Project along the way.

Poetry World Cup



Last year's winner, Sarah Temporal

This year's Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup, to be held at Nimbin Town Hall on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September, is attracting the interest of many newcomers, as poetry gigs spread into more venues all over Australia.

Our very own roving Poetry Ambassador Vince travels to many venues, talking up the Cup, encouraging and enticing poets young and old to enter and have a go.

Eight minutes is the time slot allocated to each poet daring to step up and weave

their magic on the judges and audience in their hearts.

Heats are held all day Saturday from 10.30am. Come along for a session and stay to cast your vote for the People's Choice Award after every heat.

Semi-finals start on Sunday from noon, then the Grand Final on Sunday evening from 7.30pm, entry \$15.

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Byron rail study a potential game-changer

by Beth Shelley,
NRRAG Chairperson

The Northern Rivers Railway Action Group (NRRAG) is excited to hear the results of the Byron Rail feasibility study discussed recently by Byron Shire Council.

We've said for a long time that the track is in good condition and the repairs affordable. The Byron Rail feasibility study provided engineering, economic and social assessments for multi-use transport options on the rail corridor from Billinudgel to Bangalow.

The report summary states that rail, along with a walking/cycle track, will reduce carbon emissions and traffic congestion by getting cars off the roads and

produce health outcomes from active transport.

The most sensible option which will provide the best transport while also making a return on investment is Hi-Rail/Very Light Rail combined with active transport modes (cycling etc). This will retain the existing rail infrastructure.

For this option, "every dollar spent on the investment provides near to or up to \$1.50 in return. With the rail-trail only option, which involved costly removal of the railway track, "for every \$1 spent there is less than \$1 return of investment."

The report states that since the closure in 2004, there's been little maintenance but also little usage, so the

track has remained relatively unchanged apart from vegetation growth, which was the main issue. New sleepers and ballast work were done prior to closure.

Though heavy rail would cost a lot more, very light rail would mean relatively minimal work. The steel bridges were all in good condition but some wooden bridges needed work, however using new technologies of very light rail would mean less need for replacement.

There are six different options with costs ranging from \$31 million for rail-trail only to \$67 million for both.

There is strong community support for multi-use options Byron Shire Mayor, Simon Richardson said on Bay-FM, "This amount includes

everything, the track and the rail trail, the bridges being restored, the vehicles and the stations being upgraded and basically ready to go.

"Maybe the people of Lismore would like to see hundreds of thousands of tourists being able to travel to Lismore and their locals being able to access Byron."

The light rail system can be used to take people to festivals and markets and this alone has the potential to take some 700,000 vehicles off the road.

This is a gamechanger for the future of the Northern Rivers where the economic, environmental and social benefits of reinstating rail services are now shown to be possible, affordable and essential.

Regenerative culture a key part of blockading

by Aidan Ricketts

As thousands of people discovered at Camp Liberty at the Bentley blockade, there is more to protests and blockades than potential confrontation with the corporate police state.

If you have any time at all to travel in the near future, do yourself and the planet a favour and visit camp Binbee, permanent base camp in North Qld that supports people involved in the on-going campaign of protest against the giant reef-destroying Adani coal mine and the associated Abbott Point coal export terminal.

I visited recently and very quickly concluded that irrespective of the outcome of blockades and protests against the insane proposals for giant coalmines in the Galilee basin, Camp Binbee is a highly valuable experience in its own right.

Located on privately-owned rural tropical woodland backing onto a beautiful dry river bed inland from Bowen, the camp is a veritable learning laboratory in regenerative culture. The camp is a fair way from the site of ongoing protests against the mega mines and port but provides a welcome respite for weary activists and a chance to live and learn amongst a committed community of protectors.

Social movements achieve far more than the campaigns for change that they work on. Just like at Camp Liberty, this camp is a learning laboratory that showcases a regenerative culture of respect, participatory democracy, shared responsibility, sustainability and ongoing learning.

I witnessed a core group of participants welcoming, educating and inspiring a steady throughput of visitors from around Australia and the globe. From my years in social movements, I could see that there was just so much that was being done well at Camp Binbee.

Upon first arriving in camp, a thorough induction process guides new arrivals through the basics: respect for traditional owners, camp housekeeping, environmental sustainability and maintaining safe and inclusive peer culture for all participants. Camp Binbee is situated on traditional Birri lands, and acknowledgement and respect of that vast history and sovereignty is impressed upon all visitors and camp residents regularly.

Part of regenerative activism is learning new skills of living and working



Camp Binbee meeting place

together for the common good that have been sublimated by individualist and consumer culture. Our toxic corporate culture has led us to believe that our individuality is the most precious asset that we have but in so many ways, our individualism ends up being little more than poor compensation for having lost the really important things in life, our connection to ourselves, to other people, to nature and to the planet itself.

The gardens at camp Binbee are the first very real physical evidence of the positivity and practicality of camp. They are a vibrant burst of lively greenness amongst the mostly brown hue of the tropical woodland. Bananas, paw-paws, salad greens and more, thriving with the daily rosters of watering and tending.

So too, the kitchen provides a daily fare of nutritious, delicious food prepared again by a roster of camp dwellers. These things may just be the housekeeping and practical side but they are at the core of the groundedness of the experience.

Daily meetings with rotating facilitators keep everyone informed of goings on, and there are constant learning workshops taking place with any skills people have to share from bread-making through to more pointedly activist skills such as tree climbing, or workshops covering intellectual and spiritual themes such as personal resilience and distributed leadership.

Of course it's not just a utopia, it is a serious camp supporting a very real and very challenging campaign that is up against incredible odds. The fossil fuel industry is a dangerous opponent with a history of corruption, misinformation, and human rights abuses around the globe. The mining and fossil fuel industries have been funding and lobbying politicians for decades in this country and hold undue influence over both major political parties, and as a consequence over all Australian parliaments.

The recent federal election has only fueled the bravado of the reckless vigilantes that are constantly being

whipped up by Murdoch media and various radio shock jocks against greenies, protesters and activists, and the Qld police are, as always, ready to serve their political masters. The arrest of French journalists last week near Bowen at an anti-Adani action has drawn global attention to the recklessness of Australian governments and the unhealthy state of our democracy.

Protest and direct action remain essential in the democratic fight for climate justice. The Adani mine is not only a climate crime, it is economic stupidity. There is every chance that despite the political corruption, mining subsidies and misinformation in the media that these mines may not go ahead due to their faulty economics, but the blockades must persist.

There are hundreds of thousands of Australians opposed to the mines in the Galilee basin, and there is work being done in every city and town to defeat this corrupt leviathan. The brave and wily direct action protesters at the front lines are like the burning flame atop the much larger candle of public sentiment that continues to stand in the way of these insane projects.

Front Line Action on Coal (FLAC), Stop Adani and Galilee Blockade all deserve our support in whatever way we can offer it, but despite the gravity of the situation there is a spirit of renewal and regenerative culture alive and well at camp Binbee and I encourage anyone who can, to treat yourself to a visit and to participate.

There is every chance that direct action protest will also become more urgent up north again soon, as Adani prepares to clear native forests as it tries to keep proving to gullible politicians and not-so-gullible markets that its proposed mine is viable.

Support the campaign against Adani any way you can, but if you can spare the time, make sure you visit and participate at Camp Binbee.

You can view more info and videos about Camp Binbee at: <https://business.facebook.com/pg/FrontlineActionOnCoal/posts>



NIMBIN ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NEWS

by Scott Sledge, president

Logging in the region north of Kyogle seems to have stepped up.

Several trucks carrying wood chips have crashed off the winding road between Kyogle and Cawongla alerting locals to an increase in heavy haulage going to Condong and Broadwater to be burned as "bio fuel" for electricity.

These are said to be "green" carbon-neutral practices, but experts say the burning of bio-mass actually puts more greenhouse gases into the air, causing more global climate change.

Ironically, clearing land of trees will intensify drought conditions being experienced inland of the Rainbow Region.

Readers should look to the 2017 USA film *Burned. Are Trees the New Coal?* available on-line.

NEC has decided we need to help collect data. 'Log the Logging Trucks' has been set up on Facebook for the public to help record the license plates, dates and location of trucks carrying logs and woodchips along our region's roads.

Some are reportedly heading for the Port of Brisbane, where wood in various forms is exported to China and Japan.

We ask people to lobby politicians at every level to preserve our forests and let them be saved for wildlife habitat, carbon storage and to provide into the future high-value saw logs when grown to correct size.

New forestry operating procedures will be disastrous unless our governments protect them for sustainable harvesting. We need more trees, not less.

Water mining

488 people sent Tweed Shire Council objections to Development Application 19/3046 by Shaun Martin,



Semi on Cawongla Range

owner of Mount Warning Beverage Company Pty Ltd. at 2574 Kyogle Road, Kunghur

The DA proposed alterations and additions to an existing water bottling facility, seeking:

- An increase in water allocation from 50 ML to 150ML per annum;
- An increase in 19m truck numbers to 32 movements per day (16 loaded with water); and
- An increase in hours of operation, from 4am to 9pm, seven days per week.

Council staff seem to think this is all OK and objectors will quietly go away. Uki residents, residents along roads the trucks use, the farming community who are losing water, the schoolkids dodging traffic and hearing noisy water tankers during school-hours, people who are kept awake at night, community members who pick up the plastic bottles and ratepayers who pay for road repairs – are all angry about this.

Councillor Byrnes seems to think everyone will forget his inconsistent voting record on this matter.

Councillors Polglase, Owens and Allsop seem to think anything for sale is good, even if it means neighbours and towns which rely on nature's bounty will suffer.

Tweed Council have recently voted to ask the

NSW Govt to amend the Local Environment Plan (LEP) to prevent any new applications for water mining, but the wheels have not turned fast enough.

I am told that a swag of new DAs have gone in to Council; perhaps landholders trying to get on the gravy train before the doors close. We need to keep a close watch on how Council handles applications.

On a more positive note, the NSW Govt sent out a team from Department of Planning to explain new water metering rules that will be rolled out over the next few years. On 23rd July, the "roadshow" came to Lismore.

Small users will be exempt, but irrigators and commercial operators will need to install tamper-proof meters as an antidote to the cheating we have witnessed, ultimately causing rivers to dry up.

In response to what we called for, a compliance unit called the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) has been established to "enforce the rules." Bravo! We were told the NRAR has employed 90 front-line compliance officers.

Coming up

- The Channon Market on 11th August will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Terania Creek protest,

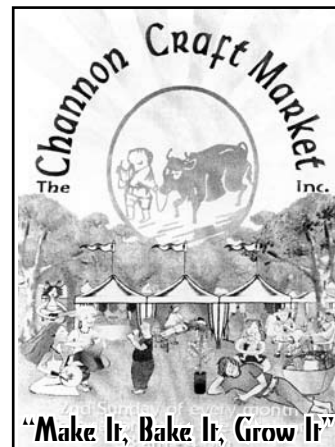
an impressive victory for people standing up to protect forest from logging. NEC will share an information stall with Northern Rivers Guardians.

- NEFA 30th Anniversary on 17th and 18th August – reminisce, party, camp out at Bungawalbyn (near Coraki), \$30 for 2 days. Food available. Book at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/north-east-forest-alliance-nefa-30th-looking-back-looking-forward-tickets-65084199593>
- Kalang State Forest logging – protest action is planned by Bellingen Environment Centre. NEC has donated \$300. The area is replete with threatened wildlife and the logging will leave soft soil of ridge-tops exposed to erosion, so run-off will clog creeks and rivers where turtles and platypus live.
- NEC has renewed its lease on an office in the Figtree building of the Community Centre. Members can use it for working on campaigns when in the village, and we have space to store banners, costumes etc there, which allows better use of the NEC shop interior.

We have welcomed some new volunteers to staff the shop. Please come in and enquire about helping to fill the shop roster.



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– Peter Leith, Bogangar

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Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre News

Nimbin CDAT goes to Splendour

The CDAT crew spent Saturday 20th July at Splendour in the Grass talking to young people about drugs and alcohol.

Hundreds of folks had a go at our harm reduction quiz, took a selfie with Captain Competent or played our sobriety testing game.

We were there as members of PASH (Positive Adolescent Sexual Health), and co-located with the PASH stall, which was also doing on-the-spot chlamydia testing.

The Captain had some minor identify challenges and was prone to being mistaken for Captain Condom, or Captain Chlamydia – hahahaha!

Many thanks to the PASH team for supporting us on the day.

New members always welcome. To join Nimbin CDAT call NNIC or email us on: admin@nnic.org.au

NEW! Survey of young people

We need to hear from our young peeps (aged 12-25 years), whose voices are often missing from our community development and service planning processes.

We need some guidance from our young people to help steer our direction and to help us find funds for services and activities for young people.

Funds released for youth projects generally require strong evidence and input from young people themselves.

Please spread the word and encourage any young folks you know to do the survey. The survey will be available in hard copy at NNIC or on-line, and will be open until mid-September – see our facebook page or website for the link to the survey.

Service interruptions at NNIC

Apologies everyone, Jess is finishing up with us in the first week of August and moving on to her next adventure.

Many thanks to Jess for assisting NNIC clients over the past few months while we prepared to recruit a permanent worker.

Recruitment is currently underway and hopefully our client services will return to normal by the beginning of September.

In the meantime, we will only be able



to provide basic support and material aid, and will do our best to assist as much as we can.

Art in the park

Every Friday (weather permitting), 11am – 2pm. Now incorporating music and dance activities. All welcome... just come on by and join in.

For weather checks, call NNIC Fridays after 9.30am on 6689-1692.

Energy rebates keep you warm

There are numerous energy rebates available to low income people, plus household appliance replacement and other offers, via the NSW Government.

To find out if you are eligible see: www.service.nsw.gov.au and search for energy rebates.

Winter blues

Feel like you've been struck with a case of the winter blues? You're not alone. The dark and gloomy winter weather can make us stay indoors, exercise less, be unsociable and eat unhealthily.

Here are six tips to help you look after your mental health this winter:

- Get outside into some sunlight – and when inside, keep the blinds open and sit near windows whenever you can. Sunlight within the house can help you feel more awake and reduce oversleeping that can also negatively affect mood.
- Move as much as you can – 30mins exercise, five days a week can be beneficial to mood and feelings of wellbeing.
- Embrace the cold weather – take

advantage of being able to enjoy snugly blankets, ugg boots and a cosy fire.

- Make an effort to be social – even going out for a short time can boost your mood. Volunteering can also have a positive impact on your mental health. Not only will you be around other people, you're also making a difference.
- Eat healthily – avoid the temptation to eat too many comfort foods high in sugar and fats.
- Connect with others – the winter blues can turn into something more serious. If you're concerned about your mood or mental health, talk to someone including friends, family or health professionals. Drop into NNIC for referrals or support.

Source: www.sane.org

Did you know?

NNIC is a registered charity and donations to our general services and activities (excluding Sibley Street) are tax deductible. You can also make tax deductible bequests to NNIC.

To donate and receive a Tax Deductible receipt, or for information about how to include your local charitable organisation in your Will, please contact Nat at NNIC.

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

Nimbin Hospital information

Child immunisation clinic

For 0-5 year olds, held on second Tuesday of the month. Next Clinic: 13th August. Phone 6620-7687 (Lismore Community Health Centre)

Early childhood nurse

Every Tuesday. Baby checks, weighs, post-natal support. For appointments phone 6620-7687.

Women's health nurse services

Third Thursday of the month, next is 15th August. Confidential service, checks, advice, general health information. Phone 6689-1400 for appointment.

Wound clinic

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am. For self-referral, phone 6689-1288. Referrals also from Nimbin Hospital and GP clinic.

Drug and alcohol counselling services available

For an appointment, please contact 6620-7600. A trained professional will ask you a few confidential questions and will provide you with an appointment time.

Nurse practitioner clinics

- Diabetes clinics: third Thursday of the month, next is 15th August.
- Respiratory clinic: second Tuesday of the month, next will be on 13th August. Phone 6630-0488 for appointments.

Community Registered Nurses

Monday to Friday, 8am-4.30pm. Assessments, wound care, referrals, advocacy, provision of palliative care in the home, medication support. Phone 6689-1288 – leave message, will return call swiftly.

Nimbin NSP

Needle and Syringe program open Monday to Thursday. Arrangements can be made to see a Community Registered Nurse.

Health advice line

Phone 1800-022-222 if you have a health issue. 24-hour, seven days a week free service. A Registered Nurse will assess whether you need to go to an Emergency Department.

Nimbin Hospital Auxiliary

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the hospital, at 9.30am. Next meeting: 4th September. New members are always welcome.



Community Centre celebrates NAIDOC Day

by Teresa Biscoe,
co-ordinator, Nimbin
Community Centre

This month I am encouraging our community to register and vote for projects registered with the My Community Project program. The Community Centre has a project, as does Nimbin Central School and Tunttable Falls Community School. Registering only takes a few minutes and these are all very worthwhile projects.

See the article on Page 13 for details of how to vote.

If you live in the Lismore electorate and are over 16, follow the link: mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au and vote for our Community Grant for a new car platform for Nimbin Aged Care, allowing easier access for people being dropped off and a safe place to load and unload wheelchairs.

The My Community project is all about local ideas, local projects, local decisions. Vote now to help the Aged Care Car Platform project get government funding.

Please share and ask your friends to vote for us too.

NAIDOC Day

We had a really great NAIDOC Day celebration in Nimbin on 12th July.

The Opening of the bi-lingual sign in Allsaopp Park was conducted by artists Gilbert Laurie and Lewis Walker explaining the significance of the mural in both languages and Mayor Isaac Smith speaking about the importance of Indigenous Art, Language and Culture



was fantastic. It made me feel very proud that the Community Centre was able to contribute to this very important project and celebrate the Cultural Contribution that the First Nations people make to our community.

Open Learning Centre

The Nimbin Comskool Open Learning program commences from 31st July.

On offer is a creative writing course with Christine Strellan, The Magic of Herbs with Louise Plant and Polarising Relationships with

Louise Plant.

Every term offers new learning opportunities at an incredibly affordable price (\$60 per course or \$105 for two).

They are always looking for new tutors so please contact them if you are interested in taking up the courses on offer or becoming a tutor in future courses.

Phone 6689-1477 or email: nimbincomskool@gmail.com

New tenants

We welcome two new tenants to the Community Centre this month.

Gerhard Weihermann and Lewis Walker are renting the small office in Acacia to use as an office for a First Nations Cultural Hub.

Karen Arielli is renting the big room in the Figtree Building and intends to set up an Artists Collective in the space.

Welcome to our wonderful Centre and we wish you every success with your endeavors.

We also have some great classes happening in both of our casual hire spaces; the Nimbin Dance Studio and the Birth & Beyond meeting room.

Go on-line check out the calendar on the nimbincommunity.org.au web page to see all the great activities and classes available.

If you would like to hire either of these spaces please email or phone the Centre for details.

Nimbin Community Centre,
81 Cullen Street Nimbin,
phone (02) 6689-0000, email: nccci@nimbincommunity.org.au
Office opening hours: 10am to 2pm, Monday to Thursday.
www.nimbincommunity.org.au

Woodstock Festival 50th anniversary celebrations



The 2018 Nimbin-Woodstock presentation in the Nimbin Hall (L-R): former Nimbin Chamber of Commerce president Peter Wise; NAFL treasurer Katie Cawcutt; our Woodstock 50th ambassador Tedi Davis; Woodstock Museum ambassadors Shelli Lipton and Nathan Koenig; Mayor Isaac Smith and his son; and Terry McGee.

The former president of the Nimbin Aquarius Foundation, Tedi Davis is travelling to the USA to participate in Woodstock Festival 50th anniversary celebrations.

He will be our Woodstock sister village ambassador as a guest of Nathan and Shelli at the Woodstock Museum.

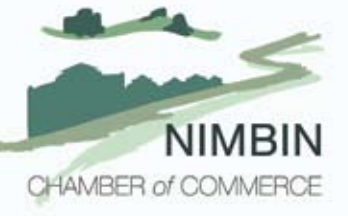
Nimbin has also planned a number of events to celebrate the Woodstock Festival 50th.

The Nimbin Aquarius Foundation will be displaying and celebrating in and around our the Nimbin Aquarius Foundation office at the Bark Hut over the weekend of August 16, 17, 18.

Check the posters or drop in at the office for more details.

Also we are celebrating 40 years since the Terania Rainforest actions at the Channon Market on Sunday 11th August.

Chamber Chat



by Diana Roberts,
President

Thanks to the thirty or so people who turned up for Lismore Council's workshop to explore economic development possibilities for Nimbin, a great turnout for a chilly Thursday evening.

It was a very enthusiastic and passionate crowd, full of ideas, and it will be interesting to see how Council makes sense of it all.

Council will be putting its draft strategy out for feedback in September and, at the very least, we hope the aspirations of Nimbin and other villages will be reflected in the initiatives Council proposes to seek funding to undertake.

Recently I spoke at a Council meeting regarding pedestrian safety in Cecil Street. The Council agreed to adopt the interim measures outlined by Janelle Saffin, the

Member for Lismore, in the last issue of the *GoodTimes*.

The discussion amongst Councillors was a little confusing but I believe they agreed to undertake community consultation that will look at the wider issues of pedestrian safety and traffic management throughout the village.

This will be undertaken in conjunction with consultation regarding Council's Community Strategic Plan, proposed for coming months.

When Alternative Way links Sibley Street to Cecil Street there is no doubt people will use this route to avoid Cullen Street and, in our opinion, Cecil Street needs a footpath for its length or at least to the Showground.

When the new supermarket opens up, traffic counts on Thorburn Street and Cecil Street will undoubtedly increase. Combined with concerns about the safety of pedestrian crossings on Cullen Street there is an imperative for some long term planning and funding beyond that planned for a pedestrian bridge over the Cecil

Street culvert. Community input into planning outcomes is vital, so stay tuned.

Janelle Saffin recently spent the day in Nimbin to look at our pedestrian and traffic management concerns first hand.

She also visited the Showground to view their achievements to date and to hear their plans for the future, and met with community members concerned about the current heavy policing of the village.

It was a pleasure to have Janelle visit, and she has undertaken to pursue our concerns with relevant parties over the coming months.

Are you a local business who sells locally made products and has a shop window or market stall? The Chamber now has signs available for you to promote this fact: 'Love where you live! Buy local Nimbin. Locally-made products sold here'.

We also have product stickers, swing tags and shelf tags for locally-made goods. We would love you to support this Chamber initiative.

Stocking locally-made products and shopping locally where possible are two things that help to make



Dave Fawcner, Diana Roberts, Janelle Saffin, Gwen Trimble and Michael Balderstone inspecting the Cecil Street blackspot

our local economy more sustainable and assist in providing employment for locals, especially our youth.

Finally, I'd remind you all that membership of the Chamber is now due for the next financial year.

We have a dynamic committee undertaking numerous initiatives and we would love your membership support. We've reduced the membership fee in recent years to encourage businesses to join and participate.

Until next month, I hope we all continue to enjoy this beautiful

winter weather we have finally been blessed with.

Meanwhile look out for the restored 'Welcome to Nimbin' sign that is about to be erected at the northern entrance to the village. Thanks to Steph Seckold for her contribution to this project and the Chamber for agreeing to fund the work.

If you want more information on any of the above or have any issue you'd like to us to consider, please email us: chamber@nimbin.nsw.au or phone me on 0427-886-748.