

# ASTRO forecasts

by Tina Mews  
what's happening in the heavens?

## Aries

Endings and new beginnings can be expected around travel, education and your vision of the future. A path could open suddenly signalling you to grow beyond known boundaries. Get ready for an upgrade and be open for a greater involvement within your community. Redefine your goals and clarify expectations so that seeds can be planted for times to come.

## Taurus

The signs of the time indicate a major shift from a focus on material things to the world of ideas. This is accompanied by a major shift in values. With the incoming new agenda, it is time to re-examine rules and regulations, including which structures are still valid and what needs to be improved or reinvented to reflect the changing times.

## Gemini

Endings and new beginnings might appear in your personal relationships and partnerships. Insights about what works and what does not can strengthen relationships that are solid and satisfying while dissolving those that are unbalanced or unrewarding. There is the possibility of spiralling to a completely new level of understanding and maturity. The Full Moon on December 19th might be a great moment in time for birthing a new vision.

## Cancer

Health, fitness and daily rhythm might gain more importance. Insights about health hazards, may they be work-related, physical or psychological can give the necessary momentum for change and transformation. This is a great opportunity for revising and reviving your intimate relationships. Keep what really works and let the rest pass.

## Leo

Endings and new beginnings take place around your creative projects. Give yourself a boost in confidence and risk new ways of self-expression. Dare to be who you are meant to be and you could attract the right partners who join you in the work for the world. This is also a good period for addressing your personal habits and for taking better care of yourself.

## Virgo

Your attention is focused on your home life and family relationships. Changes in this area might become a necessity to bring you back to your roots; honour the needs of your core self. Refocus your creative impulse and redefine your values so that you have more time for activities that give you joy and happiness.

## December

December is another month filled with meaningful cosmic events: Solar eclipse on December 4th followed by Venus retrograde on December 19th, the third exact Saturn/Uranus square on December 24th and, to cheer us up at the end of the year, Jupiter re-enters Pisces on December 29th!

**The Solar eclipse in Sagittarius on December 4th follows the Lunar eclipse that took place on November 19th** and was accompanied by mass demonstrations all around the globe including Australia. Solar eclipses correspond with major endings and beginnings. They occur close to the same degree every 19 years. On December 4, 2002, there was also a solar eclipse at 12 degrees Sagittarius. Whatever was started then might come to completion now. **The current eclipsed New Moon activates the Saturn/Uranus square (exact on December 24th)** which has been active since the beginning of this year and coincides with the collective experience of the irreconcilable conflict that exist between freedom and limitations, civil liberties and governmental control. It has led to an ongoing division and separation within our society. In the eclipse chart, Venus approaches a conjunction with Pluto in Capricorn and Mars in Scorpio squares Jupiter in Aquarius. Since an eclipse remains active for 3 -6 months, we can expect more outburst of passionate emotions as a reaction to the current use or abuse of power on all levels, questioning collectively and personally held values at their core. This is the final eclipse on the Gemini/Sagittarius axis; it may trigger an ending or closure in the area of life to do with information versus misinformation, truth versus lies, free speech versus media control and so on. This is a great moment in time to release old dogmas and outdated belief-systems.

**The Full Moon in Gemini**

**on December 19th is opposite the Sagittarius Sun and near the Galactic Centre where new information is birthed.** The Full Moon is in a supportive trine with Jupiter in Aquarius and highlights the search for new ideas, or a perspective that is all-inclusive and moves us beyond separation by creating solutions that mend the divide. Gemini reminds us that there is always more to learn and Sagittarius at its best is tolerant combined with a generosity of spirit. Venus turns retrograde on December 19th just a few hours after the Full Moon and will remain retrograde until January 29th. Venus entered business-like Capricorn on November 9th and remains in this sign until March 6, 2022. Normally, Venus spends about 4 weeks in a sign. Then, every 18 months she turns retrograde and journeys through the mythic underworld for 40 days where she performs the magic shift from Evening Star to Morning Star. While Venus is retrograde, we will revise, adjust and re-examine our relationships, reflect on what we value and how to spend our resources most efficiently. People from the past with whom we have unfinished business might re-enter our lives. Venus will be in close conjunction with Pluto, Lord of the underworld during December 8th – 28th, (exact Dec 11th and 26th). Pluto rules power and transformation and in conjunction with Venus themes concerning the right use of power within relationships will be activated bringing once more to our attention the institutionalised inequalities that exist between the different groups of society and their access to resources, power, autonomy, and status. We can use this period most productively by clearly naming the problem and taking some concrete steps in a more enlightened direction. On a different level, Capricorn concerns itself with big



business, banking and finance. Similar to Mercury retrograde, there can be unexpected disturbances, disruptions and delays in these areas.

**Our Summer Solstice takes place on December 22nd at 2 am AEST and reveals a potent Cancer Moon in opposition to the conjunction between Venus retrograde and Pluto in Capricorn.**

Family reunions may heighten, enrich but also intensify the atmosphere during the festive season. We might be able to reconnect with some good old friends who finally can come home from interstate and overseas. Nevertheless, the overall vibes are coloured by feelings of uncertainty, doubt and grief. The painful truth has to be accepted that life as we knew it before 2020 will not return. **The year ends on a positive note with benevolent Jupiter entering his domicile sign Pisces on December 29th.** Jupiter expands our experiences, our knowledge, and our understanding and represents optimism, growth, generosity, and abundance. In Pisces, Jupiter expands imagination, our spirituality and compassion. This is a great moment for making extra time and space to embark on our inner journey and align ourselves with the universe from the inside out. Jupiter will remain in Pisces until May 11th and again during October 29th – December 19th 2022.

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## Libra

This is an important time for re-examining your values and deciding what you want to hold on to and what you want to let go. This concerns mostly your inner world, your emotional security including your home and family relationships. Re-define what makes you feel happy and supported. The most important endings and new beginnings are happening within your immediate environment where you work and live.

## Scorpio

Endings and new beginnings in your material realities could bring important changes and transform your life. What is important and what do you value most? Revise your goals and find out if they still fit into your current life. On a different level, friends from the past might unexpectedly re-enter your life and unfinished business might be ripe for resolution.

## Sagittarius

The Solar Eclipse in your Sun sign signals that a new chapter is starting in your life. On December 4, 2002, there was a solar eclipse in the same degree of your chart. What was important to you then? What is essential to you now? Revise your core values and readjust. This is a great seeding time for a new vision, in particular around the Full Moon period (December 19th).

## Capricorn

Your dreams are sending you important messages from your soul informing you about the next steps to take. This is an important phase of spiritual growth. Pay attention to fears, repressed desires and your deepest motivation. Know how to shift and change to release the past. Clarify your values and you might be ready for reforming those parts of your personality that you have outgrown.

## Aquarius

This is the beginning of an important new phase of growth. You have outgrown your own rules and beliefs and are ready for a new perspective. Expand beyond the boundaries of your current identity and be prepared to see yourself in a new light. Take on the challenge of implementing change. This is a good time for revising your values and what has and has not worked for you in the past.

## Pisces

Endings and new beginnings involve your life direction and your career path. Whatever has been of importance to you might be in the process of transformation. The notion of success has changed, and you are redefining your greater goals in life. Jupiter will re-enter your sun sign on December 29th (until May 11th) taking you out on a vision quest that reaches its high point in early April 2022.

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# A being of light speaks

Jo found herself in the presence of a being of light during her QHHT session. The being of light explained that it just wanted to bring light to everyone, everywhere, all the time.

Jo came prepared with a list of questions she wanted answered by the higher consciousness. She asked why it's challenging for her to create a successful business. The light told her it's because she mixes darkness with the light and she should just focus on the light, breathe the light, see the light.

The light further explained everything is light, it's so powerful it can dissolve anything. You don't need any special skills, the moment you think of the light you become it for we are the light.

No matter what life challenges we are having, if we can remember that we are light, walk in light, breathe in light, be the light, everything will change. Any darkness, disease, pain, is renewed by the light by simply saying 'light', picturing light and breathing light.

When you speak, think of your words as light. When you see any negativity, touch your heart and let it radiate to that person or situation, it's powerful, transforming, it



by Auralia Rose

changes everything because the heart is a sanctuary of the soul, our connection to God/source, to everyone.

Beam everything with light and you'll make this world a better place. Whenever you're afraid, worried, fearful, touch your heart and just see light and it will be alright.

Bless your food, medicines, vitamins etc. with light to dissolve anything harmful to the body and make it more beneficial. When a person is sick, touch your heart and let light flow through your hands and see light, it's much more powerful than what we can imagine. We can all heal ourselves by speaking to our heart, our mind, our body, our circumstances, our issues, and commanding it with light.

Our words are very

powerful when qualified with the light. If you say: "The light of God/source never fails to give me supply", the light will continue to give you supply. When you say: "The light of God/source brings me peace", you will have peace. When you say: "The light of forgiveness fills my soul", all anger and heavy emotions are dissolved.

To heal others, stand in a tube of light and bathe yourself in it, call on the light of God that never fails, keep repeating it until you feel the power, the presence, flow the light to that person and see them healed.

You can ask the light to manifest anything you want, just give it the details and the light will take form. If your wallet is empty, fill it with light and the light will take up its form and presence as opulence, as money. Want to lose weight? Command the light to dissolve the fat cells.

The more you work with the light, the greater its expansion of presence. Command whatever form you want the light to take, eg. the light of beauty, the light of success, etc. because these are also beings that will take form and manifest in our lives.

When you take your first



conscious breath in the morning, breathe in the light and as you inhale say 'I am breathing light, the light of God that never fails. Dissolve all patterns that are no longer serving my highest good'. Make it your habit.

The light can take a myriad of forms. It is a presence, a being. It has intelligence. It knows who you are.

The most instantaneous miracles happen when we know we are light because then we are one with God/source/creator. Nothing is impossible.

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## Nimbin Crossword

2021-12

by Novata



### Across

- 1,000 bytes (init.) (2)
- Exclamation of disgust (3)
- Friendly, flying, fruit-loving mammal (3)
- Lyrical poem/prayer from the Old Testament (5)
- Tangy taste (4)
- Russian country houses (6)
- Play slowly (6)
- Midnight meeting of witches to practise sorcery (6)
- Being up to date with events (7)
- Vehicle carrying many passengers (7)
- Inherited properties shared with others of your bloodline (8)
- Extinct language of Egypt (8)
- Russian chemist who developed a periodic table of the elements, 1834-1907 (9)
- Believers in the doctrine

that all living things have souls (8)

- Reformers who fought for the termination of slavery (13)
- End product of fire (3)
- Great \_\_\_\_\_ grow from little acorns (4)

### Down

- Persian prophet c628-551 BC (9)
- Lies adjacent to (5)
- Painters of abstract pictures (15)
- Appropriate, suitable (3)
- Alias (init.), (3)
- Famous Russian author 1821-1881 (11)
- Slaughterhouses (9)
- Tripod used to display items (5)
- Expression of surprise, or pain (2)
- Therefore (2)

Solution: Page 32

by Marilyn Devlin

Wow... we've made it to the end of the year. Last month... finish... 'Welcome 2022'. All those two's sound promising. My seeing of 2022 is 'The Year of Healing'. So it be so.

This month is also celebrating my 10th anniversary as a columnist at NGT. I'm a decade old. I remember when it started... at the WOW Festival in Woodenbong... back November 2011. I was organising the speaker's tent... so had a few people from Nimbin come to share their wisdom.

I wasn't well that year... had only just moved onto the property and my body went under. 'Nervous system fried' was the diagnosis.

There was no rhyme or reason for it. None of the precursors that would lead to such a collapse. Zilch. I believe it was a set-up. A definite set-up. I was at that time on another mission... to set up a sacred rural healing retreat. I was getting the message it was needed. Yeah sure... for me.

I hit the deck... literally. Bought myself a sun bed and put it out on my glorious verandah. I lay on that bed for two years. In between as I gained some strength I'd play in the garden. My gardens were heavenly. Being Earth Sun and Moon... I love the land.

The set-up? Was to literally lay me flat on my back... facing, looking out, surrounded by this extraordinary space I was invited into. Truly a magickal place.

They said it was a mutual longing... a coming together. That I called them as well as they called me. Something very powerful happened there... when I was leaving they said, "You may never know what you have achieved."



So my relationship with the famous Nimbin GoodTimes was birthed during that time. So much has happened in all those years... such special years. I think they nurtured and fed us for what was ahead. Gave us stores to see us through. We could see what was ahead... but it's often tricky to say how and when. What form it will take.

I'm super grateful for this opportunity... to connect with you all. I'm a writer ~ I often say. Well I am. I'm always doing it. But deeper I'm a lover. I open myself to light and love. I know... it's the very essence of everything.

I believe. I trust. I know. I live gently on the Earth... I do my best, and that grows. I pull love into my life... I manifest the environments I need. Yes, there's a greater plan.

We're here to enjoy... sing the praises... like so many indigenous cultures have done forever. See what really is. Peek behind the screen. It's a world of multiple screens. Do,

focus, be... on what makes you really happy. At peace with yourself. At rest. Loving/adoring this opportunity you have to be here on Earth.

Our focus is what feeds us. We have the power to focus on the light. Give it all our love. Believe. Know... give thanks each and every day. You're here, I'm here... can we explore the true meaning of that. Can we be our greatest self... in all its forms. All its beauty, all its majesty.

Astro/planetary wise... this month's events are fitting for the end of this - however you describe it - 2021. But I love how I've come out the other side of it all. I feel softer, more flowing, more open and accepting. And so gently standing in my truth. There feels such a flow to it. What a journey eh? And of course we'll all have the final journey one day. Make the best of it while you can.

2022... my prediction: 'The Year of Healing'. The focus love and light... the invitation to be a part... of something extraordinary.

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Nimbin Crossword  
Solution

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# Why I didn't get the jab

by Michael Balderstone

A lot of local people have not had the jab and I asked some for a sentence on why not. Here's a selection of different answers from about 200 people:

## Pre-existing health conditions

"I've had heart arrhythmia in the past and don't want to risk any cardiovascular side effects."

"I have an auto immune disorder."

"As a Lyme patient abandoned by our government, I don't trust that there will be any support if I get negative side effects from the vaccine now or in the future."

## Preference for another approach

"I prefer a naturopathic immune building preventative approach."

"I never use pharmaceutical drugs."

"Because I eat organically and have no underlying health conditions and believe it weakens my natural immune system."

"Because it looks like only sick people are dying and maybe this is nature's way of telling us to get more healthy."

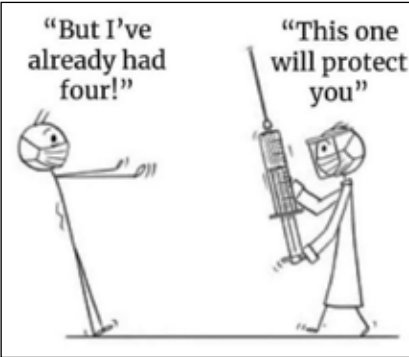
## Distrust of pharmaceutical companies

"As I already struggle with my health, I do not want to be injected with an experimental drug that these drug companies have zero liability for and the benefits have been greatly exaggerated and risks totally ignored, turning us all into chronic patients."

"When big pharma insist and government mandate, when doctors are silenced and media directed, I'll never take their needle."

"Big Pharma is responsible for the drug war and me spending years in jail, fuck them."

"I don't trust Big Pharma anymore,



having spent over 20 years being unsuccessfully treated for epilepsy/PTSD."

"Generalised mistrust of the medical industry, as it has proven itself to be extremely shady and dubious during my time on this planet."

"Unfortunately, I used to rep for Pharma so I am against vaxes anyway, but to experiment on global population is plain evil anyway."

## Distrust of the vaccines

"I believe this is still not tested long enough and robs our immune system."

"MRNA vaccines are experimental and anyway I don't fear the virus."

"I don't trust an untested medicine and I believe this mandate is part of a much larger plan than just a health measure."

"I've been horrified by so many severe jab reactions and even more horrified by hospitals and media seemingly hiding these stories."

"Two of my children already hurt by vaccines so definitely not falling for this."

"I know way too many loved ones and people who have had/having adverse side effects."

"Because I made it my mission to seek out truth and what things are actually made of."

"Not taking a lethal cocktail of synthetic molecules which has adverse

reactions including death."

"Cause I'm shit scared about what is in it and what it's doing to people."

"I am more afraid of the long and short term side effects of the vaccine than I am of getting the disease."

"Unvaccinated sperm is the new bitcoin."

"As they say, where there is risk there must be choice."

## Distrust of government health authorities

"My faith in authorities to provide health advice has been lost due to their reefer madness propaganda."

"Governments should not be in the business of dictating what people must do to their own bodies."

"We no longer own ourselves, think Monsanto and GMO and terminator seeds, same deal."

"Waiting on the science to match the government spin."

"I am not afraid of dying like everyone else seems to be, and I think they're lying!"

"Covid is just the flu re-branded."

## Lack of open discussion

"The media bias and one-eyed reporting has totally put me off. Why is there no open discussion about the vax?"

"Propaganda scares the bejesus outta me and then there's the bullying and coercion."

"I have now watched and listened to hundreds of hours... why are so many doctors and scientists demonised and losing their jobs for expressing concerns?"

## Other reasons

"My gut instinct."

"Microbiology displacement."

Some reasons for vaccine hesitancy – Ed.

## NAG Notes

by Megan James

The Nimbin Advisory Group is an active and committed group, meeting quarterly to liaise with Council about local needs and issues.

At our meeting on 25th November, Cliff Chadburn from Lismore City Council (LCC) aired a proposal to provide more effective parks and open space maintenance in Nimbin.

One option being considered involves providing more hours to employ locally-based worker(s) as part of a 7-day full maintenance and cleaning works contract, rather than sending out LCC staff on a periodic basis to mow and brushcut as an adjunct to the cleaning work.

Cleaning is currently carried out under contract by Jungle Patrol who have done an excellent job. As that contract is up for review shortly, a number of scenarios are being considered and there will be further discussion with interested parties before a decision is made.

After many requests for information, it has finally become clear that 75% of Council funds raised from

Section 94 contributions from new developments, collected for community services and facilities, public domain facilities, and open space improvements is directed towards road maintenance, with most of the remainder used to improve Lismore CBD.

The process of allocation appears to the NAG to be inequitable, and LCC members present agreed that the system needs review in 2022. A Notice of Motion to Council was proposed: that Section 94 monies collected in Nimbin be put towards projects/embellishments in Nimbin.

An estimate from LCC of \$160,000 for costs was received for a toilet/shower block in Peace Park similar to Mortimer Oval in Lismore. NAG will present submissions to the Budget in February along with the Chamber of Commerce, NCC and NNIC.

LCC has saved some \$20-60,000 due to closure of the Nimbin Swimming Pool. It was suggested some of these funds could be used to fund the toilet block. The Pool will be open again from Friday, 17th December.

Rainbow Walking Track is still in the hands of the steering committee who report that all is going well.

They expect works to begin in September 2022.

Gwen Trimble raised the question of how ratepayers can avoid being listed by debt collection agencies if they fall into arrears. While warning letters are sent by Council, the meeting agreed that further advertisement of the process through the *Local Matters* newsletter would be useful in raising awareness.

The Welcome to Nimbin Kit produced by NNIC is now available on-line at: <http://nnic.org.au/pub> as well as hard copies at the Neighbourhood Centre. There will be links to the kit posted on the Visit Nimbin and Chamber of Commerce websites also.

Diana Roberts advised that she has been meeting with LCC staff re updating and making more specific the provisions for the employment of local workers in procurement guidelines. She also advised that the Chamber of Commerce has applied for a Business Reactivation Grant to hold a Nimbin Street Festival in March 2022, to coincide with the Lismore Eat the Street event.

Diana reported on further developments planned by the Chamber, including plaques on significant buildings explaining their history and

audio stations with further stories. Steph Seckold is putting her great energy into this project, and dual language signage is also proposed.

The new local Tourism Destination Officer, Wil, is now based at the new Visitor Information Centre at the Bush Theatre, open from 1st December.

David and Kaz from the Bush Theatre are seeking locally-made products for the VIC shop and also for the on-line shop being established by the Chamber.

The Nimbin Advisory Group has achieved many small and large gains for our community. Members of the group spoke of the satisfaction of now having clauses to regulate light pollution included in the DCP, and honoured Diana for her total commitment and great achievement in securing funds for the Rainbow Road Walking Track.

Councillor Neil Marks said he had thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with such a passionate group of community members. We're sorry to see him leave; it's been great to have his input in the excellent opportunity to communicate with LCC staff and councillors that the NAG provides.

# Happy holiday viewing

## The world according to Magenta Appel-Pye

Over the heat of the summer holidays, I guess we'll be spending time watching TV, so I thought I'd share with you some of the shows I've enjoyed watching over the year.

Iview gave us the essential *Ms Represented* – a raw and honest account of politics from the female perspective. Essential viewing for everyone, especially women.

*Ghosts* – funny, historical and well written. Similarly *Spirited*, an Australian series starring Claudia Karvan about falling in love with a ghost. The plot is only limited by the writer's imagination which they have plenty of. It just gets better, with a fabulous ending.

*Bluey* – if you are one of the few people who haven't watched Channel

Two's most famous show, this Emmy award winning cartoon is the best.

Brilliantly drawn, each episode takes four months to complete. It is joyful and shows children how to use their imaginations.

Psychologists are advising parents to watch *Bluey* for parenting tips. Even us oldies love it.

Netflix gave us *The Crown* – history by She Who Has Seen It All.

*Sex Education* is fun, sexy, and very entertaining. Three seasons to binge-watch.

You can get Disney+ free for the first month, which we did to see the *Paul McCartney Interviews* which were inspiring, and decided to keep going for the *Genius* series: *Einstein*, played excellently by Geoffrey Rush; *Picasso*, a great expose on the sleazy but brilliant painter; and *Aretha Franklin*, my favourite of the



The young Aretha Franklin

three.

With 10 episodes on each person, you get a real feeling for them.

On Amazon is *The Marvellous Mrs Maisel* about a female Jewish

comedian in the 1950's.

Fabulous sets, costumes and storyline. Also very good is *Mozart in the Jungle* about an orchestra in New York.

Happy watching and all the best, until next year.

## Voluptuous wife

My beautiful, voluptuous wife has suddenly become obsessed with dieting and is losing weight at a great rate. I love big women and I want the woman I married back. Do I have any rights? Am I being selfish?

– Norman Lindsay, Round Mountain



by Uncle Norm and Auntie Maj

## She says

My father used to say about my mother, "hips, hips, hooray!" As a well-rounded woman myself, the only complaint I have from my husband is that my bottom isn't big enough. I can't help it if all the fat goes on the front.

Whenever I see a Rubenesque woman, I check to see if she's wearing a wedding ring. Invariably she is. It seems that men don't have a problem with larger women. As my husband says, "more is more!"

Because of advertising and social pressure, voluptuous women often have a hard time loving and accepting themselves. Marilyn Monroe never would have made it into today's Vogue.

When we lose a few kilos, our friends are always complimentary, even if you explain that the weight loss was because of illness. They'll say, "Oh well, but you look good." Skinny women who put on weight do not seem to be praised for it, unless they are obviously cadaver-like and have an eating disorder.

True love of a person goes beyond sexual preference. Is she happier slimmer? Is she losing weight to be healthier and feel better about herself? That could be good for her and she may feel sexier which could also be good for you.

But if she is losing weight only because she is judging herself negatively against every woman in the media, then that's a losing battle.

Be patient. I can assure you, from personal experience, that when the enthusiasm wanes and she stops her rigorous dieting, the weight will bounce back on and she will return to the voluptuous woman nature intended her to be.

## HE says

Dear Albert, this will never do. It's absolutely unconscionable. Imagine you buy a beautiful Rolls Royce, only to wake up one day to find a beep beep Barina parked in your driveway. Total rip-off!

I'm like you, I like big-boned women with plenty of meat on them. I love 'em wide in the beam, with a butt so big you could stick a candle into and play cards on.

There's nothing finer on a cold winters night than snuggling up to a nice, warm, big woman. It makes me feel like Al Pacino in 'that' scene in *Scarface* where he sinks his face in to a huge pile of cocaine.

I can hear the guffaws coming from all those scared blokes who wouldn't go there, but let me say you haven't tasted the real pleasures of the flesh until you've been queened by a really big mama.

If I could choose which way I had to leave this mortal world, I would have a Serena Williams look-a-like suffocating me in a scissor lock with her thighs.

Your wife is probably being peer-pressured by her jealous skinny girlfriends. They're taken in by all this guff that a woman these days should look like a boy in a dress.

So, do you have any rights? Probably not. Are you being selfish? Well... maybe a bit, but who cares?

Don't worry because for those naturally gifted in the flesh, diets don't work and at some stage your wife will return to her normal weight and shape.

So, make sure you've got the pantry and fridge well stocked with all her favourite indulgences, including plenty of chocolate because she will be cranky from all that dieting as well as hungry.

Chubby wife, happy life.

Wife: I look fat, can you give me a compliment?  
Husband: You have perfect eyesight.

## Nimbin Trivia Time

by Eclectus

### Questions

1. The Great Sphinx of Giza was carved from bedrock, but when? Was it 3,500, 4,500 or 5,500 years ago? (Photo: worldatlas.com)
2. Who is the most famous alumnus of Goolmangar Primary School? Hint: this person once went by the name Mendax.
3. Is a troika a leadership group of three, a state whose leadership is claimed by three separate individuals, a dance or a form of transport?
4. Can you name the 1987 artistic collaboration of David Williamson, Carl Schultz, Leo McKern, Julia Blake, Graham Kennedy, Henry Szeps and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, among others?
5. Australia is travelling quite comfortably to the northeast in the middle of the Australian tectonic plate. Last year, as a result of this, most of Australia was repositioned on maps by over 1.5 metres to the northeast. Are we moving closer to 1, 10 or 100 centimetres each year?
6. Continuing our quest to discover some of Nimbin's planned communities, we are, this month, looking for one that takes its name from a mythical English location associated with King Arthur and Joseph of Arimathea? Take a bonus point if you know the meaning of the name.
7. Napoleon Bonaparte was an extraordinary person by any measure. During his exile to the Mediterranean island of Elba in 1814 his supporters wore which floral emblem as a secret symbol of their support?
8. Which fabricator would use paulownia: a cobbler, a luthier or a surfboard shaper?
9. What fruit is best to eat when its flesh is the colour and consistency of axle grease?
10. A Penny Black stamp will be auctioned, probably, by the time you read this. The Penny Black was the first postage stamp made and this one is from the first sheet printed. It was bought ten years ago for A\$92,000. See how close your estimate is to pre-sale estimates in the business.



1. The Great Sphinx was built about 4,500 years ago.
2. Julian Assange, now moldering away in a putrid English prison for the heinous crime of journalism.
3. Everyone's a winner! Take a point for each one you nominated as all four are correct. A troika was a 17th century Russian sleigh drawn by three horses harnessed abreast. Curiously, the middle horse trots while the horses on each side canter. Not unlike the political troika, really. The dance, however, in which a man dances with two women, is highly likely to be the other way round. At least to start with.
4. The movie adaptation of Williamson's moving 1979 play *Travelling North*.
5. Australia is moving about 7 centimetres per year so you won't have to hold on tight. This is about the same rate your hair and fingernails grow.
6. Avalon is at the top of Stony Chute Road in Wadeville. The mythical Avalon (isle of apple trees) is said to have been at Glastonbury Tor in Somerset. It is reputed to be, among other things, the last resting place of Arthur, King of the Britons and the place to which Joseph of Arimathea (Jesus Christ's funeral director) sent the Holy Grail. Glastonbury, home of the renowned arts festival, is also reputed to be the origin of New Age beliefs in the early 20th century. In 1999 the town made national headlines in the UK when its floral displays were found to contain cannabis plants.
7. The violet (*Viola spp*) was chosen because it is among the first flowers of spring and Napoleon, upon his exile in May 1814, vowed that he would return with and took back control of France in a bloodless coup just as the violets were about to bloom.
8. Everyone's a winner once again! Take a point for each one you nominated as all three are correct. The light timber from the paulownia tree is used to make clogs, guitar and violin cores and surfboard cores.
9. Yummy black sapote.
10. It is expected to sell for more than A\$11,000,000 in early December.

### Answers

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## Gearing Up for “big school”

Over the last few weeks, Nimbin Central School has been conducting their kindergarten orientation sessions.

The children had a wonderful time familiarising themselves with what “big school” will be like in the coming year, and forming those vital first connections with their teacher and school community.

The 2021 Year 6 student leader nominees helped in the

classroom, establishing new buddy friendships prior to starting school, and siblings from the school joined the sessions to ease anxiety for a smooth transition.

The new incumbents experienced engaging and fun activities designed to include the vast neurological diverse students at the school.

Nimbin Central School is looking forward to welcoming the new students to their school community next year.



## Christmas, cars and capsicums

by Carina, Annalyce and May

Christmas decorating has arrived, and the Grinch is out and about at Nimbin Early Learning Centre. The centre is full of tinsel and the Christmas spirit.

We started the month off with creating our own Grinch and Christmas trees for our window display. We have also used recycled materials to make our own free-standing Christmas tree for the centre.

We have been enjoying the new space outside to explore and run. Some of the children have now gained confidence going down the slide and sometimes back up the slide.

Cars have also been an interest. Whether its car wheel painting, cars in the sandpit, cars/trucks pushing around the room and playground, anything cars as been the theme.

Our bee hotel is now the home of a lot of different insects, and our flower garden is starting to flower. Capsicums are starting to develop in our veggie garden as well as sage and chives.

Please feel free to call the centre on 02 6689-0142. We are open Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm.



## School of Hope

by Emmy Jett

Our little school sits on Bundjalung land, nestled in the lush Tuntable Falls valley, next to the (mostly) clear-flowing Tuntable Creek and adjacent to incredible Gondwana rainforest.

This physical location is a blessing for our children’s education. Every day we can encounter something new and fascinating: wondrous horsehair worms, roaming pythons, fantastic fungi, crystals, bowerbirds collecting flowers, iron-rich kraznozom soil squelching through our toes, saw-shelled turtles in the creek and a plethora of incredible insects.

All of these encounters gently build a strong and enduring connection to our natural world, which, for me, is one of the most important things a human being can learn.

To watch the Tuntable Falls students playing and learning in this space brings me hope. Our students are able to see a tree not just as a place to climb, swing and imagine, but also as a carbon-capturing factory, connected to the living soil, that signals temporal change and provides habitat, shade and food.

They see the connections. These children emphatically and eloquently discuss the challenges facing our planet and society, and they are keen for action.

And so we act. We try to minimise plastic use, we harvest and utilise rainwater, we have installed solar panels and use a renewable power retailer, and we grow and cook food from our magnificent garden for delicious nutritious lunches.

We have composting toilets, worm farms, a FlowHive, and we maintain our grounds without pesticides. We upskill our staff with professional development on non-violent communication, and we work collaboratively with a dedicated parent committee to run and shape the school.

Supporting our sustainability endeavours, we have a community of parents and Tuntable residents who hold an enormous wealth of knowledge and skills.

As an independent school, we can also do things a little differently. The very fact that I am employed to teach the SEE (Sustainability and Environmental Education) and STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) programs is a testament to the school’s



commitment to helping our students shape a better future.

As staff, we can speak out on important issues, such as climate change, without having to fear discipline from a governing myopic political party. Our kids learn that it is okay to question, to probe and push for change, and that we need to be collectively working, sometimes fighting, for a positive future.

Call them what you will, forest fairy or wild child, the Tuntable Falls Community School children, and our nature-based education, bring light to my life and hope for the future.

# Education Week Community awards



by Catherine Marshall,  
Principal, Nimbin Central  
School

Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of schools, their students, staff and supportive community members. Regional Awards are a recognition of educational achievements, and are considered by a panel, based on the following criteria:

- Contribution to the improvement of student learning;
- Demonstrated contribution to enhancing the quality of school life for staff and students;
- Demonstrated positive contribution to the whole school community.

The 2021 Nimbin community members who received awards were Linnet Pike, president of



the Nimbin Branch of the CWA, and Judy Hale, president of the Nimbin Community School. The Nimbin Branch of the CWA has a focus on supporting young people, and provides an annual Resilience Award for a senior student, and Book Awards to support the Premier's Reading Challenge. As well as sponsoring an annual \$500 Resilience Award for a Year 6 student, the Nimbin Community School donated its facilities to assist the successful establishment of a DE Hub alternate learning pathway for targeted students. The Awards, held over since August, were presented to Linnet and Judy on behalf of their community organisations by the school's Community Liaison officer, Mia Webster, and Head Teacher Secondary Studies, Josh Gollen.

# The hole at Happy Hollow ...Part 1

Diary extracts from a secretary,  
Clarice Cleareyes

*This serial is a work of fiction. Any resemblance to you or your community is purely coincidental.*

It's a complete puzzle. The hole just appeared, if a void can appear. No-one can remember exactly what was there before the ground gave way. Now there is nothing to show except a huge gaping hole, a space in the ground, an unplanned thing for the community to address. It's on community land, our combined business. The entire membership must be informed so we can decide what to do. Unfortunately I'm the current secretary, second time at the job, no-one else put their hand up at the AGM two months ago. I had a bit of extra time available, being between jobs. First step, email the membership with the news, asking everyone to take 10 mins and visit the hole in situ. Peter and I agreed to call an emergency meeting in two weeks. Any ideas can be emailed and will be added to the agenda. When Peter, our current president, rang announcing the coming of the hole to our community I wasn't particularly concerned, but after viewing it I see we have a problem, just what sort of problem I am unsure. This is something big, the whole community must decide what to do, not leave it to the usual volunteers who do most of the work around here. I settle down at the trusty computer which has been declared obsolete, it's a vintage piece, but only 10 years old. It sits comfortably on the Tasmanian oak table surrounded by important files, woodlots/roads/electricity/dams/landcare/verges/community centre/



minutes of ordinary meetings/ AGM minutes. I open a new file titled HOLE. My basic cottage sits high on the hill with a view of town 4k distant. My ex-husband thought it should have more bracing, but I like the swaying and movement, it's like the house is alive. The sash windows and French doors came from an auction for \$100, and the bathroom fittings were \$150 all up. One village millionaire expressed surprise at how cheap the build was, cheap being the operative word, something quite unique to him. Two emails can't be delivered. I ring them to find out why, and to get the right addresses. Bert apologises, he changed his email address to stop spam, and forgot to inform me. He tends to go on, and on, and on. I wander around, shuffling files, starting another coffee, until Bert finally gives me his new number. It wasn't so easy with Lexie. She removed herself from the community email list. She doesn't want to know any business, old or new. She says she's sick of meetings, though she admitted she'd

only been to three in her five years here at Happy Hollow. I'm not surprised. When she first came we were all sitting on the community centre verandah, having a welcome-to-our-community snack, when she asked me what to do with an olive pip. I mimed flicking it away, onto the grass. Her response was: "How positively primitive." I could never work out why she chose to live here. She's adamant. Count her out. Fine, that's one less to herd towards a decision. A friend from Misty Hills community rang to say someone in their community heard a rumour about a gigantic hole creeping towards their property, like a virus. He wants to know if it is all a hoax, or should they send up their drone to check the boundaries. How would I know? It might be a gigantic conspiracy to close down both communities by a developer, or just a sink hole swallowing all in its path. Now I'm waiting for responses and ideas from Happy Hollow members re the hole and its future.

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