#### Aries

Take a second look at your projects and reflect if you have been pushing them too far. The main focus is on restoring balance in your relationships, even though communication is not straight forward at the moment. Try to read between the lines and search for 'the middle way'!

#### Taurus

During this month your focus is on others, especially your partnerships, personal or business. Some re-negotiation of contracts might be needed. The Full Moon on November 12 highlights where you might hold on too tightly. Letting go of what is not working anymore makes space for new opportunities of growth.

### Gemini

This is the time of the year where it is important to look after your health and review your life-style. Shift to a healthy diet, boost your immune system, get some rest. Duties and obligations might need to be re-negotiated to allow things to run more smoothly. Weigh the pros and cons and take into account others' needs as well as your own.

### Cancer

This is a great time to nurture yourself with fun and play. Re-connect with your 'inner child' and feel its needs and wants. This is potentially a very creative time for you, where you like to get things moving, especially also in and around your home. Nevertheless, there can be delays and setbacks, so take it easy!

#### Leo

At the moment you might feel like spending more time at home or with your family. Expect some intense times in your emotional life, including some intense and honest communications. However, beware of misunderstandings! The Full Moon on Nov 12 highlights areas of change and whether you need to re-focus your energy.

### Vírgo

During this period you might find a heightened interest into research, education and communication in general. Some solitude is needed for doing all the mental work that has been piling up. Nevertheless, this is a good time for delving deeper into the past, discussing family matters and reviewing unresolved issues.

## Movember

becoming retrograde in Scorpio (until November 21) initiating a phase of deep review and reflection. About every four months the messenger planet commences a three week retrograde cycle. Mercury symbolically embarks on a journey through the underworld giving rise to issues which have been dormant or unresolved. As seen from the Earth, Mercury travels backwards through Scorpio and triggers our feeling function. Whatever has been hiding in the dark needs attention and brought to the light. It is perfect timing for processing, evaluating and correcting. On the other hand, this is not a good time for

working on totally new ideas or making new contracts (until November 21). On November 5 - 6, Mars, the planet of drive, energy and confrontation reaches its exact square with Pluto, the collective force of power, control and domination. These are days of high tension and conflict. Survival issues can easily be triggered when these two planets meet. Exercising emotional control, remaining calm but focused and searching for the middle way is the key.

A Mercury transit, a rare celestial event, is taking place on November 11/12. This special transit occurs when Mercury passes directly in front of the Sun. At such times, Mercury can been seen through telescopes with solar filters as a small black dot crossing the Sun's face from most places except Australia. Unfortunately, this 5 ½ hour event takes place during our nighttime. Mercury transits happen about every 3 ½ to 13 years. They occur when Mercury is retrograde and in the signs of Taurus and Scorpio, because this is where Mercury crosses the ecliptic while orbiting around the Sun. The next Mercury transit will be in 2032. The Full Moon follows late on November 12. The Moon in Taurus is opposite the Mercury retrograde/Sun conjunction in Scorpio. Deeply evaluating what is worth holding onto and what to let go of is the message of this Full Moon. It makes a supportive trine to Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn and a helpful sextile to Neptune and Lilith in Pisces. Current values, roles, behaviours and expectations have to be questioned and tested whether they are still valid for resolving the many present-day problems and conditions.

The danger is to get stuck in the past by holding on too long on outdated concepts!

On November 24/25 a Venus/Jupiter conjunction in the freedom loving sign Sagittarius inspires a broader perspective and search for new meaning. The conjunction occurs near the Galactic Centre (GC), providing energetic support for major shifts in consciousness. Ancient cultures like the Mayans considered the centre of the Milky

Way galaxy as the Cosmic Womb, the birthplace of our galaxy. Significant findings often happen when an

outer planet transits the GC.
Simultaneously, Mars, who
entered its own sign Scorpio
on November 19, has
reached its exact opposition
to Uranus in Taurus, planet
of change, innovation and
scientific breakthroughs.
Taurus is the sign most

associated with land management, farming and finances. A shift in awareness is possible from prioritising projects that focus on the exploitation of natural resources to new insights how we can better

projects that focus on the exploitation of natural resources to new insights how we can better protect, guard and interact with our Earth's natural abundance without being destructive.

The New Moon on November 27 occurs in Sagittarius and intensifies the search for a new direction. On December 3, Jupiter, ruler of Sagittarius, enters the organised and ambitious sign Capricorn initiating a turning point in many areas of our political, economical and cultural landscape. The key question is who will be in charge? Most likely, with Saturn, Pluto and Jupiter being in Capricorn for much of 2020, we can expect more abuse of power on a grand scale but also a final break-down of longstanding faulty structures. On the other hand, determination, courage and the will power to make necessary changes that might involve some difficult choices will be on the increase at the same time.

Navigation by the Stars: Personal and/or relationship Astrology; Life cycles and your year ahead: plans, directions, concerns for 2020. contact Tina on 0457-903-957, email: starloom@hotmail.com

Next 1 day Workshops: Australian Bush Flower Essences Course

Two Saturdays, November 2 and 16, 10am – 4pm, at the Lillifield Community Centre, 4505 Kyogle Road Wadeville, 2474: Learning Astrology 'The Cycles of Mercury Retrograde', Thursday 21, 3pm – 5.30pm at the Lillifield Community Centre; \$20

For all bookings and info contact 0457-903-957

or email: star-loom@hotmail.com

Libra

You are blessed with an extra boost of energy to do the things you always wanted to do. On the other hand, financial issues have to be reviewed and sorted at the moment. Try to balance your accounts and avoid unnecessary spending. Review your needs and values; focus on the essentials.

### Scorpio

This is a good moment in time to review your style and way of dealing with the world around you. It could be a period of increased communication break-downs and misunderstandings. So, be careful with how and what you say. Expect delays and setbacks. Reflect on your deeper motives to avoid unwanted surprises.

### Sagittarius

This is a time of review, letting go, and recharging batteries. Reflecting on your experiences over the last 12 months is immensely helpful now and will lead to new insights about your future direction. You are going through a process of assimilation and integration. Know what is possible to achieve and where you hit a definite boundary.

### Capricorn

Building the big picture together with others gives the advantage of drawing from everybody's ideas and skills. The emphasis is on developing a vision of the future and creating a new value system that feels authentic and true. Be patient, as misunderstandings are possible. It is a time which requires honesty as well as determination.

### Aquarius

This is the time of the year where you can get good outcomes from the projects that you have been focusing on. Review and re-evaluate what you have achieved so far before developing any new plans and goals. Progress in your career is possible, especially if your work has been consistent.

### Pisces

You might feel like moving in a different direction and are working on a new perspective. It is a great time for review. Rewrite your story, change your beliefs, research your value judgments. Think of initiating projects or activities that expand your mind and feed your imagination.

# Kobya laments the passing of his partner

by Kobya Panguana

It's amazing what music can do to you. I miss Kooka (aka Tonia Jansen) terribly every day.

Whenever I hear that song her ex used to sing a lot, 'Remember Me' by Burning Spear, I can hear her saying, "Yeah, we'll never forget you mate."

I can never forget her. She saved my life twice in one year, only for me to fail to save hers, and the hardest pill to swallow is that I was prevented from saying goodbye.

When I was in hospital after the hit-and-run, I was sitting outside in the sun with two friends when her previous husband showed up

with a black rubbish bag full of my clothing.

If I wanted the rest of my stuff I was to go to Nimbin and pick it up, he told me.

He wanted to make sure I did not go back to the place where Kooka and I lived together, because he informed me he was moving into it.

He also informed me that the children didn't know me well enough for me to be a part of her farewell at any stage.

I want to thank Summerland Credit Union for the beautiful signed butterfly booklet they presented to me. It made me feel so loved by the Nimbin Community, who I also wish to thank. So many places I go to are filled with the memories we made together, here as well as Indonesia, Asia and Africa.

The impact she made on my family was immense.

She's widely remembered for her infectious smile. If she wasn't drumming, she was dancing to music.

She was a perfect woman and lover. She was the kind of person who could get along with anyone. She was a healer.

Together we used the music we created, our craft, to heal.

Together we were a powerful force for good.

I miss her terribly, and I'll remember her forever.

Peace be with her.



Happier times: Kobya's partner Tonia Jansen, aka Kooka, with his mother Mikhombo

# Sensually alive



by Marilyn Devlin

hhh, deadline time! Been so entwined in deadline time. I must be one of those who perform best under pressure... although I wouldn't have thought it. Not with my super sonic radar and mercurial over-the-top receptive nervous system... allergic to stress waves. But heh, go figure.

I'm obviously getting meatier... more solid, more dense. Way more compact, heaps more occupied. Feels that way. I feel more at home in my body. I'm loving it... it's luscious. I'm more exquisitely connected to my sensual sentience. What it feels like to be living inside me. Feels wonderful. I've even put on a couple of kilos... that never happens.

I'm filling out my flesh. I'm meeting my skin. I'm not empty and hollow inside... my bones rattling around in the excess emptiness. Oh yeah I'm a space lover... I luv open space, lots of it, heaps of it. But it feels good to fit compactly beneath my skin.

Two years, well really a bit more, I heard the call... I was terrified, but I said yes to the healing journey of a lifetime. I've travelled deep, I've travelled far. I've come home to myself... I'm filling out my skin with more of me. It feels wonderful. The me I lost so long go... sixty-eight years, but who's counting?

Miracles occur, healing happens. We can go through horrors, face death, destruction, violation and abandonment... and we can come home. We can come back home to our body... and fill out our skin. Shine our radiance... be governed by our self. Be self-directed, speak our truth, honour our self. We can shine our light, we can stand up and say... I'm here, I'm here. I'm taking up space.

I'm here and look how radiant I am. I'm made of Love and Light... everything I touch turns to gold. I've lived through wars, rapes and burnings... I've witnessed atrocities no human should endure. I've walked with death, his sneering ugly face... I've refused his calling. I'm here, I'm here.

We are wonders – we're amazing! Hidden inside under all the covers the most extraordinary being. 'Made in the essence' the books translate. Coming home to your self has to be the greatest miracle. You are magnificent, you're a child of the universe. Celebrate your existence... feel the love inside you. Can't find it? Dig a little deeper. Touch your skin, feel the wondrous conscious, sentient essence vibrating beneath.

Stop for a while – become aware of your breath. Pulled in by this magick force. It loves your body with every caress. It brings nutrients from the stars... it brings healing with every kiss.

It fills empty spaces, it connects to everything. You have this amazing community living under your skin. You're sentient, you're a multi-feeling, aware and embodied miracle of creation. Inside of you all the answers lie.

This will be the most important journey... this coming home to your body – as the years ahead move through the needed changes. We are what we need, we are the solution. In us the answers lie.

This month I celebrate my eighth year anniversary of being a columnist for the famous *Nimbin GoodTimes...* the best newspaper! Eight – the number of power and infinity... of coming home. And boy, what a journey it's been these last eight years. Thank you all for accompanying me on this journey of a lifetime. I've felt honoured to be here.

Treat yourself with extra care this month... it's Scorpio time. Great for transforming those old dead on their feet, worn-out ways... but he can dig deep and leave you feeling a little tender. So smother on thick the self love and care. 'Til next month (goddess willing) have a blast... celebrating You.

### Nimbin Trivia Time

by Eclectus



- 1. Arrange the following continents and countries in order of smallest to largest: Africa, Australia, Canada, Greenland and Russia.
- 2. While on the subject of Africa (see the big continent to the right ot South America), the Victorian era explorer Dr David Livingstone's primary purpose in visiting there was proselytising. How many converts did he achieve?
- 3. There is only one state in Australia without an upper house of parliament. Which is it?
- 4. Is the SpaceX starship made of aluminium, carbon composite or stainless steel?
- 5. Which well-known Australian engineering firm has the following motto: Good better best, never let it rest, 'til your good is better, and your better best?
- 6. When did Rainbow Power Company open their mudbrick office, showroom, workshop and warehouse at 1 Alternative Way, and who performed the official opening?
- 7. An enduring Aussie band was recently nominated for Best Rock Album and Best Live Act for the 2019 ARIA awards. Can you name the band and the album?
- 8. Where is the Blue Lagoon?
- 9. Who said, "Monogamy is what misogynists think the dining room table is made of"?
- 10. What is the smallest marsupial?

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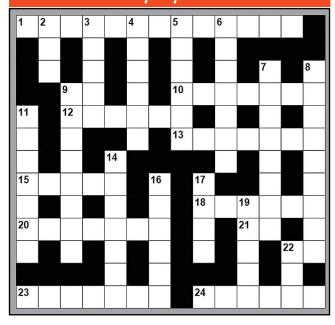
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### **Nimbin Crossword**

2019-11 by 5ync



#### Across

- 1. Swellings?
- 9. Yes, signore?
- 10. Cook?
- 12. Footy challenge? Genitals.
- 13. Meals
- 15. Horn
- 18. Greek Goddess of wisdom
- 20. Laugh
- 21. Pirate's exclamation?
- 21. Pirates e 22. America
- 23. Avatar of Vishnu Lord of compassion
- 24. Creator aspect of Vishnu

#### Down

- 2. The chosen on (The Matrix)
- 3. Lips
- 4. Frogmouth
- 5. One of the runners in a

race who runs at a predetermined speed, not a competitor (1,5)

- 6. The parts of your feet between the toes and the ankles
- 7. Christian knight?
- 8. Rubbish bins (5,4)
- 9. Fish (Black Sea)
- 11. Fine coffee bean
- 14. Towards the progressive side (politically)?
- 16. Peninsula in Western Europe
- 17. Story
- 19. Sweet sesame and honey
- 22. City on the Danube

   birthplace of Albert
  Einstein

Solution: Page 25

# Has Your Hot Water System Been Checked Lately?

Ever Heard Of A Sacrificial Anode?

A sacrificial anode is a vital part of your water system, and having it inspected can be the difference between an efficiently working system and a costly replacement.

Manufacturers recommend that you maintain the anode in your system in order to prevent damage from rust + corrosion. After its 5th birthday — warranty expires.

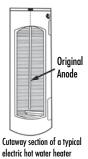
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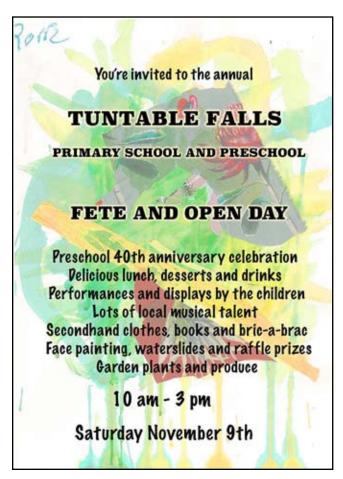
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Arrange a free inspection: phone
1300 166 673



IT MIGHT BE SMALL, BUT IT STILL GETS NOTICED!

You could have bought this space for \$45. Email: nimbin.goodtimes@gmail.com

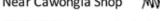
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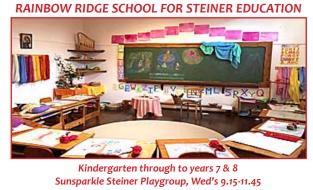
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# Bison bash at Myrtle Creek

The American Bison is sacred to Native Americans and an important part of American history.

Since 2012, a movement for officially recognising the American bison as the national mammal of the United States.

Organisers included making National Bison Day the first Saturday of November.

The United States Senate signed resolutions yearly supporting the passage of such a proclamation and on 9thMay 2016, President Barack Obama signed the law making the American bison the national mammal of the United States.

As noted in US Senate resolutions, bison are considered a historical symbol of the United States, and were integrally linked with the economic and spiritual lives of many Indian tribes through trade and sacred ceremonies.

Bison can also play an important role in improving the types of grasses found in landscapes to the benefit of grasslands and hold significant economic value for private producers and rural communities.

Calving season has started and we are having a naming competition for R's calf. The person whose name is selected as winner will receive a deluxe overnight Tipi stay at the ranch. There will be games with prizes and bison feeding demonstration with educational talk.



The Aranyani Bison food trailer will be there serving bison burgers, bison hot dogs and chips from mid-day. There will be a *Toy Story* jumping castle that is always popular with children.

This year Aranyani Bison is bringing in two musicians to perform. Ollie Twohill and India Dupriez.

With all the drought and fires, the owners Damen and Shannon Wells want to give a special day out to the community.

Firies who fought the fires at Busby's and Rappville will be given free entrance for the day. It is also a great opportunity for the community to come

together for a fun day out and support a local primary producer and tourism operator that has felt the impacts of the drought and fires.

"We've been having to truck a lot of water and feed to keep our animals going. More so than any other year of our 12 years of operating here," Mr. Wells said.

You can find out more about National Bison by going to Aranyan's website: www.aranyanibison.com or find them on Facebook at: Aranyani Bison Adventure Tourist Park. For more information, you can always contact the bison ranch directly: (02) 6661-7866

# Steiner Spring Fair & Open Day

This year, Rainbow Ridge School celebrated our lovely school with our annual Spring Fair & Open Day. The sun was shining, and the atmosphere was relaxed and joyful.

The classrooms shone with displays of children's work and were open to view and to talk to the class teacher.

There were musical performances by the children's string ensemble. At Rainbow Ridge School, children from class 3 onwards can either learn the violin or cello.

The children also sang songs to celebrate the beautiful Spring season. At the end of that performance, the children and staff sang a song together to acknowledge and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Steiner Education.

The gardens sparkled with new growth and flowers; aromas of yummy food wafted; coffees, teas and delicious homemade cakes sold fast; craft activities kept people busy making decorated candles and printed bags.

The Parent Group craft stall was an abundance of colour and beautifully hand-



crafted items. Amazing patterns of coloured ribbons were woven and unwoven on the maypole by some of the children.

The day was a big success, thanks to the parents and teachers who put it all together and the people who made their way to our beautiful little school.

If you have a child that is turning 5 or 6 next year and you are interested in

enrolling your child in our Kindergarten, please come to our Kindy Orientation morning on Saturday 2nd November from 9.30 to 11.30am.

You and your child will enjoy a morning of play, craft and songs, followed by a shared morning tea. If you are planning to come, please ring the school.

We also have the 'Sunsparkle' Steiner Playgroup for children aged 2-4 years and their parents happening at school on Wednesdays during term time from 9.15-11.15am. Bookings essential, please call the school.

Rainbow Ridge is a K-8 school and interested parents can contact the school on (02) 6689-7033 or email: admin@rainbowridge.nsw.edu. au to arrange a tour or for enrolment information.





### TUNTABLE FALLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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We are a small independent parent run school that provides unique educational learning opportunities for children and their families. With small, multi-age classes, active parental involvement and a strong focus on individual, community and environmental wellbeing, children are nurtured to think, learn and create.

Orientation days for our 2020 KINDERGARTEN students are Wednesday 13th and 20th November 1.30-2.30pm. Call 66891423 for more information and enrolment packs.



# Fun new school play

Nimbin Central School invites you to their original production of 7 Deeds for 7 Dwarfs.

On Thursday, 28th November there will be a matinee session at the school's MPU from 11.30am to 1.30pm, and an evening show from 6pm to 8pm including intermission.

Tickets are available at the door and are \$7 adult, \$3 child (4-18yrs) or \$20 per family.

There will be a sausage sizzle from 5pm and coffee and cake will be available during the 30-minute intermission.

All proceeds go towards the Nimbin Central School Solar Panel Project.

### Kindergarten transition

Is your child starting school in 2020? Come and meet the teachers and learn all about Kindy at Nimbin Central School. You and your pre-school child are welcome to attend from 9.30 to 11.30am on Thursday 7th, 14th or 21st November.



### Helping solve the puzzle of social isolation



A group of brain injury survivors have lent their artistic skills to decorate puzzle pieces for a community arts project at Willowbank Studio, designed to raise awareness and funds in the fight to tackle loneliness.

Willowbank Studio was started in 2006 by Lismore local Scott Trevelyan when he felt alone and isolated after suffering an acquired brain injury (ABI).

He now holds fortnightly workshops to bring together people who live with an ABI in a safe, creative environment, to participate in art activities designed to facilitate self-expression, self-awareness and healing targeted to their specific needs.

The artwork will feature in Feros Care's Connection Project, a collaborative arts initiative involving people from across Australia designing puzzle pieces to form a giant jigsaw representing connection and unity.

Lismore artist Joanne Kambourian volunteers at the Willowbank Studio and said they were very keen to be involved in the Connection Project because of the synergies with their own purpose.

"Willowbank is a place where people who have suffered a brain injury can come together and experience a sense of friendship and connection while making art. The participants have had a

great time creating their own puzzle piece."

All 'artists' taking part in the project will describe their piece after creating it, to the theme "I feel most loved when..."

Feros Care is in talks with public spaces around Australia to display the 350-piece installation after it is unveiled at the grand launch of its major new initiative to tackle loneliness at the end of November in Byron Bay.

At the event, a selection of puzzle pieces will be auctioned to raise money to run programs supporting those experiencing loneliness.

For more info on the Connection Project, visit: www.feroscare.com.au/ connection-project

November

**Workshops Program** 

\$10/hour unless otherwise noted

Bookings: text 0475-135-764

### Tuntable Falls Preschool news



by Maree Conroy

As part of our curriculum development at preschool we listen to the children in regards to what they like to do at preschool.

We use this information to further plan what we programme and set- up for the children.

This week I asked the children that were here:

"What are your favourite things to do at preschool? Here are some of their responses:

Iggy (4): I like looking at the flags.

I love our mud pit and I really loved building the bush cubby with the sticks. Evie (3): I love playing with my friends and watching the silk worms. I like the me box.

Findlay (4): My favourite thing is making stuff with mobilo. I love it more than ever. I design big machinery with it. Also I like to invent stuff with the sticky tape. I use lots and lots. I also like taking photos of my friends with the camera.

Arlo (4): I love our mud pit and going to the creek. It's so cool, we can get wet. We can pretend to be crocodiles and tigers in the water.

Romulus (5): I like drawing Ninjas and playing mud monsters with my friends, River (4): I like to dance, 'cause I'm a good dancer. Daisy (4): I like dressing up as a superhero and feeding the chooks in the garden.

Max (4): I like playing dragons in the sandpit. The dragons have long sharp wings that can cut through anything. Anything made of metal, leaves, tree trunks. Just about anything,

especially windows.
We are open Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays
from 8.30am 'til 4pm during
school terms. A bus service
is available from Nimbin
Central School.

Come to our Fete and Open Day on Saturday 9th November to get a tour of our innovative service.

We are currently enrolling for 2020, phone 6689-1179 for more information.

### **EXPLOSIVE LEARNING**

Carina, Annalyce, May & Isabella Educators of Nimbin Early Learning Centre

We have been having a lot of experiments around space and science.

We made our very own moon rocks, and then made them explode using baking soda and vinegar. We then used baking soda and vinegar to blow up a balloon using a bottle for the mixture (pictured).

Using glue, scissors, paint and paper, we made our own astronauts, moons and rocket ships. Our cubby house transformed into a dark starry sky where would could escape and take off to the moon.

Silkworms have joined our Centre, and it has been interesting to learn the cycle of a silkworm and to watch them build a cocoon as that is the stage they are at now.

We celebrated May's birthday with a yummy passionfruit cake that we all enjoyed sharing. Please feel free to call the centre on 6689-0142. We are open Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5pm.



## Identifying birds

by Stephen Gallen, Cawongla Playhouse

Recently we have had two dead birds brought into preschool by Harry and his pop, Jonathon, and it has ignited many questions and responses from the children.

It's been interesting to watch their curiosity and listen to their thoughts and ideas on birds. Harry and his dad did some research at home and discovered that one of the birds was a female Pacific Emerald dove.

This led to a lot of interest in what the second bird might be named, and the children came up with many ideas and possibilities: a Martha bird, a Bella bird, a kookaburra, a rifle bird, a pigeon... just to name a few.

In turn, this led to further discussion about what we mean by the 'names' of birds, and what we mean by different 'species' or 'families'.

We worked out fairly quickly that it couldn't be a kookaburra, as it didn't look right. Harry suggested we needed to look at its markings and that might help us decide. Tom remembered that we could look at the bird book, and so we began to read through it.

Lately, we have been thinking about the Gulibal people as custodians of



Country – in the past we have learnt some traditional words and names.

Maybe part of becoming with Country and being brought up by Country is to learn the names of those who are with us on Country.



Mondays (starts 10.30am)

Tuesday

 4th November: Learn to make paper with shredded waste paper
 11th November: WILD WEAVERS – Basket

- and mat weaving techniques with natural and recycled fibres.18th November: Intro to woodworking
- 18th November: Intro to woodworking tools with John. Welcome to bring a piece to restore, with booking.
- **25th November:** SLOW CLOTH CLUB Spinning yarns, textile weaving, knitting and crochet. Bring your own or practise with ours.

Tuesdays (starts 10.30am)

- 5th November: Native botanical prints on paper with Nicol
- 12th November: Weed blocks part 2 Building the doghouse! Weed block mortars and joint construction, at Cecil St Hub, \$25
- 19th November: Processing home-grown silk cocoons. Materials provided.
- **26th November:** Repeat pattern workshop learning the basic skills of creating handmade repeat patterns for wallpapers, book covers and fabric designs.

Garment mending with Atelier Smith– every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 2-4pm.

Nimbin Seed Exchange: Sat 9th – Share rare seeds and cuttings, make potting mix

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