

Funky Corner



Jewellery,
arts, craft & gifts,
groovy tribal &
bohemian wear

Crystals &
quality opals

1/46 Cullen St., Nimbin 2480 Ph: 0490 085 693

BARCOO PLUMBING
PLUMBING • DRAINAGE • GASFITTING

24/7 SERVICES
LIC NO. 320695C

IAN HARDIE
0427 445 555

GENERAL PLUMBING & MAINTENANCE • BLOCKED DRAINS
BATHROOM & KITCHEN RENOVATIONS • RAINWATER TANKS & PUMPS
ROOFING & GUTTERING • GAS INSTALLATIONS & REPAIRS
ONSITE SEWERAGE SYSTEM DESIGN • HOT WATER SERVICES

barcooplumbing@bigpond.com | barcooplumbingservices.com | f @

Jayne E. Alleman
Adv.Dip.Acc., Dip.Acc., Tax Agent 98777003

12 years experience

BAS electronically
lodged with
MYOB/
Quickbooks
(including cloud-based versions)

Phone 0457-497-011
Email: jayne@nimbintax.com.au

NIMBIN NUMBERS

Sunsparks Electrics
Solar Power Professionals

Design, sale and installation
of solar power systems

16 years specialisation in renewables,
grid connect or stand alone power systems

Shannon Lacy
Phone 6679 7167 or Mobile 0418 228 117

sunsparksselectrics@gmail.com
www.sunsparks.com.au

NIM-FM 102.3
FACE THE MUSIC

www.nimfm.org

NIMBIN NEWSAGENCY
FOR ALL YOUR EVERYDAY NEEDS

Toys
EFTPOS
Art Supplies
Local Postcards
Everyday
Groceries
Office and
School needs
Newspapers
and Magazines
Prepaid Phone
and Internet credit

GENERAL STORE

NIMBIN LAW
Solicitors, Barristers &
Conveyancers

Highly competitive rates
Extensive experience in
many areas, including:

- Conveyancing, Property & Family Law
- Wills, Estates, Probate

Web: www.nimbinlaw.com.au
Email: nimlaw@spains.com.au

**50C Cullen St.
Nimbin 2480**
(at rear)
Ph: 02 6689-1003

Buy Back Nimbin launch

by Michael Balderstone

The Buy Back Nimbin (BBN) campaign has been on quite a journey the last month or two, but we are definitely still alive and kicking, and now we have a plan.

On Saturday 11th December, we invite everyone to the BBN Launch Picnic, on the old Museum site also known as Mingle Park. There

will be music and plenty to celebrate, as we will all be allowed out to mingle by then, vaxxed or not.

After several kind donations of stuff to sell for fundraising, we thought we'd make it a car boot market as well that day. So if you have any trash and treasure (no rubbish please) that you would like to sell (and perhaps donate a portion of your sales to

BBN) please bring it along.

The GoFundMe page and BBN website: buybacknimbin.org will also be launched on the day.

Available land

There was a moment when we hesitated about going on with BBN for various reasons, but especially because of the possibility the museum land will be sold before we raise the \$1.5

million needed.

However, even if this does happen, BBN is not limited to the museum site. There is other land the community can purchase.

All land purchased by BBN will be done in the name of the community, and will always be community land wherever it is.

Nothing is fixed in stone and we will be including all members in decisions.



International Day of Action on biomass

Photo: Sue Stock

Report on page 7



Dire message to Nationals

Photo: Chibo Mertineit

Ghostly empty white prams pushed by mourners in black, accompanied by the ethereal presence of other-worldly beings cloaked in red, had a powerful message for the Nationals outside Kevin Hogan's Lismore office.

"Act now or we risk the future for all generations to come," Red Rebel Venus said. "We are facing a planetary crisis."

"We need strong action in the short term and that is not what we are seeing from the Nationals."

"We in regional areas know the impacts of climate more than anyone – it already impacts on our ability to farm, protect wildlife and even to feel safe in the bush."

As Australia's COP26 delegation

prepares to depart, our Environment Minister Sussan Ley's appeal is being heard against the Federal Court's finding that she has a duty of care to protect young people from harm.

"It's time for our leaders to lead from the front, and not be the last to catch up. Our children and grandchildren depend on action now," Venus said.

DIGWISE
EARTHWORKS

0403-721-876
brett@digwise.com.au
www.digwise.com.au

- Rural roads & driveways
- Dam building & clean outs
- Wastewater systems
- House & shed cuts
- Underground services
- Horse arenas
- Turf prep
- Trenching and drainage
- Stump grinding
- 3 x Excavators
- Posi tracks (bobcats)
- 2 x graders
- Rollers
- Water truck
- Tipper
- Float and more

The continuing trials of Julian Assange

by John Jiggins

The UK High Court is currently hearing the US appeal against the decision of a lower court to deny the US request for the extradition of Julian Assange.

The punishment meted out to this award-winning Australian journalist has been epic. He has been detained in the UK by Australia's two AUKUS allies for eleven years.

Despite never having been convicted of a crime, Assange has spent the past two years in Belmarsh Prison, awaiting deportation to the US, where he faces a possible 175 year sentence – an innocent man in a living hell.

In 2019, Nils Melzer, the United Nation's Special Rapporteur on Torture, denounced the action of Sweden, the UK, and the US, in ganging up to deliberately isolate, demonise and abuse Assange.

He declared their systematic misuse of legal procedures was a form of legal torture and warned that Mr Assange's human rights would be seriously violated if he were extradited

to the United States.

Julian Assange's father John Shipton, who was in London for his son's latest judicial hearing, spoke about the importance of the court case.

He was pleased that Lord Chief Justice of England and Ireland, Ian Duncan, England's most powerful judge, was on the bench with Lord Justice Timothy Holroyd.

"The judge is the most powerful judge in the UK, the chief justice of England and Wales, and it was in his court that the hearing was held," he said.

"This is a sign of an absolute seriousness within the English judiciary emerging. They want to settle this case. It is timely the Chief Justice has involved himself."

Since the US launched their appeal, argues Mr Shipton, the revelation that the CIA were planning to kidnap Assange from the Ecuadorean Embassy and they had solicited scenarios on how to murder him have become a huge story.

As well, the Icelandic intermediary, who was the prime witness for the hacking charge, has recanted his testimony.



"I feel they are embarrassed by their behaviour," Mr Shipton said.

Twenty months have passed since Julian Assange first appeared in the Westminster Magistrate Court to face the extradition proceedings. The Judges in this case will consider their opinion for several months more. Even if they lose, the US can again appeal.

One of the worst things for a prisoner is knowing when they will be released, and the

legal torture could continue for another decade.

PS: The film, *Ithika*, about John Shipton's journeys to the North Coast and even wilder regions in his campaign to raise support for his son Julian, was released at the Sydney Film Festival on the 27th October.

It was directed by award-winning Australian director Ben Lawrence, who shot part of the film in Nimbin last year.

Gold in the hills – Mt Carrington near Drake

by Johanna Evans

Gold mining is again on the agenda, this time for the Northern Rivers community of Drake.

The Mt Carrington Gold Project is a proposed open cut gold mine and processing operation, to be developed approximately three kilometres north of Drake. The township of Drake is around 40km east of Tenterfield.

There is an existing operation on site that hosts legacy issues in the form of acid mine drainage. The mine sits on Sawpit Creek, which flows into Plumbago Creek and then on into the Clarence River.

This proposal is in its early stages. More info can be found here: <https://emm.mysocialpinpoint.com/mt-carrington-eis>

Around four million tonnes of gold ore are forecast to



One of the pits at Mt Carrington mine that feed into Sawpit Creek

be mined and processed, to produce approximately 165,700 ounces of gold.

The community is invited to subscribe for project updates at: <https://form.jotform.com/212641504675858>

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is the state planning authority for

the project. The project will be assessed as a State Significant Development (SSD), under Part 4 of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. This will involve preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The project is commencing a Scoping Phase, which involves early planning of

the specialist environmental, social and economic studies to be undertaken, as part of preparing an EIS.

The way SSD projects are assessed in NSW is changing. From 1 July 2022, all environmental impact statements attached to state significant development (SSD) and state significant infrastructure (SSI) applications will need to be reviewed by a registered environmental assessment practitioner (REAP).

It is likely that this mine will be assessed under this new framework. More info here: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/Rapid-Assessment-Framework
To find out more about this project you can contact EMM who are the consultants for the project on 1800 431 426 (Freecall) or email: mtcarringtoneis@emmconsulting.com.au



Nimbin Bush Theatre Cafe
Now Serving Breakfast
Open 7 days 9am-3pm
Phone 6689 1111

I love working with our community to make a difference.

GETTING THINGS DONE

Janelle Saffin MP
MEMBER FOR LISMORE
55 Carrington Street (PO BOX 52), Lismore NSW 2480
lismore@parliament.nsw.gov.au
02 6621 3621 | www.janellesaffin.com.au
janelle.saffin | janelle.saffin.mpp

Please call or email for information and support.

Nimbin Village Laundry

Brighten Your Day

Contact Maria Batistatou
nimbinvillagelaundry@yahoo.com

0431 576 255
45 Cullen St, Nimbin

I PAINT HOUSES

NIMBIN & SURROUNDS

RING BEN'S PAINTING:
0409 352 102

PowerMax COMPUTERS

Our friendly team is skilled in servicing, supporting, & supplying Apple products.

65 Magellan St Lismore NSW 2480
www.powermaxcomputers.com.au
(02) 6622 4996

Apple Authorised Reseller | Apple Authorised Service Provider

Tired of paying high energy prices?

HARDY ELECTRICAL & SOLAR
YOUR LOCAL SOLAR SPECIALIST!

1300 748 948
Call Now, Go Solar!
hardysolar.com.au

Dig and Move Nimbin

• 1.6t excavator, 900mm access

• 3t capacity tipper

• Drain clearing

• Green waste removed

Phone 0477-809-783

digandmovenimbin@yahoo.com



John Adams*

& ASSOCIATES

*a.k.a. Sindhu

Lawyers

0435-651-581



Nimbin Plumbing & Gas

Lic. No. L5971

Supply – Installation – Service – Roofing

Ashley Knights

Phone 0414-664-664



POOH SOLUTIONS

Waste Water Services

Council and pre-purchase septic reports
Thunderloo, Clivus Multrum
and Nature Loo compost toilets
Best practice septic installation service
Maintenance and repairs
0427 897 496 www.poohsolutions.com



Did you know?

All our links are clickable in the web edition.
Visit www.nimbingoodtimes.com and click away!

NIMBIN BUILDING MATERIALS

OPEN Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
Saturday 8am-12 noon.

50 Gungas Road Nimbin NSW 2480

Ph: 6689-1206

A/H Ralph Mob: 0429-048-808

For a broad range of new and new seconds at very competitive prices

Hardwood
Decking & Flooring
Pine Framing
Roofing & Guttering
Doors & Windows
Cement Sheeting
Architrave
Plywood
LVL's/Smart Beams
Hardware

Poly Pipe & Fittings
Structural Steel
Sand & Gravel
Cement
Plumbing
Stock Feed
Granite & Marble
Gardening & Plants
Elgas Supplier
Geohex Supplier

Delivery Available

sales@nimbinbuildingmaterials.com.au
www.nimbinbuildingmaterials.com.au

NGT Candidate Survey for December Local Government election for Lismore City Council

Compiled by Sue Stock,
Kitty van Vuuren and
Claire de Lacey

Open questions

How do you see Council's relationship with the business community?

Labor: Council invests millions each year on infrastructure and targeted projects designed to promote and support our local economy and businesses. It should partner with key business groups to attract new investments, employment and eco-tourism opportunities to the area.

The Greens: Council has a productive relationship with the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce and supports businesses and tourism through the new Visitor Information Centre and Rainbow Walking Track.

Our Sustainable Future: Strained. There is frustration with DA processes and planning law. We can do more to provide support and we have a newly strengthened economic development team with this focus.

Steve Krieg Independent: As a business owner myself, I would be very proactive in developing relationships with the business community. Our businesses need support and confidence in their council. My team has the experience and the will to create a positive and thriving economy that attracts industry and creates jobs.

What do you see as the biggest challenges for the Lismore LGA in the next Council term?

Labor: Building community resilience to changes in our climate and economy; getting funding for social and affordable housing projects; attracting new business and industry to provide new employment

Darlene Cook, Labor

Vanessa Ekins, Greens

Elly Bird, OSF

Steve Krieg Independent

opportunities for our young people. And fixing the roads!

The Greens: The biggest challenge for us is affordable housing. The solution is building well-designed medium density units close to services, not subdividing more farmland.

Our Sustainable Future: Long-term financial sustainability, fixing roads, climate resilience. With a big turnover of Councillors' experience it will be critical to continue the careful work underway.

Steve Krieg Independent: Providing the level of service that LCC ratepayers deserve. Council is a service industry, funded by ratepayers, and my team wants to ensure that all ratepayers are receiving the maximum value for their hard earned dollar.

What should Council do to maintain and enhance the character of rural villages like Nimbin?

Labor: Re-establish the local area advisory groups, like Nimbin's, to hear first-hand from residents on their concerns for their local areas. Consider a DCP chapter for each of the main villages to ensure appropriate growth and development maintains the character and history of the individual village.

The Greens: There

is a lot of development pressure on Nimbin and engaging the community in Masterplanning will clarify the vision for the future of the village.

Our Sustainable Future: Listen to village voices. Ensure that village character is maintained by working closely with the community for sustainable outcomes that enhance village identity and improve facilities.

Steve Krieg Independent: I want to restore civic pride within all of our communities. As the question states, we will work hard firstly to maintain what we already have, and work hard to improve where we live.

Further comments

Labor: As mayor I will work to restore accountability and trust in our council to deliver the services it promises within budget; I will actively promote our local businesses and industries and establish economic development partnerships to attract investments and new jobs; and build on our community consultation processes to ensure that council's long-term strategies accurately reflect the views and wishes of our communities.

The Greens: We live in a great place with a beautiful

environment, productive farmland, excellent education and healthcare services. I feel positive about our future in Widgee country.

Our Sustainable Future: Council business is highly complex covering many different activities and with many factors that influence our decision making. Our Sustainable Future is absolutely committed to working with all stakeholders across our community to carefully balance environmental, economic, social and governance issues. We are balanced, independent and progressive and we will bring the right mix of experience, vision and careful strategic planning to Council so that together we can build a future we can all be proud of. Read more on our website at: www.oursustainablefuture.org.au or by scanning the QR code in our ad on the front page.

Steve Krieg Independent: My team is focused on making LCC the most well run council in NSW. We need to get back to the core business of providing the services expected by our ratepayers. We want our LGA to be at the forefront of what local government can achieve, with good management, and a common vision.

Candidate	Australian Labor Party	The Greens	Our Sustainable Future	Steve Krieg Independent
General				
Community consultation should form a more significant part in Council decision-making?	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree
Council should introduce a ward system of representation as in in Councils like Ballina so rural villages can have a greater say in Council.	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Disagree	Neutral
Rail				
Rail infrastructure, including the tracks, should be retained in the Northern Rivers to take cars and trucks off the roads and increase tourism in the future.	Neutral	Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree
A rail trail will benefit tourism.	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Neutral
Water				
Construction of the Dunoon Dam should not go ahead.	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree
More extractive industries eg water mining for bottled water, should be permitted in the Lismore City Council area.	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Disagree
Public Infrastructure				
Council should spend more money on road repairs and maintenance as a percentage of the Budget	Neutral	Neutral	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree
Rural Character				
Rural villages are being neglected in Council's Budget at the expense of Lismore	Agree	Neutral	Agree	Agree
Housing and Social Needs				
Council can influence housing affordability by approving more subdivisions.	Agree	Neutral	Agree	Agree
Council should be doing more for the socially disadvantaged (elderly, unemployed and victims of domestic violence)?	Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree
Environment and Climate Change				
Local government can play a critical role in helping communities reduce emissions and adapt to climate change.	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree
Lismore City Council should adopt a 50% emissions reduction target by 2030 and a plan for achieving this.	Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree
Koala Habitat				
Koala habitat should be protected on all lands subject to development.	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Neutral

Page 4 The Nimbin GoodTimes November 2021

nimbin.goodtimes@gmail.com



Left to right: Auntie Jennifer King, Auntie Lillian King, Auntie Leslie King, Auntie Marie Delbridge, Cindy Roberts, Auntie Lana King-Hunt.

Custodians again reject dam proposal

The Widgebal Wia-bal people reaffirmed their opposition to the Dunoon Dam during National Water Week last month, which had the slogan 'Caring for Water and Country'.

A statement from the Traditional Custodians reads:

We, Custodians of Widgebal Wia-bal lands of the Bundjalung Nation and neighbouring tribes, want you to know that the area to be affected, the proposed Dunoon Dam, is significant to us, to our people.

We need to protect this land. It is important for the connection to our ancestors and for our future generations to be able to connect to their ancestors and traditions.

This land holds our relationship with

our living heritage and our culture.

For thousands of generations we have lived on this land and protected it while it protected and fed us. The proposed dam would destroy the learning grounds for future generations.

The valley to be drowned by the dam at the end of Fraser Road is the site where we were moved to after we were dispossessed just over 100 years ago. It is an important as part of our survival journey.

We, the traditional custodians of this land, will not accept its destruction. No compensation will replace its importance to us and our following generations.

We call on Rous County Council to return the lands that it controls

to the traditional custodians. Do not construct the Dunoon Dam. Do not destroy our living culture.

Uncle John Roberts, a senior Widgebal Wia-bal Elder said, "I was one of the stakeholders consulted in 2011 about the impact of the Dunoon Dam on cultural heritage.

"In the 2011 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment prepared for Rous, we stakeholders said with one voice that no level of disturbance was acceptable to us.

"We still say that. Nothing has changed. There is no need for another study. Our opinion has not changed."

To find out more about local water issues, go to: www.WATERnorthernrivers.org

Toxic waste to energy incinerator for Casino

The Richmond Valley Regional Jobs Precinct in Casino, the beef capital of NSW, has been identified as one of four regional locations to build a toxic waste to energy incinerator, according to the NSW Government's recently released Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan and NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement.

The Government's Plan states it is: "Taking precautionary steps to restrict energy from waste from parts of NSW to protect human health and air quality". The Plan bans incinerators in Sydney because of serious air pollution concerns yet sees fit to dump Sydney's waste and associated toxic pollution in Casino, a region known for its agricultural produce and environmentally sensitive

ecosystems.

Outraged residents have quickly formed the group Residents Against the Richmond Valley Incinerator. Spokeswoman Liz Stops is shocked and angered by the plan, and fears the region will be stigmatised by a polluting incinerator.

"I'm no expert but locating a polluting incinerator right next to cattle sale yards and the meatworks surely poses unacceptable risks to industry, exports and the livelihood of the farming community as pollution is spread all over the region," she said.

"As a grandmother I am also concerned, not just for my grandchildren, but for vulnerable residents who may develop serious health effects from exposure to incinerator

air pollution emissions."

The group sought advice from incinerator pollution experts, the National Toxics Network about the risks of pollution from waste incinerators.

"We already know from the scientific literature that communities living in the vicinity of waste incinerators have increased risks of cancers and reproductive disorders from exposures to dangerous pollutants such as dioxins and nanoparticle air pollutants that lodge deep in the lungs. Children are at greatest risk," said Ms Jo Immig, Co-ordinator, National Toxics Network.

"Europe and the USA are removing public subsidies and closing down incinerators because they create pollution and dirty energy while entrenching a

disposal mindset."

"No matter how much you dress incinerators up as 'state of the art technology' and 'worlds' best practice', the fact is incinerators create dangerous air pollutants and toxic fly ash that needs to be disposed of in a hazardous waste landfill. Once up and running they don't provide many jobs either."

"The NSW Government must go back to the drawing board and deliver genuine zero waste policies that incentivise re-design, re-use and recycling, which are the foundations of a real circular economy. Burning plastic in incinerators for 'energy' is no better than burning coal," Ms Immig concluded.

A Facebook group, Residents against the Richmond Valley Incinerator has been created.

Ups and downs in rail trail development process

by Lydia Kindred, secretary, Northern Rivers Rail Ltd

The great news that councillors on Lismore City Council (LCC) had voted to not pull up the tracks in their shire for a bike trail has since turned sour when the announcement was made that rail embankments would however be pulled down as part of the flood mitigation strategy!

This is unbelievable when this measure, along with four others, will only lower the flood level by 100mm or 4 inches! The deliberate destruction of our heritage railway line doesn't fit with Mayor Vanessa Ekins' statement on River FM recently about retaining our rail lines for the return of future rail

services. The most recent decision now to revisit the flood plain strategy is a welcome one!

However, it seems that LCC staff had applied for 'rail trail' (trail without the rail) funding with the rails being pulled up, but councillors were not aware of this stipulation. [Rail managers have said that the \$17.5 million allocated to a bike path is enough to bring rail services back to the Casino - Lismore section!]

Two railway companies, one a not-for-profit community owned charitable company: Northern Rivers Rail Ltd, have been registered to bring rail services back to our Casino - Murwillumbah line and supporters of the return of rail to the Northern Rivers are incensed that the pulling up of tracks is being promoted. The best win-

win outcome is to support all locals and visitors by bringing a regular rail service back and a bike/walking path beside the line.

The cost of rebuilding embankments for rail is massive if lost and we have an obvious public transport and tourism need for residents and visitors to travel safely around our beautiful and much visited region, but time is running out for rail services if our line is lost! The combination of both rail and trail has been shown as by far the best financial outcome (see Arcadis' 'Multi Use of Byron Railway Corridor' report: \$1.50 returned for every \$1 invested).

In Council elections, vote for pro-rail candidates to bring rail services back!

To support the return of rail, join us at: www.northernriversrail.com.au

mi~DRIVER
I max people-mover, up to 7 pax. Fully insured.
AFFORDABLE RATES



Bookings 0402-831-151
privatedriver@email.com www.miprivatedriver.com

LISMORE FARMERS MARKET
@ The Showgrounds
8 - 11:30 AM SATURDAYS



**Next Market**
12th December
9am - 3pm
We send our love to the universe. We are all challenged with change.
The market will again operate under Covid-Safe restrictions in December.
Enquiries: 6688-6433



BLUE KNOB COMMUNITY MARKET
SATURDAYS 8.30 - 12PM
BLUE KNOB HALL



Nimbin Farmer's Market
Wednesdays 3 - 6 pm

**NIMBIN ORGANIC FOOD Co-OP**
Fresh Certified Organic & Local Spray Free Produce
Organic Groceries, Treats & Speciality Foods
Member & Volunteer Discounts
Great Value in Organics

TRIBAL MAGIC

Alternative Department Store

NEW STOCK ALWAYS ARRIVING



Come and see what the Nimbin Spirit has created
74 Cullen St, Nimbin. Open: 10am - 6.30pm

SophieStouff
"LA CONECTORA"

TRADIES TOO BUSY
FOR YOUR SMALLER JOBS?

CALL ME:

EXPERIENCED PAINTER
WITH GOOD REFERENCES.

SOPHIE STOUFF 0422 799 451

www.sophiestoufflaconectora.com

Nimbin Bakery

52 Cullen Street

- Nimbin's own Aquarius Loaf baked fresh daily
- Sourdough bread and rolls including white
- A range of spelt breads baked daily
- Huge range of pies and pastries, including vegetarian varieties
- Salad rolls, sandwiches and hamburgers made fresh all day
- Quality Botero coffee served all day, every day
- Loads of cakes, slices and treats
- Order your birthday and special occasion cakes

OPEN MONDAY-SATURDAY at 6am

Phone 6689 1769



- 4-in-1 bucket • trencher • auger • excavator
- 5 tonne spreader • 8 tonne tipper

Terry Bressington

PLASTERIN' NIMBIN'

0427 891626

Gyprock walls and ceilings
New work or renovations

Lic. No. 100169C



In your neighbourhood...

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre News

NNIC Services

Our services are operating as usual with additional Covid safety protocols in place to keep you safe. Masks are required for entry. 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.

How to access your vax certificate?

Come on down to our Centrelink Agency 10am-2.30pm weekdays and we can help.

Tools and Equipment Library at 7 Sibley Street

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

Family Fun Day VIRTUAL event – 13th November

A series of free fun workshops for the whole family but especially for young peeps aged between 5 and 16 years.

Workshop materials and resources will be available in the Showbag of Resilience and Emergency Preparedness goodies which can be collected from the NNIC, 71 Cullen Street Nimbin 10am-4pm weekdays as from Monday 8th November.

All workshops are for one hour and are via Zoom online, so you need to register so we can send you the links to join in.

For more info and to register, follow the links on our website home page: www.nnic.org.au

nnic.org.au Please register ASAP so we can get your showbag goodies packed all ready for you to pick up.

Workshop 1 at 10am: Pillowcase Workshop with Red Cross Australia – Design a pillowcase to start your own personal Emergency Kit.

Workshop 2 at 12pm: Build a Bee Hotel with Barbara Mills – DIY Habitats for our Native Solitary Bees! (Supported by Lismore City Council, NE Waste and the NSW Waste Less Recycle More initiative funded by the Waste Levy.)

Note: For children 3 to 16 years (smaller children will need adult assistance).

Workshop 3 at 2pm: DIY Beeswax Wrap Workshop – Learn how to make a beeswax wrap that will keep your food fresher for longer and reduce your need for single-use plastic: learn how to make, use and care for your own beeswax wrapper.

We will supply a free DIY beeswax making kit to each participant who has registered and attends the workshop.

The Family Fun Day is a project of the Nimbin Disaster Resilience Group, auspiced by NNIC and funded by the Healthy North Coast Primary Health Network Bushfire Recovery Community Grants program.

7 Sibley St hempcrete composting loo

We did it folks! Many thanks to: Nimbin Optical, The Green Bank, Leafy Lane Real Estate, Chris Harris, G. Furrer, Gillian Kinivan, Nicole Raward and Chantelle Lapham for collectively donating the \$1000 we needed to leverage the additional \$1000 donation from Guy Stewart.

In fact, we went a little over and raised \$1150 so that is \$2150 in total which will be

a great help. Thanks so much everyone!

Community wellbeing survey

We are calling on as many Nimbinites to do this survey as possible. Neighbourhood centres across NSW have for some time been concerned that the data we collect does not reflect the work we do in our communities and does not measure community wellbeing.

Our peak body, LCSA, has developed this trial survey as a means of measuring what is important to us and our communities.

So that we can easily distinguish our local data from that collected across NSW (and tell you what you all said) please use the word Nimbin in your location and also nominate Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre (or NNIC for short) as the agency which provided the survey to you. The survey is available via the following

link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/57BLVGL or hard copies are available at NNIC.

Storms and bushfires

The storm and bushfire season is now upon us, and it is essential we all take care, stay alert to our environment and be as prepared as possible to minimise the risks to us all. To find many useful links and phone numbers all in one place see the Nimbin Disaster Page on the NNIC website: <http://nnic.org.au/pub/index.php/disasters>

The Nimbin Disaster Resilience Group (NDRG) has also set up a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/393192162460988

Free Covid PPE gear

Packs of disposable masks, sanitising wipes plus hand sanitiser available free to Nimbin community members and community groups. Pick up at NNIC 10am to 1pm weekdays. Courtesy of Lismore City Council.

Nimbin Aged Care and Respite Services

Based at the Bottlebrush Studio, Nimbin Community Centre

SOCIAL CENTRE – Monday-Friday

10am-2pm, drop in for a cuppa, computers, help to access support services and information.

DEVICE ADVICE – Wednesdays 10am-12.30pm, 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
- 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, booking essential, fees apply.

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

To find out more, phone 6689-1709.



Nimbin Hospital information

Child immunisation clinic

For 0-5 year olds, held on second Tuesday of the month. Next clinic: 9th November. 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 18th November. 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 9th November. Phone 6630-0488 for appointments.
- Diabetes clinics: third Thursday of the month, next is 18th November.

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.





NIMBIN

ENVIRONMENT NEWS
CENTRE

by Scott Sledge, president

#CutCarbonNotForests

About 50 activists from around the Northern Rivers gathered on 22nd October at Condong within view of the smokestacks where Cape Byron Power (CBP) burns biomass to create electricity to share with Sunshine Sugar on the same premises.

The original intention was to burn leftovers from cane harvests, and I was glad that burning stopped so the cane ash stopped falling all over the region. Who could say what toxins were in the ash?

However, the burning in the fields soon started again, and trucks carrying wood waste from near and far rolled in to be burned for power.

The Biomass Action Group sought a meeting with CBP at Condong mill. CBP said they were concerned about global pollution and truck nuisance/danger on quiet rural roads. But they refused to tell us their fuel mix or how much was sourced from timber, as that was "commercial in confidence."

They would not say what subsidies they receive from government or what Sunshine Sugar pays for their electricity. We did learn, however that CBP has nothing to do with Cape Byron. It's owned by Quinbrook, a UK company.

International Day of Action on #BigBadBiomass

As part of the world-wide campaign to focus on biomass burning ahead of the international conference on climate change in Glasgow, forest protectors took action at Broadwater mill on 21st October by hanging a banner on the conveyor crossing the highway at Broadwater, which carried wood for burning in the CBP electricity plant there.

The banner read: "No trees for electricity! Stop the biomassacre!"

Speakers at the Condong protest included Dr. Nola Firth, head of the Greens ticket for the upcoming Tweed Shire Council election; Mandy Nolan, Greens candidate for the seat of Richmond in the next Federal election (May 2022); Ian Gaillard, long-time environmental campaigner now living in Iluka, near the Broadwater mill that burns whole logs. (Ian was an organiser for



Mandy Nolan

the successful No CSG campaign and featured in *The Bentley Effect* movie.)

The convenor of our regional Friday4Forests action group, Sean O'Shannessy, also spoke and told the audience that saving forests is climate action and burning them is climate vandalism.

NEFA President Dailan Pugh sent the following message: "With only days to go until world leaders gather in Glasgow in an attempt to negotiate significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, conservationists around the globe are focussing on biomass."

He went on to say, "The pretence that replacing wood for coal is carbon neutral is a dangerous fallacy because it is actually far more polluting than coal, increasing atmospheric CO₂, displacing the genuine and cheaper renewables of wind and solar, and taking out the trees we urgently need to capture and store CO₂ over this critical decade.

"Increasing logging and clearing to feed power plants will also compound our rapidly accelerating extinction crisis at a time when we are meant to be increasing habitat protection. Replacing coal with wood is climate and environmental vandalism; we need to stop the NSW biomass industry getting started.

"We need NSW Minister Matt Kean to rule that burning of forests for electricity has no part in his renewable energy mix before it undermines our chance for a cleaner future. So far the big biomass users in NSW are the two co-generation power stations at Condong and Broadwater.

"Between them they are licensed to burn about 400,000 tonnes of wood a year. They refuse to tell us how much they actually burn.

"Now there are proposals to feed more than a million tonnes of wood every year

into the Redbank Power Station near Singleton and begin exporting woodchips from Newcastle for Japanese power stations. This will devastate all forests within 400 kilometres, and require tens of thousands of truck trips to get it there. The NSW Government and the Federal Government class this as green, renewable energy. Letting forests grow is the best carbon capture and storage technology we have. Any serious climate solution needs to protect forests and stop biomass burning."

North Coast Environment Council spokesperson Susie Russell agreed, saying "Biomass is being burnt in power stations around the world as a substitute for coal. Unfortunately, the most prevalent form of biomass is wood, usually from whole trees, cut for the purpose of supplying the power stations.

"Originally intended to be annual crop waste, it was deemed as carbon neutral. The waste was burnt one year, and then the carbon dioxide emitted would be taken up by the crop the following year.

"Opportunists however, saw it as a money maker. Trees are plentiful, they are the easiest source of biomass to obtain, grind them up into woodchips or pellets, burn them, call it carbon neutral and renewable and massive subsidies are forthcoming. "The biggest biomass plant in the world is Drax in the UK. It burns nine million tonnes of wood a year and gets more than £2 million in subsidies per day. Trees, some hundreds of years old, have been cleared for biomass."

Trees protected at Tareeda Way in Nimbin

After some serious lobbying by NEC, Lismore Council has required developers of the housing estate along Alternative Way to make good on the condition that they protect two old eucalypt trees growing there by staying five metres out from the drip lines.

We will be monitoring compliance.

Nimbin Community Centre

by Teresa Biscoe, co-ordinator

I hope you are well and safe. This month will be a strange time in Nimbin with many community activities and events on hold despite the vaccine apartheid "freedoms" granted in the new NSW Public Health Orders that will run till the end of November.

Many of our regular classes and events in the dance studio, Birth and Beyond meeting space and the Nimbin Sunday Markets are on hold until December, due to the difficulties of policing and the discomfort of having to exclude community members under these new orders.

We look forward to a time when we can all enjoy our lovely village community without constraints like the current orders, and without the continual fear that plans can be cancelled at any time due to a positive Covid test from someone in contact with the village.

New website

The Nimbin Community Centre has been working over the last few months to update and upgrade the old website. We are going on the same platform and a similar format as the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce and the Visit Nimbin site, which is much more graphic and user friendly.

The new site will be accessible on different hand-held devices and have search engine optimisation so we are easy to find and use. We also have the ability to have events and classes included in the event calendar of the

Visit Nimbin site, so this will provide some great promotional opportunities for those holding classes or having events at the NCCI venues.

We have improved our tenant listings and have a brand new on-line booking and payment system for our casual hire spaces. You can check out our current projects and where they are up to. We have also provided access to our constitution, policies, newsletters and meeting minutes.

Many thanks to the crew at Dogwhistle who have been working with us and provided invaluable advice and feedback to create this brand new look for the NCCI web presence.

Aquarius Park and Rainbow Road

NCCI have been liaising with Council in regards to plans and timelines for the Rainbow Road Walking Trail project.

The committee met with the General Manager, Michael Donnelly on 1st October to discuss the project scope, landholder issues, community engagement and our preference that local tradies etc be engaged in the procurement process so that the community receives the maximum economic benefit from this project during construction, as well as once it is completed.

The General Manager was very receptive and made a commitment to provide as much opportunity for community engagement and feedback as possible. We walked over the site and the General Manager had a chance to see the scale of the project and some of the issues

that need to be addressed before work can begin.

Council staff are still finalising their plans and working out the project. It will be a while before we will see any final plans on the route and any infrastructure they intend to place on the site. The Community Centre will have to bide its time until these plans are available before we can make any long range plans about what we intend to do with the site.

In the meantime, we have created a Landcare group, have organised for regular slashing to maintain access around the site and are exploring funding options, seeking those with appropriate expertise and experience to create a whole site plan and opportunities for community engagement.

We would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of NCCI committee member Diana Roberts who has liaised with and lobbied council to ensure that the Rainbow Road project was picked up in the first place, so that Nimbin has a strong voice in this process and the village gets the maximum benefit from this exciting opportunity.

If you are interested in donating to the project, being part of any work days with our Landcare group, have any special skills you would like to offer, or any ideas you have about what we need to include in a site plan, please contact our office by phone (6689-0000) or email: ncci@nimbincommunity.com.au and let us know what you would like to offer.

We look forward to your input.

NIMBIN'S SUSTAINABLE LIVING HUB
7 Sibley Street

November What's On!

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

Workshops (start 10.30am)

- **Tues 9th: Launch of the Nimbin Pollinator Project** – how to create healthy pollinator-friendly habitats, build a little bee hotel
- **Wed 3rd & 17th: Spinning & textile weaving**
- **Tues 16th: Knitting and crochet** – with Sue – darning
- **Wed 10th & 24th: Crafter-noon from 12pm** – BYO or finish a workshop project, share ideas and techniques with your crafty kin

- **Sat 6th: Goat training 101** – manners, tying up, leading, verbal commands

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.



Shop 1, 66 Cullen Street
BRAIN TREE CLOTHING NOW IN STORE

