

Boardriders who attended the Skate Park Community Forum addressed the concerns of residents as a priority for any further development at the skate park site. It is with this firm intention that the project, once again moves forward.

Sixteen people volunteered to be in a working party at the Forum, and a first meeting has been scheduled for Thursday October 4th at 3pm adjacent the Skate Park ramps.

The meeting will look at all costings in the context of proposed works, consider the merits of proposed materials, commit to a vision of the completed project and task individuals with specific responsibilities. These tasks will reflect what needs to be acheived in order for the Skate Park to be granted its Certificate of Occupation.

A further meeting of tradespeople is also proposed. This is hoped to answer building logistics questions and ascertain the best approach to meet challenging sound attenuation targets.



Upload is a free outsideof-school hours course run by ACE, for Nimbin youth from 15 to 25 years.

The course will involve participants in movie-making for the web, uploading to Utube and Myspace, and updating the Nimbin Sk8 Park website, http://sk8park.nimbincommunity.org.au

Nimbin CTC, Nimbin Community Centre and ACE Lismore have formed a partnership for this youth multi-media project, to take the Nimbin Sk8 Park website to the next level, complementing and increasing participants' skills base with media recording and simple web design applications.

The course will be held at the Nimbin CTC using their video editing software and cameras. Participants also have the option to gain their Certificate 1 in Information Technology at the same time.

The Upload Project needs to be driven by youth for youth, those who enjoy playing with media tools and youth keen to have their work online.

If you are interested contact Paris Naday on 0429-897-042, or ACE on 6622-1903, or drop into the NImbin CTC in the Nimbin Community Centre.

Or, if you're already net-savvy, contact Roy, Paris or Marcus at <skate@nimbincommunity. org.au>



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Fowl Times in Nimbin



from the Poultry Pen of Karen Welsh

And what good times they are, with a magnificent showing of local Pedigree Poultry at the recent Nimbin A & I Show.

Well known poultry judge, Ray Newton congratulated the winners and organisers for the high calibre of the poultry exhibits, both in quality and quantity.

He was also impressed that, despite a general downturn in rural Shows and Exhibiting, Nimbin was able to maintain, and is sustaining, a wide variety of poultry exhibits at a very high standard.



There were some magnificent feathers on display! Perhaps the most impressive win was by young Erica Maslen who was awarded Champion Hard Feather Fowl, pictured above with her father Tony who happens to be Lismore Poultry Club President, and who came in second in the same category.

Way to go Érica!

The complete works of William Shakespeare (abridged)



Are you ready to chuckle @ Othello? Guffaw through Hamlet?

The dicey's are back and this time it's Shakespeare!! And you get all of Will's best in one gut-busting night! That's right, all 37 plays in just a mere 90 minutes!!!

So whether you are a devotee of Willie or just bored with the bard, "The complete works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" will have you laughing long after the last body hits the boards!

Tuntable Falls Community Hall at 7pm on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th October. \$8 admission. Light refreshments will be available.

Bloodlines screening

Cinema at the Gallery will be on Sunday 14th October at 7.15 pm at Blue Knob Hall and Gallery.

The screening is a preview of a television documentary entitled 'Bloodlines' produced and directed by local filmmaker Cynthia Connop. Cynthia will present the film and there will be a Q&A afterwards.

Her other fine works includes feature documentary 'Sacred Sex' and 'Spiritual Terrorist'.

'Bloodlines' tells the reconciliation story of Bettina Goering, a descendant of a Nazi war criminal and Bangalow artist, Ruth Rich, daughter of holocaust survivors.

Filmed in Santa Fe, Australia and Berlin, the film explores the life story of these two remarkable women. It follows the extraordinary journey that brings them together in a powerful and riveting exchange.

In a series of intimate meetings, we see the clash between their strong personalities, family legacies, cultures and life's values. Ruth Rich will also be exhibiting her paintings

in conjunction with the 'Bloodline' screening and the Gallery's next exhibition 'Looking Out – Looking In'. Don't miss this unique and total experience.

Cost is \$12 per person (includes film, exhibition, coffee, tea and cake. Please phone the Gallery on 6689-7449 if you are intending to come, for catering purposes.





Dramatic! Teresa Biscoe & Michael Sharmon rehearsing Andrea Heinrich's play, 'M Sosostris Is In."

This is the third year of Hot Shorts, a festival of short plays celebrating writing, performance and love of theatre in the Northern Rivers Region of NSW.

It's put on by Baywrite Theatre Inc, a community organisation formed more than 20 years ago and kept going by busy local people who just can't resist a show.

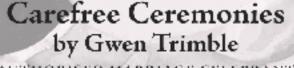
Performances will be at the Byron Bay Community Centre on 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th October.

This year Baywrite plan to

present ten plays – written, directed, performed and staged by locals.

Plays by the following writers have been selected:
Desmond Bellamy, Chris
Benaud, Craig Hearps,
Andrea Heinrichs, Luke
Prendergast, Iris Ray, Henry
di Suvero, Bob Tissott,
David Thomson and Paula
Williams.

There will be a prize of \$1000 for the best play as determined by audience vote, and three runner-up prizes.



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GET READY FOR THIS YEAR'S NIMBIN FASHION SHOWS!



Time to pick up your fashion magazines for inspiration, sharpen the scissors and tweak up the sewing machine!

Yes it is only six weeks to go before the very exciting and entertaining Nimbin Fashion Shows 2007.

The fashion collective are putting a last minute call out to any designers that have not yet come forward, to make contact so they can be included in this year's programme.

Co-ordinators Christine Chester and David Hyett said, "We welcome contributions to the programme from novice designers through to those at the cutting edge."

The Fashion Shows will be held in the Nimbin Town Hall on the 16th and 17th of November 2007.

This year the catwalk will be graced by full collections from Nimbin's accomplished clothing designers who include: Pol with his international experience and sleek cuts, Christina Chester with her unique combination of fashion and art, Barbara Mills taking felting to the forefront, Miriam again has a fabulous creation that is bound to be the talk of the town, Tara Austin's sexy provocative style will confront the audience, Jessie's punky wear-if-youdare streetwear, and Tina Dvorak's clothing for hippie children.

In the young designers' section, a number of first-time designers have also expressed interest, and hopefully will follow through.

Preparations are well underway for the shows which has now become a major entertainment offering on Nimbin's event Calendar

Designers, models or any one wanting to contribute to this years Nimbin Fashion Shows can contact Christina Chester on 02-6689-0205 or David Hyett 0418-824-598 or email <a href="mailto:chester-bulber-state-bulber-



Film industry festival attracts top local entries

The 2nd annual Nimbin Independent Film Festival (NIFF) will be held on the big screen next month at the Nimbin School of Arts on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th October.

Already there are some exciting films lined up including "A Sister's Love" by Ivan Sen and Rhoda Roberts, and films by local and national film makers, with more arriving in the mail every week.

Like last year, seven unique awards will be presented, best overall (this is voted by the audiences), the courage award, most inspiring, best political, the great heart award, community spirit award and best youth film award.

There will be evening sessions on both Friday and Saturday nights. The Saturday night session will be for mature audiences and the Nimbin Headers will be serving alcoholic beverages. All sessions are fully catered so come early for pre-dinner drinks and a meal. The

kitchen opens at 6:00pm and movies start at 7pm (Nimbin time of course).

Matinee sessions will be on Saturday and Sunday with Saturdays session for youth films. If we have enough entries we will make a special session for Children's films (infants and primary) on Sunday morning at 10am.

Film submissions close on 12th October.

NIFF is run by the Nimbin Film Industry Group (Nimbin FIG) We have a keen crew but are always in need of more assistance. If you would like to help or are interested in the Nimbin Film Industry Group email <admin@nimbinfilmind ustry.org> or phone Paris Naday on 0429-897-042 or Graeme Ferguson on 0428-322-577. Check our website for updates on our activities, <www.nimbinfilmindustry.</pre> org>

Preview "A Sister's Love" on ABCTV at 8.30pm on 11th October.

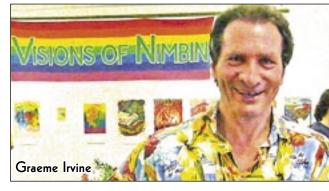
Rhoda Roberts screenshot courtesy ABC.





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Aquarian Archive posters on show



Old posters are more than mere memorabilia, according to legendary troubador Paul Joseph. "They are part of the songlines of the culture we're making," he said as he officially opened an exhibition of posters from the Aquarian Archive.

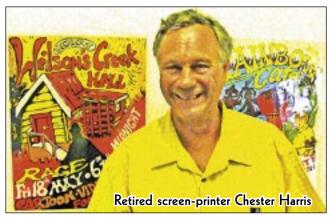
The exhibition, at the Nimbin Regional Gallery, is the third showing of the historic poster collection, and follows successful displays at SCU Lismore Library and Byron Shire Council chambers, Mullumbimby.

Organiser Graeme Irvine said that with each showing, more people have come forward to donate their memorabilia. "Aquiring more archives is part of what we're doing," he said. "A person in Mullum wants to donate film of the '73 festival to us, and we hope that showing the film will flush out more archives."

The Aquarian Archive is a voluntary, not-for-profit group set up about five years ago to collect, preserve and make available all kinds of archival material relating to the Aquarius Festival, and the wave of new settlers that followed.

Accompanying text explains the significance of each poster, and the circumstances of its creation, providing a rare chance to experience the songlines of the alternate cultural movement.

The exhibition is open from 10am to 4pm daily until Sunday 14th October.



What a panto!





The Golden Claw, Nimbin Players' recent production, written and directed by Bob Tissott, proved there's plenty of life in live theatre, with over 20 cast and crew providing lots of fun for all.

Playing to packed houses throughout its two-week run, the pantomime was a ripping yarn, following the slapstick antics of Bilge and Barnacle (Jed Tissott and J.J. Bruce, above right) as they foil the darstadly Dr Von Braun (Sam Grandison, above left) with some help from Prof. I. Jones (Len Martin, behind you!)

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National Aboriginal Day was observed during the school holidays, but Nimbin Central School wasn't going to let that

stop them from celebrating local goori culture. With help from the school's Aboriginal

parent committee a day's activities were held which acknowledged and learnt from Aboriginal culture.

A welcome dance was performed by Ruben Dooral from the Aboriginal Dance Theatre, Redfern, after which he conducted highinvolvement dance workshops.

Students had their chance to leave their mark on a hand-painting mural, or on red, yellow and black hands decorated in class.

At lunchtime, a barbeque of roo burgers, fish and damper was prepared by Karen and Nan Vicki Roberts,

Relieving Principal Christine Grieves said the day was a significant acknowledgement of the local Bunjalung people.

"I would sincerely like to thank all those community members who helped make it happen," she said. "Ideas are abounding for next year's event."







The end of Term 3 signals the end of classes for Year 12 students, and at Nimbin Central School the 15 seniors were farewelled on their last day with a heartfelt final assembly.

The Year 12s thanked their teachers and their parents for helping them along the road to the HSC and beyond, and students from Years 7 to 11 acknowledged them with comments which ranged from "great positive energy" and "good role models" to "you are the nerdiest Year 12 ever" and "you're nice when you smile."

Relieving Principal Christine Grieves employed the latin expression 'vini, vidi, vici' to highlight the students' commitment to finish their schooling, while in her response school captain Athena Zelandonii told the school, 'you've made the trip worthwhile and bearable."

The assembly viewed a candid movie of the final-year students and enjoyed a performance by school songstress Lyvinnea Drage, before cutting the cake at a luncheon with staff and parents.

The students presented the school with a pictorial astronomy resource book and a juvenile tree as their farewell gifts. They now have a few weeks to prepare for their HSC examinations, which start on Thursday 18th October.

Awarded. Year 12s cut their cake (above), Anuna Brady-Sime receives the Senor Scientist of the Year award (below) and Rahima Jackson shows the 'To the Max' award for Art.





Parenting Workshop coming up

Managing Difficult Behaviour in Children Incorporating 1 - 2 - 3 Magic

This three-session workshop will teach you effective and well-researched ways to better manage misbehaviour in children 3 to 12 years old.

Starting Thursday 18th October 2007 at Nimbin Central School, Thorburn Street, Nimbin, over three consecutive Thursday afternoons (18th and 25th October, 1st November) from 3:30pm to approximately 6pm. Parents and Caregivers from



other schools are welcome.

This program is designed to assist parents and caregivers to: Increase their knowledge about what works in managing difficult behaviour and what doesn't.

- Lessen their feelings of frustration.
- Get better results with

they are dealing with their children's troublesome behaviour.

The course will be conducted by Manuela Matheson-Geiss, 1-2-3 Magic trainer and Community Liaison Officer, Vanessa Miles-Taig, Family and Child Psychologist, and Jenny Gunn, School Counsellor.

less effort and stress when

The cost is \$50.00 for single adults and \$60.00 for couples, concession-card holders: half price. Fee includes course notes and tea/coffee. Payment must be received before the day of the program (cheques payable to 'Nimbin Central School'). The course is free for parents and caregivers of Nimbin Central School students.

For enquiries and to register, please contact Nimbin Central School on 6689-1355 or Manuela Matheson-Geiss on 6689-7457 or e-mail: manuela. geiss@education.nsw.gov.au before Monday 15 October.

The 1-2-3 Magic book or DVD used in this course is available through Parentshop on 1300-738-278.





by Jenny Gunn

Years 9, 10 and 11 Nimbin Central students recently participated in a Northern Rivers Area Health and interagency project, "Love Bites.'

The one day programme dealt with the issues of sexual assault and domestic violence, and was intended to give information about support services available and informed discussion on topics that are sometimes taboo and difficult to talk about. The day culminated in creative sessions where students were involved in both poster design and music production.

Thank you to the young people who participated. It was at times very challenging, especially watching the documentary account of a young woman's relationship that ultimately almost destroyed her. Re-Connect, Community Connections, and the Sexual Assault Councillors, community support workers and Rangi-Marie Ferguson and Daniel Pearson (pictured), who brought their creativity and heart to the hip hop sessions, all gave their time and we thank you.

We hope to follow-up in Term 4 and work out how we can utilize the posters. By then Rangi-Marie and Daniel will have returned the finished CDs.

Quality Education at your Doorstep

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All preschool children are invited to attend the



Nimbin Central School Kindy Orientation Program

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Enrolments are still being taken for Kindy and Year 7, 2008. Limited places available.

Enquiries: The Principal, Nimbin Central School, phone: 6689-1355, email: Nimbin-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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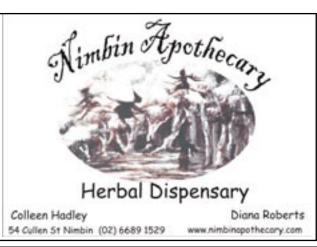
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Follow the Rainbow Serpent through 8 rooms representing the Aboriginal, pioneer and hippie eras.

This interactive museum, designed for visitors to meet locals, has evolved into a full-on educational experience for some people.

We need all the adult help we can get to harm minimise the consequences of the war on drugs. Don't stay away, come and help,



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Preschool Fete to mark 25th Birthday



This year, Nimbin Community Preschool marks twenty-five years of providing quality, community based early education to the wonderful children of Nimbin. What an achievement! Twenty-five years of community ownership!

To celebrate this milestone, and as our major fundraiser for the year, we will be staging a fete on Sunday 28th October at the Nimbin A&I Showgrounds starting from 10am.

This will be a day jam-packed with family fun – with music, fabulous prizes, great entertainment and healthy and affordable food.

The main focus for the day is to provide quality, ethical fun which promotes food which is nourishing as well as celebratory, and prizes that won't end up broken or discarded the following day. So in making our showbags, we have avoided 'food' full of colours and numbers, and poor quality plastics which are such a waste of our natural resources.

In addition to this, we have roped in scores of local performers – and some from a little further afield, just to spice it up a bit. All of them are donating their time, energy and creativity to the cause of keeping alive a Nimbin institution which has played an important part in the lives of so many

'Quality, ethical fun.' The Thursday group at the Nimbin Community Preschool.

local children – some Nimbin families are now boasting their second generation of participation with us!

There will be entertainment for the whole family –Luke Vassella will be easing us into a day featuring roving performers, fete games and stalls including (with providence) a Nimbin's own take on the traditional 'Dunking Booth', face painting and nail decoration, a chocolate wheel, a crystal hunt, mouth watering food freshly prepared by local community groups, real coffee, tea and cakes and - capping it off with one for the grown-ups – The Antibodies will be closing the show for us with suitable rowdiness!

This is a fabulous opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate in the magic that is Spring here in paradise. At the same time you will be helping to ensure the preschool is viable into the future. Government funding does not cover running costs so we depend on donations and fundraising to keep the preschool open.

So bring a hat, bring your kids – or even someone else's – and make sure you wear your party shoes, because this will be a day not to be missed

A new 'Date with Fete' at Tuntable community

Ready and waiting to share their magnificent new playground with the children of Nimbin, the children and parents of Tuntable Falls Community School and Preschool have been peparing for a day of fun games and activities that will be remembered for a long time.

Previously postponed due to heavy rains, the School Fete is re-sheduled for Saturday 3rd November.

The main focus of the day will be entertainment for the children. A bouncing castle or massive air-filled slippery slide will be booked for the day. Clowns, lucky dips, treasure hunts, sack races, the limbo face painting acrobatics and juggling will keep the children amused and entertained.

Adults will also be well catered for in the famous pamper parlour where participants are treated like royalty with Tarot card readings, body and facial massage whilst eating strawberries dipped in chocolate and sipping nectar of the gods if they desire.

Anyone who has not been to the Tuntable Falls Community School for a while will notice the many changes that have occurred, thanks to a dedicated team of parents and teachers of the primary and preschool who



Fun games. Some of the school's new playground equipment.

have all poured a lot of loving energy into the school, to great effect.

The fete will start at 9am and go through to 3pm at the primary school on Tuntable Falls Community, Tuntable Falls Road, just 10 minutes from Nimbin.

If anyone has goods to donate to the Monster raffle or quirky auction please contact the school to arrange delivery or pick up Phone 6689-1423 or email <tunfalls@australis.net>

Nimbin celebrates its children

Oh yeay, yeah, yeah!
It's happening again International Children's Day
children's parade and fair.
I had so much fun at last
year, it was fantastic! I got to
dance my way down the main
street of my town all dressed
up, blowing my horn, and
carrying a big bright rainbow

up, blowing my horn, and carrying a big bright rainbow flag that I painted. Everyone could see me, and best of all I was with all my friends. There must have been at least 300 of us kiddies.

It was a great feeling claiming our town, 'cause usually you adults don't really notice us unless we do something "bad" or "naughty". But we do good things too, and we're people just like you who need help and like to be recognised as an important part of this community.



The whole town came out last year to cheer us all on as we paraded proudly down the street, We need a safe and nurturing community to grow up in, so Nimbin can be a good place for families. And maybe we can help change the world!

The Family Fair this year is going to be at the Community Centre instead of Peace Park because there is more shade. I am really looking forward to performances by Krinkl, Kahootz, and big school

kids. I am going to get my face painted and spend a lot of time on the jumping castle 'cause that's my favourite. And there'll be heaps of information stalls for my mum and dad too.

So make sure you put it in your diaries: Thursday 25th October – International Children's Day. We'll be assembling at the Nimbin Preschool at 10am for the parade down the main street to the Community Centre where all the fun will be. I can't wait.

Don't forget to bring your hat and some sunscreen, a snack and plenty of water, bright clothes and something to make noise. See you all there.

Signed: one very excited four year old.

Kids in Community fun day

by Sally Baxter

On Sunday 16th September, the Tuntable Creek Youth Group hosted a fun day for 'Kids in Community".

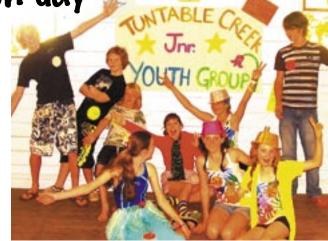
One of the members, Emily Alexander, had successfully applied for a youth grant which was then decided by the group to reinvest into a 'happiness' day.

Over 30 cihildren participated in dancing workshops, puppet making, art, singing and making musical instruments.

All of these workshops were organised and managed by the dozen teenage youth group members: Torren Lamont and Hayley Larsen (instrument-making, playing and singing), Taylor Alexander and Linus Lamont (art), Emily Alexander and Jarvis Bell-Allen (puppet-making), Shanti and Raven Kenny and Carla Bell-Allen (dancing).

The Fun Day culminated in a star-studded finale show that parents attended at the day's end.

Thank you to all those who engaged with the events, and



a very special thank you to the junior youth group who provided a loving, nurturing environment for purposeful action. Well done!

Licensed to Wed...

Our own stylish Nimbin Hotel bar manager, Deb Guest, has received her licence to conduct civil marriage ceremonies.

Her choice to become a marriage celebrant seemed a natural meander off the career path of working in hospitality.

Deb said, "I have always loved weddings, they are such joyous occasions. I love to see people happy and I am a born organiser, able to co-ordinate with ease.

"Your marriage ceremony is the most important part of your wedding day, where you make a declaration before family and friends, your love and commitment to each other," she said.

Deb believes that every ceremony is special and should celebrate your own unique love story. Deb is happy to create a ceremony for you or you could have fun creating your own ceremony, taking the opportunity to reflect more deeply upon your love and commitment to one another.

Deb is also available for commitment ceremonies for same sex couples and couples wishing to renew their vows, and also conducts naming ceremonies. Discuss your requirements with her on 6689-0089.





Debbie Guest

Civil Marriage Celebrant

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