

ASTRO forecasts

by Tina Mews
what's happening in the heavens?

Aries

You have the energy and courage to enter new territory but need to be careful with pushing too quickly too far. Gently create a working balance between your personal drive for moving forward and your need of emotional stability. Unresolved family themes might be back on the agenda and you are asked to find new ways of illuminating the past.

Taurus

Mars, the planet of drive and energy, will be in your sun sign during July 6th – August 21st intensifying your mode of operation. Your patience might be tested on numerous occasions especially during the end of July and the beginning of August. Know your values and remain independent in your judgement and course of action.

Gemini

The first half of the month is favourable for making a courageous step towards your goals. It is essential that you are clear about your desires as "energy follows thought". Working hard on creating a solid financial base is part of this process because there might be changes and challenges in this area of your life.

Cancer

This is a favourable time to start a new cycle of activity and reaching towards your greater goals. The challenge is to find the right kind of support as experiences from the past that are still influencing your current reality. With the Black Moon Lilith in Cancer for the months to come it is important to remain focused on self-care and self-protection.

Leo

This is the end of your personal yearly cycle. It is a good time for finishing off loose ends and releasing what you do not need anymore for the next step. A new path may emerge at the end of the month with the Leo New Moon. However, this might not take place without some drama and crisis. Sudden breakthroughs can be achieved but be aware of too much self-will and impulsiveness.

Virgo

An open exchange of ideas and dreams with like-minded souls is needed. You may experience that your sense of belonging is strengthened as you can formulate a shared vision. However, you also could find yourself slightly out of place because your orientation has changed or is in the process of changing.

July

The Cancer New Moon occurred on June 29th in close conjunction with the Black Moon Lilith and squaring Jupiter in Aries. Aries aligns with the warrior archetype, is fiery and searches for new beginnings, new projects, new individual victories while Cancer signifies caring and sharing, needs personal security and a sense of belonging ranking community and protection of home and environment over individual achievements.

The tension between these two different streams of energy provides the themes of the weeks to come. Mars in Aries adds extra heat as the warrior planet forms a square aspect with Pluto which will be exact on July 2nd. Those with important placements in the cardinal signs Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn are especially affected by these vibes and might have to craft a working balance between pushing ahead with their personal agenda and aspirations as well as sustaining what provides feelings of safety and closeness.

Mars enters Taurus on July 6th (until August 21st) intensifying the affairs of this sign. Mars in Taurus has staying power, values strength and stability. On the other hand, unpredictable Uranus, the planet of change, approaches a conjunction with the north node over the coming weeks. Planets conjunct the lunar north node are accentuated and become more extreme in their expression. Uranus and the north node have been within close distance since late May. With Mars joining the pair we can expect a lot more volatility. This includes chaos at airports, transportation problems, accidents, further power and supply chain issues, instability on financial markets and even more erratic weather conditions. The disruptions have been ongoing for a while, but it builds in intensity into July and early August and may continue until the end of the year. The trio in Taurus will be squared by Saturn in Aquarius. The Saturn-Uranus square was the dominant astrological formation during 2021. Over the next 5 months, we will experience another wave of the archetypal conflict that exist between forces that call for freedom of the individual and self-determination (Uranus) and those that are restrictive and authoritative in their approach (Saturn). The question is how a much-needed quantum leap in consciousness can manifest without totally destroying what is worth keeping, and how far the current structures are able to bend and morph themselves towards change so that fresh seed ideas can fertilise and bring through a cultural renewal of our civilisation. It is fertile ground for disputes, protests and social-political unrest but also for tensions in our intimate relationships. With the heat rising, it might be helpful to practise calmness,

staying grounded, eating good food (Cancer) and feeding our nerves with honey (Venus) and drinking lemon balm tea (Jupiter)! Those born in the signs of Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius, especially when born in the second half of the sign, may experience the effects of this transit the most. On the positive, it might be a helpful period for making courageous steps into the unknown, leaving behind familiar territory.

The Capricorn Full Moon on July 14th is opposite the Cancer Sun. Capricorn emphasising duty, responsibility and authority. Cancer has to do with our feelings and needs. This Full Moon illuminates how well we are balancing the demands of our inner and outer lives. The Capricorn Moon approaching an agreeable sextile with Neptune and an intense conjunction with Pluto indicating that the energies of this Full Moon are best expressed through creative channels that recharge our batteries and revitalise our home life.

The next New Moon occurs in Leo and makes a close trine with Jupiter in Aries. Jupiter is about to begin its 4-month retrograde journey (until November 24th). Projects that we have started since mid-April with enthusiasm, optimism and confidence might need some adjustments over the months to come. It is now the time to focus on grounding our ideas in practical reality and testing out boundaries especially if we have over-extended our resources. Leo does not mind a good portion of drama and challenge as it keeps life interesting. Nevertheless, the above-mentioned conjunction between Mars, Uranus and the North Node which is active during this New Moon period might coincide with dynamic urges toward freedom and independence in the collective. It is a moment in time when sudden breakthroughs can be achieved but also when tendencies towards excessive self-will and impulsiveness are activated.



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Libra

Your enthusiasm for shared ideas and advancement in your interpersonal relationship might guide you onto a new path into the world. Open conversations are needed to clarify your motivations. Nevertheless, you are attracted to big ideas that reach beyond the familiar.

Scorpio

This is a great time for embarking on a vision quest and connecting with your spiritual self. Mars in Taurus in your relationship sector from July 6th until August 21st intensifies your connections with others. Take extra care of yourself to avoid impulsive reactions. Real breakthroughs are possible if you can let go of the desire to control the outcome.

Sagittarius

The weeks ahead are important for working out your agreements with others so that you know on whom you can rely for support. Nevertheless, you have a lot of energy at your disposal and might prefer to do things by yourself. Find enough time for play and creative activities that keep you happy and healthy.

Capricorn

Partnerships of all sorts are highlighted during this period. While the Black Moon Lilith is transiting your solar house of relationships (until early 2023) issues of inequality and power imbalances might be back on the agenda. With Lilith involved, there are things happening beneath the surface. Renewal of contracts or separation are both an option.

Aquarius

This is the time of the year when you need to take care of your mind, body and soul. Give yourself permission to take some time off to avoid exhaustion. Mars and Uranus in your home sector intensify domestic affairs and can lead to sudden breakdowns or breakthroughs. It could also be a time of deep insights that are life-changing especially around the end of July and beginning of August.

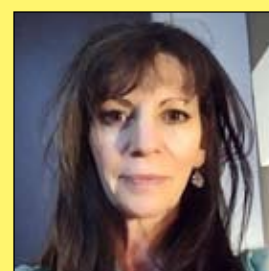
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The time has come when you need to express your creative potential through play and work. There might be a strong inner need to be seen and acknowledged for your talents. Do not hold back and shine in your own light. Being confident about what you do might also be helpful in attracting a new cycle of abundance.

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Moon magick

by Marilyn Devlin

We cross the midpoint of 2022... a year that promised both magick and challenge. I remember it well, as we crossed the threshold... the hope and possibility that a new year brings. Our on-going adventure through this evolutionary process of time and place... governing us all.

I wrote on my calendar as the new year opened... in capital letters and purple pen; with a smile on my face and knowing in my heart: "I can do it... I just don't know how yet."

We're alerted to the upheaval and volatility of the months ahead. To create a space for change the old space needs to be cleared... disturbing that part of us that reaches for consistency... something to reflect back the security we so need.

I remember those words... magick and challenge. I heard them loud and clear, as the new year burst onto the stage. I saw these two fast moving rivers... equal in strength and purpose. The influence of these rivers would control our space.

I remind myself of the magick. So easy to be sidetracked to the challenge... as much in our world laser-beams its focus on that very pinpoint. The multitude of pinpoints that create the image of our social reality.

New Moon in Cancer (home, family, security) sits at the midpoint juncture of this critical year. A New Moon births a new lunar cycle for the month ahead. But sitting so close to the midpoint of this year, her message shines its light over the entire second half.

I look to her for guidance. Her feminine wisdom. Her wise council. She activates our intuitive knowing. She guides us home to where we'll be safe. She soothes us with knowing we're never alone. She shows us the strength of our love and caring. She welcomes us aboard the safe ship through the storm.

We carry these all within us. And we attract them into our life. She flows the feminine through us... all those qualities that have diminished in our rush for the gold. In our stampede for 'success'.

There's a lot of feminine blessings shining down on us... penetrating our shields... opening our heart, reminding us of what we know. Reminding us of the source of strength inside us. Knowing that everything changes... Moon is the mistress of change and flow. Endings and beginnings, care and comfort. A home space for us all. The blessings of the Great Mother... that manifests in so many ways for us to access.

We live within a world of giving... of love, of protection, of wisdom. Of endless kindness. The extraordinary natural world that peaks in through our windows. She will not be tamed. Refuses to be controlled. Bit like the feminine herself.

We venture out... sit with her, be with her... immerse within her sacred space. We're transported to another world. A place always there... yet so often ignored. The magick that beats our very heart and soul... the knowing of which saves us. The glory of which is incomprehensible.

The Magick that's real. So real you can breathe it in... take large gulps and it never runs out. Never runs away... she's always there. Waiting for you... to embrace you, hold you, fill you... with the magick of the stars and the entirety of the universe itself.

Magick is real. It's not a made up thing. That's just for movies and magazines. Moon knows magick... she belongs to that world. She sits within... filled to the brim. And she brings that magick to Earth. She shines her own unique version of the whole on all of us all the time. Night and day.

My desire for 2022 was to learn about Integrity. To pull it into my life. My desire for this completing chapter of 2022 is to remember the Magick. To see it, feel it, know as the reality of my very existence.

Nimbin Trivia Time

by Eclectus

Questions

- Where in the Northern Rivers is the lyrically labelled locality of Green Pigeon? Pictured: Emerald Dove, *Chalcophaps indica*, courtesy *australiazoo.com.au*
- One each of the words lapidary, pardalote and purslane can be associated with animal, mineral or vegetable. Which is which?
- Where will you find lachrymal ducts?
- Why is a large vinyl music recording called an LP?
- Call me Ishmael. So begins what tale of relentless pursuit by whom of what quarry, written by what author in 1851? Take half a point for each correct answer and a bonus half point each if you can name the means of pursuit and Ishmael's mate.
- The Terminator* opens with Schwarzenegger as the T-800 cyborg assassin seeking to eliminate Sarah Connor, mother of the future John Connor, leader of the resistance against the rise of the machines. For all his (its?) cybersmarts, the T-800 opens the phone book and starts knocking off Sarah Connors in alphabetical order: phonebook, bang; phonebook, bang; heading relentlessly towards OUR Sarah Connor. What was her middle initial?
- To round out this little literary lark, can you name the author recently dogged by allegations of plagiarism, including works of Leo Tolstoy, F. Scott Fitzgerald and 2015 Nobel Laureate Svetlana Alexievich, among others, in his Miles Franklin-nominated 2021 book? Take a bonus point if you can name the novel.
- Which gemstone lends its name directly to a town in Central Queensland, and as a nickname to an Australian capital city and a North Atlantic nation?
- In which 2021/22 sporting world championship held in London did Peter "Snakebite" Wright, a Scot, stage a miraculous late recovery to take his second world title defeating Englishman, Michael "Bully Boy" Smith?
- If you found some pappardelle would you eat them, light them or lie on them?

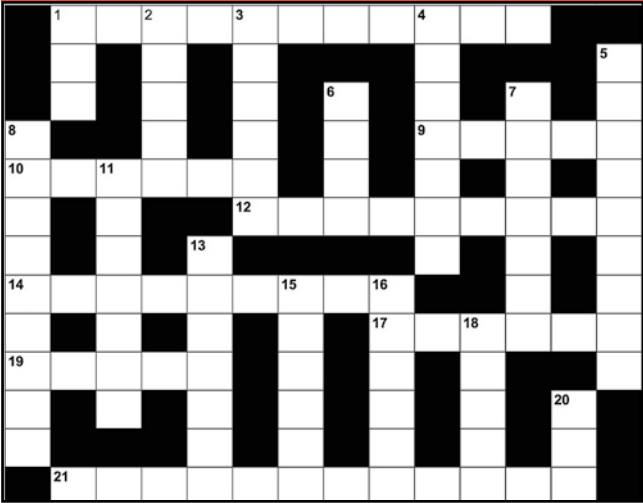


- Answers
- Home to some 155 people, Green Pigeon is only about 18 kilometres north northeast of Kyogle but it receives more than twice the rainfall. Nimbin is only about a kilometre further as the crow flies but it is nearly 50 kilometres by road.
 - Lapidary refers to the working of stone (mineral). Pardalotes are small lerp-loving birds (Genus *Pardalotus*) that spend their days in the tops of the trees and their nights underground in tunnels up to a metre deep (animal). Purslanes are flowering plants of the Genus *Portulaca* (vegetable).
 - Right under your nose! They channel the excess fluid such as tears from the inner corners of your eyes into the back of your nose.
 - LP stands for long play because they rotate at 33 1/3 revolutions per minute and are 12 inches in diameter, therefore they carry more information on a longer track than a 45 rpm "7" EP (extended play) with four or five tracks or a "single" (same size and speed but only one track on each side).
 - Written by Herman Melville and first published in London to a lukewarm reception, *The Whale* received some criticism for the disconnect between its narrative style and the death of its narrator at the end of the book. A revised edition, *Moby-Dick*, or *The Whale* was published in New York some months later with both Ishmael and the novel faring far better. Ahab, captain of the Pequod, sought revenge for the loss of his leg to the Great White Whale also known as Moby Dick. Ishmael's mate was the tattooed South Sea "cannibal" Queequeg.
 - John Hughes has demonstrated significant creative talent in his responses to the allegations ranging from saying the similarities were inadvertent and regrettable, to issuing a public apology, to "it's not what you take but what you do with it that counts." *The Dogs* has been removed from the Miles Franklin longlist.
 - Emerald, which is also a Queensland town while Sydney is sometimes referred to as the Emerald City and Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle.
 - Darts.
 10. Eat them. Pappardelle is a style of wide, flat pasta from Tuscany.

Nimbin Crossword

2022-07

by Novata



Across

- States/conditions markedly different from the norm (11)
- Grow by addition (6)
- Abounding in streams or water (9)
- Substance five times sweeter than sugar (9)
- Memorable sayings taken as true by many people (6)
- Hindu god of rain and thunder (5)
- Acts of accomplishing something (12)
- blooded animals (6)
- Porridge made of rolled oats (7)
- Disregarding your own advantages and welfare over those of others (9)
- Slightly open (4)
- Striking with the fist (7)
- Measure/standard used for comparison (9)
- Small waterfall (7)
- Dry red Italian table wine from Tuscany (7)
- Seaport on the Don River in the European part of Russia (6)
- Highly incendiary liquid used in bombs and flame-throwers (6)
- Association of nations dedicated to economic and political co-operation in SE Asia (init.) (5)
- Fluid product of inflammation (3)

Down

- Of the highest quality (3)
- Showing keen interest or intense desire (5)
- Acute viral disease of the nervous system of warm-

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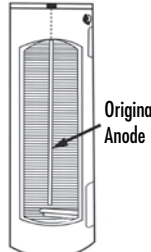
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She says

So you've discovered the definitive List. It is the most authentic insight into her you can get. It not only tells you about yourself – the attributes that you have and thus your position as her boyfriend – but also where you fall short of being her perfect man.

More importantly it shines a light on her. What aspects on that list are fulfilling parts of herself that she hasn't got? Needs, aspirations and dreams she wants someone else to supply?

Are your looks exactly as she described? You could be her 'type' but it might only be skin deep, which indicates a shallowness on her part.

Of course, you might be doing the same.

Has she listed the important qualities humans needed in good relationships like patience, tolerance, humour and the ability to forgive? If none of these appear, pick a fight with her and pay attention. Has she listed monogamy? Some people are polygamous, so this should be discussed.

Is the list all about material possessions? Her dream house, car, jewellery etc? If you're the same, then that's fine, if you want someone a bit deeper, run away now.

Does the list go on and on and on? If so, she may be pernickety. You should test her by doing annoying things like leaving your dirty plate in the wrong place and see how she responds.

Lists can be helpful when trying to identify what type of guy one would like to 'attract' rather than run off with the first person who makes a pass. But if a woman is unrealistic about what real men are like, and rejects a lovely man because he's missing some qualities on her List, then it could seal a lonely fate.

Being a non-smoker was high on my own list, but not at the top. In my wedding speech I told everyone that Norm was the man who made me lower my bottom line. However a scary bout of pneumonia solved that problem. A classic case of be careful of what you wish for because he very nearly died.

As for snooping, well I'm in two minds about that. On one hand, it could be considered creepy and an invasion of privacy. On the other hand, if Norm did this I would be impressed

The List

Dear SSHS,
When my girlfriend was out, I looked through her diary and found a list about what she wants in a man, and it scared the bejesus out of me because I certainly don't come up to scratch.

– Snoop Dog, Wanganui

by Uncle Norm & Aunty Maj

with his attention and interest to know my deepest thoughts, because he normally doesn't give a shit.

Snoop, you're going to have to fess up and admit you were snooping, otherwise you will live in fear of accidentally mentioning something you shouldn't know. Does she have anything on that list about trust?

Never laugh at your partner's choices. You're one of them.

HE says

Dear Snoop, pour yourself a vodka or whatever your preferred poison is and calm down. So, you found The List. Don't worry, they all do it. When us fellas have got nothing better to do, we play with our balls. Women, on the other hand, make lists.

My wife still tolerates me after 25 years, just. Probably because the top item on her list was the ability to play the piano. Thank goodness all those years of piano lessons finally paid off!

I can tell you, all these qualities women seek in a man just don't exist in one human being. It's downright impossible. Look at all those Hollywood hunks. They're all so handsome and heroic in the movies but in real life they go changing wives as often as their underpants. And worse.

Let's face it, men are bastards. Dirty bastards, lazy bastards, fat bastards, arrogant bastards. You name it. We're bad.

If we were to make a list of the qualities we seek in a woman, there would only be three or four things on it, and most women probably only have two of those attributes and would think the others are totally disgusting.

Stop worrying, you must have some redeeming qualities for her to keep you around. Until she finds out you were snooping.

My girlfriend says I don't respect her privacy. At least that's what she wrote in her diary.

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Julian Assange's stroke

by John Jiggins

Concerns have surfaced about a UK cover-up of Julian Assange's medical condition and the mini-stroke he suffered in October last year.

On 27th October, the first day of the US appeal in the UK High Court against a lower court decision not to extradite him, Assange suffered a mini-stroke.

Three Australian journalists, Joe Lauria and Cathy Vogan from Consortium News, along with legendary former SBS news anchor, Mary Kostakidis, watched the hearing via videolink from Australia.

In a recent post, the trio raised questions about whether the UK High Court covered up Julian's medical condition during the trial.

Cathy Vogan from Consortium News said:

"We saw Julian in the lead-up if not the actual event of his minor stroke. It happened during the first day of the High Court hearing."

"The defence lawyer announced that Julian had received heavy medication and wouldn't make it, but Julian turned up an hour later."

"This is a mysterious circumstance because we didn't hear about Julian's stroke until mid-December."

Former SBS news presenter, Mary Kostakidis, has the same concerns. She said, "It is likely that Julian had the stroke just prior to the hearing and his inability to animate the right side of his face and his inability to hold his head up without the support of his right palm would have been the effect of the mini-stroke."

"His lawyers were told he would not attend the



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video link due to an increase in medication that was unexplained and which judge Fitzgerald announced at the beginning of the hearing.

"I subsequently asked Stella (Assange's wife) about this, and she told me that Julian had wanted to attend but the prison had not allowed it."

"It occurs to me that the very reason an attempt was made to ensure that he did not appear, and the court were not able to see him or ignored him, was precisely so his newly deteriorated condition and its possible cause would not become an issue. That was certainly the result."

The High Court judges ruled in favour of the US, accepting the US argument that the trial judge Baraitser erred because she should have sought diplomatic assurances from the United States that Assange would be kept in conditions that would not trigger suicide.

After the US glibly gave some meaningless assurances, the UK High Court signed off on the extradition of Julian Assange to receive a 'fair trial' in a court in Virginia that always convicts.

Now that the UK Home Secretary has decided to extradite Assange, pressure is building on the Albanese government to make strong representations on his behalf.

A home for storytelling

by Leanne Logan

As we bunker down for winter, the storytelling residency at Cawongla Playhouse has moved into its sixth month, and brought with it a strong desire to find a storytelling 'home'.

So we decided to explore the concept of 'home' with the preschool children. Timely, too, with winter making the comforts of 'home' all the more important, and our thoughts often with those in our wider community who are still living makeshift lives following the floods.

In conversation with Bowie, 4, as she drew a delightful and colourful "apple home", I was humbled by one so young with her finger firmly on the empathy pulse.

"If you don't even have a home, you don't even have shelter," Bowie explained. "You don't have any food to put anywhere, just on the ground. You won't have a bedroom, or a Mum or a Dad."

When asked what it was that made her own home so special, Bowie thoughtfully replied: "It just is."



Bowie adds final touches to her "apple home" drawing.

Reflecting on story, I've realised so many are based around 'home'. Here in Australia, we are lucky to have the First Nations' term 'country' – 'jugan' in Widjabul/Wia-bal – to encapsulate all that relates to home and belonging.

When we care for country – ngali

garima mala jugan – we are literally caring for everything we call home. Which is everything.

When the children at preschool recently saw images of homes and permanent settlements by our First Nations' people, their fascination and curiosity was palpable. They discussed the designs, the materials, the comfort rating...

And when all that was done, Albie, nearly 5, excitedly showed me the huge and detailed home that he and Finn had designed and built all morning out of blocks and all sorts of other bits and pieces.

"Leanne!" Albie suddenly exclaimed, "you could tell your story here today! You could sit here, and the audience can sit there!"

A director in the making? A future engineer? Who knows? What I did know was that I'd been invited into an ephemeral storytelling home – one that hadn't existed before that day and wouldn't exist in a few days time – by a boy with a generous heart, a willingness to share, and an excitement for exploring everything about 'home'.

Sydney Visual Design and Aboriginal Studies excursion

by Piaf Rengger Thorpe

During week 8, the Stage 6 Visual Design and the Aboriginal Studies classes at Nimbin Central School embarked on an excursion to Sydney.

We all caught the train down overnight where the students got to experience the novelty of attempting to sleep sitting up while brimming with excitement.

We arrived at 7am and got straight into our day's activities. It was a very brisk morning as we began to explore the city.

We meandered through Darling Harbour on our way to Barangaroo Point where Mr Wheeler talked through the history of Bennelong and a dreaming story of the harbour.

The first gallery we visited was the MCA where students got an interesting perspective on idea of place as we examined artworks from their permanent collection, bringing together different concepts of time and place.

We spent the rest of the day exploring the Botanical Gardens and recovering from the train ride.

That night we ventured into China Town for dinner and then attended *SandSong*,

performed by the Bangara Dance Theatre at the Opera House.

Students were in awe of the production and the sheer feelings that the piece evoked. This was an incredible experience for us all.

The next day we attended the NSW Gallery where we explored the Archibald and Sulman prize. This was a great experience as the winner depicts a local artist. Students were again moved by the vast array of ways that portraits were depicted.

We also saw Daniel Body's *Treasure Island*, which explored the concepts of colonial histories in Australia from an Indigenous perspective.

During the rest of our stay we spent evenings dancing to the live music around the city and viewing Vivid.

It was a beautiful experience where students found exciting possibilities for the future and experienced a small piece of city life.





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New referees for the Nimbin Headers

by Mark Wright

The Nimbin Headers Football Club is so very proud of three young men from within their ranks that have recently gained their referee accreditation. Luano Gottschlich (13), Tamati White (13) and Brighton Courtney (14) who all play together in our Grade 14 team, all started their officiating over the weekend of 25-26th June.

Luano refereed the Grade 12 game at the Headers on Saturday, then Brighton and Tamati did the assistant refereeing for the Women's 5th and 3rd grade games on the Sunday.

They all did a very professional job and it was wonderful to see encouraging support for them from players, coaches and spectators.

This brings the number of new referees from within the club to five in the last 12 months, with Phil Courtney and Mark Wright also recently gaining their accreditation.

This is great for the club to be seen to be providing much-needed match officials to the over-stretched small number of referees available to officiate local games.

It's fantastic to now have a large pool of local officials to draw on; no game at Nimbin should lack a referee for the foreseeable future.



Tamati White, Brighton Courtney and Luano Gottschlich



Brighton and Phil Courtney, and Tamati White

For young players, it helps their development as players, getting a very different perspective on the game. It also lets them know just how difficult the job of refereeing is, and will build a healthy respect for match officials as their soccer careers develop.

All codes of football are struggling to attract people to refereeing. The main reason cited is the lack of respect towards match officials and the resulting appalling behaviour directed against them.

These three fine young men, and all referees, need our support and encouragement and to be given due respect for doing what can be a very

important, difficult and testing role within the game.

Without match officials, the game as we know it simply doesn't work.

The Headers start our encouragement and support by gifting each of the new young refs a new Headers hoodie, and on game days all referees and assistants get a free pie and drink from our canteen.

Another bonus for youth referees is that that the pay is pretty good, tax free and a much better hourly rate than working at fast food chains.

These three lads now get paid to be part of the beautiful game and performing a very important role within it.



Headers men's 5th Division under attack from Thistles in their first home game of the season which they lost 5-0.

Backflips to bullying



by Dian Whitney

Backflips to Bullying, an awesome team of acrobats, visited Nimbin Central School on Friday 24th June and the Primary students thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Not only were the performers highly skilled

and engaging, they were also very funny.

The role plays were relevant and challenged students to problem solve when discussing the very important issues linked to bullying.

Having students involved was fantastic and the backflips were amazing.

Celebrating the Winter Solstice

by Akash Pett

The children of Tuntable Falls Preschool and their families joined with the children of Tuntable Falls Community School in their magical Winter Solstice Celebration.

It is an annual event that includes a lantern parade, singing and dancing, a bonfire and soup.

It is a celebration of this special time of year, as well as celebrating the wonderful children, their families, and the community that holds them.

As an educator at the preschool, I have loved being a part of the preparations of guiding the children with their lantern-making and learning the songs passed



down from past celebrations.

The children and educators have been enthusiastically learning the songs and practising the actions and movements to go along with the words.

In the weeks leading up to the celebration, the preschoolers each made a lantern using brightly

coloured wax paper which they cut into pieces and glued on to a jar.

We then attached some brightly coloured wire which made a strong stable handle for them to hold, and we put a tea light in each one.

The joy of carrying their own hand-made special lantern with the fire inside in

the parade was shining from the children's faces.

After the lantern carrying and the singing and circle dancing, a bonfire was lit and soup was shared.

Tuntable Falls Preschool is open Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Enquiries are welcome for children aged 2.5 to 5 years.

What blocks you?

Psychic development

with Magenta Appel-Pye

Psychic development is as normal as any other type of human development. Although some people are naturally gifted, most start their journey after 40.

Unfortunately, many people never develop their full potential for mainly two reasons: fear; and lack of faith.

Fear is an obvious one. We all remember the witch burnings. The churches and evil people used this excuse as an easy way to get rid of gifted healers and intelligent spiritual leaders, usually women.

People worry about mental illness if they hear unexplained voices. Thankfully clairaudience is usually the last gift to develop. However you may hear your guides if you are in danger.

This in itself is a great reason to develop a working relationship with your guides. It allows you to move

forward fearlessly.

Many people are afraid if they open psychically that all sorts of energies will come to them, including malevolent ones. They are also afraid of what others will think of them, especially if they come from a family or community who says you cannot directly access the unseen and unknown.

These are all valid fears and it is good to be cautious. This is why it's recommended to have a trusted, grounded teacher to help you learn to open slowly and safely with a toolkit of skills that you know how to use well.

Remember to ask for protection before opening through meditation or prayer. I ask to attract only the highest and best, and that El Morya shield and guard my energy field.

Having faith in yourself and a higher power, whatever you choose to call it, is also necessary. You must believe that you are worthy of connecting and communicating with your guides, angels and ascended beings. You have to love yourself enough to know that you are running the show.



This is why it usually takes a long time to develop. You have every right to ask questions, to check that these entities are benevolent and have come to help.

Knowing you can set rules, which can change as you develop, makes you feel safe, ie: "I only contact those who are here for my highest and best". Let them know that you only want to be contacted when it is convenient for you.

When you know you can set boundaries you will feel safe to open gently like a blossoming flower. That is a joyous and very beneficial experience.

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A Yellow Submarine

Following a new three-way defence pact, AUKUS, Australia is to purchase a small fleet of nuclear submarines.

A stunning sequence, unheralded news, the aim, to impress with counter views. For threats in the Pacific, stability, the mindless logic of futility. The battleship syndrome, be offensive, cheaper, safer, to be defensive, drones, patrol boats, not old mythology, electronic, cyber technology.

All to impress, not much information, a timeframe coming with confirmation, and detailing decades for the making, by then outmoded, ready for the taking. Questions, building, establishing a base, decisions on the run, with undue haste ignoring the risks to our sovereignty, eroding our nation's integrity.

The public response is tepid, passive, though the consequences may be massive, as the front line in a big power war, and a nuclear target, whatever for? China, furious, our neighbours disturbed, Indonesia, Malaysia, also heard. Afghanistan, Iraq, previous fear, replaced, another, immediate, here.

We all live in a yellow submarine, a diffused murky world is what is seen, countries, extremists of whatever hue, the danger remains, essentially, you. When will we discern to look and learn, before the world itself will melt and burn? It is within each of us where truth dwells, we need to awaken, all living cells.

– John Stuart

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Luxury, carbon neutral, designer home overlooking manicured acres
Elevated with 180 degree views to Nightcap and Whian Whian National Park
Lilly filled spring fed dam, multiple paddocks and yards for livestock
Short drive to local tavern, shops and schools at The Channon

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