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# Defending Cherry Tree SF

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With logging now underway in Cherry Tree State Forest, the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) has written to the EPA and Minister for Energy and Environment Matt Kean asking for it to be stopped until outstanding issues are dealt with.

“NEFA audited logging of the northern part of this planning area in 2015 and identified widespread and systematic breaches of the logging rules,” says NEFA spokesperson Dailan Pugh. “The forest in the logging area is dominated by koala-use tree species, and thus is highly suitable koala habitat and qualifies as ‘core koala habitat’ as defined in *State Environmental Planning Policy (Koala Habitat Protection)* 2021.



Photo: Abi Andrews

“Previous logging has likely impacted this colony. Half the planning area for this operation was intensively logged in 2015. Since then, protections for koalas have been reduced and logging intensity increased.”  
Cherry Tree State Forest

was not burnt in the bushfires of 2019-20 and has become a biodiversity refuge. It is an important catchment area. It is a carbon sink in a heating world. Koalas still exist there. It survived the bushfires, but will it survive the unsustainable forestry

management by Forestry Corporation NSW? “It’s a beautiful forest, a wildlife refuge. I want it to to survive. The world needs forests to survive. That’s why I did what I did, and I hope others go and defend the forest too,” Malveena said.

## Landcare group combats Cat’s Claw

by Jasmine McHenry

The Webster’s Creek Catchment Landcare group began in 2021 in response to the respect our we believe our waters deserve.

Our aim is to free the catchment from weeds and plant trees and to educate locals and newcomers as to what plants are suitable or not for the area.

In August, the Websters Creek Catchment Landcare group had its first work morning on the Crown Creek Reserve on Stoney Chute Road, and more are planned.

The first call of business involved hunting down the



Websters Creek  
Photo: Liliias Cotterell

vigorous Cats Claw creeper – not hard when it completely covered many trees, including the elder Casuarinas.

*Dolichandra unguis-cati*,

commonly known as cat’s claw creeper, funnel creeper, or cat’s claw trumpet, is a rapidly growing climbing vine belonging to the family

*Bignoniaceae*. With tiny hairlike or cat-like claws, it is able to climb and reproduce quickly. It is a category 3 restricted invasive plant under the Biosecurity Act 2015 (NSW), which means it must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment.

Considering the length of the creek and the work’s importance, we are currently completing a catchment area map. This will enable smaller groups to organise sections along the length of Websters Creek from Sphinx Rock to Cawongala and beyond.

Please contact: [lcotterell58@icloud.com](mailto:lcotterell58@icloud.com) for more info.

## Regional Venue Collective launches

The Star Court Theatre in Lismore, The Byron Bay Theatre and The Regent Theatre in Murwillumbah have launched the Regional Venue Collective.

The Regional Venue Collective (RVC) is a co-operative approach to venue management, where three venues, of similar size and heritage, in the adjoining LGAs of Lismore Shire, Byron Shire and Tweed Shire have come together to host nominated shows and tours and to incubate the creation of original works to tour the region and beyond.

Featuring mutually supportive arrangements, promotions, combined branding and a collective aim to support each other, the idea is that by working together, rather than competing, the venues create a feedback loop that

benefits the industry as a whole.

Allira Cornell, owner of The Regent said, “As a founding member, The Regent is excited to collaborate with the RVC, bringing outstanding performers to the Northern Rivers.”

Tanja Greulich, venue manager of the Byron Theatre agrees. “We’re thrilled to be part of this new initiative that aims to bring exciting new and emerging talent to the region,” she said.

SJ Loxton and Sharon Rigby, owners of Star Court Theatre in Lismore added, “It’s an exciting venture and we’re looking forward to what the future holds.”

Pictured, from left: SJ Loxton, Tanja Greulich and Allira Cornell



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# Risky Covid quarantine camp for Lismore

NSW Health has started fencing off a large section of Lismore showground so that Covid contacts such as those from the Byron Bay Backpacker outbreak can be housed there in RVs.

The operation has been undertaken with no consultation within the broader Lismore community. The few who were informed, including the showground management, North Coast National A&I Society, were told the plan was a total secret.

Farmers Market stallholders surveyed after reading the first media reports, felt they had been kept totally in the dark until the fence had been erected and Covid contacts were on the way.

Regular showground events include weekly farmers and organic markets as well as karting, car racing, auctions and equestrian events.

Dr Eric van Beurden, former research co-ordinator in Lismore's Public Health unit said, "Showground



Health researcher Dr Eric van Beurden with Lismore RV Covid contact accommodation abutting the weekly market sheds.

activities attract large numbers of participants, shoppers, spectators and stallholders.

To house people with any risk of transmitting Covid, in any part of the showground is epidemiological madness!

"We all saw in the Ruby Princess fiasco just how easily things can go pear shaped, in spite of all the NSW Health assurances about 24/7 security guards and such."

The gravest concern is that the new fence literally abuts the area where Lismore Farmers Market and Lismore Organic Market are held

every week.

Market co-ordinator Louise Grenfell said: "These two markets were deemed by Northern NSW Local Health District to be essential produce providers ever since Covid first arrived, and they attract hundreds of local shoppers every Tuesday and Saturday. This is a real worry for us all."

Stallholders, whose livelihoods depend on market sales, are expressing deep concern that a risky Covid quarantine area may jeopardise the safety and popularity of the markets.

They work long hours on the land or in other food enterprises to produce the fruit, vegetables and many other staple foods sold at the markets.

A group of locals including Dr Eric van Beurden and Beverley Crossley, a former North Coast health professional and nurse educator, believe that NSW Health should be containing Covid outbreaks where they occur, not spreading Covid risk to surrounding cities.

"This is a potential Covid time-bomb for the wider Lismore community. It will be even more dangerous when newer highly-contagious strains arrive," Beverley Crossley said.

"All outbreaks must be dealt with where they occur and not be exported to other places," she said.

The group urgently calls on Minister Hazzard to rescind the decision to import into the Lismore community any Covid contacts from other areas who don't require immediate hospital care.

**I love working with our community to make a difference.**

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## Credit Union gets environmental tick



Summerland Credit Union is attracting new members due to its environmental and ethical banking policies.

Among the new members are Sabyah White and her mother Jacqueline (pictured).

Sabyah, a student at Nimbin Central School is taking part in a feature-length documentary about four young front-line environmental activists, aged between 11 and 14 years, living in Indonesia, Senegal, India and Australia, to be called *Girls for Future*.

The film hopes to raise awareness, create change and inspire others to get involved. Sabyah's segment is centred on preserving the Great Barrier Reef, and she voices her opposition to the development of the Adani coal mine.

With many people now divesting from companies and banks associated with destructive and unsustainable mining operations, Summerland Credit Union is proud to be able to offer a viable alternative.

## Christmas gift boxes from Lismore CWA

Members of the Country Women's Association Lismore Evening Branch have been busily making gift boxes for Christmas. But you'll need to be quick and get your order in, as orders will close on 10th December.

"We are preparing limited numbers of each gift and there is something special for everyone," president Kerry Harvey said.

"There is a beautifully-boxed preserves gift box for \$25, or our large gift box filled with special treats for \$70, and even a Grab-and-Go Lego bag for \$25 to take on picnics with the little ones."

All orders are local (no postal orders) and must be placed by 10th December.



Gift boxes will be ready for collection from the CWA Rooms in Spinks Park

on Monday 13th December between 4 and 6pm, or Wednesday 22nd December between 1 and 3pm.

Email your details and gift selection to: [cwachristmashampers@gmail.com](mailto:cwachristmashampers@gmail.com)

The treasurer will then contact you and arrange payment by direct deposit and a time for you to collect your gift box.

If you would like to join the CWA, there are two branches in Lismore, Evening or Day, to suit the lifestyles of women and girls of all ages.

Email: [secretary.lismoreeveningcwa@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.lismoreeveningcwa@gmail.com) or: [robnyngkelly@gmail.com](mailto:robnyngkelly@gmail.com) to find out more. Both Branches are also on Facebook.

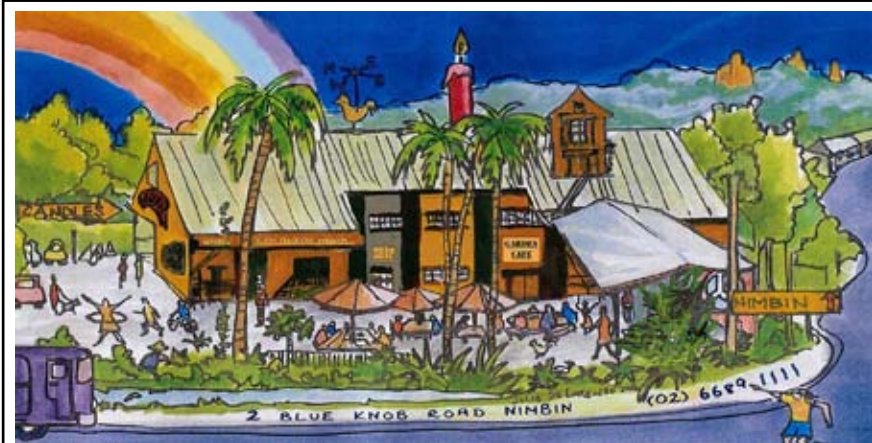
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# CWA Nimbin Branch Christmas message

by Linnet Pike, president

**O**n behalf of the CWA Nimbin Branch, may I wish all in our community a peaceful and happy holiday season.

We certainly all deserve some respite after these last two years of turmoil and uncertainty. Hopefully, the new year will see us able to come together and engage in the “normal” behaviours that we dimly remember.

Our branch has been working hard of late so that we can get back to the things that we love doing. We will be at the Wednesday Farmers’ Market in Nimbin on the first and third Market days in December.

Our stall will have all your usual favourite sweet and savoury delights, with the added extras of beautiful small Christmas cakes, and other festive perennials such as rum balls, ginger biscuits and “Xmas crack”.

We will also be selling Christmas gift baskets filled with seriously dinky jars of preserves, relishes and other delights.

Our Christmas raffle will be drawn at the Farmers’ Market of 15th December. Raffle tickets are for sale at our pop-up stall on Saturday mornings and also on



market days. The prize is a Christmas basket filled with seasonal goodies, local vouchers, and \$100 cash.

After several months without any Community Markets, the Nimbin Sunday Market is back, on 19th December. Steph has moved the market forward this December and we will be able to enjoy browsing for presents.

Our CWA stallies have sorely missed finding treasures for our customers. Having not done a market for months, we have a good stockpile of clothes, books, toys, preserves, plants and bric-a-brac. The markets are one of our favourite community events, and we

welcome people dropping by for a yarn.

Our fundraising and community support allows us to again gift two CWA Resilience Awards to senior pupils at Nimbin Central School this December. It gives us great pleasure, with the school’s guidance, to recognise those students who have shown resilience over this challenging year and to offer community support to them.

This year we are also giving four book vouchers to inspirational junior students who participated enthusiastically in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

We could not offer support to our school and other community organisations without your support, and we remain very grateful for the loving kindness of our community members and the businesses in our village who are always so generous to us in our fundraising.

May you all enjoy this holiday season and we will see you after the break at the Community Market in January, to be held on the 4th Sunday, the 23rd.

CWA Nimbin meets on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Figtree building at the Community Centre at 4.30 for 5pm. Follow us on Facebook at CWA Nimbin Branch.

## Plans afoot for thriving farmers markets

Louise Plant (pictured) is the unheralded market co-ordinator for both the Nimbin Farmers Market and the Blue Knob Community Market.

She believes at times like these, the most important thing around us is our community and knowing who we are choosing to surround ourselves with.

She also is passionate about growing organic produce and then sharing that within our region.

Louise took on the role of market co-ordinator for the Nimbin markets over six months ago and loves the regular customers that come



in and support this market.

Her role co-ordinating the Blue Knob Markets has been for over 12 months now, and since that time she has introduced the monthly talks which people enjoy to learn from their local community.

Plans for 2022 for Nimbin

are to encourage the market to continue to flourish; new signage; and to continue to build the community spirit.

For Blue Knob, the community talks are still continuing, plus a monthly craft corner and a monthly music space, and plans are underway to complete the outdoor stage area and to put a permanent roof on it.

There has also been a grant approved to extend the undercover area at the front of the gallery to house more stalls.

Louise calls out to encourage everyone to buy their raffle tickets at the Nimbin Farmers Markets to

support the amazing work that the Nimbin Hospital Auxiliary do for our local community, with the added bonus of two prizes of local produce hampers filled with goodies.

Her call-out for Blue Knob is for any local people who may have a subject that they wish to share with the community; the Backyarders Table always needs more support; and any people who may wish to share their crafts with the community, please contact Louise.

Also contact Louise with any Farmers Market enquires by email: [planetr@wn.com.au](mailto:planetr@wn.com.au) or phone 0418-940-653.

## Buy Back Nimbin launch and Xmas party

by Michael Balderstone

**B**eatrix Potter bought a small farm with the money she made from her first book, *Peter Rabbit*, and over the next 40 years she bought another 13 farms around the small village where she lived in the Lakes District of England.

She was a devoted nature lover and determined to protect the farms from development. When she died, all the land, some 4000 acres, was bequeathed to the National Trust, “to be enjoyed forever by everyone”.

It’s not exactly Buy Back Nimbin, but you get my drift.

The BBN idea started out with thinking if a thousand people each put in a thousand bucks, we’d have a million and we could buy ‘Mingle Park’, the old Museum, Bringabong and Tribal Magic shop sites, which went up in flames now more than seven years ago.

At first we were all shocked by the loss, but now the grass and trees have grown and it’s enjoyed every day by locals and visitors.

Buy Back Nimbin has also now evolved into a legal not-for-profit company with charitable status because... because a million bucks is a lot of money and we also have to look after the park, clean it,

pay rates etc etc.

We figure we can pay the bills with a coffee stall and maybe a few other blanket stalls... no big deal but it will take a bit of management, so we better get official like!

And the Museum site may well get sold over the summer, but we agree the idea lives on and the times are appropriate for community-owned land.

The future has never been more uncertain, subdivisions are popping up like gold tops used to. Change is afoot bigtime and I doubt if Nimbin will ever be like it was again. Land and house prices are racing north, the same as rents.

Many long-time locals are fortunate enough to own a share on a commune, or freehold land, but just as many do not own any land and pay rent. Our real values are going to be tested.

How communal are we really? How much can we share and look after each other? Already homelessness is on the increase and some locals are being forced to rent in Casino, or even further west.

So the idea of the community owning more land is very appealing, and we have a membership thing where you can become a BBN Gold member for \$1000, Silver for \$500, Bronze for \$50, Junior \$10, and a new category trying to include everybody: Poor Member \$20! Or you

can donate whatever you like! You can join or donate at Summerland anytime... they know the BBN number.

There is an argument that we need more shops and this site is smack in the middle of the village. But what about having some green space with the sacred Nimbin Rocks looking down on us, some grass to sit on under the shade of a tree, a fire to sit around in winter smoking a spliff? (It will get legal!)

And the new IGA has plans for more shops down the road.

So it’s taken nearly forever to get BBN together, but the official launch, now delayed several times by the Covid attack, is happening at midday on Sunday 19th December in Mingle Park (unless we are again in lockdown!)

It’s also a special pre-Christmas Nimbin market day, and BBN will be having a trash and treasure sale to encourage recycled Christmas presents, as well as music and a free feed and chai in the community spirit we know Nimbin cherishes.

Paul Tait will be making a short video that day for the BBN GoFundMe campaign, and the two, not one but two, websites will be launched officially as well. Yes, unusual, I know, like Nimbin.

Check out: [buybacknimbin.org](http://buybacknimbin.org) and: [buybacknimbin.com](http://buybacknimbin.com)



# The problem with AirBnB

by Richard White

I have used AirBnB; in the beginning I would stay in either a spare bedroom or a granny flat in the backyard. At other times I have stayed at motels and cabins in caravan parks.

What's the difference? If I make an annoying noise then a person, either the owner or the manager, is on my case telling me to pack it in or get out.

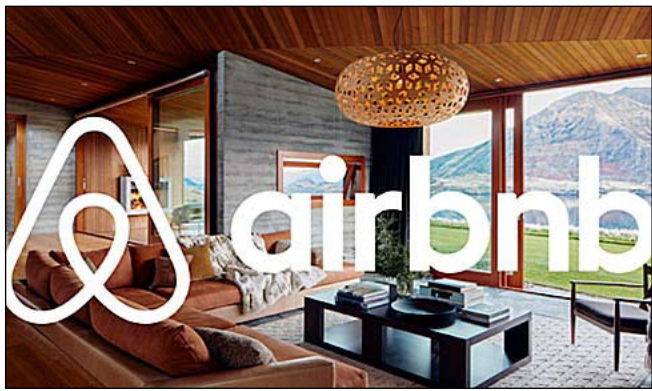
AirBnB, where they are let with no on-site supervision, have mutated into an anti-social nightmare.

We live in a democracy which, while making sure minorities are not ignored and do have a platform to air any grievances, must also fundamentally preserve the community for the average person.

## Winners and losers

In 2016 when AirBnB was starting this was how it was viewed by government:

"The sharing economy is booming in NSW as more people are finding creative ways to turn unused things into income," said the Liberal MP for Oatley, Mark Courie, chairman of parliament's environment and planning committee. "This report is about giving certainty. Not everyone is a winner, but we have tried to get the balance right for consumers, home owners and the wider community." There is a big difference



between earning some extra money renting out an unused room, to trying to make a business out of an investment property! The investment market has other avenues to invest in.

Looking through the Parliamentary financial declarations, quite a few members have investment properties and family trusts (see Register of Members' Interests – 46th Parliament) so perhaps there is a conflict of interests that should be declared when housing and rental legislation is debated.

Regular accommodation businesses including motels, resorts and hotels are bound by strict Work Health & Safety regulations and provide work opportunities. Where is a fair go for them?

According to the 2016 Census, there were nearly 8.3 million households in Australia. 67% (5.4 million) households were home owners and 32% (2.6 million households) were renters.

Only 20% of Australian households had an

investment property, and 71% of this 20%, had only one investment property.

Therefore, 80% of home owners aren't property investors and only 29% of 20% have two or more!

Now we have this ridiculous situation where a greedy minority have decided to invest, and so inflate the housing market to a point that many people in service industries find they can't afford to buy, rent locally or find there is nothing to rent!

Your community peace is shattered which may even be affecting your home value.

## Public housing

Construction of new public housing dwellings is currently at its lowest rate for 40 years and existing public housing stock is severely underfunded.

The 1945 Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA) allowed the states to establish and operate public housing as funded

by the Commonwealth via cheap loans, as well as encouraged states to provide rental rebates for low-income workers.

Community housing providers, who now shoulder the burden because governments has abrogated their responsibilities, must have a service fee or rent-setting policy in place that ensures affordable outcomes for residents and tenants.

That is, the rent is priced so that resident and tenant households are able to meet other essential basic living costs.

Housing should be a mixture of options: developers, first home owners, government housing and some schemes for affordable housing.

However, any scheme involving developers and affordable housing such as the NRAS scheme seem to flounder as do subsidies to first home buyers and the market keeps soaring.

Obviously there needs to be a shake-up of the system.

Reinvigorate and reinvest in government housing, remove incentives for investment in housing such as negative gearing and the accursed whole house Air BnBs rentals, with absentee landlords.

Reset the agenda to allow reasonable long-term rents, plus create a market for those many young people who just can't get a foot in the door.

# Laurel Lodge transfer delivers 12 social housing units

Lismore MP Janelle Saffin's strategic advocacy has delivered 12 extra social housing units for the city as part of a package of developments being managed by North Coast Community Housing (NCCH).

Ms Saffin said she was delighted that her idea of transferring Laurel Lodge – former Lismore Base Hospital accommodation – to the Department of Communities and Justice, had been taken up by the NSW Government.

"I saw this opportunity straight away when the 12-unit complex became surplus to NSW Health's needs and immediately began lobbying the relevant Ministers – Brad Hazzard (Health), Melinda Pavey (Property & Housing) and Gareth Ward (then Families & Communities)," Ms Saffin said.

"I was pleased to see my colleague Ben Franklin MLC supporting what I set in train months ago. Now that it has come to fruition, NCCH has spent almost \$700,000 on refurbishing the units and they will be tenanted before Christmas."

Ms Saffin said she had worked closely with NCCH CEO John McKenna and other housing providers to lobby State and Federal governments to invest more funding in new affordable and social housing developments across the region.

"The message I have been repeating is that the more people we can house, the better for our society, and the better for



Inspecting Unit 1 of Laurel Lodge are, from left, Lismore Mayor Cr Vanessa Ekens, North Coast Community Housing Chair Robyn Hordern, Ben Franklin MLC, State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin and NCCH CEO John McKenna.

our local and regional economies," Ms Saffin said.

Ms Saffin also commended NCCH on its 30-unit development in McKenzie Street, Lismore, with the organisation contributing \$6.5 million and securing \$2 million under the NSW Government's Community

Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF).

The 20 x 2-bedroom units and 10 x 1-bedroom units will be a mixed tenure development, including homes for purchase, together with affordable and social housing.

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# In your neighbourhood...

## Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre News

### NNIC services

Our services are operating as usual with additional Covid safety protocols in place. Masks are required for entry until at least the 17th December.

Note that we are an essential service, and vaccination is NOT required to enter NNIC.

If you need NNIC services and support but you are EITHER: In isolation, OR Feeling unwell, OR Feeling nervous and wanting to maintain physical distancing, then YOU CAN CALL US on 6689-1692 and we can arrange a telephone appointment for you so you do not have to come in personally.

### Xmas close dates

NNIC will be closing on Friday 24th December and re-opening on Monday 10th January from 10am to 4pm. The Centrelink agency will also close on Friday 24th December and re-open on Tuesday 4th January from 10am to 2.30pm.

### Annual Community Xmas lunch

The Annual Community Xmas Lunch is back, after having 2020 off due to Covid. All Welcome! FREE! Town Hall 17th December. Yummy free Xmas lunch from 12pm, Santa coming at 1pm. We look forward to seeing everybody there after it being such a long time since Nimbinites could all get together.

### Disaster resilience

Insurance info session Thursday 16th December, 4pm-7pm. The good folks from the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre will be at the Nimbin Town Hall to provide info on Climate Justice and the

implications for future insurance. They will also be offering free legal advice for participants.

### Tools and Equipment Library at 7 Sibley Street

We are pleased to announce that we have replaced all of the stolen tools and the Library is back up and running again. Thanks to all the library members for your patience.

### Hempcrete composting loo at 7 Sibley Street

We are off and running and fighting against La Nina conditions to get it built by the funding deadline.

We love La Nina because it means no bushfires, but not so great for building projects! Please stay clear of the fenced-off building zone to avoid injury etc.

### Vaxx certificates

Having trouble working out how to access your vaxx certificate? Come on down to our Centrelink Agency 10am-2.30pm weekdays and we can help.

### Nimbin Death and Beyond Group

The group aims to empower the community to manage the death and dying process on their own terms and in their own homes.

To this end a cold bed, which is used to keep a loved one cool after they have passed away at home, to enable people more time to say goodbyes, make the necessary arrangements etc, has been ordered and we are now FUNDRAISING to pay for it.

The cold bed will be stored at NNIC and will be available for loan for free to community members, and we need to raise \$3000 to pay

for it. Many thanks to Saskia for making this happen. What a legend she is!

To join this great group contact Venessa at: [venessa.johnstone@gmail.com](mailto:venessa.johnstone@gmail.com)

### Nimbin Holiday Club/ Vacation Care

This program is still temporarily suspended, but we are working on getting it back up and running.

Unfortunately, the impact of Covid and the mandatory vaccinations required for child care services has been significant and as a result the program remains temporarily suspended. Hopefully we can get it back up and running in 2022. Watch this Space.

### Nimbin Women's Dinner

We are hoping to bring back the Annual Women's Dinner in 2022. Now calling for female performers and acts

for the gig. Contact: [admin@nnic.org.au](mailto:admin@nnic.org.au) for more info.

### Help! Seeking more people power

We still need more people to help keep the wheels on the bus at our front of house.

Must be vaccinated at least one dose by 1st December 2021. Requires min Cert 2 Community Work quals (or currently studying for), or else good experience and strong people skills.

Contact: [admin@nnic.org.au](mailto:admin@nnic.org.au) for more info on volunteer opportunities at NNIC and 7 Sibley Street.

Volunteering is good for us! Lots of research has demonstrated that volunteering is excellent for our mental and physical well-being. See: [www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-living/volunteering-and-its-surprising-benefits.htm](http://www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-living/volunteering-and-its-surprising-benefits.htm)

## Nimbin Aged Care and Respite Services

### Seasonal Greetings to all

### Do you want to connect with other locals, or need some home help?

We assist frail aged people, NDIS participants and carers to stay living at home and connect socially. Contact us to find out more.

**All NACRS support workers** are qualified, certified, experienced, police checked, Covid-Safe trained, insured and locally based.

**SOCIAL CENTRE** – Monday-Friday 10am-2pm, drop in for a cuppa, access support services, info and computers.

**DEVICE ADVICE** – Wednesdays 9.30am-1pm, assisting seniors with phone, tablet or laptop issues, book a slot.

**SENIORS SOCIAL GROUPS** – booking and fees apply

- Nimbin Tuesday Social Group, 10.30am-1pm. Morning tea, conversation, music and light lunch, weekly
- The Channon Seekers and Sages 3rd Thursday, 11am-2pm
- The Outsiders Group 1st and 3rd Thursday, 11am-2pm
- Wise Ones at Koonorigan Hall 4th Monday, 11.30am-1.30pm

**BUS OUTINGS** – 2nd Tuesday, scenic drives, cafes for morning tea & lunch (you pay), booking essential, fees apply.

Phone 6689-1709 or visit NACRS at the Bottlebrush Studio, Nimbin Community Centre



# Nimbin Hospital information

### Child immunisation clinic

For 0-5 year olds, held on second Tuesday of the month. Next clinic: 13th December. 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 16th December. 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

- Respiratory clinic: second Tuesday of the month, next will be on 13th December. Phone 6630-0488 for appointments.
- Diabetes clinics: third Thursday of the month, next is 16th December.

### 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 a 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

Monthly meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 9.30am in the CWA room. New members are most welcome.







by Scott Sledge, president

## Cherry Tree State Forest

Environmental activists briefly stopped loggers in this public forest near Mallanganee, south of Casino. Four were arrested when they refused to give logging equipment access to a high-value conservation area. (See story pp.1 and 2)

Jim Morrison, an ecologist who lives nearby, said the area has a wide range of rare and endangered species.

It's one of the few forests not severely damaged by the recent fires, and its tree hollows are required for nests and shelter for young animals and birds.

Forest Corp has a bad record of disregarding the meagre safeguards put in place by state government.

A spokesperson for the Forest Defence NSW action, Jim can be contacted at 0488-696-846.

NEC has worked with North East Forest Alliance (NEFA), which includes North Coast Environment Council (NCEC), in using mobile phone technology to record the presence of koalas, in danger of becoming locally extinct.

In the past, forestry officers would walk through state forests and say, "We didn't find any threatened species, no koalas."

It's a kind of don't-look-don't-find strategy that facilitates logging but undermines confidence that government will protect our ecology.

Actually, at this point, state-sponsored logging of public native forests should simply not be allowed. The colonialist mentality of taking whatever is most useful and sending the rest to be burned for electricity is shameful.

At the COP26 in Glasgow, most of the world agreed to stop deforestation, yet Australia is already reneging on its pledge to protect forests. We don't need this. The solution is simple: Timber plantations can supply our needs, and the waste from those operations can nourish the soil for future trees.

NEFA President Dailan Pugh said, "The Richmond Range represents the divide between the Richmond and Clarence Rivers, with most of the logging area draining into the Richmond River. Protection of these headwater streams on steep country is particularly important to the health of these rivers."

"Regrettably, the stream buffers have been significantly reduced, increasing logging impacts on water quality."

NEFA have written to the EPA and Minister Kean



Fridays4Forests' Malveena Martyn speaks with Green MLC David Shoebridge at Lismore Environment Centre

asking for logging to be stopped until outstanding issues are addressed.

Dailan Pugh noted, "It is particularly concerning that buffers are not being applied to rainforest, given that logging significantly increases the risk and intensity of fires and that 30% of north-east NSW's rainforests were burnt in the 2019/20 wildfires. As Koalas are present in the area, surveys are needed to identify core Koala habitat for protection."

NEFA audited logging of the northern part of this planning area in 2015 and identified widespread and systematic breaches of the logging rules, from which the EPA identified 66 cases of non-compliance with legal requirements for threatened plants, rainforest, habitat trees, tracks, streams, and threatened fauna.

Forest Corp was fined \$2000 for two breaches only.

NEFA said it needs assurance that habitat damage will be limited by:

- compliance with the Border Ranges Rainforest Biodiversity Management Plan
- placement of wide buffers around rainforest and related vegetation
- increased canopy retention to mitigate impacts on the Black-striped Wallaby and to compensate for the past excessive logging
- retention of compensatory areas for the illegally-logged 91.3 ha of the EEC Grey Box-Grey Gum Wet Sclerophyll Forest
- retention of all hollow-bearing trees to compensate for the hundreds illegally logged
- re-design of the identified Wildlife Habitat Clumps to maximise inclusion of the best habitat and remove overlaps with existing exclusions and heavily logged areas
- exclusion from logging of areas susceptible to Bell Miner Associated Dieback.

## Redbank (Biomass) Action Group

An attempt to re-start an environmentally damaging power plant near Singleton is facing an uphill battle, according to Shaunti Kiehl of the Biomass Action Group of the Australian Forests and Climate Alliance.

Jackson Environment and Planning Pty Ltd has been engaged by Verdant Earth Technologies Limited to assist in the approval for its project at 112 Long Point Road West, Warkworth (Lot 450/DP 1119428).

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required and must include consultation with neighbours, business owners, council, government authorities, and interest groups to inform stakeholders of the proposed activities and to seek input on issues that need be addressed.

Of course, the plan to burn "residues" is anathema to forest protectors. Erik Larson, Senior Consultant at Jacksons, noted, "The Redbank Power Station was originally commissioned in July 2001 as an electricity generating facility designed to operate on low value fuels. The plant operated on beneficiated dewatered coal tailings (BDT) and has been in care and maintenance since October 2014. Verdant has acquired the Redbank site and is seeking to restart the facility using 100% sustainable waste wood residues as the feedstock for its operations."

However, burning trees for electricity is NOT "sustainable" and should never be approved in a world trying to reduce carbon emissions. Genuinely renewable energy sources exist and should take the place of this destructive, bad idea. The ink has dried on the Glasgow agreement. Now we need to honour it.

# Nimbin Community Centre

by Teresa Biscoe, co-ordinator

This year has flown by and it's hard to believe that we are on the cusp of a new year.

Hopefully 2022 will be an easier year for us all and we all have an opportunity to come together as a community without the constraints of lockdowns and exclusions.

In 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic permitting exemptions for holding the AGM, we didn't hold our annual general meeting.

We have scheduled our 2021 AGM for Thursday 16th December, 5-7pm at the Birth and Beyond meeting room. This timing permits vaccinated and unvaccinated members to attend.

## Membership

Now is the time to renew your membership. The NCCI would also like to encourage all our current tenants and casual hire tenants to become members.

To become a member or renew your membership is as easy as clicking on the Join button on the menu tab of our web page, which will take you to a form and a payment facility. Becoming a member of NCCI has the following benefits:

- Membership is really affordable. The annual membership fee is \$15; \$10 for seniors (over 60) and concession/unemployed; and \$5 for under 25 years of age (youth).
- Discounts. We now provide a discount rental for all members for all our casual hire spaces. Members will receive a 10% discount

for each booking. If you regularly hire our casual venues, the 2021 annual membership fee will soon be covered by our discount rates.

- Have your say. Becoming a member means that you have the opportunity to join the management committee and/or are instrumental to electing the management committee. You will also be consulted for feedback on community centre projects and initiatives.

- Grant Applications.

Membership assists us to get grants to improve the facilities, as our members list is indicative of the level of community support and input. This is often asked for in applications.

- Supporting our work.

We are a not-for-profit organisation that not only provides affordable tenancy for our community not-for-profit groups and services, we also support and partner with other community groups on community development projects.

These projects include: hosting the Nimbin Sunday Markets; fundraising for the 7 Sibley St Sustainability Hub; managing the Light Up under-awning and mural lighting project; facilitating the Rainbow Road Walking Trail; supporting the Nimbin NAIDOC celebrations; the creation of the Aquarius Park Landcare group; the purchase of the 11a Alternative Way site (aka Aquarius Park) to develop into a community park and nature reserve, and much more.

Your support is important as it enables our staff and

volunteers to do more for our community and to develop and improve our facilities and services for the benefit of the whole community.

## The website

The Community Centre has recently revamped our website to a brand new platform that went online a couple of weeks ago. We still use the [nimbincommunity.org.au](http://nimbincommunity.org.au) address, and this will come up if you google us.

The new site is linked to the Visit Nimbin and Nimbin Chamber websites, and has greater accessibility over multiple devices and search engine optimisation.

In the process of creating the new site, the Committee reviewed the scope of the site and have implemented a number of new processes.

More information is available about NCCI and our projects and community engagement, our policies, annual president's reports, financial reports and minutes to meetings can be found in the menu on top of the page banner under the 'about' button on the Governance tab.

All our tenants are now listed on the site with images, contact details and a brief description of their tenancy.

This can be found under the 'about' menu button above the banner under Our Tenants.

There is also an on-line capacity to join as a member, become a volunteer, donate to a project or book a venue.

We hope you will enjoy the brand new system and enjoy the convenience of access to NCCI services and information outside of our limited office hours.



NIMBIN'S SUSTAINABLE LIVING HUB

## 7 Sibley Street

### December What's On!

\$10 unless otherwise noted  
Bookings: text 0475-135-764  
or email: [sibley@nnic.org.au](mailto:sibley@nnic.org.au)

#### Workshops (start 10.30am)

- **Tues 7th: Processing silk cocoons**
- **Wed 8th & 22nd: Crafter-noon from 12pm**  
– BYO or finish a workshop project, share ideas and techniques with your crafty kin
- **Sat 11th: Hemp fibre** – planting a trial crop of hemp for textiles. Visit a licensed hemp farm. Bookings essential
- **Tues 14th: Understanding pattern planting**  
– landscape design for water harvesting

#### Regular events

- **Community Tools Library:** Wed and Sat, 10.30am – 2pm.
- **Plant nursery:** Seedlings, cuttings, fruit and regen trees for sustainable gardens.
- **10-minute workshops:** Try hemp string making, stick spinning or loom weaving.

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