

**RAINFOREST PANEL BEATING**  
**SMASH REPAIRS**  
**RUST WORK**  
**RESTORATIONS**  
**WELDING**  
**SPRAY PAINTING**  
**INSURANCE WORK**  
**6689 1192**  
**0418 258 834**  
**Opening Hours**  
**Mon-Fri**  
**8:00am - 4:30 pm**  
**LIC No. 37359**  
**RPB**

**John Adams\***  
**& ASSOCIATES**  
*\*a.k.a. Sindhu*  
**Lawyers**  
**www.johnadams.com.au**

**fantAsian**  
**fantAstic Asian**  
**Open to dine in and take-away PH 0404 322 914**  
**Wed to Sat 12-8pm Sun 12-4pm**  
**3/45 Cullen St Nimbin**  
**Hosting Nimbin storytellers meet last Wednesday**  
**of every month from 5pm**

**NIMBIN**  
**AQUARIUS**  
**foundation inc**

**Sunsparks Electrics**  
**Solar Power Professionals**  
**Design, sale and installation**  
**of solar power systems**  
**16 years specialisation in renewables,**  
**grid connect or stand alone power systems**  
**Shannon Lacy**  
**Phone 6679 7167 or Mobile 0418 228 117**  
**sunsparkselectrics@gmail.com**  
**www.sunsparks.com.au**  
**Lic No 275961C**

**NIMBIN BUILDING**  
**MATERIALS**  
**OPEN Mon-Fri 8am-4pm**  
**Saturday 8am-12 noon.**  
**50 Gungas Road Nimbin NSW 2480**  
**Ph: 6689-1206**  
**A/H Ralph Mob: 0429-048-808**  
**For a broad range of new and new seconds**  
**at very competitive prices**  
**Hardwood**  
**Decking & Flooring**  
**Pine Framing**  
**Roofing & Guttering**  
**Doors & Windows**  
**Cement Sheetting**  
**Architrave**  
**Plywood**  
**LVL's/Smart Beams**  
**Hardware**  
**Poly Pipe & Fittings**  
**Structural Steel**  
**Sand & Gravel**  
**Cement**  
**Plumbing**  
**Stock Feed**  
**Granite & Marble**  
**Gardening & Plants**  
**Elgas Supplier**  
**Geohex Supplier**  
**Delivery Available**  
**sales@nimbinbuildingmaterials.com.au**  
**www.nimbinbuildingmaterials.com.au**

# Community Centre courtyard plans

by Therese Biscoe and Helen Lynne,  
Co-ordinators

Last month the Community Centre lodged an application with the Australia Council for funding for the Community Centre Quadrangle project.

The Truth and Beauty Committee have had ongoing discussions on how to best renovate this space to better reflect the heart of our Community Centre and create an inviting space for tenants and visitors to enjoy.

Last year Stephanie Seckold produced some conceptual drawings for the design of the space which we have embraced.

The idea is to landscape creating three garden beds that also provide seating, create a spiral meditation pathway around with either grass or low lying herbaceous plants in between, with tall graceful organic-shaped sculptures fabricated out of steel that we grow vines over to provide shade and a cool green space in the area.

At last year's 20th Anniversary celebration, Stephanie produced some wonderful conceptual models of the sculptural pieces as part of the Sticks and Stones Sculpture Exhibit, and the Quadrangle became the focus for the work in the exhibition.

We will know by the beginning of May if we have been successful, so fingers crossed that we get the funding. If we don't, we do have a plan B and are also looking at other grants we could look at.



Concept model for sculpture

If we do get the funds, we really need some committed volunteers to help with the gardening and landscaping parts of the plan. This will be our contribution in kind in the application.

We do have a couple of people who have put their hands up to help but a

team of 6-10 volunteers would make the project work easy and relatively fast to implement.

If you are interested in volunteering for this project please contact the office on (02) 6689-0000 or email to: [ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au](mailto:ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au)

## Aquarius and Woodstock celebrate big 50

by Binnah Pownall, president Nimbin Aquarius Foundation (NAF)

In this the year that celebrates the American music festival Woodstock's 50th anniversary, and with the countdown to the 50th anniversary of the Nimbin Aquarius Festival held in 1973, the NAF wishes to raise awareness of all issues Aquarian.

For according to astrology, the Age of Aquarius is a time of renewal. This is brought about by returning to community through what is called 'right relations' and based on the principal of 'knowing thyself'.

In this vein, we would like to inform the community of things in mind to act on in the near future.

As some may already know, we have

been linked through Nathan Koenig and Shelli Lipton of Woodstock Museum as a sister village connection, established in 1996.

Many visits have been made here by the Woodstock ambassadors. Now it is time to visit back on this 50th Anniversary.

So if you are keen to go to Woodstock as part of the Nimbin cultural exchange, or would like to donate toward travel costs for some key people to go and represent Nimbin in the USA, please contact us.

The NAF is also auspicing and overseeing an endeavour to get a Nimbin-based traditional dance troupe together.

Some funding has been allocated by Lismore City Council to employ

Originie teachers and musicians, and we are already optimistically registered to enter the Dance Rites competition in Sydney in November.

The NAF is also looking to assist in bringing some well-known musicians to perform in or around Nimbin as a way of spreading the 'Aquarius dust' further. Stand by for further developments.

If you are interested in any of these developments, please contact us at the webpage, or our more current Facebook page if you can help. We are in process of arranging to renew and update our webpage, so Facebook messages are the best way at the moment.

Alternately, please drop into the Bark Hut on the Community Centre site sometime when it's open. We look forward to your involvement. Peace.

## Building and renting secondary dwellings

What do you need to know to build your own secondary dwelling and rent it out?

A forum to be hosted in April by the Nimbin Health & Welfare Association as part of the Nimbin Affordable Housing Initiative will provide practical information to help you to decide if this option is for you and then take steps to make it a reality.

Guest speakers will attend from Lismore City Council, North Coast Community Housing, and builders with secondary dwelling experience, plus local Indigenous representation.

There will be relevant info from people with lived

experience of building and renting secondary dwellings, local real estate services, tenant support services and available financial packages.

Please register and come along if the opportunity to build a secondary dwellings and increase our affordable housing stock is of interest to you.

If you are unable to attend, an info pack can be emailed to you after the event.

The forum will be held on Thursday 11th April, from 1.30-4.30pm at Birth & Beyond, 54 Cullen Street, Nimbin. Entry is \$10.

RSVP to Jen Ireland at: [cycad5@iprimus.com.au](mailto:cycad5@iprimus.com.au) or phone 0457-804-997.

## Fun'raiser for Pavo

Preparations are underway for a big fundraiser to support Pavo, a Tuntable community member who lost his newly-built house and suffered a major financial setback in the wake of unfortunate council decisions.

To raise money to help compensate for some of the losses, the beautiful Tuntable Community Hall will be the stage for a great night on Saturday 30th March, with fantastic local musicians and lots of dancing. Healthy food and delicious cakes will be available.

Tickets for a big raffle with many prizes will be sold from the beginning of March at Open Mic nights at the Bowlo and all over

the place...

Thanks to all the local businesses for there generous donations: Nimbin Servo, Nimbin Building Materials, Hemp Embassy, Mad Hattery, Ozkat, Bringabong, Susukka Trading, Nimbin Candles... so far.

We are still collecting interesting items for the auction... For info, please contact Christina on 0427-326-790.

Another great way to donate directly and discreetly is the Summerland Credit Union BSB: 728-728 A/C: 22323042 'Pavo'.

Let's 'Come Together', as one Tribe, to help and support in times of need.



# Live music 'on pause' at Bush Theatre

The Nimbin Bush Theatre has a current development application lodged with Lismore Council to host outdoor entertainment in a formal manner, including upgrades to the existing 'hippy' stage area.

The neighbour to the north also has a development application lodged with council for a 33-lot residential subdivision.

Council has stipulated a range of conditions on the Nimbin Bush Theatre, which amongst other items include acoustic assessment reports and substantial upgrades to the carpark and entrance at Blue Knob Road.

These works are more substantial than were anticipated, and as a consequence the Nimbin

Bush Theatre will have to cease live outdoor music for the foreseeable future while they work with council to achieve a mutually acceptable outcome.

"We are unsure of the time frame this may take, and apologise for any inconvenience or disappointment this may cause", proprietor David Hyett said.

"Thank you to the many artists, musicians, technicians and patrons who have contributed to make the venue such a special place in the cultural life of Nimbin."

"The Café will be undertaking a mini-makeover and will be closed for two weeks in early March, while the Bringabong shop will trade as normal," he said.



Open 7 days  
8am - 5pm weekdays  
11am - 4pm weekends

Ph: 6689-1010 fax: 6689-1210 email: [nimcand@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nimcand@bigpond.net.au)

# GetUp campaign rolls into Bangalow

by Chibo Mertineit

'Get Up' has over one million members fighting for a fair, flourishing and just Australia, driven by values and not party politics. Around 250 people turned up to the 'GetUp' election launch in February at the A&I hall in Bangalow.

The hall was packed with mostly people over the age of 55. It was such an empowering moment to see that so many people of my generation care deeply about their country and the politics we are experiencing right now.

Some 'Get Up' people explained their strategy of doing a telephone campaign to ring the electorates of Tony Abbott and Peter Dutton, to speak to voters and influence them to vote not for these two.

Research has shown that the direct dialogue with people is the best way to influence voters.

At the end of the gathering, there were 15 new calling hosts and 26 calling party events (people coming together for three hours to do the calls after some training) organised in our region.

I joined the first one in Lismore and had a positive outcome on some conversations. As I thought a place like Nimbin should be involved, I will host one in our village soon.

So thank you 'GetUp' for helping



me get involved in trying to vote some of our worst federal politicians out of parliament. See: [www.getup.org.au](http://www.getup.org.au)

**The power of one**

A few days ago I got an email from Mark Kelly, who lives in Tony Abbott's electorate of Warringah, and started a local grassroots campaign.

Ten months ago he was thinking what he could do for the federal election, so he started a closed Facebook group, 'lets not reelect Tony', and invited friends.

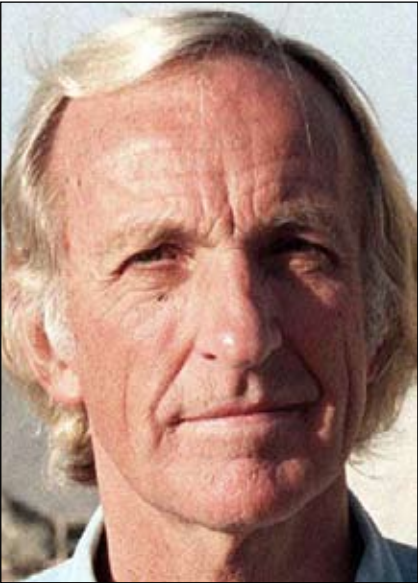
Suddenly there were 1500 people

involved, then the t-shirts 'Vote Tony out' (4000 sold), then the Instagram campaign (now 17,000) and 1500 shopping bags and 14,000 stickers later, he created something which connected people in Warringah and brought them together in their stand.

Enough of Tony Abbott. What an amazing and empowering success story, showing again that one person can start changing the world. Thanks Mark!

[www.votetonyout.com](http://www.votetonyout.com) Plus Instagram and Facebook under the same name.

# Pilger aboard for pub politics



Politics in the Pub Mullumbimby is back with a great program of speakers for 2019. They are held at the Courthouse Hotel, Mullumbimby, and the events start at 7pm. See: [www.ngarainstitute.org.au/events](http://www.ngarainstitute.org.au/events) for details.

Journalist John Pilger (pictured) is the speaker at a special event on Wednesday 10th April. John Pilger has been particularly admired by readers of this newspaper in its early years.

On Wednesday February 27th, three Indigenous speakers spoke about three important questions for all Australians: What are the ongoing effects of colonisation on Australia's First Nations peoples? What is 'decolonisation'? How do we participate?

The three speakers were Indigenous academics, activists and commentators,

Amber Secombe and Glenn Woods (Griffith University) with Marcella Townsend-Cross (Long Island University/ SCU), reflecting on what decolonisation means in practice for all of us.

"The call from First Nations peoples in Australia to decolonise has been loud, clear and consistent in recent times. This call asks us to decolonise our social, political, economic and knowledge systems and it asks us to decolonise our very selves. This process is not easy, but it is crucially necessary – a fundamental imperative – if we, non-Indigenous and Indigenous Australians together, are to co-create (and re-create) our commons in ways that are socially equitable and environmentally sustainable," they said.

Come early for refreshments and to avoid the crush. Doors open at 5.30pm.



High Resolution 2d and 3d mapping of your property  
Aerial Photography / Videography  
0427 889 815 [www.aerialpunkin.com](http://www.aerialpunkin.com)



Contact Maria Batistatou [nimbinvillagelaundry@yahoo.com](mailto:nimbinvillagelaundry@yahoo.com) 0431 576 255  
45 Cullen St, Nimbin



**I PAINT HOUSES**

NIMBIN & SURROUNDS

**RING BEN'S PAINTING:**  
**0409 352 102**



find them HOT  
Nimbin Emporium

in the freezer  
Fundies Lismore  
Fundies Byron Bay  
IGA Mullumbimby

**FUNKY PIES**  
Vegan  
made with organic ingredients where possible  
Call 0451 944 404 to be a stockist



**Dreadlocks Naturally**

**NIMBIN**  
Mobile service available Uki - Lismore  
Dreadlock Maintenance \$40 / hour  
Dreadlock Creation - fixed price by quote  
☎ Kelly 0405 760 422 [f dreadlocksnaturally](https://www.facebook.com/dreadlocksnaturally)  
[www.dreadlocksnaturally.com.au](http://www.dreadlocksnaturally.com.au)



**TESLA POWERWALL NOW IN STOCK**

**STOP BILLS & BLACKOUTS**

 **RELIABLE**  **LONG LIFE WARRANTY**  **SEAMLESS**



Call the renewable energy specialists on 02 6689 1430 visit [www.rpc.com.au](http://www.rpc.com.au)



## ROOMS FOR RENT



Two rooms in the Fig Tree building at the Nimbin Community Centre are available to rent.

A large (85.34m<sup>2</sup>) central room with kitchen, and bathroom attached.

Would suit many different purposes.

Rent from \$871.88/month (net GST) for non-profit. Commercial rates are available on application.

Also available for lease is a small (7.98m<sup>2</sup>) self-contained room with external access, suitable for an office or studio space.

Rent from \$116.47/month (net GST) for non profit. Commercial rates are available on application.

Please call: 6689-0000

Email: [ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au](mailto:ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au)



## World Naked Bike Riders share safe riding tips

by Mijimberi

As it's World Naked Bike Ride season once more, it seems timely to share some tips for safe-as-possible riding around our district.

To the many who line the route of the naked bike ride and cheer us on, it looks like a lot of fun and something that we do to entertain the crowds one weekend a year.

The ride, fun as it is, does however come with a serious message: bike riders and pedestrians are vulnerable on our roads.

We ride naked to remind vehicle drivers of this vulnerability.

Knowing our vulnerability, we need to maximise our safety, so here are some tips from experienced riders for safe riding:

**Maintain your bike:** have gears, brakes and a chain that are in good working order.

**Be predictable:** that means riding in the correct place (which is, according to RMS, about 1m from LH side of the road. Don't dodge in and out of 'vacant car spaces' – ride straight.

**Ride about 1.5m from car doors:** which can cause fatalities when opened, either directly, or by causing a rider to fall or swerve into the way of other vehicles.

**Wear a helmet:** it may seem like an infraction on your liberty or that we are living in a nanny state, but yes wearing a helmet if a cyclist collides with a car or a tree or hits a pothole, may well save enough grey matter to keep living a functional life.



**Take the space:** within reason – cars do have brakes and may simply have to slow and wait – for example, at narrow bridges and roundabouts. BUT, don't hold up the cars forever. Everybody 'just wants to get where they are going'.

**Be visible:** we cycle on narrow roads that are often covered in shade where it can be very hard to be seen even when wearing colourful clothing; hi-viz is good and movement catches the eye – so load up with flashing lights and anything that may wave about, like a light weight flag attached to your pack rack. Lights – front and back – should be on and flashing day or night.

**Be aware:** constant vigilance is a part and parcel of being on the road; eye-ball drivers at intersections and roundabouts to make sure they have seen you. Be aware of local conditions i.e. rough roads: deep potholes hidden in the shadows of overhanging branches and road shoulders that look like the aftermath of an earthquake.

**Get experience:** and gain confidence on the road.

A great way to gain confidence as a cyclist is to ride with friends, which brings us back to the World Naked Bike Ride.

This year's fun-filled events are:

**Nimbin – Saturday 9th March:** meet at the Bush Theatre at 10am to strip and paint up; the ride gets underway when everyone is ready. The café will be open and serving beverages and delicious meals and snacks.

We then do a few laps of Cullen Street to rapturous applause from the assembled throng, so it isn't an arduous ride and if you're not ready to be completely naked in public, it's a "bare as you dare" ride.

**Lismore – Sunday 10th March:** meet at 10am to strip and paint up; venue to be announced; the ride is around Lismore CBD.

**Byron Bay – Sunday 10th March:** meet at rear of Butler Street Reserve for paint up from 1.30pm; ride starts at 3pm.

To keep up with details of the rides, join us on Facebook: world naked bike ride – Nimbin/world naked bike ride – Lismore/world naked bike ride – Byron Bay



## BARCOO PLUMBING PTY LTD

### PLUMBING & GAS FITTING SERVICES



OFFERING PROMPT, RELIABLE AND QUALITY SERVICES TO THE NORTHERN RIVERS REGION AND BEYOND.

● GENERAL PLUMBING & MAINTENANCE ● BLOCKED DRAINS ● ROOFING & GUTTERING

● SEWERAGE & STORM WATER DRAINAGE REPAIRS ● HOT WATER SERVICES

● BATHROOM & KITCHEN RENOVATIONS ● RAINWATER TANKS & PUMPS ● GAS INSTALLATIONS & REPAIRS

IAN HARDIE 0427 445 555

KEERRONG RD, THE CHANNON

[barcooplumbing@bigpond.com](http://barcooplumbing@bigpond.com) / [barcooplumbingservices.com](http://barcooplumbingservices.com)

LIC NO. 320695C

## Be waste wise at MardiGrass

by Saskia Kouwenberg

This year we'd like to make MardiGrass even better Waste Wise!

We hope to inspire locals and especially also our visitors to do the right thing for our planet. That's not easy in this day and age of confusion about how, for example to separate our waste. And where to get biodegradable cups, where to get good fresh water etc.

How long did it take you to understand the new Lismore Council waste guidelines? I'm still confused.

But I also think that giving up is definitely not an option. You want to give us a hand? Have ideas?

We are looking for people of any age who like to support this effort and be involved before, during or the Monday after the event. Even four hours would be great.

For more information contact Stephanie at 7 Sibley Street, Saskia at the Environment Centre, and Caroline or Louise at the Hemp Embassy.

Waste Wise  
Nimbin





# Message to ALP – shut down Adani

by Tom Driftwood

Stop Adani Lismore greeted Tanya Plibersek, the deputy opposition leader, at Lismore City Hall with a colourful display calling for the Adani coal mine to be stopped and for action on climate change.

Steve Mills, spokesperson for the group, asked Tanya what federal Labor would do to stop the proposed Adani coal mine.

Tanya said many nice things about how Labor was better than the Coalition on climate change, but never answered the question, despite being respectfully challenged on this by Steve.

The closest Tanya came to an answer was to say: “The Adani mine has to stack up economically and environmentally or else it won’t go ahead, and I don’t think it will.”

Not good enough, Labor. We are already experiencing the serious effects of climate change e.g. fires in Tasmania, floods in Queensland, droughts, hottest years on record – and we are just at the beginning of climate change...

No more excuses – it is time for real and urgent action to protect our climate!

A sensible climate crisis response would include:

- immediately (this includes no expansions of existing fossil fuel infrastructure);
- a planned transition out of existing fossil fuels to 100% renewable energy with retraining for affected workers;
- a rapid phase-out of the billions of dollars of public money used to subsidise fossil fuels every year (why on earth are we still propping up a billion dollar mature industry with huge amounts of public money?);
- incentives for a rapid uptake of energy efficiency initiatives and renewable and electric technologies;
- ambitious targets in line

with scientific predictions about heading off disastrous climate scenarios e.g. 100% renewable by 2030;

- a ban on fossil fuel donations to political parties; and
- a ban on politicians accepting jobs in related industries for at least 5 years after leaving government

Candidates of all persuasions at all levels of government – will you commit to this?

If you won’t, you are abandoning your responsibility to our future and you won’t get my vote. I will only vote for candidates with strong climate policies appropriate to the climate crisis we are in.

## NIMBIN ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NEWS

by Scott Sledge, president

On 12th February, a group of Northern Rivers residents camped at the Gibberagee State Forest near Casino and confronted loggers and Forestry officers when they came to continue removing trees on 13th February, which was designated National Forests Uprising Day.

Rallies and stoppages took place at many locations that day, including Canberra and Coffs Harbour.

About 50 people from around the district braved heat wave conditions at the site near Casino and stopped entry to the logging area with a tripod and huge banner across the access which read “Stop Illegal Logging.”

Greens MLC Dawn Walker was among the protectors assembled by North East Forest Alliance to bring attention to the fact that forests are being cleared with the agreement of NSW and Federal governments.

During 2018, Nimbin Environment Centre members met with officers of the EPA and Forestry Corporation and some Federal representatives as part of their “public consultation.”

We made submissions to the process of revising the forestry rules, but the results were disappointing, as our views were often ignored, especially the core advice that Australia needs to transition quickly away from rapacious logging of native forests to



source timber products entirely from plantations. If we need to cut down trees, then we need to plant them.

I had a strong impression that the officers engaged in the sham public consultations considered their jobs were to facilitate logging, not to restrict the work which threatens our forests and with it the habitat of many native species.

In 2017, NSW repealed the *Native Vegetation Act* to allow wide-scale habitat destruction.

Ultimately land clearing leads to drying of the landscape and hence the water shortage crisis we see this summer.

We need to make this an election issue for both NSW and Federal election due in the coming months: NSW has a chance on 23rd March to elect a more responsible state government before it finalises new logging rules mid-year.

These rules are dressed up as “sustainable,” but involve a rotating schedule of tree cutting every 30 years and reduce protections for riparian zones along watercourses and “re-mapping” to allow access to old growth forests which have previously been exempt. The purpose seems to leave as little as possible for us to protect.

The rules allow for public lands to be “closed” to the public, which is what the Forestry officers told us on 13th February and they attempted to take names and addresses from the protectors who refused to leave. They have no right to arrest, so many people refused to comply.

We called the police because we found evidence of loggers breaching even the minimal protections required to spare trees which are home to koalas and leave only half the hollow-bearing trees required for wildlife homes.

The police were too busy with fires running wild near Tabulam and Tenterfield, so could not come even to remove protector Alan Roberts, (pictured with Daniel John Peterson) who had locked on to logging equipment.

Finally, the Forestry Corp officers negotiated with our spokesperson Dailan Pugh and agreed to meet with him and EPA officers to resolve issues around local breaches of the rules, which are inadequate but allowed us to go home with some sense of purpose achieved.

Handcrafted, Retro, Recycled, Fair trade, **Locally** made, Pop-up Art Gallery, Workshops, **Music**, Fashion, **Food**, & Family Fun! 8am- 3pm [nimbinmarkets@gmail.com](mailto:nimbinmarkets@gmail.com)

**Next Market 10th March**  
9am – 3pm  
**Main stage:**  
Two Tears in a Bucket  
**Buskers stage:**  
Dom  
**Charity of the day:**  
Modanville P&C Assoc  
Enquiries: 6688-6433

**Nimbin Farmer's Market**  
Wednesdays 3 - 6 pm

**Blue Knob Farmer's Market!**  
Every Saturday 8.30am till Midday  
Blue Knob Hall Gallery  
719 Blue Knob Road, Blue Knob, NSW  
(10 mins north of Nimbin)  
Enquiries: 0415935683

**NIMBIN ORGANIC Food Co-op**  
Fresh Certified Organic & Local Spray Free Produce  
Organic Groceries, Treats & Speciality Foods  
Member & Volunteer Discounts  
Great Value in Organics

**Grey Gum Lodge**  
2 High Street Nimbin  
[www.greygumlodge.com](http://www.greygumlodge.com)  
[stay@greygumlodge.com](mailto:stay@greygumlodge.com)  
02 6689 1713 – 0408 663 475

All our links are clickable in the web edition. Visit [www.nimbingoodtimes.com](http://www.nimbingoodtimes.com) and click away!





**Nimbin Optical**  
**6689 0081**

**Tina Fuller**  
**OPTOMETRIST**

Quality Diagnosis  
Honest Advice

66 Cullen Street Nimbin  
Next to Real Estate

**Eye disease can sneak up on you. Have your eyes checked regularly every 2 years.**



**Jayne E. Alleman**  
Adv.Dip.Acc., Dip.Acc., Tax Agent 98777003

**12 years experience**

BAS electronically lodged with MYOB/Quickbooks (including cloud based versions)

**Phone 0457-497-011**  
Email: [jayne@nimbintax.com.au](mailto:jayne@nimbintax.com.au)

**Nimbin Bakery**

**52 Cullen Street**

- Nimbin's own Aquarius Loaf baked fresh daily
- Sourdough bread and rolls including white
- A range of Spelt breads baked daily
- Huge range of pies and pastries, including vegetarian varieties
- Salad rolls, sandwiches and hamburgers made fresh all day
- Quality Botero coffee served all day, every day
- Loads of cakes, slices and treats
- Order your birthday and special occasion cakes

**OPEN MONDAY-SATURDAY at 6am**

**Phone 6689 1769**



**Mr BOBCAT**

**6689 0044**  
**0427 946 823**

4-in-1 bucket • trencher • auger • 4 tonne tipper

**• NOW WITH EXCAVATOR •**

**Terry Bresington**

**PLASTERIN' NIMBIN'**

**0427 891626**

**Gyprock walls and ceilings**  
**New work or renovations**

Lic. No. 100169C

**NIMBIN DELICIOUS**

*Jams & Chutneys*

# Lots to do through Nimbin Aged Care

Here are the March-April Social Groups and Activities at NACRS for all elders and carers in our local communities.

- ♦ **Drop-in** at Bottlebrush Studio, Nimbin, Monday-Friday 10am-2pm, for a cuppa, a chat, internet, computer, a cool quiet sit down.
- ♦ **Nimbin Social Group** every Tuesday and Wednesday, 9.30-1pm at Bottlebrush Studio, Nimbin, with morning tea and light lunch (small fee), plus free computer tuition on Tuesdays.
- ♦ **Craft group** Monday 4th March and Monday 1st April, 11am-1pm at Bottlebrush Studio. Explore crafts, share your own!
- ♦ **Koonorigan:** Monday 25th March,



Photo: Chibo Mertineit

- 11.30am-3pm, Bring-a-Plate Lunch, Koonorigan Hall, all welcome!
- ♦ **The Channon social group:** Thursday 20th July, 11.30am-2pm, the Channon Tavern for lunch, all welcome, phone for info.
- ♦ **Bus outing:** Tuesday 12th March to Sphinx Rock Café and Tropical Fruit World. Booking essential to reserve

- seats. Bring or buy your own lunch.
- ♦ **Respite for carers** – Are you in need of a break? Pop in or phone to discuss your needs – we may be able to help.
- ♦ **Home visits** for company or a break – pop in or phone to discuss.

Nimbin Aged Care & Respite Services:  
phone 6689-1709 or find us on Facebook.



**In your neighbourhood...**

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre News

## Farewell and thanks

To our Community Case Worker, Vicki Bright, who is moving on to bigger and better things.

Many thanks also to Grimm who was a key contributor to Nimbin CDAT and who did numerous odd jobs around the Centre for us.

We wish Vicki and family all the very best for the future and thank for her many valuable contributions to NNIC over the past two years.

Client services will be briefly interrupted until we organise replacement staff. Full services will be restored as soon as possible, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause in the meantime.

## 7 Sibley Street Updates

Rightio... we really really need to get electricity happening on site so we can get the Tools Library operational. It is going to be too hard to run back and forth to NNIC to keep all the batteries charged up and the tools in good repair.

We still need to raise over

\$1000, so get your donations in. You can donate to the following account.

Bank: Summerland Credit Union, BSB: 728-728  
Account name: NNIC – Sibley St Fundraising account, A/C number: 2230 4372

Three letter code for the target account: NIM

Remember to give your name unless you want to be anonymous, so we can acknowledge your donation.

## Community help needed

The fire victims of Jubullum Community need help, via Ngunya Jarjum, Lismore.

As you may be aware, the Jubullum Community was devastated by the fire near Tabulum. Donations of money, clothing items and blankets are most needed at this time.

You can visit Ngunya Jarjum directly at: 70 Carrington St, Lismore or drop in to NNIC at 71 Cullen Street Nimbin Monday-Friday 10am-4pm and mention you are donating for Jubullum.

Ngunya Jarjum have

advised that any excess items or funds received will be distributed among other fire-affected communities such as Tinga and Tabulam.

NNIC is not able to accept furniture or large items.

## Nimbin Community Drug Action Team

New members always welcome. Contact NNIC on 6689-1692 to find out the next CDAT meeting date.

## Art in the Park

Every Friday from 11am. Anyone is welcome to come along and join in. Lots of art materials and equipment to cater for a variety of dis/abilities. No specific artistic experience or ability necessary! Call NNIC on 6689-1692 at around 10am for weather checks.

## Shout Out to residents of MOs/Rural landsharing communities across the Northern Rivers

An outcome of the ongoing conversations happening via the Nimbin MO Think Tank has been the identification of the need for a Peak Body

to represent the rural land sharing community's issues at Local/State and Federal policy levels.

We are looking for current residents of RLCs who may be interested in convening a group/representing their Local Government Area, for the following LGAs: Tweed, Kyogle, Richmond Valley, Clarence and Ballina.

If you are interested, please contact Nat at: [admin@nnic.org.au](mailto:admin@nnic.org.au) – please let us know which RLC you live on, and the relevant LGA.

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre (NNIC) is run by locals for locals and our job is to support people in need and the community in general to achieve their aspirations.

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](http://www.nnic.org.au)  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Nimbin-Neighbourhood-and-Information-Centre](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nimbin-Neighbourhood-and-Information-Centre)

# Nimbin Hospital information

## Child immunisation clinic

For 0-5 year olds, held on second Tuesday of the month. Next Clinic: 12th March. 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 21st March. 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 21st March.
  - ♦ **Respiratory clinic:** second Tuesday of the month, next will be on 12th March.
- 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 10am. Next meeting: 6th March. New members are always welcome.





# DA for redevelopment of Nimbin Museum site now on display

Almost five years after the fire that destroyed the Museum and Rainbow Café the Chamber is pleased to finally see a development application (DA) for the Museum site.

Located in the heart of the village, the appropriate redevelopment of this site is critical both to our community and to local businesses.

The details of the development can be found on Lismore Council's DA tracking portal (DA 5.2019.41.1).

For those who find this kind of stuff difficult to navigate, this article will provide an overview, and the DA plans are available for viewing in the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre.

In addition, the Chamber is holding a general meeting on Monday 18th March, 6pm at Birth & Beyond, 54 Cullen Street.

At this meeting we will provide more detail and seek your feedback to inform any submission we might make to Council.

This meeting will be open to everyone, not just businesses so feel free to come along. Submissions to Council should be in by 27th March.

The DA consists of a mixed use development comprising 11 retail shops, a bakery, two take-away food outlets, a café, a restaurant on Cullen Street, (facing the about to be reconstructed Rainbow Café), plus two retail outlets and a medical centre on a lower level accessed from the western car park.



by Diana Roberts, president

The redevelopment also incorporates outdoor community spaces comprising outdoor seating, a deck, garden and landscaping and a stage and garden pavilion at the rear, plus toilets.

The large Moreton Bay fig is retained, and the DA seeks to permit staged release of 15 strata lots with timing dependent on market demand.

There will be no parking or vehicle access provided on the site.

While the DA identifies a need for an additional 20 car parking spaces, it suggests that the recent Council line-marking is non-compliant with current standards and if it were re-done as a condition of consent, the extra 20 spaces would be found.

The DA also seeks parking credits in recognition of the community plaza ("an informal town square") that will be created.

Access from the western car park to Cullen Street will be via steps and a pathway with direct line of sight.

Loading and unloading will



occur on Cullen Street, adjacent to the existing blister.

All this information and more can be viewed within the application itself.

If you would like more information, please contact myself on 0427-886-748 or via email: [dianajanero@gmail.com](mailto:dianajanero@gmail.com) or contact Lismore Council direct.

The Nimbin Chamber of Commerce committee meets on the first Monday of every month. If you would like something on the agenda, please email to: [chamber@nimbin.nsw.au](mailto:chamber@nimbin.nsw.au)

I'm Sue Higginson,  
your Greens candidate  
for Lismore.

I'm a farmer, a lawyer, and a grandmother.

As a lawyer, I've taken on coal and CSG companies on behalf of communities and won.

My party doesn't accept corporate donations so I can't be bought. I will represent you.

I will fight for our rivers, invest in sustainable agriculture, health, housing and education and take strong action on climate change.

I have an innovative plan that will create jobs in a clean, green future.

## OUR FUTURE READY REGION PLAN

- Strong action on climate change
- Reviving our rivers
- Investing in Renewable Energy
- Unleashing local green jobs
- Growing our region into a Food and Fibre hub
- Cleaning up politics and reclaiming our democracy
- Building an integrated public transport system
- Staffing our hospitals
- Fully funding TAFE
- Addressing our housing crisis

VOTE 1

SUE HIGGINSON

FOR LISMORE ELECTORATE ON MARCH 23

Authorised by E Bird for The Greens NSW, Shop 12 Warina Walk Arcade, 154 Molesworth Street, Lismore, NSW 2480.



FOR THE FULL PLAN VISIT [sue4lismore.org.au/issues](http://sue4lismore.org.au/issues)