

ASTRO FORECASTS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS?

by Tina Mews

Aries

This is a great moment in time for focusing on your physical environment and the material stability you gain from whatever you have built for yourself. Any insecurities in this area might show up now as well as the need to discern what you really need to feel safe and secure and what can be left behind as it hinders your process of personal growth.

Taurus

This is an important time as you just entered your new personal yearly cycle. This is a time when you can be brave and enjoy new experiences while liberating yourself from habits and beliefs that have become too stale and are limiting your true expression. Living authentically is the keyword for you!

Gemini

This is an important period of the year for reviewing, emptying out, and recharging your batteries. Find some place where you can retreat and reflect on your personal year that is just about to end. In this way you can prepare for a powerful new beginning that is about to eventuate at the New Moon Solar Eclipse on June 10th in your Sun sign.

Cancer

This is a great period of the year when your focus is on making contacts and reaching out to others, spending time with friends and venturing out. Group activities of all sorts are favoured. Use the New Moon energy on May 12th for envisioning new goals and objectives.

Leo

Your standing in society and how you project your self-image to the world is emphasised during this month. You might feel motivated to develop new goals and plans for the future. On the other hand, there could be an act of liberation where you cut yourself free from societal expectations and walk your own way.

Virgo

The energies of the moment might bring some restlessness and dissatisfaction with regular routines. Initiate activities that nurture your spirit for adventure and expand your imagination, even though it might be judged by others as too radical. Trust that you will attract support for your ideas.

May

Since April 20th the Sun has been journeying through Taurus, the sign of the zodiac most concerned with the grounding of energy and attracting abundance. Since ancient times Taurus has been associated with the fertile and innate riches of the Earth. In Australia, especially here in Northern NSW it is one of the best times in the year for connecting with the natural cycles and growing your own food. While the world has been turned upside down, gardening won in popularity. All over the planet many people have realised the importance of self-sufficiency and transformed areas around their homes into fertile gardens. With the help of the Coronavirus our attention has been redirected to what is essential to life. Uranus, the planetary force field associated with change, liberation, awakening and the unexpected has called many former certainties into question. Uranus entered Taurus in May 2018 and will remain until April 2026 challenging the ways we look after the planet and care for the Earth. The climate crisis debate is back into focus reminding us that the old way of doing things is unsustainable and that we need to further develop and expand our ecological consciousness, a way of being that respects the natural world and the complex interrelationship between all living systems.

The New Moon in Taurus on May 12th is conjunct the Black Moon Lilith. All New Moons mark the beginning of a monthly cycle and represent a great moment in time for setting our intentions. This New Moon encourages us to find not only new ways in our dealings with Mother Nature and how to realign with her cycles, but also in our dealings with ourselves, our own desires for money, possessions and security, what to nurture because it is necessary and what to discard because it is not needed. The Black Moon in Taurus reminds us that the Earth can fight back with earthquakes, floods, landslides and other disasters when we keep destroying the natural world.

On May 14th, Jupiter the mighty lord of the ancient gods, moves from the intellectual sign Aquarius to emotional and compassionate Pisces. The mood changes and the focus shifts to ideals and visions, to the search for holistic solutions. Jupiter in Pisces offers opportunities to take a gentler perspective on the difficulties of the previous months. The longing for peace and understanding is increasing, as might be

the willingness to unite, to work together or to help those in need of support. Jupiter will remain in Pisces until July 28th and again from December 29 until May 2022.

We can expect a change in direction from May 21st onwards when Jupiter forms a square with the Sun in Gemini. **Saturn stations retrograde on May 24th, two days before the Full Moon Total Eclipse on May 26 followed by a Solar Eclipse in Gemini on June 10th.** The Lunar Eclipse will be visible from Australia. During a lunar eclipse, the Full Moon slowly darkens as it passes through the Earth's shadow, increasing our awareness of hidden motivations and impressions. This Lunar eclipse takes place on the Gemini-Sagittarius axis intensifying issues around communication, (social) media, the promoting of ideologies and the shaping of public opinion. We are reminded of whoever controls the airwaves has access to people's minds and hearts! Our cultural, religious, and spiritual worldviews as well as longings, ideals, hopes and expectations are now being tested for their truth and validity. Keeping an open mind and reflecting on our own biases helps with the detection of unconscious value judgements that could otherwise lead to bitterness and the blaming of others. During the darkness of the eclipsed Moon, we might spontaneously gain new insights and information that can transform our perspective and broaden our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

The month ends with Mercury in Gemini turning retrograde on May 30th (until June 21) while forming a prolonged square with Neptune. Misunderstandings, delays and unexpected twists and turns are more likely when Mercury is retrograde. Neptune adds an extra level of confusion and uncertainty intensifying the current eclipse season. Extra care and caution is needed with the signing of contracts or the starting of new projects. It is a good period for reflecting, rethinking, revising and revisioning of plans and objectives.

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Libra

This is a time where you feel empowered to reveal your true beliefs, thoughts or wants while acting in accordance with your authentic self. The uncovering of deeper motivation and deep shadow work are favoured. The wild woman and the wild man inside you might gather force potentially catapulting you beyond your own doubts and fears.

Scorpio

Issues of sharing and caring within your relationships are highlighted during this period. A rewriting or renegotiation of contracts might be required. Attempt to make your partnerships more mutually supportive. More space and room for self-development could be necessary as well as an honest respect for each other's differences.

Sagittarius

This a period when health routines and care for body and soul are important for your overall well-being. A new vision of how to live your daily life is emerging. The powerful vibes of the Full Moon eclipse on May 26th could be a good moment in time for emptying out and releasing old baggage. "Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change."

Capricorn

Creative outlets are essential during this period. One part of you is used to limitations and constraints, to fulfilling duties and responsibilities while another part of you wants to break free from taboos and too many restrictions. It is time to have some fun and play!

Aquarius

Home, family and domestic activities might be the focus during this phase. Paying extra attention to your feelings helps with becoming clear about your true needs. How can you best balance your need for security with your need for freedom? You are in a process of resolving the tension between your tribal self and your authentic self.

Pisces

Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system enters your Sun sign on May 14th and will remain until July 28th and again in the first half of 2022. This is your once every 12-year Jupiter cycle of expansion, growth and new opportunities. Dream up a new vision and embark on an exciting journey of exploration!



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Hallelujah!

by Marilyn Devlin

As my eyes first touched the words, effervescent bubbles exploded in my chest, the widest smile stretched my face. Magick is back – Jupiter into Pisces. The words filled me with renewed excitement... of possibilities. Oh Thank You Gods and Goddesses.

Man – do we need some full on downpours of Magick. Not sure about you but 2021 is feeling way more weird than the infamous 2020.

Magick is real... I know it. I've lived amongst it. We all do. It's just often invisible to our physical eyes. But it's there... we can feel it.

The response inside our body when we watch a sunset, or the pure magick of sun rising out of the ocean. A pod of dolphins catching waves, playing with the surfers. The travelling whales sharing their joy. The cicadas serenading, the intimate whispers of the wind... the green and blue magick healing our auric fields. The constant echo of Love vibrating through our Universe.

Behind the limitations of the physical... the ever-present magick bubbles its effervescent Light and Love. Magick is real and it's here all the time. We just need to look beyond, behind the shadowy veil.

This is a wild world we're struggling through. I guess times of great change have never been easy. There's always a battle. The ever familiar war between darkness and light.

I've been pondering again – what is all this asking of me? To what level do I need to move? What elevated part of me is so desperately needed... to make sense of the craziness that appears to have descended?

How do I walk forward? What do I need? I need new tools. I need new sight. Extreme times require expanded levels of clarity. A deeper connection to the Spirit inside me. A new way of thinking and doing.

I see shadows... a lot is not clear. Much still hidden. What do we trust when we walk through shadow lands?

May brings some outstanding cosmic assistance. It's a powerful month as Eclipse season begins, Jupiter moves into Pisces taking us behind the veil... while Mercury, Venus, Mars and Moon travel 'Out of Bounds'. All the personal planets reaching out to new and unexplored territories... beyond the limits of Solar rulership.

'Out of Bounds' (OOB) is when a planet moves out of the region of Sun's control. You can research for more specifics. But when a planet is OOB it's considered Maverick. It's free from the control of the 'Ruler'. It does its own thing... it goes to the very edges of experience. It has a lot more space to play in.

Having so many personal planets Out of Bounds at the same time is rare... the odds are 1%. So in our personal lives, our personal thoughts, feelings and actions we're given more space to explore... we have an opportunity to experience alien territories, virgin lands. We can reach to the very edges of possibilities. Daring to be a Free Agent.

Quite a contrast to the serious, heavy Saturnian authority, the many restrictions and closing borders of our current passage through our world. But the cosmos never lies... is always there, ready to help. These are enormous evolutionary times. Both scary and exciting.

Hallelujah for May. I'm sure it won't be without it's ripples and storms... they seem par for the course these days. But there's LOTS OF MAGICK. Go hunting for it... go exploring. Dare to be different, dare to be FREE. No-one can own what's inside you... what you carry in your treasure chest.

It's time for explorers, adventurers... those that dare to step outside the invisible lines. I remember the cages, the prisons... all the ugly stuff, stored in my cellular memory. I remember. These are new times... we are being given the opportunity to be FREE... even if it's within our own Sacred Being.

Nimbin Trivia Time

by Eclectus

Questions



1. What's this? (Photo: ucmp.berkeley.edu)
2. Are bombolone, pandoro, sfogliatella and zeppole: desserts, pasta, seaweed or sprites?
3. Once upon a time, ABC Radio warned us that, if we went down to the woods today, we'd be in for a big surprise and wouldn't believe our eyes. What shocking revelation were they exposing?
4. Which news organ was first to so accurately capture the leadership style of our nation's leader with the epithet "Scotty from marketing": The Australian, The Betoota Advocate, Crikey, The Drum or First Dog on the Moon?
5. Who was the almost unseen mission controller in "Mork and Mindy", the late 70s/early 80s reprise of 60s sitcom "My Favourite Martian"? A bonus point each if you can say who played the aliens.
6. How is reproduction achieved through sonication?
7. I'm standing on an extinct volcano in New South Wales at an altitude of almost 1,400 metres. As I gaze west, my mind's eye can see no higher topography in Australia, or indeed until South Africa. Where am I?
8. Who does lead vocals and guitar in Aussie rock band 30 Odd Foot of Grunts?
9. There are 44 internationally recognised countries that are landlocked. Can you name those that are "double landlocked", that is, surrounded by landlocked countries?
10. Who recently scored football's worst own goal of all time?

1. It's a Möbius Strip, a surface with only one side. You can make one by cutting a strip of paper, giving it a half twist and joining the two ends. To prove it only has one side, take a pencil and draw a line along it. You will arrive back to your original starting point.
2. They are all Italian desserts.
3. The teddy bears' picnic!
4. The Betoota Advocate by a country mile.
5. The ever-patient Orson who was only trying to rid Ork of Mork. Bill Bixby played Uncle Martin, Robin Williams played Mork and Ralph James voiced Orson.
6. Certain solitary bees, also known as buzz pollinators, take a firm hold of consenting flowers and channel their inner Barry White to cause irresistible vibrations that lead inexorably to fertilisation.
7. Mount Canobolas near Orange.
8. The multi-talented Russell Crowe who once, rather unwisely, picked a fight with his bodyguard Mark "Spud" Carroll, a former NRL, Blues State of Origin and Kangaroos front row forward.
9. There are only two: Liechtenstein and Uzbekistan.
10. The owners of the clubs associated with the ill-fated European Super League.

Answers

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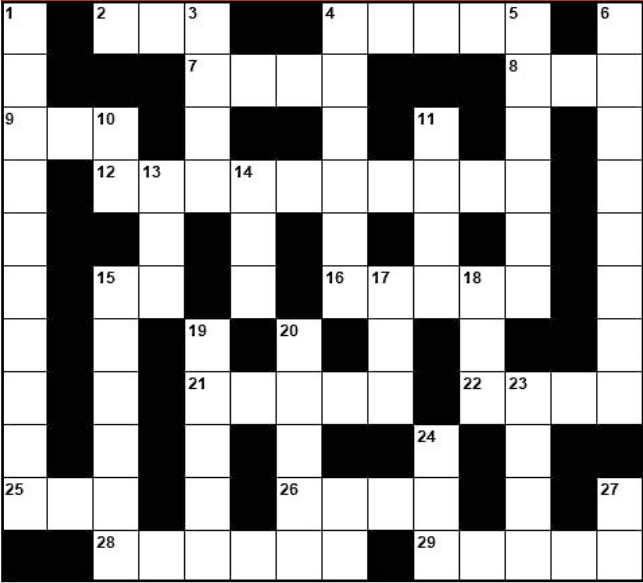


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Nimbin Crossword

2021-05

by Synic



Across

2. Ancient unit of measure (about 0.45 metres...)
4. Calm pause? Momentary respite
7. (of someone) knowledge of misdeeds
8. Exclamation of delight or pleasure
9. Pinch of boob?
12. Through a reaction?
15. Here is where you're...
16. King of rock'n'roll
21. First council chairman of the USSR
22. Depressed, confessional post-punk fans?
25. Pearl Jam's debut album; Viacom-owned TV channel
26. Exclamation of approval
28. Between the opponent's goalie and the rest of the players on the pitch
29. Large step forward, flexing the forward knee

Down

1. Disagree
3. Parts of the brain, and ear
4. Disreputable, sordid morals
5. Soft bodies of living reef coral
6. Stone fruit
10. Avoiding offense (init.)
11. From (say) Russia, Serbia or Belarus
13. Small dwelling or outbuilding
14. Ammunition clip or glossy periodical
15. White skinned but not necessarily Caucasian
17. Computer network for a single building or complex (init.)
18. Fury
19. Genus of flowering succulents
20. Headgear to hold the hair in a cloth bag
23. appearance or manner
24. AI from 2001
27. Cis-het guy's pronoun

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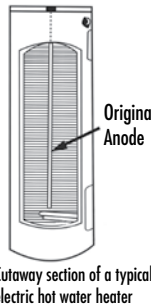
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Swimming pool touring Part 9

by Sue Edmonds

The pool in the caravan park in Roma was an excellent place to start the day. There’s lots to check out in town, the municipal pool, big op shops then the fabric shop extraordinaire.

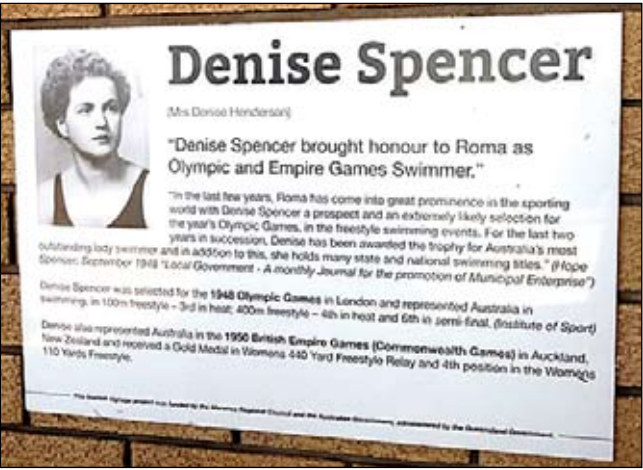
Denise Spencer made Roma proud, swimming for Australia in the 1948 London Olympics, following up with the Auckland Empire Games in 1950.

Today, to a casual observer, the pool looks as if it’s been resting on its fame. It’s in need of a good injection of funds for lawns, shade trees or umbrellas and some outdoor seating to create a user-friendly environment. Add a thick coat of blue paint to the pool floor and Denise would be proud of her old training ground.

After an hour of oohing and ahing at the shop with bales of cloth out on the main road, Betty Blue took us swiftly on to Miles, with its standard 50m and kids’ pools, all under a huge shade cloth.

Chinchilla pool was buzzing when we arrived. Seven young swimming instructors were preparing for the afternoon’s classes. They teach 500 kids each week, plus have toddlers classes for 60. Their heated indoor pool with its ‘Power Pool’ is well used all year (lucky things).

On to Tara, known for its lousy land, with gas mines underground so the land can’t be built on. A large proportion of the locals live in caravans and shacks as they can’t get building



permits. If anyone needs a pool it’s Tara, and yes they have one, just not as wide or long as usual, with a manager who doubles as the swimming instructor.

After an overnight stay in Oakey, we went to the local pool first thing in the morning, and it was so packed with kids there was no room for two retirees to gently exercise.

The manager was justly proud of all the action, and recommended we go onto

Clifton for a swim. She was right, it’s a beautifully maintained pool with 10 tanks capturing water for the grounds.

After a country pie for lunch, BB took us to the historic town of Nobby, but alas there’s no pool. Close by in Clifton, the pool has been licensed to a young enterprising woman who has installed a huge array of solar panels for heating, and added a small gym in the grounds. She’s going to get

Clifton moving.

Allora pool comes with a grandstand, so presumably they host carnivals, though when we passed by it was empty.

The pool in Stanthorpe is a happy place. The managers have been in place for 20 years, know everyone, take classes, and keeps the temperature at 30°C. For holidays these managers go on swimming pool tours. Say no more.

At 8am, 10 women arrived for their daily exercise class, and were happy to share their feelings about the pool. It gets 10 out of 10 with everyone. Due to the drought the pool wasn’t emptied last year, recent rains have averted the problem.

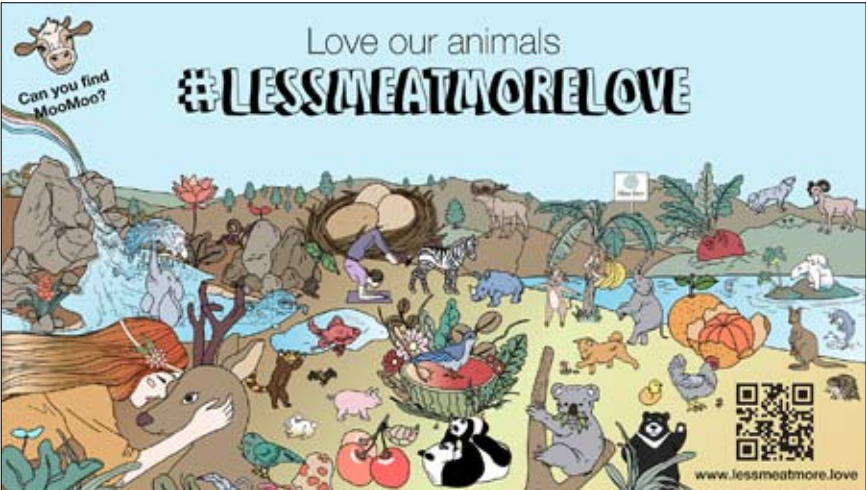
The Nimbin pool is being emptied after a different swimming season. Covid marshals were required to gather details. Unfortunately the LCC cried poor, couldn’t employ staff for the gate, so it was kept open by a noble band of volunteers.

They were awarded a certificate designed by Nat, a free lunch from the LCC, and fabulous collectable trophies created by Pauline Ahern, originally intended for the annual Olympics, delayed for next year in true Olympic tradition.

Many volunteers said how they enjoyed sitting at the gate and meeting the local swimmers, who expressed their appreciation. There’s a plan afoot for a shower/toilet block to service the pool/ playground/skatepark.

Four months to go and our pool opens again, so we can wallow and swim again.

Less meat, more love!



by Simon Thomas

Last month, I released the Blue Lion album – Buddhist songs for every child.

It’s available by donation at: dharma-kidscollective.com or on Spotify and all the other usual outlets.

It has been a great opportunity to connect with parents who yearn for high quality entertainment for their kids which has a spiritually nourishing basis.

Recently, I connected with a group who are running a campaign to encourage people to eat less meat for three reasons: to benefit personal

health, to benefit animals, and to cause less harm to the environment.

The song is available on YouTube or for free download at: dharma-kidscollective.com

The song is now playing on electronic billboards right across Singapore; may it benefit many beings!

CHORUS

Less meat more love for the animals who wanna live wild and free
Less meat more love for the beautiful earth, the rivers and the shining sea
Less meat more love for the people, our friends and community

Less meat more love for you and me
Less meat more love for you and me

VERSE 1

Every creature in the world has feelings just like you
If you want a happy life, then that’s what they want too
Pigs and sheep and cows don’t want to end up in your pie
If you ask me, it’s plain to see
That is one good reason why

CHORUS

VERSE 2

Our world is wide and wonderful, it is our only home
Animals need lots of land where they can live and roam
People cut down trees so they can build a bigger farm
So eat more leaf instead of beef
And you can do less harm

CHORUS

VERSE 3

The strongest strongman in the world does not eat any meat
You could try out eating less meat, just one day per week
It’s healthy for your body and it’s healthy for your mind
Goodness me, that’s reason three for us to be so kind

CHORUS

Less meat more love!

Party On!

The world according to Magenta Appel-Pye

I went to an excellent birthday party recently for my dear friend, Kerrie. It uplifted me for quite some time. Covid has made it difficult to host a party, but it has also made us realise that enjoying the company of others is vital for happiness. And there is no better reason to celebrate than surviving another year, especially as we get older. The days of huge parties are pretty much over. However, I find that the perfect number for a gathering is 12. This way we get to spend time with each person and not just be running around looking after everyone. We hold regular parties as a social service. Each time we invite different people which makes it interesting, and we open ourselves up to making more friends. With smaller parties there is little stress, particularly if everyone brings a plate to share. I find this potluck idea ends up with the most fabulous array of food, much better than if you had planned it. You may suggest either savoury or sweet, or special dietary requirements such as gluten free. I try not to clean up obsessively before



by Uncle Norm and Aunty Maj

She says

Sadly, I have to admit that this question and the grungy husband is mine. It's an aural abomination and I have no idea why he would do this. I have bought him several different tools that are specifically designed to pull wax out of the ears. He tries them once and announces that his crusty old nail works much better. I'm sure this behaviour would cause apoplexy in ear doctors. They don't like cotton buds because they push the wax in and cause more harm than good but at least they are soft! I know people stick weird things into their bodies but a nail in your ear? He's not even a carpenter. He's a piano tuner and therefore his hearing is his most precious sense. He may as well stick his tuning fork in and wiggle it around. I buy ear candles and give him a good candling occasionally when I can wrestle him down. They work really well, and you can see the wax inside that is left of the candle when you are finished. It's very satisfying and the actual experience is quite relaxing. But do you think he would ever come to me and request such a treatment? No way! I discussed this with my friends and they all had their own disgusting partner stories whether it be walking around picking their teeth or depositing their boogers under the car seat. All those bodily extrusions can be problematic. However, what people in long term relationships understand is that their partner will always do things that are repugnant, mystifying and have habits that flummox and mortify you. And I'm sorry to say that includes women as well. To be in a happy relationship, you have to accept your partner, flaws and all, because you love them. Even if they are revolting.



people arrive, although I can't help doing it a bit. People are so grateful to be invited to a party that they don't judge you for a bit of mess, and so what if they do? I save my energy to clean up after the party. I also make sure to invite someone whose special superpower is cleaning up. These wonderful people quietly and efficiently work their magic, and at the end of the party the kitchen is clean and the dishes are washed. It's so appreciated. Of course, everyone is expected to bring their own alcohol. In this way you can have many parties a year without much stress or cost and therefore spread the joy that we all need so very much.

Ear wax

My husband uses a nail to clean his ears. This is bad enough but at least the nail is used only for that purpose. However, today we were out and he used his car key to clean his ear. WTF?

- Norma Alman, Mullumbimby

HE says

Of all my alleged 'bad habits' this is the one she decides to kvetch about in public? She should see the ones I dare not even do in front of her! This is from a person who sinks her index finger into her nostril right up to the third knuckle and proceeds to extract a prize boggy on the end of said digit, and then comes after me waving it near my face until I either gag or cry or both. WTF is wrong with cleaning your earhole out with a key anyways? It works! A key or the end of a three-inch flat head nail (not the pointy end obviously) are perfect earhole excavators. A quick scrape inside your buccaneers and you're good to go. "Oh, but what about ear candles?" I hear her sneer. Yes, I've let her do it to me several times and, yes, she's nearly set fire to my hair several times as well. It involves an hour that, at its best is unpleasant and uncomfortable, and at its worst is downright dangerous. Why would you put yourself through that when a few turns of your front door key will see you right? Anyway, who cares? I've got my bad habits and my little prestidigitator has hers. Did I tell you she belches like a T-Rex? In the end, as Tom Lehrer so perceptively said "What the hell, she's my gal, and I love her." I trust she feels the same towards me. She better if she wants me to keep cooking for her.

"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."
- John Milton, poet (1608-1674)

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Dialogues

by S Sorrensen

Wow! That's a good throw!
Yeah. I reckon that'll be more than 35 metres. More than Brendo, the Echuca Chucker?
Naw, don't think so. The Echuca Chucker threw 38.4, right into the spectators' tent. I'd guess this one's a good metre or two short.
Good chuck though. Didn't understand the yell, but those Polish guys can throw.
Oh yeah. Excellent. Overarm with a short run-up. That's what I'm going to do.
Me too. But I'm going for the longer run-up. And I'm using the French Neck Grip.
Yeah? I find it hard to control elevation with the Frenchie. And with that westerly coming straight down the Throw Pitch...
Hmm. The Bogan Bottom Grab then?
Yup. Just going to punch it hard and low and hope I don't lose too much water before release.
Well, good luck, mate. What's your name?
And you're American, I reckon?
Mick. And I'm Canadian, eh.
Oh Jeez, sorry mate. I'm Andrew from Newtown. That's in Sydney.
I know Newtown. I've been in Sydney since the pandemic began. Drove up on Friday with a mate. He did the Hemp Olympix at MardiGrass in 2019. He got bronze in the Bong Throw and Yell. He's so proud of that.
Ah, so that's where you got your knowledge.
Yeah, we've been practising, eh. Studied the book too. 'A Spectator's Guide to the Hemp Olympix'?
Yeah. Good book. Unfortunately, Barry got busted by the cops when we were driving into Nimbin on Friday night. He'd had a joint after work on Thursday. He's a plumber. The cops took his licence. Got to go to court, eh. He's pretty upset, eh. He needs his licence for his job. Shit. Sounds like Barry is a real threat to society. There's more cops here than in Sydney.
Yes. They bring cops in from everywhere for MardiGrass. It's a very dangerous place, Nimbin. But cops in riot gear and with guns roving through the village in packs makes everyone feel safe.
Luckily, there's no other crime going on they have to deal with.
No. Smoking pot is the number one problem facing Australia.



It's no big deal back home. We're more worried about the neighbours...
Hmm. You know, Mick, one of the greatest Bong Throwers in the history of the modern Hemp Olympix was also a plumber?
Yeah! Garry the Plumber! My hero. A superb athlete, a real gentleman too. Barry and me have been watching footage of when Garry the Plumber set the new record in 2009. I could watch that forever.
Oh man. I was here and saw him chuck that. Oh... my... god...
Really? You actually saw Garry the Plumber break 40 metres? I'm so jealous. That was Bong Throw and Yell perfection. Overarm - With a Singapore Shoulder Sling - French Neck Grip - Namibian Wrist Flick- His yell: 'Free the weed!'
Forty bloody point two metres. Poetry. The crowd went wild. Even saw a cop smile and start to clap - until his sergeant gave him a look that reminded him that bong throwing is terrorism and threatens our way of life. Took 10 years before an athlete broke Garry's record. Oh, the Bongmaster has signalled me. My turn. I'm going to chuck this one for Garry, eh. Good to meet you, Andrew.
You too, Mick. Throw bong, go long! Fly well, big yell!



Revenge of the Loon by Laurie Axtens

Dedicated readers committed to the consumption of the entirety of the GoodTimes may have happened across my previous humble writings and noted my saga of Bathenstool, a twisted saga of a fictional township that has been deposited like flotsam and jetsam on the shores of coastal river; between the outlets of two sewage works. Everything in Bathenstool is a shit-fight. The most common greeting in the

stinky city is: "You look shit this morning."
And the most common rejoinder, at least among friends, is "Thanks arsehole."
Indeed, the only consensus that has ever been reached by the people of 'the stool' is that consensus is impossible. Well that was until very recently, when the local sewage farmers committee for tourism and pot-hole construction voted almost unanimously, with one abstention for legal reasons, to sack the Grand Visier. Of course this tremendous concurrence of no confidence was cushioned by a year's wages and a no-guilt clause, but still the Visier took it quite badly and went on a bender in the mayoral night-soil cart; finally ending up in the coven headquarters with the Big la Blanksky. Quite a night by all accounts; briefing the media and smashing the champers.

During all this, the night-soil cart had taken a bit of 'dinging' so the Visier got a cab home and the Big B had to sneak the cart back to the city workshop. B did so by popping all her dogs in the back and taking it for another joy ride. No-one really knows what happened, but the cart is still being 'detailed' two months later, and remains unusable. Perhaps the dogs were indiscreet, certainly that's the traditional response to redundancy in Bathenstool. Meanwhile the sewage workers have had to cough up for the rental of a spanking new night-soil cart for the new mayor. Fortunately, Bathenstool's council is in the black - well not so much the black as a very deep brown, but don't forget it takes shit to grow good flowers. Drive slowly - save your shockies.

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More space to play and learn

by Carina, Annalyce and May

Another month has gone by at Nimbin Early Learning Centre, and our extension on the yard has begun.

Families, children and educators are so excited for the new playground to be completed in the next month. We would like to thank the Nimbin Community Centre family for allowing us to have more outside play space.

We have been busy designing the space and cannot wait to get dirty in the garden as we get to plant lots of amazing vegetables and flowers.

We are also making a bee hotel to place in the tree; a pirate ship platform around the big, amazing camphor tree; and our cubby house is relocating into this space.

Other things we have been doing this past month involved learning about different life cycles of animals and what they mean for our environment.

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



Year 8 Humanities



by Kerry Hagen

At Nimbin Central School, Year 8 are trialling a new way of approaching learning.

We have combined English, Geography, History, LOTE and a bit of Science into a new super unit called Humanities. This gives us a chance to go deeply into a topic or concept.

Term 1 proved very successful with a unit called 'Visions of the Future'. Through a complex and in-

depth study of past and contemporary societies, we looked at such things as politics, social structure, happiness and sustainability.

This culminated in a very successful project where each student showcased their own visions of future civilisations.

We have begun a new unit this term called 'Who Cares?' in which they will each design a campaign around an issue that they feel passionate about. Watch this space.

Nimbin Open Learning classes

Term 2 has commenced at Nimbin Open Learning, with classes in Tai Chi, Creative Writing and Life Drawing returning.

Enrolments for Carole Barrett's art class are still open, as it does not begin until 12th May.

Focusing on Drawing and Mark Making, it's a follow-on from last term's Introduction



to Drawing.

This course will explore the use of experimental techniques and materials.

If you are interested in any of the classes, drop by the Community School room at Nimbin Community Centre, phone 6689-1477, or find us on Facebook as Nimbin Open Learning.

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SOCIAL GROUPS – all invite only:

- Weekly Tuesday Social Group at Bottlebrush Studio, 10.30am-1pm. Morning tea and light lunch (\$10)
- The Channon Seekers & Sages Group 3rd Thursday, 11am-2pm
- The Outsiders Group 1st and 4th Thursday, 11am-2pm
- Koonorigan Hall Social Group 4th Monday, 11.30am-2.30pm

For info on any of the above, call NACRS on (02) 6689-1709.



Walks to the Tuntable Amphitheatre

by Loki



When we walk to the Amp, I really want to go for a swim. But it's too cold now.

We walk in the rain sometimes, and there's some really big puddles.

There's a lemon tree but they aren't ripe yet. We use them for cooking.

There's lots of trees. So many trees I couldn't even count them all.

It's about 1300 steps to walk there I think. It's further than walking home.

Young parents day out

Family Support Network are working alongside Wollongbah TAFE to provide a fun day out for parents aged under 25 years, on Thursday 20th May, 10am-2pm at Wollongbah TAFE, 61 Sneaths Road.

This will be an opportunity for parents to talk directly with teachers, explore the TAFE grounds, check out some classrooms including horticulture, mechanics and beauty therapy.

Each parent can choose between a free shampoo, treatment, head and shoulder massage and blow dry OR a leg wax OR a manicure and pedicure.

We will also be providing a free lunch at the TAFE Café where parents can talk to other students about how they are finding training to work in the hospitality services.

There will also be taxi vouchers available for parents to travel to/from the event if needed, AND each parent will receive a gift bag!

Spaces are limited to 20 parents, so please share the information with any young parents or members of the community that you are supporting who you feel would be interested, and have them book in their space as soon as possible.

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"I guess a background in real estate, permaculture and community journalism, lobbying for environmental and community causes, makes me a little unusual for a real estate agent.

"But that experience is invaluable when it comes to marketing and negotiations.

"Since moving to Nimbin, I've been humbled by the support my family has received from neighbours, friends and locals generally. I feel lucky to have landed in such a caring community," she said.

Highly qualified with multiple licences and a raft of published client testimony, over the last 3.5 years this quiet achiever has been the brainchild behind many successful local property marketing campaigns, and negotiated outstanding results for her clients; including several suburb records.

Her credibility as a property expert was cemented during 10 years as a respected senior property editor for some of Australia's most prestigious print property publications as well as major digital platforms.

She has worked with some of the most successful real estate brands in the country.

When it came time to create her own brand, Yvonne drew from the beautiful region in which she lives and works.

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Originally from Sydney, where she watched the worst of over-development take hold, the Leafy Lane name is an important nod to the local environment and her own personal ethos.

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