

APRÈS LE DÉLUGE



One of the many serious landslips in the Nimbin hills
Photo: Saras Salvador



Lismore flood #2, 30th March
Photo: David Lowe

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So many questions...
Can Lismore CBD businesss recover from a second flood in a month, the third in five years?
Will people want to continue living in Lismore?
Will homeowners rebuild or buy elsewhere?
What about the housing shortage for renters?
How do people keep going when government assistance

finishes?
Is flood mitigation at all possible?
Hopefully, some of these questions will be addressed at the enquiry that NSW MP Janelle Saffin has been advocating.
But it won't be a quick fix. Enquiries take a while to complete.
So too does cleaning, re-cladding and refitting houses with new kitchens and bathrooms, furniture and

electrical goods.
And some possessions are irreplaceable, as are some memories.
Addressing mental health issues won't be a quick fix either.
But we live in hope, and with a great sense of gratitude that, miraculously we nearly all survived, and have been rescued and sustained by so much community support.
And love comes into it.



A symbol of hope rises above the debris
Photo: Yagia Gentle

We're back! Bigger than ever

We couldn't bring you a *Nimbin GoodTimes* last month. It's the first time we've missed an edition in 18 years. We were gutted.

Between the rains and the landslips and the power, internet and phone outages, it was just too difficult to produce, print and distribute

a newspaper, or anything else.
So please enjoy our bumper post-floods (hopefully) edition, with our 12-page coverage starting on page 19.



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