

ASTROLOGICAL FORECASTS

YOUR MONTHLY REVIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS

BY TINA MEWS

July

The Sun's passage through the watery sign of Cancer brings issues around family, home, and personal security back into the center of our attention. Cancer symbolizes the receptive and sustaining powers of the feminine, the Cosmic Mother who brings forth, supports and protects life. People born under the sign of Cancer are said to wear their hearts on their sleeves and are emotionally attached to the objects of their nurture and care.



On 12th of July, an eclipse of the Sun could activate unfinished business on a collective and/or personal level. A Solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth and blocks the light that is transmitted from the Sun to our planet. This can only happen on a New Moon in contrast to a Lunar eclipse which comes about on Full Moons, such as the one that took place two weeks ago. Eclipses are said to be harbingers of change; in ancient times, they were associated with the rising and falling of rulers and/or empires. Just say no more! Generally speaking, it is a time of finishing up, and letting go of projects, activities, habits and even people who keep us living in the past. In this sense, eclipses can have a liberating influence. On a different level, eclipses on the Cancer/Capricorn axis symbolically push us towards lifestyles that are ecologically sound and sustainable by respecting the interconnectedness of all life as well as our needs for comfort and stability.

Other days to keep in mind are the 25th and the 26th of July (last Saturn/Uranus opposition; Full Moon in Aquarius). It will be essential to remain attuned to our real needs and highest ethics to avoid power struggles and/or the making of commitments that cannot be sustained in the long run. On the positive note, loads of energy will be available for making long awaited changes if we are able to maintain a steady center within the storm with a focus on our true purpose.

Aries Expect endings and new beginnings in the area of your personal and professional life. It is vital to strike a balance here. Contain your emotions for the sake of following greater goals which serve others as well as yourself. Nevertheless, positive change is possible this month; you might be an agent for new social, spiritual or cultural trends.

Taurus Endings and new beginnings are taking place through your exchange with others and the world at large. Get out of the rut by expanding your vision. Pay particular attention to your inner voice. Revelations in regards to how our perception creates our reality might come from there. Seek new ways to integrate the near and the far – the known and the unknown.

Gemini The time is ripe for communicating your values and philosophy of living with like-minded souls. Align yourself with new ideals and objectives. The challenge is, however, to release inner barriers and restrictions that are based on a deep-seated belief in separation. Endings and new

beginnings come from an honest and sensitive exchange with others.

Cancer At the moment, it is essential to stay in touch with your feelings. There could be changes in domestic arrangements and family relationships. Understand the needs of others while honouring your own ones. Endings and new beginnings take place in the area of your partnerships and/or arrangements with others.

Leo Right now, your general orientation is more on helping others rather than being the center of attention yourself. Make use of the creative energies that are floating around; invent techniques of living that are well adjusted to the changing needs of our times. Endings and new beginnings come from sensing the cosmic flow and going with it.

Virgo Opportunities for endings and new beginnings are in the area of your creative self-expression and the ways that you apply your will power. It is essential to know what you would like your life to be like for the next few months or years. Destiny asks you to make your mark in the world now, applying your skills

in a more imaginative way and taking charge of the situation at hand.

Libra At the moment, it is crucial to work on your inner foundation and personal power base. Pay particular attention to your feelings and emotional patterns; work on your own resourcefulness and potentialities. Avoid dependencies on others, this could hinder your own creative progress and might ultimately stop you from achieving your goals.

Scorpio At this time, your focus is on transforming theory into practice and turning your dreams into a workable reality. Clear your head, watch your tongue and make an effort to be down-to-earth. A different approach might be needed. Endings and new beginning come from your dedication to help others.

Sagittarius At the moment, it is crucial to rely and work with your own personal resources and abilities. Therefore, manage them well and be self-sufficient. The least you rely on others, the better for you. Opportunities for endings and new beginnings come through developing your

own talents; this will enable you to plant your seed of inspiration that has the strength to stimulate others.

Capricorn During these quick changing times it is important for you to remain in touch with your own inner strength. Become crystal clear about your personal truth, values and needs. It is okay to be different! Try neither to please nor control others but remain loyal to your own heart.

Aquarius The time is ripe for finding new ways of being you. However, it is essential to differentiate the ideal from the truly possible. A change of mind and heart might be necessary. Let go of outdated attachments to the past. Endings and new beginnings can emerge from exploring your true

intentions and source of motivation.

Pisces The time is ripe for joining stimulating group activities or meeting new kinds of friends.

Apply your creative abilities by sharing your vision with others. This will help in redirecting energies from attachments to personal dramas or past hurts. Endings and new beginnings are possible now by applying the powers of your free will.

I am a trained counsellor and certified astrologer; I can assist you with personal readings, relationship astrology and life transitions. Or you can join my astrology class on Wednesday mornings at the Lillifield Community Centre 10 am – 1 pm, restarting 21st July 2010. Theme: The Planets in the Horoscope, Myth and Psychology. For bookings or info please ring Tina on 6689-7413, email to starloom@hotmail.com or visit my web page <http://nimbin-starloom.com.au>



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Beautiful Australian cottage set on a small block in the majestic Lillian Rock area. 15 min drive to Nimbin. The home has 2 bedrooms plus a sleep out, big bathroom, shady back deck and spacious kitchen with polished timber bench tops. Landscaped gardens with flowering trees and native shrubs attracting birds and wildlife, completes the picturesque lifestyle this property has to offer.

ANKANA \$850,000



Beautiful trees and shrubs surround this 4-bedroom home set on 100 acres of rolling land. The home is in excellent condition being only 10 years old. With high ceilings and lots of light. Magnificent views from the verandahs looking onto the distant tree clad national parks. This very private property is only 5 minutes to town. Boasting a gorgeous tropical fruit and nut orchard plus a vineyard. The land is rolling with a balance of tall forest trees and lush pastures running prime cattle. This great property is something special, with 11 dams 8 sheds 2 stables and priced to sell.

ARCHITECTURAL DELIGHT \$649,000



IT'S TIME TO MOVE. This vendor has done all the hard work to this 4 bedroom home set on 35 acres its one of a kind. The architecturally designed split-level house takes in the valley views with a plentiful creek on the boundary plus spring fed dam water is not a problem. Shops and schools are a stone throw away, so its time to have a look at this gem.

CHARM AND CHARACTER \$685,000



This gorgeous 2 bedroom 2 bathroom turn of the century colonial cottage is picture perfect. Beneath the dramatic back drop of the Nimbin Rocks, it is just minutes to all local amenities. On 50+ acres of prime fertile land its ideal for grazing as the cattle yards and stable are already there. Bordered by fast flowing creeks water will not be an issue. High ceilings, polished floorboards, French doors and quality fixtures will have you living the country life in comfort. Who could resist a lifestyle like this!

DREAMS COME TRUE \$890,000



WOW Impressive, exceptional and classy are the words that come to mind when viewing this property, everything has been thought of. The house is only 2 1/2 years old and has 4 large bedrooms all with built in robes with the main having a walk in robe and ensuite with spa for the romantic. Purpose built to capture the stunning views of Blue Knob and the Border Ranges, whilst sitting on your verandah. Immaculate kitchen, timber flooring, reverse cycle air-conditioning, gas stove gas heater and ceiling fans everything has been thought of. The shed has a large storage area with a carport and self-contained granny flat. There are 3 dams, assorted timber and 100 acres of prime agricultural land.

FASHIONATING RELOCATED!



Nimbin Lifestyle Real Estate would like to congratulate Jeanette and the lovely staff on their new location. The old NRMA building has been converted into 3 gorgeous shops. The centre shop will be an exciting new adventure for Jeanette and we all look forward to discovering the precious little gems hiding amongst her new stock. We wish Jeanette and staff all the best, as shopping at Fashionating is always a pleasure for locals and visitors alike.

Film Review: Toy Story 3

Reviewed by Stephen Wright

I intended to see *The A-Team* this month. I thought it would be an easy review to write. I was thinking of just writing BANG! KA-BOOM! ZAP! POW! for about 30 lines and that would be that. However, when I got to the cinema they'd switched times on me, so it's the just-released *Toy Story 3* that gets the honours.

The amount of computing power that went into *Toy Story 3* would probably equip a couple of hyper-drive spaceships with AI. I saw the 3D version too which basically shoves your head into the computer rendering and won't let you go, so its quite an overwhelming experience, more so than *Avatar* in fact.

The brains behind the *Toy Story* trilogy is John Lasseter, who worships the animated films of the Japanese master director Hayao Miyazaki

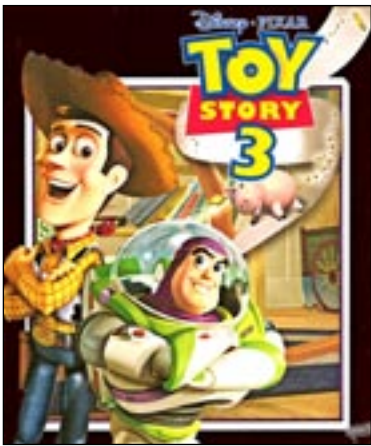
(and there's a nod to Miyazaki during the sequences that run behind the end credits). Lasseter is no Miyazaki, but he gives it his best shot and *Toy Story 3* is probably the best of the *Toy Story* series.

The narrative picks up about a decade after *Toy Story 2*. The toys owner, Andy, is a teenager and about to head off to college (*Is that the same as going to university? I've never been sure*). Anyway, Andy still has a few of his old toys. He decides to take his old favourite, Woody, with him and put the rest in the attic. The misadventures start at this point, and most of the toys end up at a child care centre, where head toy is the sinister strawberry-smelling bear, Lotso, and his strange sidekick the Barbie accessory, Ken. The sub-text of child care centres as prisons didn't go unnoticed by me either, and was slipped

in without too much fuss and carried through very deftly.

Toy Story 3 works because of the level of observation of its subject matter – and this is what Lasseter has most obviously taken, and learned, from Miyazaki. There's less concern with product placement in this *Toy Story* – though what there is, is still intrusive – and more concern with what is being talked about; and that is, the losses of adulthood which are the losses of childhood.

Toy Story 3 will work for children and works for adults too. A lot of the humour that targets adults is centred around Ken and Barbie, and the simple device of making Ken the dum bimbo and Barbie the brains, works very well. The poignancy at the heart of the film is



laid on without too much sentimentality, mainly because nothing is too cute. American children's films are usually marinated in the cutesy-pie, but *Toy Story 3* just manages to sidestep all those traps, without getting into the smart-arse adult jokes that are the trademark of the *Shrek* films.

Not a masterpiece, but well worth your bucks. And I can't see that the 3D version would dramatically improve the film, so you might save a few of those dollars by checking out the old-fashioned 2D model.

Nimbin Crossword 2010-07 by 5ynic

- Across**

 1. Pound coin? North of Sierra Leone
 4. (2,4) Ambulance service
 7. Bohemian?
 8. Not me? a female sheep.
 12. Short-tailed local marsupial
 14. Company (init.)
 15. Killer whale
 17. Final (concluding) passage of music
 19. See 9 down.
 20. (Corporate) spin (init.)
 21. Over shoulder boulder holder
 22. Cannabis resin? Profanity
 25. A Scottish lake or a German hole
 28. Makers of *The Sims*, *Burnout*, and *Need for Speed*
 30. These are available in sizes, D, C, and AA – but they aren't
 - 21 across
 32. See 31 down.
 33. Kidney output
 35. Insert gently? Opposite of difficulty
 36. Beard below lip
- Down**

 1. (and 5 down) Cullen street high fashion (8, 5)
 2. European Community
 3. Mesoamerican empire
 4. Protect(ion)
 5. See 1 down
 6. Any (textspeak)
 9. (and 19 across) The largest sporting event (5,3)
 10. Heroic saga
 11. Distilled cactus liquor
 13. Personalise (esp. your computer or your car)
 16. People playing parts
 18. Hero of a 10 down (with foot issues)
 20. Polite (Shakespearean) request
 26. Chuck out
 27. Not the our AGW-denying would-be PM, but the head of a monastery
 29. 1st sign of the zodiac
 31. I am
 34. For example

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Reviews from the Crypt

by Stephen Wright

The Beatles: Let It Be (1970)

A couple of years ago Paul McCartney released a revised version of the *Let It Be* album called very strangely, *Let It Be.....Naked*.

Four songs were finally issued without the horrible Phil Spector orchestrations; *Across the Universe*, *Let it Be*, *I Me Mine*, and *Long and Winding Road*. Of course being Paul he couldn't leave well enough alone, and not content with restoring the original arrangements of four great songs he also changed the album order of all the songs, and cut all the banter and comments.

Let It Be was the last Beatles album released but the next-to-last recorded,



the final Beatles recording being Abbey Road. The *Let It Be* sessions, initiated by Paul to restore unity among the now tired Beatles was meant to be an album where all tracks were recorded live without overdubs.

The *Let It Be* film, hard to find now, documents this beautifully, and the viewing of the Beatles performances is extraordinary. The sessions became famous for the conflict revealed between the four men, and the constant silent presence of Yoko Ono.

John gave an insight into the much-mulled-over conflict a couple of years later.

"As people do when they're together", he said, "We started picking on each other, like, 'It's because of you, you got the tambourine wrong and now my whole life is a misery', you know. It became petty, but the manifestations were on each other because we were the only ones we had."

What's obvious in the film is that the Beatles were really just interested in

making music, and that was the only thing that kept them together through their extraordinary adventures.

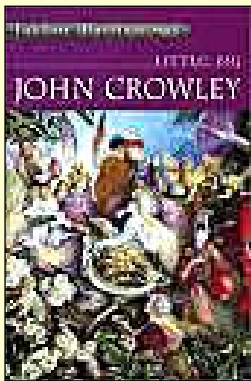
Beatles songs are as familiar as nursery rhymes to us these days, and it's hard to remember how out-there the Beatles were. The Beatles press conference after the 'We're bigger than Jesus' controversy, is quite amazing. After John gives his sort-of apology which isn't an apology, Paul bluntly tells the US press pack that the Beatles don't care, and that only bigots would be offended by John's comments anyway.

Let It Be seems, like all Beatles albums, to be another effortless and brilliant display. As regards *Let It Be.....Naked*, I just made up an iTunes playlist, chopped out the Phil Spector-arranged songs from the 1970 album and replaced them with the original versions from Paul's re-issue. It works a treat. The originals, which were all performed during the *Let It Be* film, are quite beautiful.

John Crowley: Little, Big (1981)

This might be the most famous book you've never heard of, and John Crowley the most neglected writer.

Crowley is an American science-fiction writer, and before I came across *Little, Big* I'd read his earlier books *Engine Summer* and *Beasts*, the first about a future post-apocalypse hippie commune and the



second about genetic engineering, and I'd really liked them both. But I was still surprised when I read that the US heavyweight literary critic Harold Bloom called *Little, Big*, a book I'd never heard of, a neglected masterpiece and implied that it was one of the greatest works written in the twentieth century in English.

I usually try to avoid books that weigh more than a brick, but I decided to make an exception for *Little, Big*. In paperback it clocks in at over 500 pages, and tells the story of the Drinkwater family, their weird ancient house Edgewood, and the family's mysterious links to the worlds of Faery.

The story spans about a hundred years (I think) from some time in the past to some time in the future. The story just

seems to wander and you really have to get used to the pace and the allusions to mysterious events that are never really made clear. I felt like I was reading an illuminated manuscript that had been drawn all over with complicated patterns.

Little, Big is not a difficult book to read – Crowley has a very clean plain style - but it's a meandering one and needs a different kind of reading, a kind of laziness, if that makes sense, and unwillingness to hurry.

Some books are just made to absorb yourself in, and lots of books try for that and fail miserably. I got lost in *Little, Big* more than once and I didn't care that much or worry where I was going.

So much so that I'm willing to risk it again in the not-too-distant future.

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My Mother is a Crazy Dog Lady

by Beau, as told to
Caroline Ladewig

Beau's crazy mother is a volunteer carer who brings home all sorts of foster 'kids'.

Five dogs

There are often times at ARRG when there are just way too many homeless dogs and not enough foster carers, and more importantly, not enough people adopting these unwanted dogs.

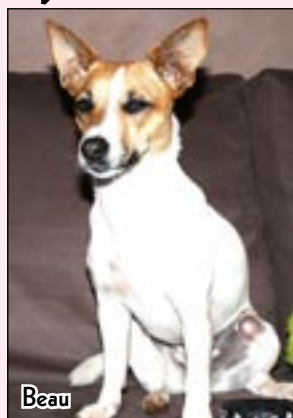
One weekend Mumma C decided that she could take on some of the overflow at the centre. We had Jackson, who'd failed yet another adoption, and were just supposed to get another little Foxie X called Poppy when Mumma C turned up with two extra dogs, Buddie and Louis.

I was not a happy dog! Actually, I think Jackson was even more put out than I was. He was starting to think that my home was his home too.

Poppy looked suspiciously like me, but her hair was a bit longer. She was of course not nearly as pretty as me! Buddie had way too much hair, and liked to cry a lot. He was a Sharpei X. He was quite handsome really, but a real sook. Louis was very similar to Jackson but bigger. I think along with the Foxie he may have had some Staffie. Jackson didn't like Louis at all!

Barbara from ARRG had assured us that this was an emergency situation and the four foster dogs were just for the weekend – thank God!

The first night was not a pleasant one. Buddie cried all night and kept all of us awake. Jackson and



Beau

Louis were bickering and the mummies let that other dog Poppy in our bed! Could things get any worse?

Mumma C took us all off to the beach on Saturday to let off some steam. I think everyone at the beach really did think my mumma was a crazy dog lady with her five dogs!

My mummies own a gym, so the second night they decided to utilize the facilities for a better night's sleep. Buddie, the crying dog was in one squash court. Louis, the trouble maker was in another squash court. Jackson and Poppy were in the 'Hotel for Dogs'. I, of course was in bed with my mothers where I belonged. Five dogs, no problem!

Barbara was true to her word, and by Monday we were back down to just having Jackson and Poppy. Our house is peaceful once again, for now...

Animal Rights and Rescue Group is a registered charity formed in 1995, to help the unwanted, injured and neglected animals.

They are at 135 Three Chain Road Lismore, phone: 02 6622-1881 or online: www.animalrights.org.au

Bowlo weathers winter well

Club Triples

Winners of the 2010 Nimbin Bowling Club Triples Championships have been decided, in a very close and hard fought match held at the end of June.

By 22 points to 19 Cookie, Jimmy and Shane defeated John, Viola and Paul. Dutifully adjudicated by Maria DeRighetti (pictured, seated), the game needed the tape measure frequently.

State of Origin Bowls

In a major reversal of the run of form over the past few years, the Club's Golden Boots trophy now has Blue laces, after a fun competition on a dry Sunday, 13th June.

Origin players came from far and wide for the annual social event, which proved once again that with the right amount of frivolity, anything can happen. NSWRL take note.



Grinners



Next year?

Mudgeeraba Club Visit

They're a mad mob at Mudgeeraba, and when they visit another club, they mean to have fun.

Their community singing of 'The Road to Nimbin Town' on the bus was only a curtain-raiser to a great day of social bowls against the Nimbinites, with a hearty banquet for lunch and a fair bit more skylarking to follow.

And they can bowl a bit, too. A return visit is being planned.

This month, Terrigal Club will visit on Friday 23rd, and Ballina is coming on Sunday 25th.

Member Services

The Bowlo has been increasing its range of activities on offer, notably with the well-patronised recreational reading library, and now with the provision of two internet computers under



Club Triples finalists

the Federal Government's *Broadband for Seniors* program, launched by our Federal member for Richmond, Justine Elliot at the Club on Thursday 8th July.

Training in using the computers can be arranged to help get seniors, that's people over 50, started.

Other activities in the pipeline include darts and board games, all handy for those days when the weather means you can't get in a roll-up.

Annual General Meeting

Be involved in your Club!

Come to the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 18th July at 10am, to hear reports for the past year and elect the committee for the coming year.

There will also be a Notice of Motion to vote on, which proposes reducing the number of committee members from 10 to 6. The full text of the Motion is on the Club's noticeboard.

All financial members of the Club are welcome to attend.



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Nimbin Bushwalkers gorge themselves in the nearby ranges

by Len Martin

Oh what a legacy we enjoy, we lucky ones who live around Nimbin! A legacy from the Mt Warning volcano and twenty million or so years of weather. Fabulous landscapes and rock formations – worked by water and wind into wondrous shapes, evolution giving us our rich world heritage rainforests and other diverse assemblages of plants and animals.

Nimbin Bushwalkers are blessed, not only with relatively easy access to these geological and biological treasures, but also with trip leaders who lead them into the most inaccessible, demanding and fulfilling parts of our local wonderland.

And so it was, on the last Sunday of May, an intrepid Neil Biggar led 12 of us from Rummery Park on fire-trails towards gorge 3838 – where, a few yards off the fire-trail, the ground to the right suddenly dropped away to mysterious dark, green depths. We followed this edge for 100m or so to the north end of the gorge then descended via a rocky slope, to a gap in the east wall overlooking Wanganui gorge. Some of the more intrepid of us scrambled up a narrow spur to a long flat neck of rock leading south to find, not the edge of Wanganui, but a small 1-2 metre wide gorge between 3838 and Wanganui – little more than a crack really and I wonder if that is the origin of 3838 – a bloody great chunk of the western wall of Wanganui wobbling loose.

On we went around the little “crack” to the true edge with views across Wanganui to an unnamed waterfall we visited last year. Back down the spur (I needed a little

help here) we rejoined the others to explore south into the depths – onto a flattish floor littered with rocks of all sizes (eskies, cars, sheds, small houses) – sheer rock walls on either side 20-30m apart (sometimes much less) covered with greenery and with water trickling down on the right. Trees with epiphytic ferns, Bangalow Palms and so many *Helmholtzias* (Torrent Lilies) I suspect water played a large part in 3838’s formation.

A rocky route to our lunch spot at the southern end, beside a large “crack” between a huge house-sized chunk of rock and the gorge wall. I understand the crack is home to micro-bats (like *Martin’s Crack* on Nimbin Rocks Co-op), but the entry descent was too steep for these aged chiropterological bones. After lunch a short scramble up and lo we were back on the fire-trail. What a spot – but not suitable for the kiddies.

Saturday 5th June saw David Holston lead 11 of us around the Upper Black Scrub Circuit in Mt Jerusalem NP, near Mt Chowan, largely off track, through rainforest, Eucalypt forest and heath. There were many orchids, particularly Greenhoods and a fine selection



Creek in Mt. Jersulsam

of fungi, hence frequent stops for photography. We enjoyed superb views to the south – Burringbar Valley and Pacific Ocean and to the west – the Tweed Valley complete with Nightcap Range and our own beloved Sphinx. A wonderful, relaxed nature ramble, a highlight for me being a magnificent Golden Orb Web spider – not the common *Nephila edulis* we’re used to around here – but a huge royal-blue and gold *N. maculata* – and, wacko-the-diddle-oh – I got some beaut photos.

Two weeks later, David led 12 of us into the western end of Mt Jerusalem NP to “a rarely visited waterfall and rainforest creeks on upper tributaries of Doon Doon

and Rowlands Creeks in old logged forest, using disused forest trails with easy off track scrambling”. Yes, well, I am getting on a bit and can fall into creeks, but I found this walk somewhat more demanding than the previous one – though just as enjoyable, once again many orchids and fungi – and good company. There seems to be one notable absence on our walks – birds. We see and hear very few. A worry? Perhaps we make too much noise chatting. Alas the circuit walk on Nimbin Rocks Co-op was washed out – nevertheless, the next Sunday saw eight lantana lunatics turn up for our second track-clearing working bee.

So you see that NBC members enjoy some fabulous walks in surrounding areas. But what about community members who cannot, for various reasons, travel far for walks – who are restricted to the immediate vicinity of Nimbin? I can tell you that there is not a lot available. I was recently asked by Nimbin Central School to suggest short bushwalks close to Nimbin for small groups of secondary students – travel distance being limited by the short time period available for the activity. Virtually

all walks that came to mind were on “private” property – and property owners were not enthusiastic.

As most of us are aware, many landowners have negative attitudes towards people wishing to use even LCC-designated road reserves crossing their properties. This is why many NBC members are highly supportive of the Australian Long Forest Association (ALFA; formerly The National Bridlepath and Wildlife Corridor Association) which is “committed to the establishment, in perpetuity, of a network of bridlepaths and wildlife corridors for the benefit of native fauna and flora, horse riders, walkers and non motorized cyclists” and which is attempting to develop such a network around Nimbin. Some NBC members may remember a very enjoyable walk along the undeveloped part of Blade Road – a result of ALFA’s activities. NBC’s track-work is in support of ALFA.

NBC has a Lands Department permit for weed clearing and bush regeneration of a ‘designated area’ of “designated road reserve” near Nimbin. Anyone interested in participating, contact me at pteropus42@smartchat.net.au



Towards Burringbar

Walks Program July

Sunday 11th July

Cape Byron Circuit and Whale Watch

Leader – Len Martin (6689-0254)
Grade 2, 5.5km circular walk on beach and tracks. Starts at Clark’s Beach, walk past Wategos beach to Lighthouse on paved walkway, return on Rainforest track. Coastal heath, Littoral Rainforest and Banksia forest. Beautiful outlooks and icecream available at lighthouse. Climb to Lighthouse is bit steep. At this time of year, Humpback whales are heading north, so bring binocs as we hope to spend some time looking for them. Meet Nimbin carpark 9am or Clark’s Beach carpark, 10.15am Bring water, lunch, binoculars, broad-brimmed hat.

Wednesday 14th July

Nimbin Top o’ the rocks (members only)

Leader – Judy Hales
Grade 2 easy walk to view Nimbin Rocks from Mountain Top. Meet 10am Nimbin car park for car pooling – short drive to Mountain Top and across private property – hence members only.

Sunday 25th July

Shelly Beach Ballina to Skennars Head return

Leader – Ron Ronan (6633-7207, best at night)
Grade 2, 2.5hr return. Flat Rock walk to Shelly Beach and back, through remnant native vegetation. Continue to Skennars Head for lunch then return to Flat Rock. Optional extra – 30 min walk through area of delightful coastal heath near Shelly Beach Meet 9am Nimbin car park. Travel by car (via Bangalow) to Pacific Highway towards Ballina. Turn left at Ross Lane to travel to Lennox Head. Take Flat Rock Road between Lennox Head and Ballina. Travel past Flat Rock Tent Park to nearby beach car park (with toilets!) for walk start at 10.30am Bring food and water.

Weekend 7th – 8th August

Mt Nardi to Kunghur Flying Fox, option to Sphinx Rock, overnight (members only)

Leader Michael Smith (6689 9291)
Grade 3 to Flying Fox, 1km from Sphinx Rock (worth going to get this close). Grade 6 from there to Sphinx. On- and-off-track, thick scrub and cliffs, some sections exploratory. Start Sat 8am Mt Nardi Bring camping gear, stove, food and water for 2 days. Must phone leader in early August to register interest/arrange transport.

Sunday August 15th to Sunday 22nd Week’s Camping on Moreton Island

(Members and friends of members of Nimbin Bushwalking and Nimbin Garden Clubs)

Leaders Kay and Len Martin (6689-0254).
Grades: great variety of good easy (grades 1-2) walks on sand and some more demanding (grade3?). Cost approximately \$195 per head, payable by end of July, with deposit of \$50 payable by mid-July.

Details of trip and booking forms now available from leaders. \$195 will cover shared transport costs, ferry to island, National Parks permits etc. and use of Moreton Experience camp facilities behind the ocean fore-dunes near Blue Lagoon. So no need to bring tents (though you can bring them if you wish) – there are large canvas tents (shared accommodation with camp stretchers) toilets, cold showers and covered cooking area – even ice for eskies, but you will need to bring your own esky, food, drinks etc for the week.

Trip may be available for a limited number of people without cars or 4WDs (first come first served), as we hope to have enough vehicles to transport everyone up to the ferry and around the island as needed.



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Nimbin Garden Club Notes



by Gil Schilling

Balinese Style

The June club meeting was held at Kerry Porter and Cath Lewis's Balinese style garden at Jiggi. As proprietors of 'In Your Dreams' in Lismore, Kerry and Cath have made extensive use of imported ornaments and wooden carvings reflecting the Balinese culture in landscaping their one and a half acre garden.

In addition to their ornamental garden, Kerry and Cath have also established a very effective composting regime and worm farm in support of their raised vegetable garden beds. And I'm advised that the very impressive size and quality of the celery on display brought on a degree of envy in one or two of the club members present.

The visit finished with a fine afternoon tea on the verandah.



Next Meeting

The July meeting of the club will be the Annual General Meeting, which will be held at the Koonorigan Hall on Koonorigan Road. The meeting will start with a sausage sizzle and salad beginning at 12.30pm (Please note this early start time) on Saturday 17th July.

At the conclusion of the formal AGM business, there will be a guest speaker and the opportunity of visiting a nearby private garden. All members are encouraged to attend and support the club as it organises itself to take on the next 12 months. Club subscriptions will also be due at this time. Soooo, if you haven't been for a while, the July meeting would be a good opportunity to catch up with friends and get back into the action. See you there...

As always, please bring a small plate to share, a chair to sit on and your cup. And don't forget the club swap table – if you have some surplus garden material (seedlings, cuttings, fruit and veggies, preserves etc), please bring them along.

Members, guests, visitors and prospective new members are always very welcome. For more information about the club, please contact either Hendrik (6689-1233) or Denise (6689-9324).



Headers think global, act local

by Simone Rutley

Hoorah for the World Cup!

There is many a Header's fan and member who can be seen around town somewhat bleary-eyed as a result of dedicated World Cup TV viewing.

It has been fantastic so far.

An update on each of our teams

The Men's 4th Division are 3rd. Due to rain and the Queen's birthday holiday it was 4 weeks between games when we played Ballina. With only 10 men and looking rusty we went down, 3-0, our first loss of the season.

We bounced back the following weekend with a sound 4-1 win at Bangalow. Sunder grabbed all the goals. A catch-up game on Tuesday saw us in dazzling style as we flogged Tintenbar 6-3, Miko, Sundar and Phillip each netting a brace.

The Men's 5th Division are also 3rd on the ladder. Their last game (at the time of writing) was a 5 nil win against the Italo Stars. It was a ripper of game in which we dominated. There were a few memorable incidents. Steve Waddington, our trusted club president and team captain scored his first goal of the season. Perhaps not the most eloquent goal of the game but never-the-less it got him on the score board!

The U14's are 8th. They continue to play with a lot of heart but are feeling somewhat undersized. Approximately half this team have been brought up from the U13's and U'12's. In an effort to overcome their disadvantage they are training hard twice a week and ought to be commended for their commitment.

The U11's are 3rd. All the team continue to enjoy themselves and are playing



Nimbin Hotel licensee Josh Stanton and manager Deb Guest (centre) clinch the sponsorship deal with Headers President Steve Waddington (left) and committeeman Damian McDonald.

well. They thoroughly loved playing in the torrential rain recently, with a win to sweeten the experience.

Sponsor Partnership with the Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers

We have been in negotiation with the Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers regarding substantial sponsorship of the club. To this end the club will be holding its senior presentations at the hotel and this week we are launching our 2010 raffle supported by the hotel.

There are two first prizes to choose from: a Mongoose Villain stunt bike with all the bells and whistles including a helmet valued at \$540.00. Thanks to Harris Cycles in Lismore. The New Camera House, Lismore, are helping us with a Fujifilm FinePix F70EXR digital camera, 2GB memory card, camera case and photo print offer valued at \$715.00. 3rd prize is a Grind Ripstik valued at \$200 from Toy Kingdom, Lismore and 4th prize is an IPOD Shuffle with 4GB of memory, valued at \$109.00. This has been donated by Powermax, also in Lismore.

Tickets will be on sale from Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers from the

beginning of July at \$3 a ticket. It will be drawn at the junior presentation in September.

The road

As regular visitors to the club will have noticed work has begun on our driveway, thanks to Owen Whitney. Owen has put a lot of road base down, which now needs to settle.

The rain of course adds its challenges, but at least you no longer need 4WD clearance to get in. It still feels soft in places, so the advice is to drive over the lumpy bits to help the settling. At the moment it is a work in progress.

Solar Farm Project

The Headers have become involved with the Nimbin NNIC solar farm project. We are gradually working our way through the paper work!

What it means is that we will get a new roof on our clubhouse with a substantial verandah out the front, to provide sheltered spectator viewing. At the same time we are part of this innovative local project helping to make Nimbin a sustainable community.

GO THE HEADERS

Home game dates for July: Sat 10th and Sun 11th; Sun 18th and Sat 24th. Please come and support your local club.

Plan to succeed

by David Hoffman,

David's Health & Lifestyle Studios, Lismore

With the cold weather and the wet coming on through winter, we need to look at planning to be consistent and successful with our exercise routine. Some simple tips can be used to keep us going.

- Look around your local area for an alternative venue for your exercise when the weather is not favourable to exercising outside. Make it close to home and easily accessible.
- Have a short routine that you can fall back on at home that will not disturb the family if they are still asleep or have gone to bed. Equipment like skipping ropes, steps, a ball and maybe a kettle bell or light dumbbell will give you plenty of variety.

- Wear wet weather gear if you have it. Light wet or cold weather gear for exercising can make all the difference. For those who are lacking that cover over the scalp like me, a beanie is magic. Add a pair of gloves and you are set.
 - Look at casual classes or gymnasium visits that are accessible nearby. The variety will keep you going and generally there is something that suits everyone.
 - Use an indoor heated pool for your cardiovascular exercise. This will be a nice option on a cool morning or evening, or even during your lunch break.
- With the weather we experience in our regions, we really need to have alternative options to make sure we are successful.
- How good would you feel coming out of winter this year fitter than the last few years?

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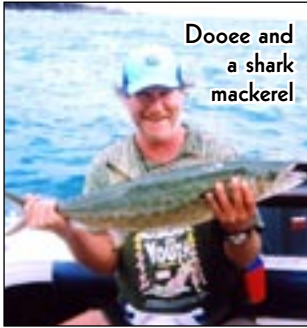


Harry and 11kg spanish mackerel

by Pixie, Fishing Reporter

Ten members of the Nimbin Heads Fishing Team ventured north to Fraser Island for our annual fishing trip – Harry, Terry, Laurie and Chris starting off in Harry’s boat *Out There* and Pix, Cal, Zac and Dooee starting off as crew in Pix’s boat *Pop’s Tiger*, with Mark and Adam venturing up in the second week.

The first day on the water was a gift from the sea gods, with a ½ metre swell and a 5 knot breeze and the water colour a clear crystal blue. A small surf made beach launching easy, then scoot out 5 or 7 km to an inside reef, no need to anchor, just start a drift and first drop, the fish are on the bite – what a way to start two weeks of fishing!



Dooee and a shark mackerel

All the guys were hooking up on venus tuskfish, gold spot wrass and spangled emperor. Then Cal landed the fish of the dy with a 9.8kg green jobfish.

After a great day’s fishing, it’s back to the beach and out comes the beer esky and the ironing boards for the daily job of cleaning and filleting our fish.

Day 2 and the sea gods are still on our side with the seas about the same size and plenty of fish on the bite, with the tuskies coming on board all around 3kg and a good fight with every fish. Then

Zac’s first big tusky was taken by a shark, with Zac bringing up a fish head only.

Then Cal was on fire again, landing a 55cm red emperor, then a 57cm one. Good fishing Cal. Then your humble fishing reporter landed the biggest spangled emperor of the trip.

A few more gold spot wrass and tuskies came on board, then the wind stopped and the seas flattened out, just a brilliant day to be on the water, but the fish stopped



Chris with a venus tusk fish

biting, so back to the beach for the daily ritual of a beer and fish cleaning, then fresh reef fish for tea.

It’s good to be able to appreciate a couple of days of good seas and good fishing, because from Day 3 onwards the seas became bigger and the winds stronger, but the fish were still on the bite, with the tuskies still around 3kg, more spangled emporer and now we were hooking up some moses perch and pearl perch. It’s just good to be a fisherman on Fraser Island.

By Day 4 and 5, the seas are around 1 ½ to 2 metres with the wind blowing 15 knots and becoming very choppy with white caps all over the ocean, the beach launch and navigating the surf becoming more tricky, but the fish were still on the bite, so out to sea we go again.

The crew on *Pop’s Tiger* were all back into hooking up good fish, landing gold spot,



Captain Sea Dog and Pop’s Tiger crew

spangled emporer, moses perch and tuskies. Harry and crew went out wider in search of big fish but ran around without much luck, but one call on the two-way and they found us a few km closer to shore, where they then started hooking up and while trolling back in, Dooee landed a good shark mackerel.

By day 6 and 7 the seas are even bigger, with a decision to be made every morning about going to sea or not, but the fish are still on the bite, so out we go. When we get around the headland, the seas are around 2 to 3 metres with the wind around 15 knots, which meant going slow out to our marks and going slow between drifts, but we are into pearl perch and moses perch with no sharks taking our fish, so it’s all good.

After 5 or 6 hours of being tossed around and a good catch on board, we decided to troll back to shore and on the way Chris picked up a nice shark mackerel which just made Chris’ day and then it’s time to clean fish, with pearl perch and moses perch for tea tonight.

Day 8 and we decide the seas are too big to head out to the reef, so we have a day to play on the beach

and fish the gutters, while Harry and Terry decided to launch *Out There* and troll in close around the headlands. Meanwhile on the beach, the esky was coping a hiding and the guys were hooking up and releasing dart. Then Cal hooked onto a big ray for fun and to top it off hooked a big shark, which reeled off line and then it was gone.

After a few hours Harry and Terry returned, Terry with a 6kg mac tune and Harry with an 11kg spanish mackerel, the biggest fish of the trip, which just made Harry’s week.

Day 9: Harry, Terry and

prediction to 1 metre to 1 ½ metre swell and 10 to 15 knot winds and that’s great, let’s go fishing.

The beach launch is good and we get around the headland to find the weatherman has no idea. The wind is howling with a 2½ to 3 metre swell and really messy, then two walls of water around 5 to 6 metres high came towards us. *Pop’s Tiger* climbed up over the first one and down into the trough, with the next one only about the length of the boat behind it. We climbed up the next wave and back down into the 2 ½ metre mess and that was enough for the day. Catching fish on the reef we wouldn’t be doing today, drinking beers on the beach seemed like a better option for a Sunday.

The Monday seas were about the same and going to sea wasn’t an option, so we packed up our rock fishing gear and headed to Indian Head, where we threw hard body spinners off the rocks. To get to the best spot, we climbed around the rocks as far as you can, then hop up on a rock and there is a rope that

You are now on a big rock platform with the ocean wide open and you throw spinners and dodge crashing waves. After a few hours of fun, we landed some GT’s, silver trevally, Zac caught a small spanish mackerel and we hooked up to a big spanish, which is always great fun off the rocks.

With only a couple of days left, it was good to be able to go back to sea. So with a change of crew, we decided to go out, with Pix the sea dog captain and Cal, Mark, Adam and Laurie as crew. So we were fishing five out of *Pop’s Tiger* again. We already knew that the seas were sloppy, but the wind was expected to ease as the day progressed.

In the morning the drift was a bit fast, even with a large sea anchor, but as the wind dropped off we started to hook up, with Adam on his first trip to Fraser hooking up to big tuskies, which got him excited and he tried to outfish his dad. Mark said it was the worst conditions he had ever fished in, but he was catching good fish and felt safe.

All the guys were hooking up in the sloppy conditions and we had caught some good fish. Then your humble fishing reporter topped off the second week with a 60cm red emperor.

Our annual trip to Fraser was a great success, the conditions out to sea weren’t great, but out of 14 days we managed to go to sea on ten of those days and all the guys caught some good fish and had a great time.

For those who are interested, there are only 320 sleeps to go until we do it again.

Tight lines, guys.



Zac with his spangled emperor

hangs from a rock up above. With the thought of hooking up to spanish mackerel, you grab hold of the rope and swing round to the next rock platform with waves crashing 6 metres below, all in the name of fishing fun.



Pix with his red emperor

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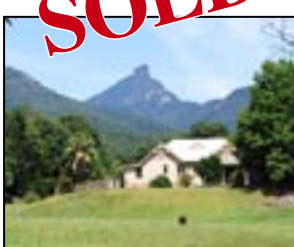
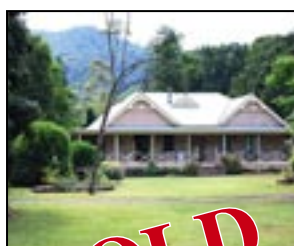
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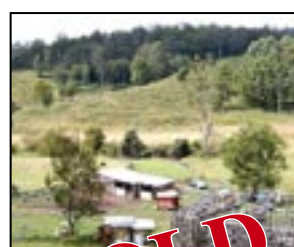
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