

Archie fills vacuum

Before the Nimbin rumour mill grinds to its inexorable erroneous conclusions I thought I'd better get into print. My partners at Nimbin Lifestyle Real Estate – Ian Ellis and Glenys Flynn – and myself can now announce that the business has been sold and the new proprietors will take over from the beginning of February subject to granting of appropriate licences which by now should be a fait accompli. They are Peter Robinson (ex-NRMA) and Geoff Shearman, dairy farmer/businessman from Goolmangar. Lis Denmead, John Wilcox and Grant Rossiter will stay on.

Contrary to rumour this development is not related to the business vacuum caused by the recent death of Kerry Packer, nor am I opening an



Archie

office in Casino or anywhere else. I have a glorious wife and beautiful baby at home, enough of a cushion to have a little time off to consider other possibilities, and sufficient hutzpah to think that a happy, stimulating future awaits me regardless of income.

Being a real estate agent in Nimbin for 18 years gets you into a lot of interesting nooks and crannies, particularly in relation to human psychology. More of that later, perhaps. I will say that I have loved most of my life on the coalface of Cullen Street and the opportunity to get newcomers settled in plus the enormous amount of entertainment that is potentially on offer every time someone walks in the door.



Brendan Lovechild's 2006 MardiGrass poster, endorsed by members of the Queensland police force at Woodford.

We have laughed, danced, sung and cried with many of our customers while doing the business, which is not the norm in this industry. The norm never appealed to me so I shall continue to live here. I have experienced much joy and not a little bastardry in my occupation but that will be in the book.

Before I close let me congratulate you on the development of the NGT. I may not necessarily agree with all the sentiments expressed within, but I believe a community forum is vital and you certainly provide that. Well done.

Robin Archbold, aka Archie.

Greetings from HEMP

The Nimbin Hemp Embassy would like to wish their activists and supporters as well as the Nimbin Community a healthy and happy 2006 and may you be safe on all your travels, referring to the saliva-testing for drivers, which commenced in NSW from the 1st January, 2006.

While our courts and prisons (the new mental asylums) are already filled to the maximum, we hope that YOU will support our cause to bring sanity to the drug laws.

If you would like to support and/or join our entry 'CANNABIS AS MEDICINE' for the Sydney Mardi Gras Parade on the 4th March, we would love to read/hear from YOU.

The first meeting will be on Monday 16th January at 2.00 pm in the Hemp Embassy.

The first MardiGrass 2006 (6th and 7th May) organising meeting will be held on Friday 3rd February at 5.00 pm in the Hemp Bar, everybody welcome!

Contact: Phone/Fax 6689-1842 or e-mail: www.hempembassy.net

Chibo Mertineit

Search for fibreglasser of excellence

My name is Monika Boenigk and I am a midwife of many years who has ventured on the path of designing and manufacturing birthing seats and other birthing furniture for labouring women and their midwives. The items are manufactured from fibreglass. I have just moved to Nimbin from Newcastle, and my excellent German fibreglasser in Sydney has moved to Adelaide...this



Useful products. The BirthRite Floor Studio in use.

leaves me short of someone to continue his excellent work.

There are slow but steadily increasing orders, enough to keep a part-time backyard operator reasonably busy. Rather than turning to one of the large soul-less outfits around Brisbane, I would love to keep the money in the Far North Coast hills, if someone skilled enough to handle the unusual, organic shapes is interested to come on board.

The work and finish required is strictly for experienced fibreglassers only, and I would only be too happy to hear from somebody out there! The products can be viewed on my website www.birthrite.com.au and my phone number is 6689-7490.

Monika Boenigk



Michael Moyes

Obituaries

The passing of Jack McKinnon

The man who created his own method of personally teaching over two hundred and fifty kids to read, has passed on at the age of eighty-six at his Tuntable home.

His Teaching method for Reading was widely circulated when it was professionally published in two volumes. In its first publication months, over one thousand copies were distributed in NSW schools. For some years I met Jack at least once a week for lunch at Nimbin's Trattoria. Even though he showed signs of slowing down he was still able to impress and inspire, with his modest, positive attitude about life and humanity.

Jack McKinnon was a people person. He left his mark on communities as wide apart as North Queensland and Northern NSW, in practical affairs, as a builder, administrator and community leader.

Jack McKinnon: sadly missed and honoured by family, friends, neighbours and the two hundred and fifty to whom he introduced the magic of reading.

A celebration of Jack's life will take place on Tuntable on Tuesday 10th January. The funeral at 10.30am will be followed by a wake at Tuntable Hall. Please bring food, drink and memories to share.

Arthur Pike

Rest in Peace

Michael Moyes

Gentle and community-spirited, Michael is remembered as a top helper at the Soup Kitchen over the past year, as well as assisting at Hall functions, including the Poetry World Cup.

Michael died suddenly while visiting Mackay.

There will be a scattering of his ashes at 12 noon on Wednesday 11th January at Torakina Park, Brunswick Heads.

Andrew Kavasilas

Notices

Lost Dog In Blue Knob Area

Has anyone seen my dog? She's a light brown Staffy cross, medium size. She was wearing a red collar and answers to the name "Sophie." Very much loved. Please phone 6689-1278 if you come across her.

Tonia Haynes

Beach Bus

Kirklands Bus Lines is running two Beach Bus services from Lismore Transit Centre each weekday until Friday 27th January.

Buses to Ballina leave at 8.35am and 10.15am, arriving at Shelly Beach at 9.35am and 11.15am respectively. The return bus leaves the Shelly Beach SLSC at 3.20pm to arrive at the Lismore Transit Centre at 4.50pm.

Buses to Evan Head depart at 8.45am to arrive at Evans Head SLSC at 9.30am, with the return trip leaving at 4pm to arrive in Lismore at 4.55pm.

Cost for each service is \$10 return. Ring 6622-1499 for more information.

Kirkland Bus Lines

Mousetrap Media

Mousetrap media produces the *Nimbin Magazine*, *Under the Rainbow* and *Nimbin & Environs*. We are always looking for new members.

Our AGM will be held at 10am, Tuesday 16th February in our office in the main building of the Community Centre. All interested in being involved are welcome.

To get in touch, phone 6689-1184 or email nimbinnews@nrg.com.au

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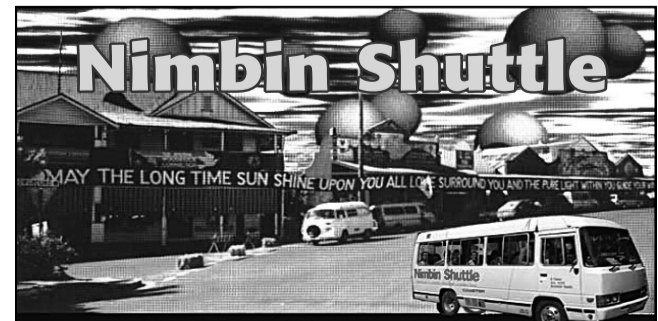
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