AQUARIUS PEACE BANCE FESTIVAL



The Aquarius Peace Dance Festival was hed in Nimbin Town Hall on 12th May to celebrate the 34th anniversary of the Aquarius festival in

It was a wonderful night of colour, music, food and dance, with beautiful songs, films, fun for kids with clowns and games and the spirit of Aquarius resonated through the evening.

A big thank you to all who

participated in the fun and in helping to raise much needed funds for the Nimbin Aquarius Foundation Inc.

Special mention to Uncle Cecil, Benny, Omega, Mopi, Katie, Paul, Miranda, Judy, Tristan, Neil, Clay, Hawk, Star Earth Tribe, Steve, Shane, Robert and the performers- Shaherazade, Zellie, Skylarks, One4One, and Jambin.

Love and Peace

More choices at the kerbside for Lismore waste collection

Lismore residents will soon be able to complement their existing waste collection services to better suit their own household waste needs, but they'll need to act quickly to make the change this year.

From July 1, 2007 residents in both the urban and rural areas of Lismore will be able to vary their service to a half service or an increased service that may better suit them.

Phil Klepzig, Council's Manager of Northern Rivers Waste, said that the new services could replace the current conventional waste collection service.

He said, "We have received many enquiries about the possibility of varying our services; from larger families requiring more waste collected to single person households which generate very little waste and need a lesser service."

"We have listened to our customers, taken note of these requests and we can now offer more variety to current waste collections," he said. "The range of options on offer will give householders more choice over the volume of waste collected from the kerbside."

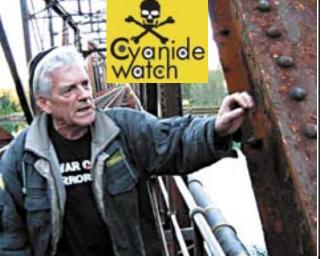
New domestic Integrated Waste Collection services for urban areas range from the "Urban Half", 240-litre fortnightly organic + 240-litre monthly recycling + 140-litre monthly waste for \$97.70 pa, through to the "Premium Plus", 240-litre weekly organic, 240-litre fortnightly recycling, 240-litre weekly waste for \$472.00 pa.

Choices for rural areas are more limited, ranging from "Rural Recycle", 240-litre weekly waste + 240-litre fortnightly recycling (or vice verse) for \$185.90 pa, to "Rural Half", 240-litre fortnightly waste + 240-litre monthly recycling, for \$102.25 pa.

Lismore residents who would like to vary their current waste collection

service should call Council's Contact Centre on 6625-0559 for a full list of the options and charges available.

To ensure the 2007/08 rates notices reflect any variation to waste collection charges, Mr Klepzig urged residents to contact Council by July 1, 2007. Changes made after that date would not come into effect until the following year.



Cyanide Watch campaigner Graeme Dunstan (pictured) and a group of 10 protesters managed to delay a major cyanide rail shipment for 24 hours with their action near this rail bridge at Urunga on 24th May. Attention was drawn to the badly deteriorated rail infrastructure that carries the deadly cargo across watercourses, which elicited an angry denial from the Minister.

Chamber re-birth

The re-birth of Nimbin Chamber of Commerce is happening at Motdang's at 5pm on Tuesday 19th June. NIMCOC is a Nimbin voice, the official way to represent Nimbin to Lismore City Council. It is very worthwhile to maintain this useful local body.

If you have a business, large or small, in the street or at home, in the Nimbin area, we need you to....please come to the meeting.

The Chamber Pot

nbin Chamber of Commerce is

by Terry Beltrame

Our annual Nimbin Country Show is, as yet, some months away, but there is a select group of people out there who need to be aware that there are a few new categories in the exhibits for this year's show.

We're talking about the "Home Brew" section. After several dry years, the Nimbin Annual Show committee has decided to include a number of categories within the brewing section. Now!! All you brewers out there need to take note, because "we" all know that a couple of months in the bottle makes all the difference to a decent home brew.

Home brewing is not just beer. There are a number of beverages that come within the criteria of "home brew" so we've included categories for everyone who has an interest in "growing" your own, as well as avoiding the onerous taxes placed on our precious stuff by the various statutory bodies that would like a slice of our action and ruin our fun. So here's your chance to go public within the safety net of our own local show.

The home brew section will include a separate category for lighter beers, including pilseners, lagers and ales and one for darker beers including stouts



The Big Dry to be broken at Nimbin Annual Show

and similar styles.

Another category will include homemade wines, made from any fruit (including grapes) and/or vegetable and herbs. Yes, there are a number of very interesting and tasty numbers made from herbs, as is the tradition in Ye Old Europe, not to mention some of the excellent herbal/vegetable wines made here in Australia. A third category will include separate classes each for homemade liqueurs and spirits.

As the show is some months away, we have not set a date for submissions and judging of entries, however, the show committee will be needing exhibits by the end of August so as to give the judging panel time to appraise your efforts and to collate the results prior show time.

The judging of exhibits will be conducted by a trio of pedigreed personnel. These will include the sartorially splendiferous Deb from the Nimbin Hotel; Pete – partaker extraordinaire of all intoxicants worthy of consumption; and Terry, a former winemaker, wine educator, capital city wine judge and favourite judge for a number of home brew clubs needing someone to appraise their annual efforts and having a drink afterwards.

Because of licensing regulations the appraisal of entries following the judging will be limited to exhibitors. This is bad news for those who'd like to get in on the action without having to work for it.

For those who do work for it by making a brew or two, we are in for a lot of fun on the night and the opportunity to get a look at what other people are doing with their brewing.

So!! We have a venue, we have a competition, we have some fun coming up, so get brewing and be ready to submit those exhibits towards the end of August.

If you have any enquiries about this 'new' brewing section, please contact Natalie, Secretary of the Nimbin Annual Show on 6689-9313 or email <nimbinshow@bigpond.com>

You can also contact Terry on 6689-1120 or email hangonatick@bigpond.com

CTC Decision time

Calling all CTC Members/ Prospective Members/ Interested Centre Users/ Prospective Volunteers

The paid manager's position at the Nimbin Community Technology Centre no longer exists due to lack of funds.

A group of CTC committee members and others currently are holding meetings to assess the viability of all options for the future.

Members of the group are working voluntarily to keep the services going, but further help is needed and would be most welcome.

There are four main possibilities: maintain both (CTC & VIC) existing facilities; keep CTC in Community Centre and close VIC; or close both and wind up the CTC.

The group is fact-finding to evaluate the position of the CTC in terms of equipment, the current use of services, seasonal changes likely etc.

The group meets weekly at 4pm on Thursdays until we have clarified the position. Leave a message if you have a viewpoint or would like to add an issue to be discussed.

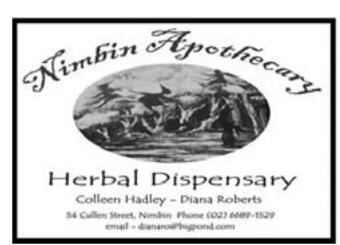
A Special General Meeting has been called for Thursday 5th July 2007 at 5.30pm in the Dance Studio, Nimbin Community Centre to make decisions for the future of the CTC, so join up and come along!

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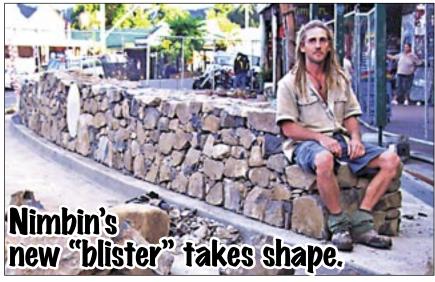
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Nimbin has a new talking point - work in progress on a new stonewalled outdoor seating area, known as a "blister" for the shape it makes in the

Nimbin's controversial "temporary"

blister was constructed on the recommendation of the Dept of Juvenile Justice. After a period of consultation, during which time the temporary structure suffered a good deal of damage, Lismore Council approved the

building of a permanent structure in its last budget.

Work commenced on the new pavement during May, with concealed guttering, planter-boxes and spray-crete colouring featured in the design.

Construction of the stone wall and decorations was contracted to locals. Daniel Cooper, a stone-waller from Blue Springs community, is constructing the curved, arched structure from stone quarried at Wyrallah Road. He is forming two recesses in the wall, to be filled with ceramic art by local artist John Wright.

Inside the wall, seating will fit between the long, narrow planterboxes. Neighbouring business Lifestyle Real Estate has offered three advanced poinciana shade trees, from Precious Plants, Lismore, if Council wants them.

The wall should take two weeks to complete, and the new permanent stone blister is expected to be finished by the

A safer community

by Rose Hogan

Hello All - I am the newly appointed Safe Community project worker, based at the Nimbin neighbourhood centre, two days each week.

The project focus is on raising community awareness to issues of domestic and other forms of violence, to work primarily with the girls and the women on keeping safe and reducing conflict in their lives and building on strategies to develop healthier relationships. There's also scope to work with the broader community to explore similar issues.

When discussing the safety of members of a community, questions about perceptions also arise. Doesn't it depend on who's asking? And why? What's viewed as acceptable and what's not okay? If you've got any good ideas along these lines, come in and share them.

There are in fact many ways we can work together in strengthening the community, whilst



maintaining individuality and the uniqueness of the Nimbin style of Being.

On the note of uniqueness - what is it that people see as special here? What are the strengths of Nimbin? And what's seen as less than positive?

Over the coming months I hope to keep you informed about the project and to have young women share their views via this column. They are part of the local voice, their views are valuable and we all might just learn a thing or

In the meantime, let's practise showing a little respect, it has a boomerang

Nimbin local market set to start

Calling all interested parties who would like to have a stall, selling or trading local produce, local arts and crafts and Bric-a-brac or second hand

Nimbin is to have a new market on Saturdays, starting 30th June. It will be held down Rainbow Lane and out the back of the Museum, and there will be food and music as well, a move designed to change the ambience of that part of town.

The idea is the result of a collaboration between museum curator Michael Balderstone and Aquarius Markets coordinator Cat Anderson, but builds on ideas coming from the Nimbin Climate Change Action Group's workshops (see

Market stalls are now available. If you have extra produce you don't want, even if it just a basketful, bring it along to the market. If you make clothes, jewellery, cards or any other craft, bring it along to the market. If you've done a springclean and need to get rid of your old things, bring them to the market. Very reasonable stall fees.

Ring Cat Anderson on 6689-1714 or 0429-194-248.



Fruitful. Saturday morning at the regular Uki produce market, held in Uki Hall, 8.30am - noon.

Rainbow Power Company - a little bit of Nimbin history

Rainbow Power Company, now in its 22nd year of trading, has seen steady growth over the years since it started with a stall at both the Channon and Nimbin markets in April 1985.

"The first couple of years we dabbled around the edges, just testing the water, before buying an off the shelf company and forming a workers co- operative in 1987 and renting what is now the Apothecary," said Dave Christmas, one of the original three founding members. The others were Peter van der Wyk and Jack van Hest.

"This soon proved to be too small and within six months, negotiations began to buy the TV repair shop owned by John Troughton, which is now the Nimbin Pizzaria," said Dave.

Their current premises was completed in 80 days over a Christmas and New Year period which saw 16 inches of rain fall in four hours on the day the slab went down! This opened on 21st Feburary 1992, with the idea of getting under one roof, the retail space and the workshop, which was housed in Trevor Darvill's shed on Paradise Valley.

The first few years were a struggle as the "Remote Area Power Assistance



A very early staff pic, taken almost 20 years ago. Back row L-R, Arie Lageman, Peter van der Wyk, Trevor Darville, Kali Mclaughlin, Greg Clitheroe, Jack van Hest, Terry McGovern Middle row L-R, Dave Christmas, Martha Paitson, John Hutchinson, Sandor von Kontz, Dave Lambert Front row Pam Keats. Photo Craig Burnett

Scheme", which gave the company approximately half of it's monthly income, was shelved without any warning, within weeks of the move," Dave Lambert said. "Business has steadily improved in the ensuing years and now as the world slowly accepts the noon on Saturday 30th June.

reality of Global Warming we are sure we did the right thing."

The rest, as they say, is part of Nimbin's rich history!

To celebrate their 20th birthday, RPC is holding a party-cum- Open Day from



Business owners at 76 Cullen Street Nimbin were pleased to see the completion of new disabled access facilities for the building.

Everything had been built to code, and it looked right, but would it work? The job of testing the

hairdresser Penny Winde, and Garry from Retro Cafe. The ramp passed the test, and is now "officially" open.

new ramp was given to

Nimbin Central student

Chris Dockerill, pictured

above with his aide Marc Le

bars (left), Snipping Heads



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Koala Kolumn

Koalas, Multiple Occupancies and Dogs

Multiple Occupancies (MOs) abound around Nimbin.

MO is a generic term used for a number of land share ventures or land sharing communities. Many Nimbin MOs were founded on a vision which often included a commitment to live on the particular land in harmony with the native animals that may also occupy the land from time to time.

Many MOs disallow dogs. The NO DOGS ALLOWED rule is usually imposed to reinforce the occupiers' commitment to living in harmony with native animals.

It is both sad and disheartening that there are a number of people currently living on MOs with dogs contrary to the NO DOGS rule. Friends of the Koala receive calls from people living on MOs who are concerned that another occupier's dog or dogs may attack a Koala and want to know what can be done to protect this vulnerable species.

Generally speaking it is difficult to enforce the rules of an MO against a recalcitrant. The real force of the rules has always been in the united views of the MO members, as conventionally they buy into an MO because they are in agreement with the rules and the vision of the

There is however, legal recourse for those who are prepared to work toward the protection of wildlife from dog harassment, injury and death whether they are on an MO or a private land holding.

Under the Companion Animal Act, Local Government (Council) has powers in relation dogs that threaten, injure or kill native wildlife including Koalas. While this type of action is not preferable as it is mostly retrospective, meaning the dog must have threatened or injured the animal for any action to be taken against the dog owner, in the absence of



any preventative avenue it is better than no action and may in fact prevent further harm.

Under the Companion

Animal Act, an owner is guilty of an offence if their dog attacks or bites any animal (other than vermin - which only includes small animals, such as rodents). The offence carries a penalty of up to \$5500. A council officer may issue the dog's owner with a 'nuisance dog order' This order may require the owner to prevent the behavior that is alleged to constitute the nuisance and control the dog in a particular manner such as fencing and keeping the dog on a lead. Non compliance with an order can incur a fine of \$880 for first offence and \$1650 for subsequent offences.

A council officer can also issue a 'dangerous dog declaration' where a dog has without provocation attacked, repeatedly threatened or displayed unreasonable aggression towards wildlife. This type of declaration exposes a dog owner to significant fines and onerous responsibilities in relation to controlling the dog. Failure to comply with the control requirements can incur a fine of up to \$16,500.

Finally under the Companion Animal Act any person may seize, injure or destroy a dog (in a manner that causes it to die quickly and without unnecessary suffering) if that action is reasonable and necessary for the protection of any animal (other than vermin) from injury or death. We all have a responsibility to ensure the future of the Northern Rivers Koala populations as they are part of the unique and threatened biodiversity of

For further information on dogs and MOs please contact Sue Higginson, Solicitor, Environmental Defenders Office on 1300 369 791

To report a sick, injured or dead koala, or for advice on koala matters, ring Friends of the Koala's Rescue Hotline: 6622-1233



Work has started on Nimbin Central School's \$36,000 Community Water Grant project, and is expected to be complete by the end of July.

Major earthworks have included the removal of weeds, including large stands of camphor laurels, that were choking the gully leading to the school dam, and re-making of the ground level to allow for a slower entry of water.

The grant was applied for by the school's Science staff, after extensive student research into the biology of the dam environment. Science teacher Kevin Cousins said, "The town run-off water contains nutrients and sediment, which will be trapped by the biological filtration ponds being constructed. We've planted turf grasses and lomandra in the ponds to assist in this process."

The current work, involving two excavators and a bulldozer for a week, has been carefully managed to avoid damage to either the current rainforest planting or to any of the species planted in the area.

The dam itself has been enlarged and the southern embankment is being prepared for a bush foods garden. More planting of the current rainforest area on the northern bank will also be carried out, using rainforest species native to this area, and parents and community members will be encouraged to participate.

Mr Cousins said, "We envisage an opening day, where some commemorative plantings will be carried out. Any parent or community member who would like to contribute is urged to contact the school."

Modelling sustainable schools with an "egg"

by Wayne Wadsworth

As one of the baby boomers I have enjoyed the surplus fruits of the earth to travel and consume for most of my life.

Unfortunately for Mother Earth, that has meant the destruction of the water and land ecology, as we rapidly exploit and destroy millions of years of natural wealth. Some lying rodents insist that repairing the damage we have reaped on Mother Earth will cause economic catastrophes and mass unemployment.

I believe repairing Her will bring new clean green jobs and hope for the young who will be left to clean up the mess we have made. It is incumbent upon our generation to help young people have a good quality of life and the ability to build health wealthy wise and Green communities.

During the past six months I have worked with young people on a Green Landscape course to establish stage one of making the Byron Youth Services (BYS) a model for sustainable Water Energy and Land use in the city. BYS also have plans to go solar, making the building carbon neutral.

Water from part of the roof has been diverted into a pond filed with edible aquatic plants and a Flowform to keep the water aerated and clean. The pond overflows into a sub surface irrigation system that keeps the soil damp for growing paw paws and herbs.

Energy for the Flowform will come from solar as stage two of the green plan. Trees



and herbs have been laid out to trap the sun in the winter and keep the hot afternoon sun out during summer.

Land has been transformed from a weedy unattractive area into a beautiful food producing area, where food grown is used to teach young people how to use in-season local food.

Organic waste from the kitchen is worm composted in "Wadzy's Wonderful Wheelie Worm Farm" and fed to the soil as organic fertiliser for growing fruit and vegetables.

Thave just finished building a model (pictured above at BYS) Educational Green Garden, the "Egg". The Egg is designed to be used for schools, youth centres and community gardens to help teachers, students, parents and the general public to learn how to design build and maintain sustainable and integrated Water Energy and Land systems that work in unicum, similar to Mother Nature.

Water is our most precious resource and should be treated like a god! Instead we poison it and pump it into our rivers and out to sea, out of sight and out of mind, stupid and wasteful!

The Egg takes the rainwater from the roof, stores it into a rain water tank. The stored water is used for the pond and garden system. The pond system grows edible aquatic plants and freshwater crayfish. The pond is kept clean and fresh using a Flowform and the roots of the edible plants growing in the pond. The nutrient rich pond water overflows into

raised vegetable gardens.

The overflow from the raised gardens is used in the garden bed to grow herbs and tomatoes. Any water trickling past the root system of the garden bed is taken up by vines and trees grown on the edges of the Egg.

No water is wasted! Plants and trees evaporate water through their leaves and help build humidity and cloud formation for rain somewhere else!

Energy and the Egg

Is it true that wind, solar and bio-mass energy cannot supply base load electricity. The Egg is designed to maximise the energy from the sun through solar passive design.

The Egg runs east to west. The winter sun is trapped in the Egg using grape vines and Paw Paw trees which help maximise plant photosynthesis, while in the summer the harsh afternoon sun is kept out of the garden creating less heat stress for plants and freshwater crayfish. Energy for pumps and lighting comes from solar and wind energy and is stored in a battery for use when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing. Surplus energy is feed back into the grid to help coal fired stations maintain peak load supply!

Land & the Egg

If we are to survive on this little planet we will need to learn to use natural resources very wisely! We can grow most of our food needs in or close to our cities, thereby saving huge amounts of carbon going into the air from food miles and food waste.

The Egg produces vegetables, fruit, eggs & meat in a very small area. The Green design and efficient use of land in our cities will help us build health wealthy wise and sustainable communities.

Also by growing our food in the cities rural land will be freed up for growing tree crop food and industry crops such as industrial hemp for paper fabric, bio plastics and a myriad of building products.

Green jobs and wealth can be bought back into rural communities through common sense and respect for Mother Nature.

If you would like an egg for your school, youth centre, community garden or home please contact Wayne Wadsworth. Ph: 0417-841-057. email <hellowady@gmail.com> web: <www.onestopgreenshop.com.au>

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Nimbin's rainbow heads for Lantern Parade

It's taken two years to do it, but Nimbin Central School now has a massive community lantern to carry in the Lismore Lantern Parade.

Deputy Principal Christine Grieves said, "It's very big, and should make a stunning impact on the night."

The rainbow-shaped lantern was constructed under the guidance of Elly Bird, from the Lantern Parade Organising Committee, and was decorated by students.

The lantern represents a real community effort, as many local businesses and organisations contributed to the cost of making it.

Contributions were made to the project by the Rainbow Power Co, Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre, Nimbin Village Meats, Nimbin Bowling Club, Motdang Thai, Oasis Cafe, Nimbin School of Arts, Nimbin Hotel, Nimbin Motors, The Apothecary, Aquarius Bakery, FunFruits and Nimbin Post Office.



The school's community liaison officer, Manuela Matheson-Geiss said, "I am so proud we have been able to build a community lantern with the help of our local sponsors. A big thank you to all for their generous support."

The Lismore Lantern Parade will be held on in Keen Street at 5pm, and winding its way to the levee bank near Heritage Park for the grand finale.



Saturday 23rd June, starting

Education Week celebrated with songs, poems and awards

The theme of Education Week this year was "A Love of Learning", and Nimbin Central School celebrated in song and poetry at their special assembly.

Students from Years 5/6, Eneeka Laurie, Chinta King, Awhi Kahui and Misty Smith, gave a tuneful rendition of the recently rediscovered Nimbin school song, written over 40 years ago for the school's 60th anniversary by a Mr T LeSuer.

Also at the assembly, Principal Dot Paranetos bestowed the inaugural NCS Education Week Awards for outstanding work.

Parent Veronica Doyle received her award for "working tirelessly over the



years. She has organised school fetes, fundraised, developed parent networks and organised Year 10 and 12 formals.'

Staff member Marc Le Bars was recognised because "every day Marc goes above and

Year 7 poets Tahlia Fennell-Healy, Agartha Veenstra-Canales and Siggy McKenna recited their original work, and were commended for

The assembly concluded with a stirring rendition of Advance Australia Fair , led

beyond the call of duty. He is well respected and valued by students and staff."

School captain Tristan Glover received his award for being "a kind, caring and emotionally intelligent human being," who has "worked hard as an ambassador for the school" and "exemplifies what it is to be a good student."

Barnes-Whittaker, Felix their "wonderful creative outpourings."

by Ms Paranetos.

Children overlooked in federal budget

NSW lobby group Children's Choice is dismayed with governmental neglect of Early Childhood Education. "The federal Budget says nothing about universal preschool education and lacks any imperatives to provide high quality early childhood programs," said local spokesperson Bianca Urbina.

The 2007 Budget invests \$46 million in the expansion of Indigenous early childhood services; \$10 million into additional regional and remote childcare resources; and improved access to childcare services with an increase in the tax rebate -a total of \$2.1 billion over four years. Yet the Government only invests a total of half a million in Early Childhood

In contrast, the opposition has a commitment of investing \$450 million per annum in Early Childhood Education on achieving universal preschool access for all four year olds.

Australia is the lowest investor in Early Childhood Education among OECD countries. Children in NSW experience a duplication of that inequality as they receive the lowest level of investment in the whole country. NSW families bear the burden and pay the highest preschool fees in Australia. As a result NSW has the lowest level of preschool

More please Pre-schoolers (left to right) Malaika Taylor, Zac Taylor, Beau Kempnich, Camille Webb, Alby Kay, and Miriam Ellemor-Collins.

participation to add to its dismal record. Preschoolers in NSW launched Education Week 2007 by demanding the same level of investment in Early Childhood Education that their counterparts in other states and

was held in Heritage Park on 14th May. A cake in the shape of Australia was featured to make the point that NSW children have the lowest level of per capita investment when it comes to getting the best

territories enjoy. In Lismore, a protest rally

Preschoolers are asking for more!

start in life.

Jenni Cargill-Strong, professional storyteller and Director of The Story Tree Company believes an ancient art can come to the rescue. Ms Cargill-Strong said "Human brains are wired to receive story. Information given in the context of a well-told story is far easier for people to retain. Storytelling is all about good

and personable communication." The Story Tree Company is conducting a residential retreat near Rosebank from Friday afternoon to Sunday 15th to 17th June. Basic storytelling techniques will be explored in the context of giving presentations. For further information go to <www.thestorytreecompany. com.au> or call 02-6684-6548.

Beyond PowerPoint Presentations

A recent report from the University of NSW suggests that the way PowerPoint is often used can switch the brain off. Prof John Sweller said, "If you ever wondered why your eyes start glazing over as you read those dot points on the screen at the same time words are being spoken, it is because it is difficult to process information if it is coming in the written word and spoken form at the same time."

But Chris Rothwell of Microsoft, which developed the slide presentation program, said, "PowerPoint is no substitute for a good

Parents' skills minimise school fees

Tuntable Falls Primary School is one of a handful of parent-run independent schools in

The school was born from a desire of the Aquarius hippies of Tuntable Falls Community to offer a low cost alternative to the both public schools and schools with religious doctrine.

The school has been successfully run for 26 years with a succession of strong parent bodies that have all worked using a conscientious decision-making model.

Parents are able to reduce their children's school fees by contributing energy in areas of their expertise that may include cooking, cleaning, craft, music, bookkeeping, and secretarial and or educational skills.

The added benefit of parents being involved in the school is that the school community has become very strong which ensures both children and parents have a good understanding of each other.

Parents contribute to the way the curriculum is presented and steer the focus of the educational aspirations of the school.

The quality of the teachers at the school is outstanding. K-2 teacher Thomas Rose has extensive Steiner experience whilst the class 3-6 teacher Deborah Williams utilizes the skills gained through her background in Montessori

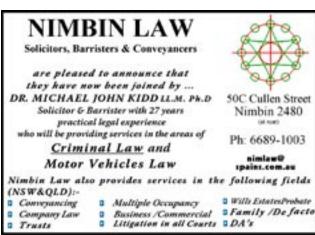


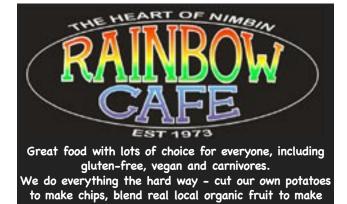
A focus on Literacy and Numeracy, delivered in a creative manner, ensures children are well prepared for secondary school.

School camps are another important feature of the school community. The whole school is currently excited about the planned threeday attendance at the Dreaming festival at Woodford early this month.

Tuntable Falls Primary School is currently accepting enrolments. For further information contact details are phone 0266891423 or email <tunfalls@australis.net>









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