

ASTRO forecasts

by Tina Mews
what's happening in the heavens?

Aries

Jupiter enters your sun sign on May 11th initiating a cycle of personal growth. New doors could open over the next 12 months. Use the Mercury retrograde period (May 11 – June 2) for reviewing, reflecting and finishing projects that you would like to get out of the way before embarking toward new horizons. Extra patience is required especially from May 25th until the end of the month.

Taurus

This is an important period for all Taureans but especially for those who are born during the end of April and the start of May. Expect the unexpected and be open for surprising changes over the next six months. It is also a time for re-evaluating your relationship with money and possessions, what makes you feel safe and secure and what is the right balance of give and take.

Gemini

This Mercury retrograde cycle (May 11 – June 2) is of particular importance to you as it starts in your sun sign before traversing back into Taurus on May 24th. Pay extra attention to your communication with others. Old problems might need airing to restore the balance. Assess priorities and re-examine long-term goals. Keep all technical and electronic devices in good working order.

Cancer

During the next 12 months, you can make new career choices and start a fresh chapter in your public life. You can find support among friends and associates for your ideas. Use the Mercury retrograde period (May 11 – June 2) for reviewing your goals and projects if they align with your dreams and vision.

Leo

Issues surrounding your public and private lives are at the core of your current journey. Any push towards a new life direction coincides with changes in the home and changes to your daily routines. You might have to find a new balance between building structures for the future and purging old patterns that hinder this process of exploration.

Virgo

You can best make use of this Mercury retrograde cycle (May 11 – June 2) by reviewing your career choices and life direction. Are your long-term goals still on track with your current inner and outer reality? You might feel a push toward branching out and growing your vision beyond known boundaries. Opportunities arise through co-operation with others.

May

May starts with a partial solar eclipse in Taurus, followed by a total lunar eclipse on May 16th. Eclipses are supercharged New Moons (solar eclipses) and Full Moons (lunar eclipses). They are harbinger of change and often coincide with important endings and new beginnings, especially if they interact with a natal chart, may this be the birth chart of a person, an event, corporation, or a nation. Eclipses take place on the same sign axis over a period of 18 months to 2 years emphasising strengths and weaknesses while intensifying the affairs of these signs. The current eclipses fall in the signs of Taurus and Scorpio. **The 1st eclipse on this axis occurred on November 19th, 2021 as a lunar eclipse in Taurus and the cycle will end with a lunar eclipse in Taurus on October 28th, 2023.** Taurus is an earth sign associated with the human need for stability, comfort and the importance of secure food and shelter. The solar eclipse on May 1st in Taurus is conjunct Uranus, the planet of chaos and change but also innovation and inventiveness. This eclipse can set the impulse for the birth of new ideas how to manage assets and resources better and provide food security and safe housing to those who lost their homes and livelihood during the floods. While we are dealing with the aftermath of natural disasters in our immediate environment, the battle over territory is continuing, may it be on the other side of the planet or in the South Pacific. It has taken an unpredictable and fated path for us here downunder with the recently signed contract between China and the Solomon Islands. More will be revealed over the next 6 months.

Events that occur near eclipses are of major importance, unpredictable and fated, especially when taking place 7 – 10 days before a solar eclipse. Decisions that we make or projects that are started during this period might work out differently to our expectations. This might especially be the case this time around as Uranus is conjunct the eclipsed New Moon. Venus in Pisces is conjunct Jupiter and Neptune encouraging us to dream and be creative in our imagination. However, we need to beware of unrealistic expectations, self-deception and willful blindness. The combination of Jupiter, Venus and Neptune in Pisces can give rose-tinted glasses, can over-promise and under-deliver. Taurus teaches commonsense and Scorpio has instinctual wisdom. It must feel right to be true!

On May 11, the cosmic messenger, Mercury, turns retrograde while Jupiter, planet of opportunity and growth, enters assertive Aries. Jupiter will remain in

Aries until the end of October and then return to Pisces for another 2 months. He will continue his journey through Aries from December 20th until mid-May 2023. Jupiter sets impulses towards growth and expansion, broadening the themes of any sign or planet that he is in contact with. While moving back and forth between Pisces and Aries, Jupiter magnifies current issues of peace (Pisces) and war (Aries). Jupiter in Aries ignites the hero archetype inspiring us to act and experiment with new ways while the potential for aggressively pushing ahead without considering consequences may increase as well. Under Jupiter in Aries innovations and entrepreneurship may flourish as more people want to become their own master.

On the negative side we might witness a lack of moderation and more extreme viewpoints, especially when Mars, the warrior planet enters Aries on May 25th and cojoins with Jupiter on May 29th. The coinciding Mercury retrograde cycle can be helpful with reviewing plans and projects, redoing and repairing whatever needs fixing. It marks a 3-week period of retrospection and getting in touch with our inner realities. This is a period of enhanced communication problems and delays of all sorts. Mercury starts its retrograde journey in Gemini, playing its tricks with travel plans, electronic and technical devices.

The Full Moon on May 16th at 25 deg Taurus - Scorpio is a total lunar eclipse. Saturn is squaring the Scorpio Moon illuminating unfinished business from the past and teaching us lessons in taking responsibility. We learn "what goes around comes around", may this be in relation to other people, countries or the planet. The Scorpio journey is about grasping the principle of interdependence, that we are responsible for more than just ourselves. It is about purifying and releasing what doesn't serve us anymore, helping one another to heal old wounds and using our power to transform negative feelings.



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Libra

The focus is on how to go about satisfying your needs for security and wellbeing while tending to the needs of those closest to you. When you get in touch with what feels most comfortable for you while learning about the comfort levels of others you are able to create the right balance of give and take.

Scorpio

This might be a time of release and re-orientation, as there is a cosmic push to see and consider other people's values and points of view instead of being fixed on your own perspective. Then you can turn things around, bring them back into a healthier balance and make use of this period by cleaning out the past, through healing and regeneration.

Sagittarius

The details and practicalities of everyday life are back on your agenda. This is a time when you can become more organized and take charge of your routines. Formulate your goals and plans as clearly as possible and structure your life so that you can achieve your grand plan. Let go of your obsessions with rules, details, and fears of not doing things perfectly because they only cause anxiety and feelings of guilt.

Capricorn

Activities and relationships that allow for enjoyment and create happy feelings are important now. Find the right balance between give and take, work and play to create an energetic flow between head and heart. You are called upon to deal with others in a more personal and caring manner, rather than falling back on reason and intellect.

Aquarius

The focus is on your home environment and domestic life and you might be in the process of building the type of home life that feels comfortable and safe. Over the coming 6-month period, invest in your family relationships while improving your physical home. The cosmic push is taking charge of your private life which may require some inner changes and adjustments.

Pisces

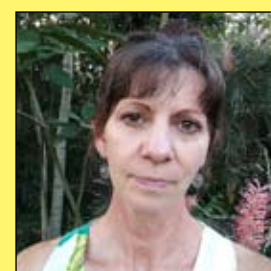
The Mercury retrograde period (May 11 – June 2) is helpful for stepping back and rethinking your goals making sure that you are on the right course. Review your values and resolve inner conflicts that may arise. You might have to change or adjust direction to realign with your true purpose. There is a cosmic push to invest more in the here and now, in your immediate environment, may it be in your neighborhood, with siblings or relatives.

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Honouring what's real

by Marilyn Devlin

I was thinking about Saturn... it was a Saturday and he rules that day. I was thinking about his travels through Aquarius... the New Age Guide. I was wondering about him reaching Pisces (2023-2026)... the great crescendo at the end. The tale and the head... where the cycle splits. Ends and continues anew.

Saturn - Lord of Time, the master builder. The generous and showering friend... when we accept and surrender to our task. When we do it right.

Thinking of Saturn in Pisces I felt the soggy heaviness... the dissolving of our boundaries. Learning to live in an entirely new way... without the structural supports we've known. Learning to be in a boundary-less space... becoming part of our galactic community. Becoming cosmic citizens.

I also thought of mental health... how we need to take special care of our mental health. 'Cause it can sneak right up on you... our nervous system can only take so much charge... without a fissure along the wires. Then the whole system collapses... leaving us vulnerable to attack.

We've been through a lot... and it's likely to continue as the great sorting times do their thing. Our old realities have gone. Been replaced with something new. We need to adapt. Change is everywhere we look.

I've been feeling the powerful force of change... not in the disturbing way which has been the last few years. But exciting change. Amid the broken and weary... our mental health on the edge... trying, wanting to be brave... body, heart, nervous system crying out for support; is this exciting potent restless seed... determined to birth.

And how perfect its birthing here in the Northern Rivers... at least so viscerally. We're on the road of repair... and not the repair of the old... but the building of a whole new way.

We've done it before... for those of us growing old (like me)... the extraordinary surge of the Sacred Seventies and all that's brought us. It's the very essence and powerful pull of this area. Why the houses now cost millions (yeah... we're addressing that).

It's in the air... I can feel it. Yes, it's padded with shock and exhaustion... a nervous system in tatters... but its potent presence is undeniable. This is a very powerful time... a time to take back the reins.

We built a world before... of love and sharing... lightness, brightness and fun. Honouring Mother Earth... getting really close to her. Creating new ways and be-ings.

And we're about to do it again. Out of the mud... it emerges... this pure wispy breath of golden possibility. The healing balm we so need.

And it's perfect we have the amazing Mandy Nolan standing to play a significant role... in a system desperately in need of change. Can't you see her... down there amongst the crusty rusty old boy's club. She may even get them laughing. That'd be a feat. Change the dynamics at the root... at least clear the table for a whole new setting.

A new page has turned. We're ready... as weary as we are... we're ready for it all. We're here for each other (again)... and that's one powerfully potent resource.

To pool the amazing talent and brilliance of the Northern Rivers... being forerunners once again.

We know how to do this... we've done it before. This time it's going to be even more amazing. We've got it... let's get going. We're here for each other.

And look after that precious body of yours... ask for help. We're all learning to nurture and love ourselves. Honour the sacred vehicle we have. We're here for a purpose... and we're committed to getting it done.

May opens with Samhain... acknowledging that death precedes rebirth. Giving thanks for all that's been... standing at the edge of the veil between worlds.

My contact number is 0413-442-808.

Nimbin Trivia Time

by Eclectus

The theme for this month's quiz is a word that can be used to mean an exception, a length of adamant material, a place to drink or to prevent something happening. It can be used in relation to one of its meanings or as a syllable in a question or, better still, an answer.

Questions

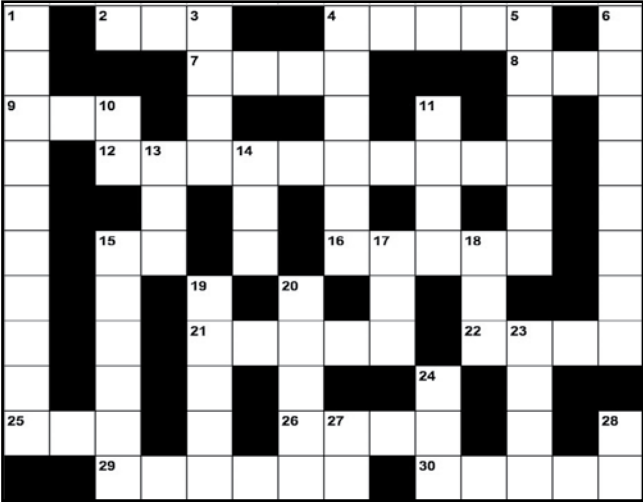
- Who is this striking Parisienne actress and animal rights activist, once described by Simone de Beauvoir as the first and most liberated woman of post-war France? (Image courtesy geeksoncoffee.com)
- In architecture, what is the name given to a fortified outpost or gateway.
- "Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine." Who said this in what context on the silver screen?
- Who, is the reigning Australian Open Women's Singles champion? Take a bonus point if you can name the runner up.
- A barnstorming performance is one that exhibits flamboyance or great energy lifting an audience and carrying them along with it. What is the origin of the term?
- Can you name the artist who has had more hit albums in Australia than any other? Take a bonus point if you know the original name of this artist's well known 70s rock band.
- The Restaurant At The End Of The Universe was THE place to be seen in *The Hitchhikers Guide To The Galaxy* but there was a less formal establishment right across the other end of the universe. Can you name it?
- Who was Australia's first prime minister, who went on to become a founding Justice on the High Court? Take a bonus point if you can say which party, holding the balance of power, provided the support to allow his Liberal Protectionist Party to take government in 1901.
- Is the Barwon River in New South Wales, Queensland or Victoria?
- What was the name for the Nazi German operation to invade the Soviet Union in 1941? Take a bonus point if you can say who it was named after. Take five bonus points of you can say what the initial working code name was.



- Answers
- Brigitte Bardot was prolific in film, stage and music in the 1950s and 60s. After retirement from entertainment in 1973 she turned her attention to animal rights and political themes, developing a reputation for civil disobedience.
 - Barbican.
 - Rick (Humphrey Bogart) laments the marriage of former lover Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman) in his Rick's Cafe Americain in Casablanca from the movie of the same name.
 - Ashleigh Barty defeated Danielle Collins in straight sets after a spirited comeback by Collins in the second Two months later, in March 2022, Barty retired from world tennis ranked number one in the world, having held top spot for all but four weeks since June 2019.
 - Barnstorming was a form of entertainment in the Roaring Twenties where stunt pilots would land their bi-planes in a field, usually near a barn and perform death defying stunts at very low altitude, including aerlists wing walking or playing aerial tennis. Troupes of such performers were the original flying circuses.
 - Jimmy Barnes has had 27 Top 40 charting albums in Australia (14 with Cold Chisel). 17 achieved Number 1. Cold Chisel was first known as Orange.
 - The Big Bang Burger Bar.
 - Edmund Barton.
 - In New South Wales, the Barwon rises in Mungindi near the Queensland border and has its outfall at the Darling. That's as close as Queensland gets to having a Barwon River but Victoria has a Barwon River which rises in the Otways and pours into Bass Strait.
 - Operation Barbarossa was named after the 12th century Holy Roman Emperor Frederick the First who sought to place Germany at the centre of western European affairs. The working code name was originally Fritz. You can see why they decided to change it but it didn't do them any good in the end.

Nimbin Crossword

2022-05
by Novata



Across

- Mischievous fairy (3)
- Imaginary elephant in French children's book series (5)
- Distinctive but intangible quality surrounding a person or place (4)
- Word denoting indecision (3)
- Seize suddenly (3)
- Formal accusation against somebody, often in a court of law (10)
- One who refuses to serve in the armed forces, on grounds of conscience (init.) (2)
- Woodland deity, attendant of Bacchus (5)
- Now is the season to make hearty warming _____ (5)
- Trendy "super food" (4)
- Important North Atlantic food fish (3)
- Online auction site (4)
- Small edible bean (6)
- First in order of importance (5)

Down

- Having abnormal fear or hatred of the strange or

- foreign (10)
- North American term for this season (4)
- Hard man, violent person (US slang) (4)
- Long narrow carpet for hallway (6)
- Almond flavoured biscuit (9)
- Bachelor's degree in arts and sciences (init.) (2)
- Our home is _____ by sea! (4)
- Fifth sign of the zodiac (3)
- Gradual decline in power (3)
- Country with the longest ungarded border in the world (6)
- Word expressing admiration and pleasure (3)
- Opposite of nay (3)
- The room was _____ with noisy and excited chatter (5)
- One hundred of these make one Russian rouble (5)
- Find fault, raise trivial objection (4)
- Shag rug made in Sweden (3)
- Prefix meaning two (2)
- Fourth note of the diatonic scale (2)

Solution: Page 33

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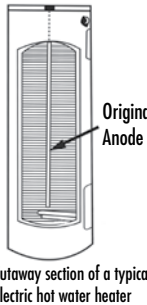
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Tarot in the floods

by Amy Scott-Young

I sit on the sidewalk and wait for an 85-year-old couple to arrive at the devastation they still choose to call home.

There are other strangers waiting to help too; so eager to act that they are prepared to break into the home of someone they have never met for no other reason than to ensure they do not waste their own precious time.

Just as well I so strongly disagreed, as this couple had much to process when they entered their home, and it was quite some time before they were able to accept our help and take a contemplative seat to this backbreaking drudgery.

We toil through their water-soaked belongings and begin to make some headway. So much so that I can see a deck of angel oracle cards strewn across the floor between thick layers of mud.

I could easily pick one up to tell of today's energies and possibly try to share a moment of commonality amongst strangers; the thought certainly crossed my mind. But now is not the time nor the place, I tell myself.

I refuse to take too much notice of any of them. I mind-numbingly

drag those cards and one book after another out of that room, along with ancient Egyptian artworks and many shattered antiques that clearly revealed the wealth of esoteric knowledge that encapsulated this household.

After hours of watching the anger and emotional exhaustion take hold, I wonder if this constant act of letting go would become too much for this old couple. It didn't take long for them to zone out themselves, completely dissociating from the chaos around them. They both sit quietly, staring into the nothingness becoming less and less responsive to the emotional minefields we continually uncover.

And then come the awakenings of pure heartfelt joy. A precious antique photo found. And then a collection of them. And something far more heart wrenching to witness, a ceramic vase of their sons' ashes, miraculously recovered and completely unscathed. Who knew that the embodiment of Death could bring so much joy?

Time for a break. With no useable toilets in sight, I squat in the street for a wee and then find a place to sit in the gutter to savour what little fresh food I had managed to purchase amongst the empty shelves of my



local greengrocer the day before.

As I eat, I notice a book under our parked car: *Positive Magic: Occult Self-Help*. I open it to an engraving of 'Luna' (pictured), which I inconspicuously tear out, before returning the book from whence it came.

Later, as a passenger on the drive back home, I stare deeply into the engraving that I felt so compelled to glean from the muddy chaos. After a day of watching this beautiful couple let go of everything they owned, watching them intermittently argue and then later hold hands in moments of loving partnership, all I really want to do is find some sense of meaning in

this image I had found.

I am reminded of both the Moon and the Death tarot cards. I am certainly no stranger to the impacts of Death and homelessness nor the feelings of despair so strongly being felt by my community at this time; although I knew full well that nothing I had experienced in my life could ever compare to this level of loss and displacement.

Nevertheless, and I suppose not surprisingly from a collective perspective, I had been going through my own process of letting go in the lead up to this disastrous event. Ending ties to my family of origin with the hopes of breaking unconscious and habitual behaviours of negativity that continued to be so adamantly instilled in my life. Their reaction to this event, or lack thereof, inadvertently confirmed I had made the right decision.

But surely this is not the time to be contemplating myself, as I sit here on the sidelines and watch flourishing businesses and homes become water bathed memorials that reveal nothing more than the aftermath of this communally felt destruction. But that is exactly what I do. An unscathed survivor desperately trying to release my own challenging and illusory emotions that prevent me from practising the acceptance of such devastating change.

I too try to contemplate a way to intuitively move forward at a time in

my life when both my community and myself have lost all that we once held dear. Our life is now at a complete standstill.

These unconscious endings or states of remembrance, of the dead or of an earlier period in one's life, certainly have the potential to drive us into the darkness as we suffer these seemingly unbearable burdens. But they also have a way of allowing us to better understand the human condition as we explore our deepest expressions and begin to trust in and make use of the unknown parts of that which we call self.

I will continue to act and help where I can. But I will also continue to wait and observe; taking note of the way each person chooses to handle this dark and devastating time, as they let go, as they pick up their past and as they equally prepare for their future. I feel deeply rooted in, and oddly grateful to be fully experiencing, this time and this place I choose to call home.

In some ways it seems far too soon for me to reflect on the light and goodness that has come out of this flood disaster but at the same time, how can I not?

For in these dark times of Death and destruction the greatest moments for me have been watching the many inspiring people of Lismore demonstrate some of the most illuminating examples of self-mastery.

The Julian Calendar

Comments from around Lismore
Yes, some remember him around here, he speaks with bemused pride, as being a bit different, maybe a bit of a nerd, on the way to somewhere else.

Julian Assange

He was a non-entity, with a talented lineage but was remarkable, because he was unremarkable. He was a self-taught, contained technocrat, challenging the established autocrat, His mission, however, to expose truth, whatever, wherever, forever. There were no judgements or agenda, just tell the truth, said the sender.

He came and saw, making the unseen seen, a hero beyond what had ever been, but without conscious revolution, reveal and tell was his solution.

Exposing lies, deceit, atrocities, confusion, righteous politicians in self-delusion. All open to scrutiny, burning truth, controlled, directed by an intense youth.

The responses varied accordingly, beneficiaries spoke assuredly, elsewhere, flag-waving denunciations, patriotic, rambling accusations. Diplomats, traditions all askew, idealists admiring his global view.

Progressive activists accepting, the country that spawned him, rejecting, courage and conviction sustaining, but body and mind are now degrading.

He came from nowhere to everywhere, creating, daring, changing and caring, a new model beyond morality, simplicity, complete totality, without rewards, Caesarian glory, truth without boundaries is his story.

– John Stuart



by Uncle Norm and Aunty Maj

She says

Yes, one would have to assume so. All cultures have dancing and it has always served a purpose. To be a good dancer indicates that the person has stamina, physical fitness, food resources (energy), and no neurological disorders. All these signal reproductive fitness. So it is certainly sexy, and we can't help but be attracted to the good dancers. It's in our DNA.

However, there is a big difference between a man who is good at dancing, (and probably reproduction) and one who wants to commit to one person. You can imagine that the bedroom hijinks could be good but what about his other qualities? Have you had a chance to talk? And how do you nudge all the other goddesses out of the way?

You have to become a fantastic dancer yourself. Take some lessons, learn some moves and next time you spot him on the dance floor, get your groove on in front of him. Bump and grind up to him. You'll soon know if he's interested in you or not. If so, have a ball, or two, just make sure you have condoms (male and/or female), vaginal dams, and a gargle of Listerine and you're good to go. And don't think that he'll instantly fall in love with you and only you. He might, you never know. But you'll definitely have to keep fighting the other women, and gay men, off with a big stick.

If it's a relationship you're looking for, perhaps you should look around for the shy guy who never gets on the dance floor. He's probably easier to talk to and maybe has other, even better talents that aren't so obvious.

"I did everything he did except backwards and in high heels," – Ginger Rogers

HE says

Dancing is a universal activity practised not only by every culture but also by a myriad of animal species. This fact, and the very nature of your question underscore the general view that the sole purpose of dancing whether you be a flamingo, gecko or boho, is to get a root.

It stands to reason that a good dancer is a good lover. Right? Well, it depends. It's well known that women check out the way a bloke dances in order to gauge what he might be like in the sack.

According to research, flashy OTT blokes are the worst lovers. They're too busy trying to look good in bed than trying to please their partners. Frantic and furious action men who are all arms and legs on the dance floor apparently have lots of energy but little imagination in the bedroom.

The best lovers are those that are "relaxed and rhythmic" on the dance floor. Apparently they always look like they've got something in reserve and usually have

Interestingly, all women know how to dance while I know very few men who can dance well.

My little Dancing Queen looks sensational on the dance floor yet my skills are perhaps a rung or two below Bandit Heeler on Bluey. Yet here we are, still happily married (mostly) after 24 years. Go figure.

"When I dance, people think I'm looking for my keys," – Ray Romano

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The world according to
Magenta Appel-Pye

I met a new friend at a party, Fiona Oliver and she showed me her amazingly moving flood photos of Lismore. They also gave me insight into how one of our animal friends, Jessie the Border Collie community volunteer, was helping out her townsfolk. She was in the forefront, giving emotional support to shattered people, delivering meals on wheels, surveying the area and keeping an eye out that the children were safe. And she sure loved the army guys. I reckon they needed a bit of comforting support too. Dogs have supreme emotional intelligence.

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Photos: Fiona Oliver



by Diana Gosper,
Rainbow Power Co.

Electric cars are likely to be the way of the future, and forward-thinking Rainbow Power Company is the first (and only) in Nimbin to have an EV charging station. For a little one-horse town we think it's pretty nifty to have a car charger; our neighbouring much larger city Lismore have just the one themselves. We installed this in 2018 and countless CO₂ emissions have been saved with the use of our solar power as opposed to petrol. Open during business hours, this is a free service to the community, and we welcome people to take advantage of their available time and take a quick tour of the premises while they are waiting (Covid-19 safe of course). We now have our very own Tesla model 3 electric car! We are investing again in essential research and development; stepping up to satisfy our

customers' growing needs when it comes to EVs and an ability to charge them through solar power. Come down and take a squiz; and in any case you will likely see us driving it around the town and Rainbow Region bearing our RPC logo... because as one RPC staff member stated recently, "It's sexy AF". Electric cars have been proven to produce less CO₂ than petrol cars, debunking previous claims that carbon emissions from the manufacture of EVs and embodied energy usage outweighs the savings for the environment. Electric car prices (in Australia) start at around \$41,000 for the Hyundai IONIQ PHEV which has a battery size of 8.9kWh and a range of 50KM + petrol, all the way up to the Tesla Model X, which at \$150,000 has a range of 594km (no petrol back-up), and a battery size of 100kWh. A cheaper model, Kia Niro EV is rumoured to be coming soon. At RPC we have the

7kW "Type 2" AC plug charger. Type 2 is also the plug standard for all of Europe. Alternate names for this EV charger are: IEC 62196 and Mennekes. This charger is now the standard for Australian EVs and is currently used by all other EV manufacturers. The Type 2 plug has a seven-pin design. The addition of two extra pins allows these plugs to support three-phase charging, so we have now installed two new 22kW 3-phase chargers as well. Our charger is a 'destination' trickle charge type. More and more 'supercharger' locations are expected for Australia, but for the time being the 'destination' chargers are the most common. It takes several hours to fully charge your car, so you might want to come in the morning, enjoy a day in Nimbin, and leave all charged up in the afternoon. One customer came for a quote, and left with an additional 15% charge – free from the sun, one happy camper...

Sizing stand-alone and grid-connect systems to incorporate an EV charger, as well as best design and integration into existing solar systems, and troubleshooting potential problems, will all be taken care of by our team of experts; who are super chuffed to expand their knowledge around such a cool subject and service. Some specs for the nerds and techies: charging from grid 1.0kg of CO₂ per kWh, charging from 100% solar 0.0 of CO₂ per kWh. Based on current vehicle use of 15,000 km per year 14.9kWh/100km. Output from Tesla M3 = 0kg of CO₂ per year To find a vehicle charger near you, head to: <https://myelectriccar.com.au/charge-stations-in-australia> Contact: sales@rpc.com.au or phone us on 02 6689-1430 to enquire about charging your car here at our showroom at 1 Alternative Way, Nimbin. Plan to make the most out of your trip, and make a day of it.

Council ban on political stickers



Despite Hornsby Council's ban, sales of the Smart Voting Store sticker are reportedly going through the roof. However, defacing Council property is not recommended.

Nimbin Crossword Solution

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Resilience in community... again

by Joe Landers

Many schools in the region were unable to operate during the flooding and some schools lost everything: all resources, records, students' work, teachers' work and much more.

Tuntab Falls Community School was fortunate to lose nothing, although some of our school community were not so lucky.

As a school, one of our biggest challenges was getting everyone there, with no access to Tuntab Falls Community due to massive landslips across roads, a major washout of a causeway and an uncrossable bridge.

With students eager to connect with each other, parents needing time to focus on various levels of recovery and teachers eager to catch up on some student learning and support, we took on the task of setting up the school



at two sites: the actual school and somewhere in town.

After asking around for available spaces, we were eventually pointed in the right direction to see if the Nimbin Community Centre could provide a space for us, which they very generously did. This involved some negotiations and rearranging of bookings, and we are very grateful for the time, effort

and consideration that this required.

With occasional precarious access to school, we filled a ute with enough resources to teach half the school for an indefinite period, and we set up classes in town.

Local Tuntab staff took on capably the task of teaching the local students, with combined years of schooling all together in

shared spaces. Parents and volunteers at the Tuntab Community Centre provided delicious meals each day for the students and community.

The students had a lot of fun with projects such as designing and building mini flood-proof houses, and creating artworks from found objects by the creek.

Teachers and students in town took the opportunity to practise and play basketball and tennis on the local courts, have a tour of Rainbow Power and engage with local indigenous elders, in between keeping up with their usual learning routines.

Meanwhile, our admin staff and parent committee successfully accessed grants to support the families who had suffered significant losses in the flooding.

For our term one report card, our school and local communities have once again scored an A+ for Resilience and Cohesiveness.

Thank you, Mother Nature

by Andrea Soler, parent

One of the wonderful things about the rainy weeks is how abundant it makes the gardens at Nimbin Preschool.

We started off the year with many families volunteering to help weed, mow and prepare our gardens for planting at the start of term one.

Many thanks to the NSW Government for a Quality Learning Environment grant of \$10,000 which we have used to purchase rainwater tanks, many bush tucker natives and flowers to feed the native bees and pollinators in our neighbourhood.

The children love spending time in the garden, and here are some of their favourite things to do:

Wynter: "You can plant flowers."

Gussie: "Playing with trucks in the creek."

Yoshi: "Eating cucumbers from the garden."

Daisy: "Gathering flowers."

Jasper: "Batman."

Rain: "You need to water the plants."

We are hoping that as restrictions are now easing, new families will be able to come and have a look around our beautiful preschool and meet our educators.

We are conveniently located at the Nimbin Showgrounds in Cecil Street, a five-minute walk from the Nimbin town.

This year we can offer 3 to 5 year olds two free, State Government funded, days of preschool a week. Please contact Katie to discuss further.

Nimbin Preschool & Childcare Association was rated as 'Exceeding National Quality Standard' in our most recent quality assessment.



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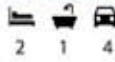


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82 Cullen St, Nimbin 
Character filled residence in the heart of Nimbin Development Zone. Small shed semi converted into guest room. 1208m2 yard.
\$675,000 Agent Samara



1/39 Thorburn St, Nimbin 
One street from the CBD of Nimbin. Freshly painted, free standing Villa. Stonethrow to amenities in the township as well as the school. In one of Nimbin's best, quiet streets.
\$440,00 Agent John



86 Cullen St, Nimbin 
Commercial/Residential Cottage in the thriving Main Street of Nimbin. Timber floors throughout, 3 bedrooms plus loft space. Air-con, woodheater & leafy gardens..
\$565,000 Agent Jacqui



209 Billen Rd, Georgica 
Set high on the Georgica plateau these 15 acres have it all. 3 bedroom home, 2 spring-fed dams, bore water, 12m x 10m machinery shed, 3 acre custard apple orchard and a permanent creek.
\$780,000 Agent Jacqui



3808 Kyogle Rd, Mt Burrell 
Elevated home with studio and comes with magnificent views over the treetops to Mount Warning. Gently undulating acreage & suitable for cattle, horses or cropping. Tweed River frontage & irrigation licence and only 1 hour to the Gold Coast.
\$895,000 Agent Jacqui

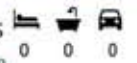


145 Gungas Road, Nimbin 
This manicured level 1 acre block is maintained and immaculately presented inside and out. Magnificent views to Blue Knob Mountain, this country gem is a spectacular property in every way.
\$860,000 Agent John



321 Mt Burrell Rd, Mt Burrell 
This 4 bedroom Home, Studio and nearly 12 acres offers beautiful views to Wollumbin. Containing abundant water supply, ample sheds, mix of cleared and forested acreage. 1/2hour to Murwillumbah 1hour to Airport.
\$1,200,000 Agent Jacqui



Borabee Park: 411 Acres 
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411 acres of untouched forest, with an abundance of flora and fauna with stunning views and an abundance of water with creek frontage plus dam. Limited road access.
Agent Sundai

SOLDS

9 Cecil St Nimbin **\$750,000 - Sold by Samara** 5/56 Robb Rd, Blue Knob **\$650,000 - Sold by John** 2/10 Robb Road, Blue Knob **\$545,000 - Sold by Jacqui** 548 Duncan Rd, Dunoon **\$830,000 - Sold by Grant**

FEATURED PROPERTIES



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472 Homeleigh Rd, Homeleigh

Stunning parcel of improved grazing land with 8 paddocks, 3 dams & freshly renovated 3br home. Large deck situated to take in the breathtaking views of the border ranges, separate guest quarters, art studio tack room and two car accom in addition to the 6 bay shed.

 **\$1,490,000 Agent: Jacqui**



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Acres!



31b Clark Rd, Jiggi

End of Country lane living! Stylishly appointed family home with verandahs and views over the local district. 6m x 9m shed has been partially converted and would suit additional accommodation. An array of fruits and nuts in the large orchard. Plentiful water, currently running cattle and horses. Elevated parcel of rich red soil.

 **\$1,250,000 Agent: John**

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