As a member of the CWA Far North Coast Group, the Nimbin branch sent four delegates to our first Group Annual General Meeting in Casino, on 24 October.

CWA Nimbin’s President Linnet Pike, Secretary Kitty van Vuuren, Cookery Officer Trizzy Howes and Publicity Officer Tash Fuller, joined about 70 other delegates and guests, including Councillor Robert Mustow, Mayor Richmond Valley Council; Karen Hogan, on behalf of Kevin Hogan MP; Rev Peter Overton, Uniting Church, Casino; Anne Kotz, State Treasurer, CWA of NSW; and Luisa Dracon, Membership Officer, CWA of NSW, to celebrate the year’s achievements and participate in group business.

Several motions were passed including support for an increase to Newstart, and an Acknowledgement of Country at the commencement of Group meetings.

Nimbin Branch achievements were recognised with our Secretary winning the Eileen McDonald Perpetual Trophy for Best Branch Secretary’s Report Award, and the NSW Volunteer (team) of the Year Award to the CWA Nimbin Branch. Branch secretary, Kitty van Vuuren, was also elected to the FNC Group as Vice-President.

Although just nine months old, CWA Nimbin is not only making its mark in our local community but also beyond! The recognition achieved at regional level is certainly a boost to our confidence and will hopefully translate into support for our community and region.

Next CWA Nimbin meeting is on 18th November at the Community School room, 81 Cullen Street, Nimbin. The meeting commences at 5pm. The door open at 4.30pm. New members welcome. Contact us on 0422-549-706, or via Facebook: CWA Nimbin Branch.

Centenary of Remembrance – The Ode

by Paul LeBars

The Ode of Remembrance may be the most well-known part of Remembrance Day ceremonies, held on 11th November each year.

It is the fourth stanza of the poem ‘For the Fallen’ by Laurence Binyon, who before the war had been an assistant keeper of prints and drawings at the British Museum.

The stanza which forms the Ode of Remembrance reads:

They shall grow not old, nor see age.

Age shall not weary them, nor days condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

The Ode of Remembrance was selected in 1919 to accompany the unveiling of the London Cenotaph and soon passed into common use across the British Commonwealth. In Australia it is recited on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

Written just a few weeks after the war began, ‘For the Fallen’ anticipated much about the war on the Western Front – not least the vast numbers of dead and the symbolism that came to be associated with the red poppies which grew in profusion on the battlefields of northern France and Flanders.

For soldiers who fought on the Western Front, the Ode of Remembrance also called to mind two of the most important moments of the day in the trenches – dawn and dusk, the time of the ‘stand-to’.

This was the favoured time of attack by armies on both sides, and all eyes at sunrise and sunset were focused on the enemy line.

Though it was written more than a century ago, in its remembrance of the dead and its sorrowful evocation of the future they were denied, the Ode of Remembrance remains relevant to the present day.

See more at: anzacportal.gov.au

Lismore City Council is calling for nominations for the 2020 Australia Day Awards.

Lismore Mayor Isaac Smith said the awards acknowledge the dedication of our volunteers who have contributed to our community and people who have excelled in their field of endeavour.

"Australia Day Awards give us a chance to acknowledge and thank people in our community who make a difference to the lives of others or who are achieving exceptional things in their field,” Councillor Smith said.

“If you know someone who is passionate, talented or works tirelessly for our community, I encourage you to nominate them.”

Council said often the only way for Council to hear about the extraordinary achievements of ordinary citizens is for colleagues, friends or family member to nominate them.

"Inevitably, people who deserve reward never seek it, so we need your help to find the wonderful local people who are quietly doing good things or achieving great things in our community,” he said.

"It only takes 5-10 minutes to complete an online nomination, and it brings great joy to watch hard-working people receive a little of the recognition they deserve.”

Categories in 2020 are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Aboriginal Citizen of the Year, Services in Community (Individual), Services in Community (Group), Sportsperson (Seniors), Sportsperson (Junior), Sports (Team/Group/Organisation), Sustainable Environment, and Art/Cultural.

Nominations close on Friday, 29th November. Council now only accepts online nominations. Visit their Australia Day Awards page to apply.
Wildlife rescue strategies needed

by Jim Morrison, President, NCEC

There needs to be an urgent review of response and protocols for wildlife rescue following bushfires in NSW, according to North Coast Environment Council.

Over the last month we have seen hundreds of thousands of hectares of forest burnt, potentially millions of animals have died and there are hundreds, if not thousands that have either been injured or are now suffering starvation or dying of thirst.

Our unique wildlife is an important national asset. We should be treating it as such.

Human infrastructure, including plantations are counted as assets and extraordinary effort and resources goes into protecting and saving them. We applaud the efforts of those on the front line, particularly the volunteers, doing this important work.

But koalas, gliders, owls and the whole suite of native animals need to also be considered as assets and we need to have protocols and strategies in place for protecting and rescuing them, and those protocols and strategies need to be implemented and resourced!

An example is the koala populations of Braemar, Carwong and Royal Camp.

State Forests. Recently recognised as a stronghold for koalas with an estimated koala population of several hundred. Unfortunately, soon after citizen science publicly identified the area as important for koalas a fire tore through much of the forest.

No doubt many of the koalas perished in the fire. Some have been burnt or injured in other ways and in urgent need of veterinary attention. There will hopefully be others who have survived physically unscathed but are now desperate for food and water. The longer it takes for people to be allowed in to the area, the more likely it is koalas will die.

This situation is replicated right across the region with many tens of thousands of hectares at risk from current fires and a catastrophic fire season ahead.

We recognise that safety is a primary consideration, but surely there are methods and equipment that can be deployed to find and save injured wildlife. Cameras, training for RFS crews in animal rescue, putting out drinking troughs are only a few ideas. If we collectively cared enough to develop the tools, we could make a difference.

Green light for chemical-free eradication project

by Gina Horsfield, Secretary, Nimbin Aquarius Landcare Inc.

Over the past year, Nimbin Aquarius Landcare’s on-going regeneration projects have steadily continued and will remain in place.

However, we’re now embarked on a “Chemical-Free” eradication of Seed Bananas project in selected areas along Mulgum Creek, following successful discussions with Rous Council.

Thank you to all who recently supported our “Chemical-Free” position – this new project is big and challenging, but we’re willing to do what we can, for the sake of our beautiful creek and the life it sustains.

Nimbin Aquarius Landcare have just held their AGM, where we welcomed several new members.

If you’d like more information or to become involved on this project, please contact us via the Nimbin Community Centre.

Terania commemorative project marches on

by Trevor Reece, Terania Nightcap Commemorative Project Co-ordinator

The Terania and Mt Nardi historical stories leading to the creation of World heritage listed Nightcap National Park are important to the region and beyond.

The legacies from these actions are important in a national context. It is important that this history is not lost to future generations and the broader community across the Northern Rivers.

Lismore MP Janelle Saffin has acknowledged the importance of the history and the significance of the Terania Nightcap Commemorative Signage Project as a regional undertaking to help both retain and relate this regional and national history.

She has supported the children’s book of the project, “The First Rainforest Warriors, Terania Australia”, to go out to regional schools and libraries.

Janelle has also recently taken the special commemorative project directly to the Minister for National Parks with the last sitting period of parliament to assist with the project.

MLC Ben Franklin has also recently offered his support to the project, and will also be speaking to Minister Kean of National Parks in support of the project. To date, funding support for the project has been a concern.

Janelle Saffin believes the special commemorative signage concept as presented to the Minister has substantial merit also for the Minyon Falls area which has an estimated 250,000 visitors per year. The foundation story to Nightcap National Park could be well placed in this sector of the park with its national history and that this area is now set for major park upgrades.

The Minyon Falls park concept designs have only recently been released by National Parks and are on display for public comment. A special design concept has also been developed for Terania.

While the Terania 40th anniversary celebration weekend was held earlier this year, the Terania Nightcap Project continues and hopes to lay down sound lasting foundations to this regional history being better told and related with its improved project signage concept with visitation to Nightcap National Park.

The project has brought substantial new attention and awareness to the Terania history since it commenced in early 2018. A big thanks goes out to all those who have been assisting with the project along the way.

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In praise of Camp Bindee

by Gisema Dunstan

Let me sing in praise of the heroes, saints and angels of Camp Bindee, the frontline Action on Coal camp in Biri river country 50km west of Bowen, Far North Queensland. The camp has been established for three years.

Last August FLAC announced a national Red Alert call for activists to join the camp for an extended campaign of actions aimed at disrupting and delaying the start-up work on the Adani Carmichael Mine. Many have answered the call and come from all around the nation. Some young and some old, some staying months, others days.

I was in residence for a week, 30th September to 5th October, and it was as if this old man had landed his Peacebus in a bush garden Buddha field of angels and saints. There were some 70 people in camp when I arrived, and action planning was in session. Under a big tarp suspended from trees, a group of 40 were listening intently, watching notes on a white board and talking through roles, responsibilities and timings for the action. Some veteran activists, some newbies, and again some young, some old.

The target for the action was the rail line at the entrance to the Adani’s Abbott Point coal loader. At 4am a convoy of eight cars and a 20-seater bus departed the camp and Adelaide quickly slid arms into the core and locked on.

The rail authority and the train drivers were informed and we witnessed stood by, holding a banners and flags, blocking the road to the Port (it was shift change), live streaming to Facebook, singing #StopAdani songs and waiting for the emergency response. It soon came. An early arriving worker expressed anger and frustration, and to him a “worker liaison person” was quickly assigned. But no aggression or anger came when the cops and rail authority guys arrived, for they had seen it before. Another day, another lock-on and a another ritual of release.

In the half light, the cops and rail folk read the move-on orders. It was if we were participating in a dawn service, a sacred ceremony. And what was being sacrificed was the liberty of the “bunnies”, the term of affection given to those who volunteer to be arrested in an action of direct action.

Solemnly the cops and rail folk read their liturgy. Solemnly and slowly we responded. Our slow procession took us back over the rail, passing beside those brave bunnies, sitting on the cold hardtop beside their concrete barred. 1 yearned to deck them with garlands of gratitude.

It took three hours for the police to assemble their tools and cut through the steel and concrete. It’s a job which must be done with care and concentration. Angle grinder, jack hammer and chisels are needed. Asbestos coats are draped over the bunnies to protect them from the sparks and dust.

For our protection, the cops ordered the rest of us to stand back 50 metres. We assembled by the Bruce Highway where we displayed our banners to the passing traffic and returned the hoots and toots of supporters with waves and cheers.

As the paddy wagon took the bunnies away, we cheered our support to them too. Bail conditions prevent them from returning to camp. For most of us, we would not see them again, never hear the full story of their arrest, court appearances and court statements.

Getting arrested is transformational for those who do it, and for those who bear witness to the courage. It’s so empowering and validating to be doing something in this age of despair. Typically, the bunnies return to their families and communities fired up with new conviction and commitment, wearing their arrest as a badge of courage, their lines as an opportunity for networking, fundraising and further campaigning.

From where I look, the #StopAdani campaign is the biggest direct action movement since the Vietnam War days and I see no future shortage of bunnies coming to Camp Bindee to make their lives sacred with a direct action arrest.

After the Abbott Point action, the convoy detoured by a Bowen beach to lunch and relax before returning to camp for a debrief. The guys in the ute had hurried back to camp to prepare for the next action.

Two days later at 1am, another a convoy of six cars departed Camp Bindee, this one intending to arrive at first light and blockade an Adani worker’s camp 300km north west. The nearest police station to this workers camp is at Clermont, 300km south.

The blockers expected that the 120 workers in camp would have the morning off, but alas the mission had to be aborted when it was discovered that police were already in the camp in unmarked cars.

The blockers withdrew, regrouped, camped overnight in a dry river bed nearby and returned the following dawn to blockade the gates with their bodies. This time the police had come from Clermont and the workers did get the morning off. There were no hard feelings. The work is largely cleaning, test drilling, fence and road making at this time. I asked one of my old mates about the efficacy these direct action tactics. Counting with eyebrows and fingers he reckoned that of the order of 800 worker hours had been lost by Adani that week to direct action delays. This included the two actions described above and another of which I was unaware, a lock-on at a test drilling rig. Since the Red Alert, the camp is averaging two lock-ons a week.

Adani bled, the media mutes and the Adani development work grinds on. Big Coal continues to buy Big Government. Climate Emergency grows and direct action campaigns become the incubators of a new way of being, a new leadership and a new future. This view will have resonance for those of us who can still remember the counter culture which was spawned by resistance to the US war on Vietnam. Some of it came to Bindee. Others will know the phenomenon as the Bentley Effect.

I speculate that the social model of the Greenie activist camp was invented at the Battle of Terasina Creek, and I am proud to claim a connection. As an elder of Camp bindee does us old hippie activists proud.

The camp is attracting the best and the brightest of these times. The morale is wondrously high. The food and the company are superb. All this at $27 a day unawaged.

New Orleans is core practice and NVDA training is mandatory. Thus the personal relationships at the camp are growing in a deep mutual respect.

Camp Bindee has evolved a unique security culture – no smart phones in meeting areas and information on a need to know basis.

In particular, Camp Bindee attracts creative welders and the making of lock-on devices has become an artform. Typical is the elbow-shaped pipe, which is embellished with welded chain and scrap steel, anything to slow the angle grinder.

The coal corrupt Queensland government of Annastacia Palaszczuk (ALP) has recently been moved to legislate against such devices, suggesting bizarrely that they are akin to terrorist bombs. While I was at Bindee, the lead welder renamed them “love-ons”, and had them painted in gay colours, with love hearts and the like. Creativity triumphed over legislation.

Here was a garden of like minds and like hearts. Here was an empowered and creative citizenry. Here was a future. One sip of this and one is changed forever.

So let me urge you, dear reader, to go taste the magic of direct action at Camp Bindee while you may. The Earth needs you there. Love needs you there.

Further information: https://frontlineaction.org
What can be done? We can start by setting our water troughs for wildlife and delivering harvested koala food leaves. Then ban logging in all native forests and plan farm forestry for future needs. Bring forward the NSW government’s plans to require all commercial water extraction to be not only licensed but monitored with tamper-proof meters. And finally, plant more trees! I was encouraged by news from NSW Member for Tweed, Geoff Provest MLA, who said he has secured funding for half a million koala food trees to be planted, mainly around the endangered population of coastal koalas at Portville. I hope these are not an “offset” against plans to destroy other trees. Alas, it takes many years for a tree to grow to suitable size (around 30cms diameter at breast height) to produce leaves to feed koalas. We can also stand up for forests. Besides the area south of Casino where we hope to get a reprieve from planned logging, there is an area of state forest south of Bellingen which is scheduled for destruction, the headwaters of the Kalang River. On Thursday 3rd October the NEC sponsored an information night which featured a short film demonstrating the high conservation value of the Kalang forests. Activist Anastasia Guise answered questions and explained how we can all be involved in the campaign to save them. Please phone NEC on (02) 6689-1441 to sign up for updates on the action already happening. When the loggers move in, a Red Alert will go out asking people to join protectors already at the Biodiversity Enquiry at Tweed Heads. Do not let this opportunity pass. We have few years to save the koalas, and the species is already under threat. Koalas are normally counted by people on the ground but now they can be tracked by robots from the air. This will greatly increase the area that can be covered to survey koalas.

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Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre News

Nimbin Community Tools and Equipment Library NOW OPEN for borrowing

The Community Tools and Equipment Library is now open for business. Opening hours are Wednesdays 9.30am – 2pm, and Saturdays 10am-1pm, at 7 Sibley Street.

To join the library, come into NNIC weekdays 10am-4pm or drop into 7 Sibley Street Monday-Wednesdays. The membership fee is $22 plus NNIC membership $5.50 per year.

For more details, including a list of the equipment available to borrow, see: www.sevensonslibrary.com/tools-equipment-library

Welcome to Nimbin Kit NOW AVAILABLE!

Have you moved into Nimbin in the last six months or so? Or do you know someone who has? Maybe you have a new neighbour? Then the Welcome to Nimbin Kit is for you!

Our great community is rapidly changing hands and lots of new folks are moving in. This Kit is designed to start conversations between new neighbours and get newcomers started on everything they need to know to become part of the wondrous fabric of Nimbin.

The Kits are available at NNIC for distribution to new community members (also at the Real Estate agencies).

Nimbin CDAT updates

We went along to Headspace’s Green Day festivities at the Quad in Lismore on 26th October where we had a great time mixing it up with the young folk, and we are planning now for Schoolies time mixing it up with the young folk, on 26th October where we had a great

2019 Community Sustainability Survey

Speaking of surveys… this survey closed on 1st November and we have started collating the responses. If you ran out of time to get onto it, or missed out, but want to get your voice added to the mix, contact us and we will send you the survey link. This will absolutely be your LAST CHANCE!

Nimbin Vacation Care

Casual staff required, including a qualified Assistant Co-ordinator. For more info, contact: admin@nnic.org.au

Looking for Sustainable Xmas gifts?

Why not pick up some SuperDog Treats from NNIC or the market – made with love by Rhya for your dog-lovin’ friends. Or check out the handy items at 7 Sibley Street – e.g. hemp feed for horses, EM1 for compost loos and heaps, Mandin Hale’s fabulous book of local hand-built houses Unique, and heaps more. Buy local and support our local economy.

BIG Community Xmas Lunch 2019

Save the date! The biggest community event of the year will be happening once again on Friday 20th December. All welcome for lots of fab Xmas fare, Santa for the kids, all a great event.

NNIC Xmas closure dates

NNIC will be closed over Xmas with our last day in 2019 being Friday 20th December and re-opening on Monday 6th January 2020. Centrelink office will be open on Monday 23rd December and then closed from Tuesday 24th and re-opening on Thursday 2nd January.

Did You Know?

NNIC is registered charity and donations to our general services and activities (excluding Sibley St) 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.nnmc.org.au
In 2018 the Centre managed the repainting of the Alloslop Park mural by local Indigenous artists Gilbert Laurie, Lewis Walker and Oral Roberts with funds from LCC. Following discussions with the artists, the Centre applied for funding to create a dual language sign to accompany the mural explaining the important dream time story represented in the mural. The Centre obtained funds from the Indigenous Arts and Languages program from the Commonwealth Department of Communication and the Arts. The grand unveiling of the mural during Nimbin’s NAIDOC celebrations in July was accompanied by moving speeches from Melissa Smith and the Centre.

In August 2018 the Centre received funds from Lismore Grants to create a terraced area outside the Nimbin; Aged Fines Fete Service (NACRS) and to install a table and bench for both clients and community use. As the funds were not sufficient to complete the project, a widespread appeal resulted in kind generosity from the community, and the work can now be completed. The NCC continues to be grateful to the generosity and volunteer spirit of the Nimbin community and the Centre continues to receive requests for further contributions of funding cuts which have seriously affected the Centre’s budget in the past two years. The Centre cannot survive without the support of the community.

The Centre has made applications for an Aged Care car drop-off platform for the Nimbin Flix Film Festival, and to help with the Nimbin Communities fund. This is a necessary and important improvement and the result of this application will be known in early November. The Centre continues to support cultural activities such as the Nimbin Flix film society, as well as sponsoring the annual Nimbin Roots Festival and the second annual Sticks and Stones sculptural exhibition. Moreover, the Centre grounds are available for casual hire for events, workshops, projects and classes that enrich and benefit the community. The Centre’s Management Committee met in September for its five yearly review of aims and objectives and to focus on the plans for the next five years. As well as management of tenancy and maintenance and improvement of buildings and grounds, the Committee has determined three major priorities. The first is to future-proof the Centre against climate chaos. This includes increased water storage, alternative energy production and storage, insulating buildings, landscaping gardens to reduce water waste and introduce the carbon footprint through improving management practices and engaging with the wider community regarding climate chaos and community action.

The second priority is to support youth led initiatives and projects such as the Nimbin Youth Fife Festival, and enabling Centre facilities and grounds to be available for youth projects and events. The third priority is to support the Aboriginal Cultural Centre to promote and facilitate cultural events and practices. This includes facilitating an indigenous music stage for the Nimbin Roots Festival, supporting the NAIDOC celebration and developing a reconnection action plan for the Centre.

Under the guidance of the Centre’s gardener, Robyn Berry, I would like to give sincere thanks to all who contribute to the Centre, notably our NCC volunteers, Paul Simms, James Gardener and Donato Rosella. The Centre’s gardens and grounds are currently looking great in spite of the ongoing harsh and dry weather and that is a testament to their hard work. I would especially thank the staff of the NCC, our office coordinators and bookkeeper, Teresa Bisce and Helen Lynne, maintenance coordinator Sam Heagney and the Chamber co-coordinator Stephen Seckhold. These people work tirelessly for the benefit of the NCC, and we are thankful to have such dedicated staff.

I’d especially like to thank the diverse tenants and many biers of the Centre for the widespread services they offer to the community and for their support of Centre projects. I also give special thanks to the Management Committee members who continue to participate in committee meetings and in the overall management of the Centre.

The Committee continues to manage the NCC on behalf of Nimbin’s community and is determined to manage and improve the wide range of benefit of the community into the future.

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

Chamber Chat

by Diana Roberts, President

The Light Up Nimbin project

This project is complete for now and we hope you like the results. A local person has been trained and is currently adjusting the lighting and we’ve had a request to slow down the speed of the lights. We would be pleased to give that a go. Our thanks to the Nimbin Community Centre for their considerable support managing this project.

Meanwhile we’d like to extend the current installation to beyond the new mural above the School of Arts. Gilbert Laurie and Oral Roberts have agreed to do this, hopefully before Xmas. In addition, we’re looking to refurbish the Baretto mural and have plans to extend it as it has faded considerably over the years. Elephant Jones and Julie de Lorenzo have taken on this project, artists of considerable talent who are responsible for the two new murals in the village. We’d like to support our mural initiatives, please give generously in the mural collection tins located in various businesses in the village.

Cecil street safety

Council was successful in securing funding to construct the Cecil Street footbridge. It is hoped this will be in place by the end of the year, and the current temporary traffic calming devices and signage removed.

Nimbin CCTV renewal

This will include upgrading the five existing cameras and installation of two new cameras in the Western Carpark and one on Cullen Street looking into the Community Centre. Each location will have one pan-tilt zoom and one fixed camera providing 24/7 monitoring.

The use of observation will no longer be critical as the technology has much improved. The time you read this, work should have commenced with a view to completion by the end of November.


This is currently on exhibition for comment. We’d encourage those interested to have a look and input at: https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/drafteconomicdevelopmentstrategy

The strategy will be accompanied by some funding and resourcing and while Lismore focussed, its implementation will engage both the Chamber and the Nimbin Advisory Group in relation to Nimbin initiatives.

The Chamber discussed the strategy at length at our recent meeting and will be making a detailed presentation before final closing date: 12th November. Some of the initiatives we’d support as having specific relevance to our local community includes:

- Increasing renewable energy initiatives, specifically the expansion of renewable energy use in the Nimbin business centre
- Supporting events and festivals that increase visitor stay over, • Supporting business property owners to invest in property and amenity.
- Reduce red tape for business activation, currently overwhelming and punitive for some, provided community consultations are taken into account.
- Improved internet – the NBN is currently highly unreliable for many businesses.
- Agri-business initiatives such as the emerging hemp growing industry and accompanied product development.
- Meeting the demand for the impact of growth on our village. In collaboration with Council this will be challenging but it’s essential if we’re to retain the things we value as a community and to ensure our sustainability into the future, especially given the challenges of the climate change we currently face.

Lismore Council’s Community Participation Plan

This plan is currently on exhibition until 21st November. The plan identifies when certain types of development require notification, who such notices should be given, signs displayed and advertising requirements.

I know I have been concerned about the intensity of development around the village and it’s important people have input at the early planning stages to be effective. This is a chance for you to have your say to guide consultation into the future: https://yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au

Electric car charging

Know anyone with an electric car? We understand Rainbow Power has two car charging stations.

Chamber’s AGM

The Chamber will be working to ensure that the LSB and attend our AGM scheduled for 20th November, 6pm, in the Consolark room at the Community Centre (not Birth & Beyond as previously advertised, as there was a prior booking).

If you’d like to stand for the Chamber’s AGM please let us know in advance. Joining forms and nomination forms can be obtained from our Secretary, David Spain, at Nimbin Law or Peter Hughes, our Treasurer, at Nimbin Tax & Accounting. Memberships can be paid to Peter or directly into our bank account.

Feedback on any of the above or other issues always welcome: chamber@nimbin.nsw.au or phone me on 0427-886-748. Also, feel free to approach me personally.