

**Don't shoot the messenger**  
GM Clarke (*GoodTimes* June edition), has mistakenly assumed that an interviewer who seeks out various opinions, ideas and attitudes automatically endorses the views of their interviewee.

Bob Dooley, the editor of the *GoodTimes*, asked me to help solicit a number of views on Mardi Grass. I didn't for one moment assume that he meant - only get ONE point of view, a positive one. I believe I did what the editor was hoping for - a different viewpoint.

I heartily agree with GM Clarke that 'diverse, interesting and innovative activities abound in this creative, ever-changing village'. For me, a large part of what makes this town so interesting is its tolerance of diversity, which surely means tolerance of diverse opinions.

If Rhea's viewpoint causes some controversy, discussion, perhaps strikes a chord with some people, this is all to the benefit of Nimbin.

**Gloria Meltzer  
Jarlanbah, Nimbin**

**Nimnet**

Oi Bob,  
Another great issue .. only partway through after a browse in the cafe.

NCDAs email address is [ncta@nimnet.asn.au](mailto:ncta@nimnet.asn.au) - there's no such domain as nimnet.com.au - maybe this could be corrected next time around?

**Ian Smith,  
Nimbin**

**Peace Plan**

A proposed meeting is to take place at 12 noon at or near the Rainbow Chai Tent at the Channon Market on 10th July to plan for the 9/11 Channon Market which will be dedicated to promoting the International Day of Peace activities in our region.

This proposal is approved by Paul Joseph, director and president of the Byron Peace Carnival, and Robyn Kelly on behalf of the Channon Market committee. It is a part of an international action in promoting and developing a world culture of peace.

Last year Byron Bay put on a most successful event

for the International Day of Peace. We hope that over September 11th to September 21st (which is officially the UN International Day of Peace), groups, institutions and individuals dedicated to cultivating ideas in the Peace process will join us in celebration.

Please pass this message onto others you think would be interested.

May Peace Prevail on Earth  
**Benny Zable,  
Nimbin**

**Rapt Visitor**

My travels began and ended in the heart of Nimbin, and finally after two years it's time to show my face back home in England. Yet my heart remains here with you, the Bundjalung family.

Thank you all for being a constant inspiration, for your smiles and words of wisdom. For making me feel welcome.

Whilst walking in the sunshine, gazing upon Nimbin in all its natural wonders, I began to write a song (below), reflecting on the heartfelt warmth and generosity that I've been shown here.

Until next time, thank you.  
**Ruth Bloomfield**

**Nimbin Love Song**

*I'm engulfed by your beauty  
Enthralled by your charms -  
May I lie for ever more dear  
In the warmth of your arms?  
May I stay a little longer,  
Together for a while -  
I'm drenched by the moment  
To linger in your smile.  
May your dreams always find you  
Wherever you may be -  
May life flourish all round you  
For all eternity.  
May your passion be ignited  
And continually inspired -  
Of beauty and wisdom may you  
Never grow tired.  
Guides manifest  
To shine light on our way -  
How far we have come  
And how far we have strayed?  
And the twists and the turns  
In the path that we take -  
The choices and chances  
And all our mistakes...  
Love blossoms then chaos  
And all the heartbreak -  
It's all part of  
The journey we create.*

**Where's Bill?**

We here at The New Zealand Guardian Trust Co are trying to locate a Mr William (Bill) Julian Rawlinson who is a significant Beneficiary to the Estate of his late mother who died here in New Zealand in 1998.

We understand from other family members that Bill "went bush some years ago" in the Byron Bay/Nimbin area of NSW.

If you could post a "Wanted" type notice in the Community Area and/or make inquiries on our behalf to locate Bill it would be appreciated. It is to his advantage that he contacts us urgently.

**Paul D Lindsay  
NZ Guardian Trust  
DDI 64-9-375.9623**

**Meetings**

**CTC Nimbin Inc.**

Special General Meeting  
When: 21st July at 6pm  
Where: Nimbin Community Centre  
Members must be financial (\$5)

**Nimbin Greens**

Monthly meeting  
When: Wed 13th at 6pm  
Where: Djanbung Gardens  
Focus: Bio-diesel

**Nimbin Aquarius  
Landcare Group**

Annual General Meeting  
When: 22nd July 2005 at 11am  
Where: Nimbin Community Gardens  
All welcome.

**Snippets**

**WWOOFing hosts**

Please register at the Neighbourhood Centre if looking for WWOOFers.

**Bush Theatre**

Support is urgently needed, as the lease expires mid-July, and its future is uncertain.

**For sale:**

1966 HR Holden reg to Aug 05, needs some mech work, \$800. Phone 6689-1763

# Crimestoppers for Thoughtcrime

Nimbin businesswoman, artist and local identity Seta Evanian has been questioned by police after a tip off to Crimestoppers from an anonymous source which had claimed she was planning to "kill" Prime Minister John Howard.

Two local police officers visited Ms Evanian's studio apartment at 8.30 am on 4th June. They informed the stunned suspect she had been overheard saying she was going to kill John Howard.

Ms Evanian, an Iraqi-born Armenian, says she



has no recollection of ever having said anything like that. She also said she felt distressed by the experience and wonders whether her

ethnicity has made her a target for such an accusation. Ms Evanian said that police took down her personal details but she had no knowledge of what they would do with that information.

Sergeant Gary Atkins, who was one of the officers who visited Ms Evanian, said he could not comment on the matter, other than confirm that they had received a request from Crimestoppers to investigate the matter, and having done so their investigations were complete.

# Mulgum House neglect

Anyone who has been to visit a resident at Mulgum House lately could not help but notice the state of neglect. Evidence abounds of a lack of cleaning and maintenance around the building and grounds, and residents say it has been this way for months.

When NGT visited, spiders webs adorned the view of overgrown garden beds from the windows along the main corridor, and common outdoor paved areas were festooned with well-established weeds. Of greater concern to health was the lack of cleaning of the common bathroom, which is used by visiting carers and community nurses.

Residents say they are not permitted to engage people to do work for them, even on a voluntary basis, because of Workcover and insurance issues.

Housing managers Anglicare, whose bid last year to evict tenants failed, have a policy of not talking to the media about particular facilities. However, they must surely be aware that neglect of the aged is an offence under anti-discrimination legislation.

The Mulgum House residents association is anxious to preserve the facility as an asset for Nimbin into the future.



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