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BIG BROTHER UPGRADE 2.0



Welcome to Nimbin.
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LCC has upgraded five existing cameras and added two new locations, in the western carpark and opposite the community centre. These feature:

- 24-hour night vision operation;
- 2 cameras per location;
- high-resolution 360° coverage;
- remote maneuverable viewing by police and council; but
- no audio or facial recognition technology.



A conspicuous local identity goes about his business in Cullen Street, safe in the knowledge that should he be accosted or assaulted or if someone tries to sell him illicit drugs, it will all be observed by local police and recorded for his protection and potential later use in a court of law.

Photo: Sue Stock

New CCTV cameras take a close look at Nimbin

Lismore City Council has completed an upgrade of the CCTV camera network within the Nimbin village, which was first installed in 2005 in response to a spate of vandalism, but which has been non-functional for many months.

Each location now has one pan-tilt zoom camera and one fixed-camera providing visual monitoring 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is a stand-alone system that is viewed remotely from the Nimbin Police Station and the Lismore City Council CCTV control room.

“The upgrades have significantly increased coverage within the Cullen and Sibley Street precincts and coverage within the western car park for the first time. The system does not include audio or facial recognition technology,” Council’s compliance co-ordinator Matt Kelly said.

“The new camera technology delivers superior high-resolution imagery and will enable NSW Police to alter camera views in response to unfolding events.”

The CCTV network was identified as a key safety action in the Council’s Crime Prevention Plan with the upgrading works ensuring an effective and modern safety measure remains in place.

The old cameras played a key role in police identifying the vehicle involved in a hit-and-run in Cecil Street last year.

Of course, the cameras also have plenty of vocal critics.

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