

Friday Night Movies
NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE

6:00pm Kitchen opens | 7:30pm Film starts | \$15 / \$12
TROPIC THUNDER
THE HARDEST LINE
BLACK SWAN
QUEER
DESPERADO
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY
Tropic Thunder 2008 (MA15+)
Midnight Oil - The Hardest Line
Black Swan (MA15+)
Queer (MA15+)
Desperado (R18)
Bohemian Rhapsody (PG13+)
6/02/2026
13/02/2026
20/02/2026
27/02/2026
6/3/2026
13/3/2026
BECOME A BUSHIES BESTIE!
Bushies Bestie is our free membership program that gives you access to exclusive perks like discounted movie tickets, special event offers, occasional 'bring a friend for free deals', and early updates. Besties also get the chance to vote on upcoming films and events. It's our way of saying thanks for supporting Nimbin Bush Theatre and being part of the community.

FEBRUARY 2026
LOCAL GIGS

WEDNESDAY
04 Not Quite Folk Open Mic Night
06 Jamie Sullivan, DJ Lazy Dom
06 Mr Rhodes, Rapport
07 Parhelion, Jack Dylan + More
07 Tubed Radio
11 Open Mic Night
11 Monthly Irish Folk Jam
13 Friday 13th List
13 Yolan, DJ Lazy Dom
14 Val Day 80s Night Band Push
14 Surf Hat
15 World Music
18 The Deltaz
20 Laurapanic, Masochist + More
20 Adam Hourigan, DJ Kaz
21 Bass Invaders
21 Band All Gone
21 Hank Williams Tribute #4
26 Monthly Bluegrass Jam
26 Regurgitator Jukboxin' Tour
27 Adam Gardiner DJ Specs
28 Kisses, McKisko + More
28 Rochelle Lees Band
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by the Nimbin Water Collective

Flowing water is the essence of our region. It is the basis of our collective future. Its natural cycle is what we need to understand in order to fully protect and maintain the fragile equilibrium that exists.

As in the forest where the trees sustain the above and below ground balance, so too the waters in direct correlation are what sustains the environment in which we live.

The way forward is about our flowing water and all that we can do to protect it now and in coming years. Our collective efforts will be what ensures that this precious cycle continues. In our immediate vicinity much regeneration is naturally occurring and is also assisted by concerned pro-active people within the region.

This pro-action however, is not necessarily the case across the wider catchment of the Clarence-Moreton Basin which underlies our surface waters. We can see how the rivers run brown with the silt and sediment that has built up over an extended period of deforestation and industrialisation.

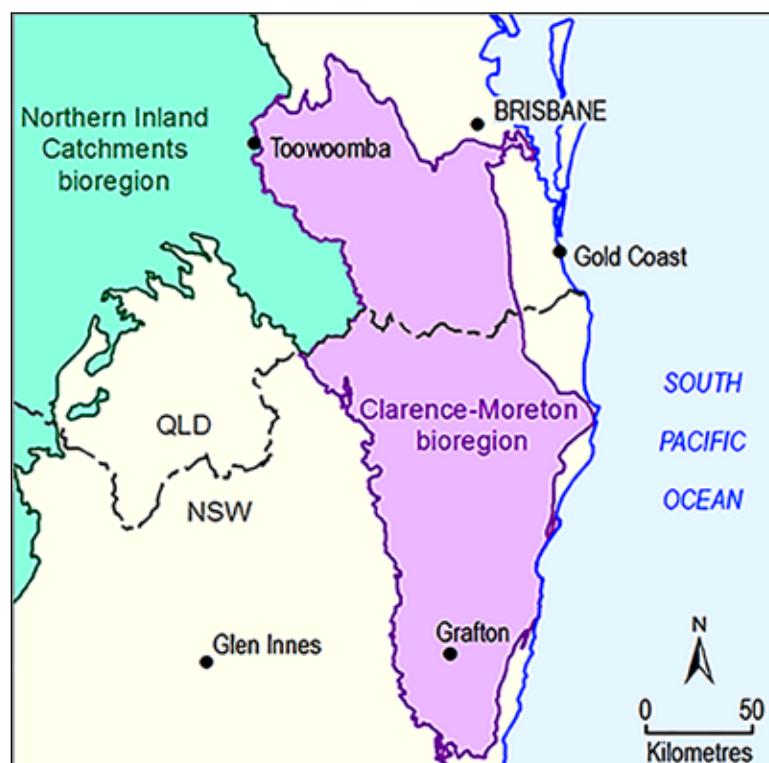
It does well to remember that large boats once navigated up the rivers to many of the towns of the Northern Rivers. Removal of vegetation (trees) needs to halt, in order to reach that point of turnaround, where our outlook is one of restoring our riverine ecosystems.

Our river waters are considered unfit for drinking, making these often abundant water sources inaccessible for the public water supplies. The forward-thinking Water Plan from the NSW Department of Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Water and Rous County Council (RCC) looks at what can be done in the time between now and 2060.

It is time to introduce another practicable option to this Water Plan, one which can be achieved through nature-based solutions to upgrade and re-stabilise our landscapes and waterways.

From every small stream and creek to the big rivers, much could be done in this same period to increase the possibility of being able to use the available surface water more readily, were it able to be effectively improved to be fit once again for people to be able to utilise its sustenance.

The landscape above the weir on Mulgum Creek is one of steep and widespread erosion, heavily infested



with weed species. This is again the result of vegetation removal of the rainforest and followed by significant erosion events in heavy rainfall, resulting in steep hollows filled with weeds.

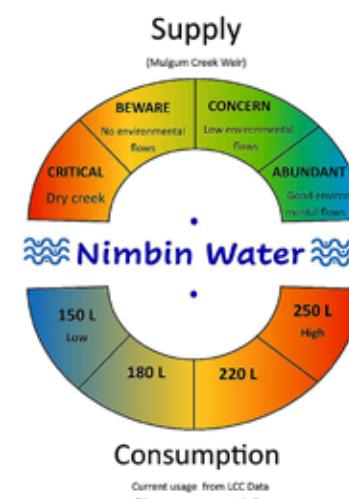
Various Landcare and environment groups across the region work to improve the upper catchments and RCC also shares responsibility to remove weeds and to revegetate along water courses. People on their own places and land-sharing communities work on land restoration initiatives. There is important work happening and these initiatives need a lot more support and activity to turn things around.

How can that turn around most simply and effectively be achieved and how do we get enough people on the ground doing the vital work that is necessary?

Having connection with current catchment networks is a good start. Building community involvement through open and honest discussion with water planners and listening to the input from so many knowledgeable and environmentally aware people of our region has great potential for positive outcomes.

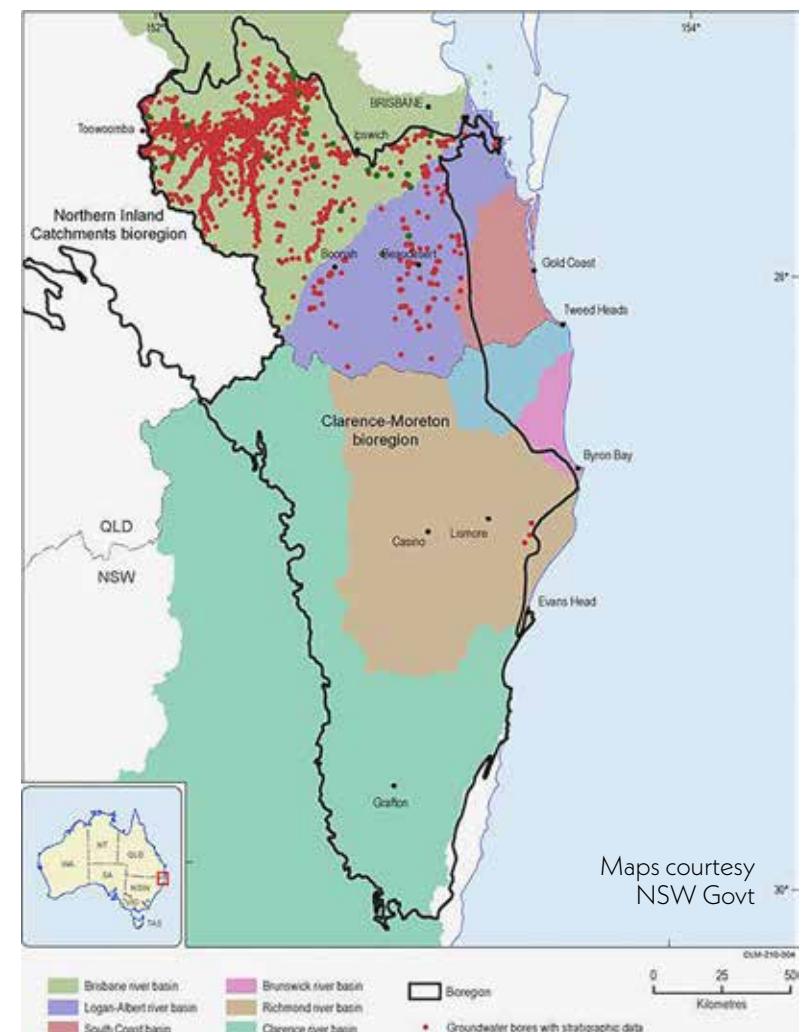
Revitalising the landscape has the potential to assist with ameliorating flood impacts. It decreases the need to continue to source water through underground systems which if too heavily relied upon can inevitably fail.

In 1998, the NSW Government released a state-wide Aquifer Risk Assessment (Alstonville Basalt Plateau Ground Water



– Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) 4. Ground Water Management. This listed the Alstonville Basalt Plateau (G.W. Management Area GWMA 804) as an aquifer at high risk due primarily to the reliance of GDEs on ground water. Also there are threats from changing land use, large amounts of entitlement compared to sustainable yield, local interference due to pumping, relatively small ground water flow system, and vulnerability to pollution (Alstonville Basalt Plateau Groundwater Source. Dept. Planning and Environment, 2023.)

And so what has all this to do with Nimbin? Nimbin is a groundwater dependent ecosystem. The above reference to the Alstonville Basalt Plateau aquifer pertains to extraction from the surface aquifer and the upper water table. Knowledge of its interconnection with other surface



aquifers is largely limited to localised impact estimates.

The underlying deeper Clarence-Moreton Basin contributes to Nimbin's groundwater dependent ecosystem. Extraction from the Basin is already impacted by bottled water extraction both locally at Uki and Mt Warning, and further afield at Mt Tamborine.

Still further afield, the Basin is closely monitored below the Toowoomba Range where high levels of industrial and agricultural water extraction have been occurring for a long time. Total current extraction of the Clarence-Moreton Basin is yet to be understood or quantified.

The bottom line is that very little is known as to what the impacts of RCC's planned Clarence-Moreton Basin abstraction will have on both the local vicinity and the wider Region.

Describing their experience of water mining, the Tweed Water Alliance website view is that "the extraction is based on incomplete hydrology, limited information and inconclusive research ... Accurate measurement and the effects of mining on ground and surface water stocks is difficult, costly and secretive."

"RCC has a duty to ensure that there is enough water available to meet the long-term needs of the

Ballina Shire, Byron Shire, Lismore City and Richmond Valley Councils and their communities," (Future Water Project 2060). Currently these communities are supplied through RCC's bulk water supply network or localised supply systems such as we have in Nimbin. The Rocky Creek Dam is the mainstay of the bulk supply network.

So far, the primary focus of enhancement to that water source is the deep underground aquifer of the Clarence-Moreton Basin. Consideration of other options such as recycled water are way down the list and not actively being pursued at this time.

Meanwhile back here in Nimbin we are watching the flow of the creeks. We are thankful for the rain and continue to address the issues that are before us. To this end we have sought further clarification from Lismore City Council regarding details which will assist in making decisions about Nimbin's independent water supply.

Our collective efforts as individuals and as a community, reflect the will to bring focus to the realisation that we have an opportunity to engage in serious consideration of these matters. We aim to energise efforts towards our region's environmental water sustainability.

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30 YEARS OF PERMACULTURE EDUCATION

February 7, 10am-1.30pm Compost & Biochar Workshop

February 28, 10am-1pm Soapmaking, Natural Skincare & Cleaning Workshop

March 21, 10am-3pm Open Day Workshops & Book Sale

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Reviving PanCom

For many people in the Northern Rivers, the idea of community has always meant more than just where we live.

It has meant sharing skills, supporting one another, caring for Country, and finding collective ways to meet life's challenges.

Pan Community Council (PanCom) was originally formed to help communities connect, share knowledge and work together across the region.

In recent times, with rising housing costs, an ageing population, increasing

isolation, and the pressure many communities are under, there is growing interest in reviving PanCom in a way that reflects today's realities.

A community meeting will be held on Sunday 22nd February, 11am at the Nimbin Town Hall.

This meeting is for anyone interested in being involved in the revival of Pan Community Council, whether you live in an intentional community, a rural block, a share household, or simply care about the future of community life in the Northern Rivers.

The aim of the revived

PanCom is to create a practical, locally grounded network focused on:

- sharing knowledge and experience between communities
- sharing labour for community projects
- supporting ageing in place on communities
- exploring fair and realistic approaches to housing affordability
- strengthening connection and mutual support across the region

This is not about creating a peak body or speaking for communities. It is about rebuilding a space where

communities can speak with each other, learn from one another, and collaborate where it makes sense.

If you have lived experience, practical skills, ideas, or simply curiosity about how we can support one another better into the future, you are warmly encouraged to attend.

The meeting will be informal, welcoming, and focused on listening, sharing, and exploring what Pan Community Council could look like today – shaped by the people who show up.

Everyone is welcome. Any questions, please email: myles.beaufort@gmail.com