It's party season

Festivities abound, for locals and visitors alike, as Nimbin does what it does best, party!

And there's plenty to celebrate around the village - school leavers' formals, workplace Christmas parties, weddings, birthday parties, performance events and of course fundraisers – all involving dressing up and going out and, well, partying.

It's an especially busy time for local musos, sound and lighting crews, decorators and cooks too, with sometimes two or three events happening in different venues on the same day.

This formidable schedule continues unabated throughout December, with a myriad of arrangements being made - invitations and notices designed and distributed, supplies organised, car-pooling arranged, outfits sorted - a gruelling workload that requires dedication, excellent organisational skills, and stamina.

But this is where Nimbin rises to the occasion, and goes the extra distance to ensure everyone has a good time!

The focus here is really on the people, and these seasonal parties bring together many old friends, and members of the extended family. People no-one's seen for ages come down out of the hills, out-of-towners and ex-pats are visiting, and there's so much to talk about. The goss is good, and everywhere earnest knots of party-goers can be seen ignoring the dancefloor to sit on verandahs, just catching up. A common remark, "I can't believe the year's nearly over."

So come one, come all, let's party our socks off, whether it be at the School of Arts, the pub, the Bowlo, in any one of the village halls around the hills, or in a garden somewhere. But let's do it safely – we want to see everyone back again next year.

Compliments of the season to all our readers, and best wishes for the New Year, from the sponsors, contributors and staff of the *Nimbin GoodTimes*.

All set to go. Nimbin Central students arriving for their formals. See also story page 7.
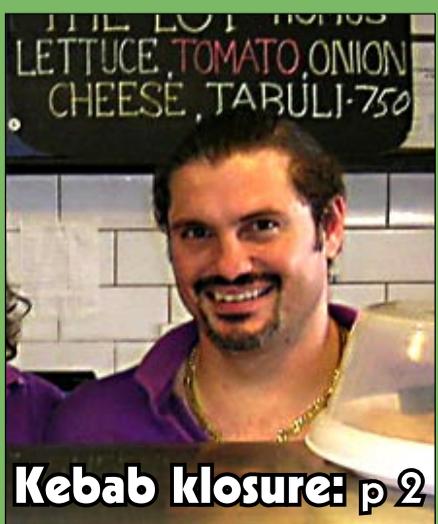
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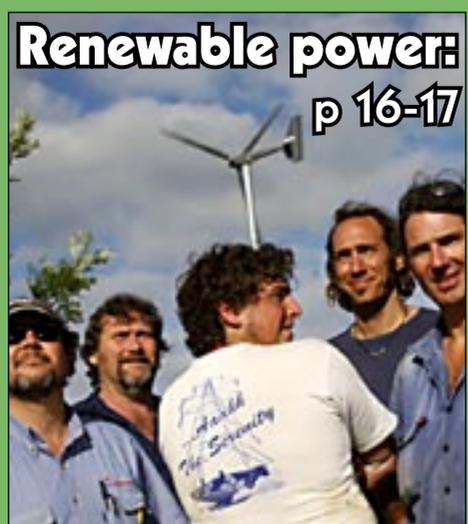
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