

Worst Case Scenario

Nimbin Show condensed to one-day event



The Nimbin A&I Society has announced that this year's annual Country Show will be held as a one-day event on Saturday 22nd September. The same dates will apply for entries in pavilion, cattle, poultry and guinea pigs categories, as shown in the pink-covered programme. All the Saturday events will be the same, plus all the Sunday children's events will now take place on the Saturday, at the same times as in the Sunday programme. President Phil Williams apologised for the late notice, after holding off making a decision. He said, "Because of the continuing equine influenza, it's just not possible to run horse events." After more than 12 months of planning, he is entitled to feel disappointed, but instead he has a practical approach.

"Well, you've just got to work your way round these things," he said. "It's all going to be a bit tight. A lot of stuff has been paid for - infrastructure, food and beverages. We'll probably just break even, depending on the weather." A&I Secretary Natalie Maxwell now has the job of distributing a press release, producing a poster for display around Nimbin and Lismore, and liaising with other show societies. "Everybody's a bit worried. They're all sort of watching us. We're the first Show of the North Coast season," Phil said. Highlights of the Show programme this year include an alpaca display, a home brew competition with three classes, and the children's events such as gumboot

throwing, whip cracking, the pet show and dog high-jump, and the talent quest. A feature of recent Shows has been the high quality of the arts and crafts in the pavilion display, and this year promises to be no exception. Phil Williams said, "I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their continued support of the Show, and we're all looking forward to getting back to a two-day format next year."

TRASH & TREASURE SALE
 NIMBIN SHOWGROUND
 Sunday 9th Sept
 9am to 2pm
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Community Forum to follow Skate Park green light



Nimbin Skate Park has finally been given the go ahead. After two years at a virtual standstill a recent Council workshop conceded Nimbin Community Development Association (NCDA) could complete the facility in accordance with their development consent. While NCDA is pleased

with the outcome, but not the procrastination getting there, a significant volume of work must be carried out before the skate park can officially open. Unfortunately the delay of the past two years has seen funding momentum dwindle and there is currently no funding available for further

works. To discuss this and other issues, NCDA and Lismore Council are holding a Community Forum on Thursday September 20 at 6.30pm in Nimbin Hall. Everyone with a concern about the future of the skate park is invited to attend. The Forum will be provided with

the facts and a costing of works required to complete the skate park. In addition significant future risks for the facility will be discussed. Once the skate facility is operational it is a condition of development that it not emit offensive noise. This is ill-defined but is considered to be noise that

interferes unreasonably with the comfort of those in surrounding areas. The quality and noise rating of materials used to close in the ends and sides of the ramps is therefore very important. NCDA will not be in a position to skimp on costs if it means compromising noise dampening, as the end result could see the facility closed by Council or another regulatory authority. Is it worth taking the risk and completing the skate park? This and other issues will be discussed at the Community Forum. As the community will need to raise the bulk of the funding to complete the works NCDA believes the community should decide whether to go ahead or bring the project to an end. Please come along and take this opportunity to have input into a vital youth project.

NIMBIN COMMUNITY CENTRE and LISMORE CITY COUNCIL invite you to a

NIMBIN COMMUNITY FORUM

A FUTURE FOR THE SKATE PARK?

An opportunity to discuss the latest developments and make decisions for the future

Thursday 20th September 6.30pm

Nimbin Town Hall
All welcome

Organised by Nimbin Community Development Association

For more information phone 6689-0000

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