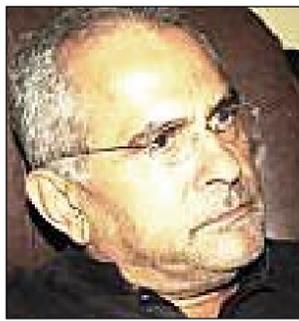


Timor Leste – Four views

by Warwick Fry

The shooting of Timor Leste's President, Jose Ramos Horta (pictured) came as a shock to many people around the world, and particularly to Australians who knew and admired him and, in many cases had worked with him.



The full facts of the shooting will not be known until all the parties involved have been questioned (and the news that the person who is believed to have actually shot the President has surrendered has come through as I write this). And the President, who seems to be making a successful recovery, has yet to give his version of events. What has been widely debated, and been the subject of much speculation are the motives and real intentions of rebel leader Alfredo Reinado, who led the raid on the President's compound, and who was killed in the attempt.

Community radio 2Nim-FM (102.3) has, over the last month, conducted a series of interviews with a number of people who knew Horta well. The interviews covered a wide range of interpretations and views.

The Politician

Janelle Saffin, our local Federal Member was one of the first to speak with 2NimFM. Understandably, she preferred to talk about her personal knowledge of Jose Ramos Horta, rather than the Byzantine political landscape of Timor Leste. Janelle had met Jose at a function in Sydney celebrating his success in being awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1996.

Janelle had worked in human rights advocacy, particularly with Amnesty International. She told 2NimFM that "... living in

Lismore ... there was always a group of people in our area who were interested in East Timor - a combination of local and international awareness." She went to Timor Leste as an observer of the 1999 referendum with an Australian legal team and was a witness "... when the mayhem broke out." She returned, after several shorter visits, again in 2002 with the celebration of independence and the official handover of government to the East Timorese, where she met up with Horta again.

She and Horta hit it off well, and when Horta, appointed the Foreign Minister in 2003, invited her to work with him in Timor Leste, she agreed, thinking it would only be for a few months. She saw it as her contribution to the Australian 'nation building' effort. She ended up working with him for three years. "... I used to say to him; 'No, I have to go home' ... and he'd say 'okay, just stay a little bit longer.' ... He'd say '... I tell you ...' Eventually I said no, I tell you ... I'm going. ... He's very persuasive - a good person." Janelle stayed on to be the liaison officer between the government and the Australian forces when they arrived during the crisis of 2006 (when Reinado became the leader of the breakaway 'mutineers' of the Timorese police and army) and came back to Australia later that year.

The Academic

Dr. Bob Boughton is a senior lecturer in Education at the University of New England at Armidale. He has made numerous trips over the years to Timor Leste to assist the government with its Adult Education program, often remaining there for months at a time. Bob had a less sanguine view of the events of February 11, and what might be behind them. He believes that the situation is very much a product of the events of 2006 and that an independent inquiry is critical getting to the bottom of the "Reinado effect" in Timorese politics that takes the events of 2006 into account.

He told 2NimFM "... Reinado has been described as a 'wild' card, and perhaps psychologically unbalanced - this is not how the Australian media described him back in May 2006, when he led a rebellion against the government of then Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri ... there were photos of him posing with Australian troops who had been sent over to secure the country. ... Reinado needs to be viewed as a significant actor in an ongoing struggle for political power inside the country over the last couple of years. He needs to be analysed in terms of who he is working with, and what are the political forces engaged in this struggle for political power. It was a classic case of 'blowback'"

Bob sees Reinado's political role as the reason for the failure of his capture. When

asked if Horta was a victim of his own generosity (Horta was a strong proponent of negotiations with Reinado, and had had several meetings with him over the last few months) Bob had this to say: "I'm not sure that the word is generosity. He was a victim of his own politics, perhaps, in the sense that he chose ... to have the hunt for Reinado called off. In the period [when he stood for Presidential elections] it's well known that there was an agreement between him (Horta) and the PD (Democratic Party) - there was a written agreement with them to [call off the hunt for Reinado] as a condition for them to deliver their votes to him in the second round of the Presidential election."

The Activist

Robert Wesley-Smith has been one of the key activists for an independent East Timor since the Indonesian invasion of 1975 when he first met Jose Ramos Horta. The young Horta was one of the original Fretilin members and had been told to leave the country to make the world aware of the situation in East Timor when it was obvious that the Indonesians would eventually gain full control. Horta left reluctantly. Wes was one of those who met him in Darwin, and true to the behest of the Fretilin leadership, set up a clandestine radio transmitter outside Darwin which became the only contact that the FALINTIL (armed wing of FRETILIN) had with the outside world. Wes gained



notoriety in the late 1970s when he was arrested in an attempt to take a boatload of medical supplies to the East Timorese resistance, and again in the 1980s, when he tried to bring attention to the Indonesian's use of napalm by threatening to burn a dog in front of the Indonesian Embassy. He did burn a dog, but it was a stuffed toy. Wes also met Reinado when he arrived in Darwin in the 1990s on a 'borrowed' boat from Indonesian occupied East Timor.

Wes was more sympathetic to Reinado than some others, and sees him as a tragic, but also charismatic figure. Although a long-term friend of Horta's, he too holds some criticism for some of Horta's more recent actions. He was critical for example, of Horta's role in negotiating Timor Leste's oil rights with Australia. "If it hadn't been for Alkatiri standing strong on some things, Horta would have signed away Sunrise. They ended up with 18 percent of the rights, instead of the 80 percent that they should have got."

Wes is critical of the role of the Australian forces 'modus operandi' in Timor Leste. Like Boughton, Wes believes that the political forces aligned with Reinado should be part of any investigation. "It was well known that Reinado was

meeting with certain political figures. When the Australian troops 'blundered' into that meeting, I believe it was no 'blunder'. I know who those MPs were - two days before it became public. I think those MPs, who I think were the last political figures to have met with Reinado before the assassination attempt or whatever it was - those MPs have a lot of explaining to do."

The Diplomat

Jim Dunn is a retired diplomat who was serving as the Australian Consul in Dili about the time of the Indonesian invasion. He has been a tireless supporter of independence for East Timor, and has worked with the UN as a local expert and Human Rights investigator, and directly with Jose Ramos Horta as a consultant and advisor.

Jim too, is somewhat sympathetic to Reinado, and was one of the first commentators on the events of February 11 to guess at Reinado's motives - that it was an attempt to 'force a dialogue' with President Horta, possibly in a kidnap attempt, that went "horribly wrong". He discounts the possibility that it was a coup attempt, as much of the Australian media was saying at the time.

He told 2NimFM, "when I met Reinado in the hills I advised him to surrender. He would most likely be given an amnesty, or a pardon and that he could then apply his leadership talents to playing a political role. as I suggested to Horta that this was the line that he should take when negotiating with Reinado."

March right on at



by Roy Radle

It's interesting times here at the CTC this month.

On the home front, our new website is finally up and running, just type nimbinctc (one word, no spaces) into Google, and hit the ENTER key and it should be top of the list.

While you're at it, also check out the new Nimbin Markets Web site at URL: <http://www.markets.nimbincommunity.org.au/>, our latest creation. Feel free to leave a comment on our home site, we'd love to hear from you.

ACE Lismore is still very keen on running courses here in Nimbin and we are currently negotiating to run

an accredited Macromedia Flash animation class later in the year. Our own beginners level computing class has proven very popular and will be offered again next term, along with an Introduction to Photoshop.

For those interested in open source software, plans are underway to establish a Linux based workstation just to provide an alternative to Bill Gates' stranglehold on the world of mass computing.

In fact there has never been a better time to step up to the plate and participate in the digital revolution. Thanks to BETC (Lismore) we also hope to have an approved work for the dole activity underway, meaning this is the time to get onboard and explore the

benefits of volunteering at your friendly neighborhood CTC.

The CTC is once again happy to support the 39 Hours Film Competition. We will be conducting a pre-competition editing workshop on Thursday 13th March between 6.30 and 9.30pm. The cost will be \$15 per person.

There will also be six editing suites available for hire on Saturday 15th March from 2pm until 10pm at a cost of \$40 for the session, with technical assistance available on the day.

Unfortunately our camera has already been booked for the weekend so if you are keen to be involved, book early and rustle up your own camera. See you there.

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When poets speed date

Hi say I
 I'm a performance poet
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haiku is my way
 but it's not in my nature
 it is my nature says she

haiku?
 three lines say I
 seventeen syllables
 a seasonal reference
 has about a hundred rules per syllable to fight over
 to compensate for the lack of everything else
 sort of an entrée on the poetic menu
 a mere snackerel before the main course
 a bland little sorbet to cleanse the palate
 don't you find it a little...passive?

his restless spirit
 flits from flower to flower
 screeching like banshee says she

performance poetry is about the unbuttoned heart
say I
 the breaking down of inhibitions and fears that block
 human potential
 the clarity of passion that can open up and tell it like it is
 without some esoteric, inscrutable, anal-retentive
 denial
 of feeling and meaning disguised as a 'zen moment'
 fortunately, haiku is so short that it's over with quickly

no such luxury
 with performance poetry
 incontinence rules says she

are you suggesting that I am unable to halt the
 juggernaut of my passions? I retort
 not given to the gentle art of contemplation
 the subtle ebbs and flows of life
 the change of seasons?
 The fucking snowflake talks to me too, baby

though thirst long quenched
 brook still babbles on and on
 knows not how to stop says she

you can't stop the tide
 or the endless rumble of evolution
 so just go for the ride
 -Jack Kerouac say I

we say less is more
 brevity the soul of wit
 dorothy parker says she

pseudo-zen twaddle I shout
 less is less
 more is more
 you are trapped in a cage of 17 syllables
 break out!
 spread those beautiful gossamer wings and soar
 why in the karma sutra of poetic volition
 would a woman like you choose the missionary
 position?

molten larva runs deep
 beware sleeping volcanoes
 the unwary get burnt she smiles at me

you are so fucking hot I cry
 your haiku truly divine

so are you she purrs
 let's get outta here
 your place or mine?

Robin Archbold February 2008

Happy haiku honoured

dappled shade
 the toddler's fist
 spills cherry petals
 - Nathalie Buckland



British Columbia Blossom Watch
 2007 Winning Photo

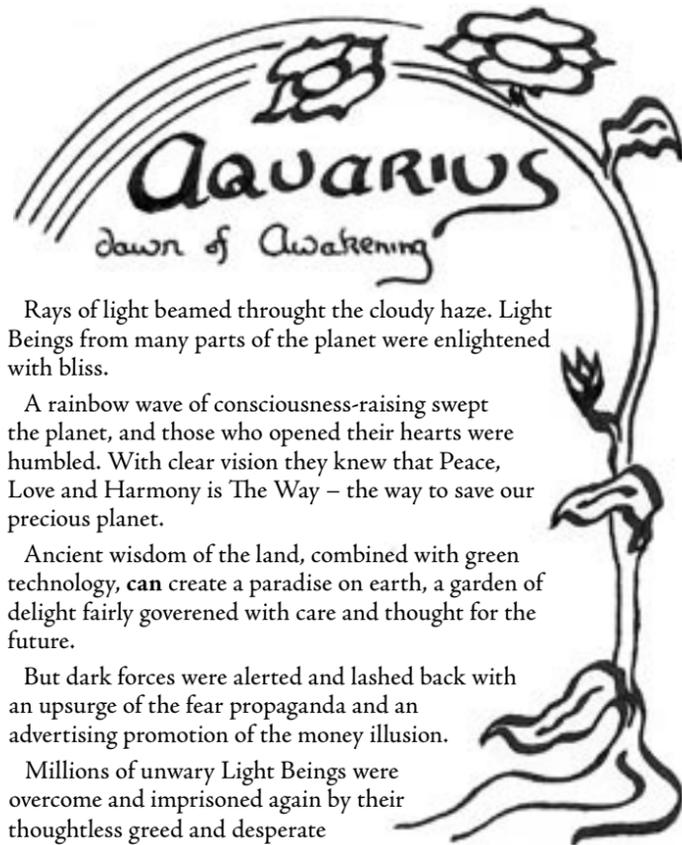
Two Nimbin women have received 'honorable mentions' for their haiku poems at the 2008 Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival.

Leonie Bingham and Nathalie Buckland will receive illuminated certificates after sending their haiku to Canada for the festival, which is run annually to celebrate the profusion of blossom that lines the streets of the city.

Festivities in Vancouver include the reading and display of haiku, a poetry form originating in Japan and now very popular worldwide.

Leonie and Nathalie will have their poems read aloud during

the festival, and their haiku will also be displayed on the VCBF website, which says, "The real prize is writing the poetry itself – and being more keenly aware, through haiku, of the seasonal changes around you."



Rays of light beamed through the cloudy haze. Light Beings from many parts of the planet were enlightened with bliss.

A rainbow wave of consciousness-raising swept the planet, and those who opened their hearts were humbled. With clear vision they knew that Peace, Love and Harmony is The Way – the way to save our precious planet.

Ancient wisdom of the land, combined with green technology, can create a paradise on earth, a garden of delight fairly governed with care and thought for the future.

But dark forces were alerted and lashed back with an upsurge of the fear propaganda and an advertising promotion of the money illusion.

Millions of unwary Light Beings were overcome and imprisoned again by their thoughtless greed and desperate desire for ego glory.

But the spark had been lit, and there were some who never gave up hope and kept working for Love, Peace and Harmony. They grew in their knowledge and skills in preparation for the time to come. For it had been given through many different channels over history that a time would come.

The Magic of Aquarius has been ignited and a new wave of consciousness-raising is brewing. Light Beings all over the planet are becoming aware that the false power that technology promises is empty of heart, and the gobbling beast of consumerism cannot be maintained.

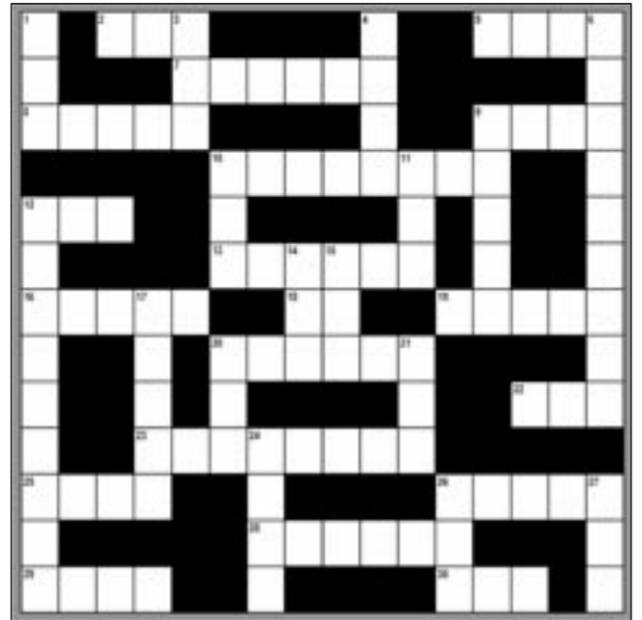
The living hope of Aquarius promises a way through, and return to Higher Purpose.

- contributed by Mira

Nimbin Crossword

2008-03

by 5ynic



Across

2. Rowing tool
5. Nimbin's working phone network
7. Unroll a flag
8. Nimbin's other phone network
9. Babylonian god of creation – said to have created all languages?
10. Permaculture Gardens
12. Cry of excitement? Nintendo's console
13. Hurt
16. Buddha's homeland
18. User Interface (innit.)
19. Surprise? Beginning Mountaintop
22. Corn portion? Theo lost his!
23. (Our) well stocked store
25. Salamander
26. Not heavy – defines the ultimate speed limit
28. Fallen angels? AFL locals
29. Noble worm's thread
30. A rotation of the earth

Down

1. Buddhist school of acceptance
3. Bad whip? Small carpet
4. 24 beers
6. Bowlo bites? Chinese in Nimbin! (5,4)
9. Not regret, but a white heron
10. Failure
11. Pickup truck? Technical in waiting
12. Small, white, (anti-) social insects (5,4)
14. Silent? Champagne mother!
15. Goal?
17. Delta? Passage
20. Fool? Plant blood
21. (And 27 Down) The tool for the slam (3,3)
24. Always in the house's favour
26. Not battery acid? Lysergic
27. See (21 down)

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February bushwalks watered down



by Len Martin

As our mid-week February 13th walk to waterfalls on Nimbin Rocks Co-op was cancelled because it was too wet - a dull, dull day with rain, rain, and rain. "Ideal", you might say, "for walking through rainforest to see waterfalls". Well yes, if it was a walk on well-made tracks. Unfortunately this walk is very much off-track over some very steep slopes, with some very slippery rocks and rock scree - not to mention the lawyer vine thickets.

Fortunately, though rain was very much around earlier in the month, February 9th was fine and sunny for a superb walk up Currumbin Creek Gorge. It was a longish drive out past Murwillumbah, via Tomewin into Queensland - but with magnificent views of the twin peaks of Mount Cougal - whose eastern summit we conquered last year. Currumbin Creek had a rich flow of grey-blue-green translucently chalky-looking water - so the numerous falls and cascades were at their most spectacular.

After an initial walk on a made track to the remnants of an historic sawmill we went up the creek with a vengeance - lots of rock-hopping and creek crossings. As a result, every one except our intrepid rock-hopping leader, Don Durrant, ended with soggy boots. Wonderful rainforest, fabulous rock formations and some demanding rock traverses - at

least for me. On the way up, most of us swam in a beautiful spa pool below a spectacular cascade - cool, bubbling, invigorating water, then onward and upwards past more spectacular cascades to a lunch spot below a couple of rather high, steep falls. Then back down the creek to the vehicles, with another fabulous dip on the way.

A fine hot February 24th and another longish drive for our Walk on Water at South Tweed Heads. The walk, led by Michael Smith, started at the Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre, which features a ceremonial bora ring, then via paperbark, she-oak and vine forest to a boardwalk that winds through the mangroves, many of which were in flower, or bearing seeds. The tide was just starting to come in. There are views across to Ukerebagh Island.

From the late 1800s the island was home to Tweed Aborigines and Islanders. In the 1950s the settlement was disbanded. In the 1970s aboriginal people, including Senator Neville Bonner (who was born in the reserve "on a government blanket in 1922") successfully fought a proposal to develop the island, and the area was reserved as Ukerebagh Nature Reserve in 1980, and it remains in a relatively unspoiled state.

Out from the sublime and into the Tweed suburbia and lunch at the Razorback Lookout, a very pleasant ridge with trees and lawns

Idyll. Swimming hole with two waterfalls in Currumbin Gorge.
Panorama by Len Martin

and excellent views over the Tweed estuary, and all that has been done to it - notably the intense development of the islands. Once again great views of the distant Mount Cougal through haze and humidity.

Off again through the never-ending development of the Tweed and the coast to the south, ending with a short walk out on Norries Head south of Bogangar,

followed by a brief dip in the surf before heading for home. Fourteen members enjoyed Currumbin Gorge, twelve members and two visitors did the Walk on Water.

We aim to do three walks a month for the rest of the year - some will have overnight camping and there is a good chance that we will do another Moreton Island camp, probably some time in August/September.

Walks Program for March

Tuesday March 18th

Twin Falls Mulgum Creek
Leader Len Martin 6689-0254. Grade 3.5 3 hr return, off-track, rock hopping & creek crossings; great rainforest, 3 beautiful waterfalls. Meet 9am Nimbin Car Park, 9.15am end of Gungah Road. Bring food and water.

Sunday March 30th

Three Walks at Iluka
Leader Michael Smith 6689-9291. Meet: 8am Nimbin car park, 8.15am Goolmangar Store to pick up leader, or at start 10.15am information shelter in Long Street Iluka.

Iluka Rainforest Grade 1 2 hr, 4 km return, well graded, easy walk on formed track; Features World Heritage Rainforest, bird watching, rainforest plants & trees plus salt-tolerant species such as Banksia and Tuckeroo.

Iluka Bluff Lookout Grade 3 15 min, 500m return, a steep walk up 98 steps to lookout Features views over beaches and rocky headlands south to mouth of the Clarence and north to Evans Head. Wildflowers in season and sometimes

emu around the picnic area.

Iluka Bluff to Woody Head Grade 2 3 hr, 9 km return. Easy walk on sand and rock. Features beautiful coastal landscapes, sandstone formations, shore birds wild-flowers, Pandanus, wallabies, emu, fishing and swimming (unpatrolled).

Saturday April 5th

Culmaran Falls and Rainforest Circuit

Leader Michael Smith 6689-9291. Meet: 9am Nimbin car park, 9.20am Goolmangar shop, or 10.30am at Cambridge Plateau Rest Area, Cambridge Plateau Scenic Drive near Mallanganee. Bring food and water.

The Rainforest Circuit 2 ½ km, Grade ¾ largely an easy walk on formed track from Picnic Area but with some steep sections, (there are 147 steps down to the creek) and some tree roots to step over in the forest.

The Culmaran Falls walk is 1½ hr Grade 3 with beautiful photographic opportunities. Features: The walks pass through a subtropical rainforest with more than 200 plant species, including Booyongs, Rosewood, Pigeon-berry Ash, Giant Stinging Trees, Hoop Pine

Open Source Software + Part 3

The Nitty Gritty

by Rob Harle

I mentioned in a previous column that Open Source was not a movement but a revolution. For those who find that a little melodramatic the following facts may change your mind.

Firefox (Open Source web browser, equal to, if not better than Internet Explorer) recently exceeded the 500 million download mark!

The Dutch Government passed legislation requiring all their agencies to use Open Source software. If they do not comply they must give reasons why.

China as previously mentioned use Linux throughout their national banking system.

The British Department of Education has decided not to upgrade their school's systems from Microsoft XP to Vista. Whilst this is not Open Source it is indicative of a general trend to escape the strangle hold of commercial software with its exorbitant original costs and its trivial though still expensive upgrades.

Open Source software is produced in accordance with a set of guidelines. Here are a few of the more important ones:

- The software must be available for free distribution.
- The distribution must include the source code, so anyone can see how the software works.
- The original author's code must be distributed unmodified.
- The software must not discriminate against any persons or group.
- The license to use Open Source must be technology-neutral. That is, it must not insist that such and such hardware be required for it to function.

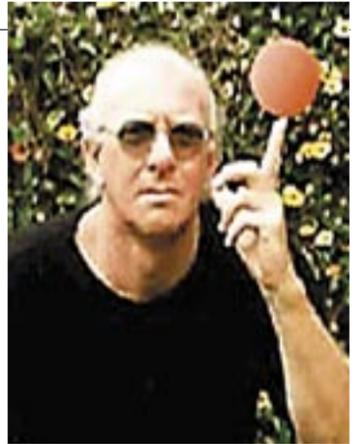
These requirements are directly opposite to those ideals upheld by the dominant Western capitalist ethos. Open Source is opposed to oppressive control of poorer and developing nations, opposed to racial prejudice and encourages sharing as a path to a more peaceful sustainable future.

Because Nimbin (as a generalization) supports most of these ideals it is only fitting that the CTC Centre will soon be installing Linux on at least one of their computers and running training sessions for those interested in learning the basics of Linux. It is a good thing to support the CTC Centre as it is one of those things that if we don't use it we'll lose it.

Installing a Linux distribution (as the software programs are called) is an easy matter, Ubuntu 7.1 is a very good place to start. After that installing Open Office is again quite easy and user friendly. Installing the more exotic Open Source applications may present some difficulties for novice users. This is because some Open Source programs need compiling, this requires other small programs called libraries and you need a good knowledge of how to go about this.

A further problem is that whereas Mac and PCs automatically detect peripheral hardware, such as modems and scanners, and then install the drivers for these, Linux requires you to locate the specific driver for your hardware, such as your printer and then install it manually. A driver is a small software program that allows your computer to talk to the various items of hardware. Finding and installing the drivers can be a bit daunting at times and requires access to the Internet.

What is needed in Nimbin is a reliable person who is an expert in Linux and Open Source software to offer these services at reasonable rates. This would then enable many individuals who are not computer nerds or don't have the time to learn new systems, to support the technology and software equality revolution.





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Skills Education Sessions

Sessions are designed around the accreditation courses and are a prerequisite for coaches who wish to partake in accreditation courses or update their accreditations.

- New and Beginner Coach (Foundation) – 19th April Lake Ainsworth Lennox Head.
- Development Coach (Development) – 16th August Casino Indoor Stadium.
- Level 1 Umpire Accreditation Course – Four hour course. Essential for attaining National umpires badge. Cost \$35. At Lismore 1st March, Ballina 11th April, Casino 5th May, Ballina 1st August.

Coaching Accreditation Courses

- Foundation 18th May in Lismore, Development 17th August at Casino Indoor Stadium.

Final details and registration forms for these courses and skills sessions will be on the web page soon. Check out www.netballnsw.com

Nimbin Headers Sports Club Logo Design Competition

Nimbin Headers Sports Club are having a logo design competition. There are three entry categories: under 8 years; 9-16 years; and over 16 years. Headers official club colours are bottle green, white, gold and black.

The winning design will be embroidered onto a bottle green background. Simple designs are encouraged and you may enter as many times as you like. All designs will become the sole property of Nimbin Headers Sports Club.

A prize will be awarded to the overall winner. Additional prizes will also be



Fit girls. Karinya Oldfield and Kathryn Hawken at Nimbin's Physical Activity Centre. Photo: Rocky

awarded to one design entry from each of the age categories.

Entry forms are available from the Rainbow Café or Nimbin Auto Centre. Entries close 14th March 2008.

Prize winners will be notified by Friday 28th March 2008. For further information contact Gary Whisker 6689-1531 or Nigel Hayes 6689-1352.



The Spark Fund

For all those aged between 12 – 25 years

The Foundation for Young Australians has a proud tradition of resourcing and supporting locally based youth-driven projects. The Spark Fund will financially support young people aged 12-25 years to ignite their ideas and initiatives to make a positive contribution to the community and enhance their skills and experience for themselves, other young people and their communities. Successful initiatives will encourage youth participation and positive outcomes for young people, and strengthen their communities.

Any individual aged 12-25 years, or small group (up to five people) all aged 12-25 years, may apply for a grant. This can be done with the support of an organisation. These organisations could include for example a community organisation or school, enterprise, youth group, or government. NB Organisations themselves cannot apply.

Applicants may apply for grants up to \$5,000. Applications opened 8th January 2008, and

can be made at any time before the last closing date of the year. Closing dates for each round are: 26th March 2008, 30th June 2008, 22nd September 2008.

Applications are assessed according to the extent to which they are consistent with all of the Foundation's five focus areas and address the selection criteria as outlined below.

The Spark Fund selection criteria

- Grant partners must be a young person or group of young people (no more than 5 people) all aged 12-25 years
 - Projects must stem from a desire on behalf of the young person or young people involved to make a positive contribution to youth and their community as an outcome of their project
 - Projects must be not-for-profit
 - Projects must demonstrate clearly identified goals and objectives
 - Applications must demonstrate an ability to achieve the stated goals and objectives
 - Consistency with the vision and values of the Foundation
- Successful applications will also demonstrate:
- The development of knowledge, skills, experience, leadership and organisational ability to enhance young people's potential to contribute to the positive development of the community
 - A positive impact for the young person or group of young people initiating the project, as well as other young people in the community
 - Innovation and creativity – successful applications will include those that show a degree of originality, innovation, and imagination on behalf of the applicant(s)

Five Focus Areas

1. Young Australians – aged 12-25 years
2. Youth Participation – The Foundation seeks to invest its grant funds with initiatives that use good practice in youth participation
3. Equity – Our grant decisions will consider the applicant's access to social, economic and cultural opportunities and benefits
4. Community contribution - The Foundation requires that funded projects identify a positive contribution to the community as an outcome of the project
5. Sustainable outcomes - The Foundation aims to fund initiatives that result in sustainable outcomes for young people

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Nimbin Garden Club



Informative The gardening clan gather on the verandah (above), Rob harangues his attentive audience (below). Photos: Len Martin

by Gil Schilling

The garden club's first meeting for 2008 was held at 'Heartwood', Rob Fleetwood's 5 acre forest garden, last month.

Over 20 members attended on the day and thoroughly enjoyed Rob's most instructive tour featuring a large collection of mostly local rainforest plants, including native conifers, rainforest figs, cordylines and dracaenas, palms and droids. As usual, members shared an excellent afternoon tea with the help and support of the Fleetwood household – thanks Ros and kids.

The next meeting of the Nimbin Gardeners will be held at Tonto Bridges' garden, 635 Mountain Top Road on Saturday 15th March at 2pm. Tonto's 3 acre garden reflects its owner's passion for roses, particularly old style continuous flowering Hybrid Teas. Tonto is also keen to demonstrate bud grafting and advise on how to successfully grow roses appropriate to local conditions.

In addition to his roses, Tonto also has extensive plantings of rapidly maturing exotic trees from many parts of the world, with some specimens rarely seen outside major botanical gardens – a truly eclectic mix.

Visitors or anyone just curious to know more about the club are welcome to come along to meetings. For more details please contact either Gil (6689-0581) or Caroline (6689-1945).



Crossword Solution

See page 17.



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Normal Depart Times		School Holiday Times	
8:00	2:35	3:20	Lismore Transit 8:00 2:35
8:10	2:45	4:00	Goolmangar 8:10 2:45
8:20	3:00	4:15	Coffee Camp 8:20 2:55
8:45	3:20	4:30	Nimbin Ave 8:35 3:10
9:30	3:30		Nimbin depart 9:00 3:30
9:40	3:40		Blue Knob 9:10 3:40
9:50	3:55		Twin Bridges 9:15 3:45
9:53	4:00		Mt Burrell 9:20 3:50
10:10	4:20		Uki 9:40 4:10
10:15	4:25		Mt Warning turn 9:45 4:15
10:30	4:40		Murwillumbah 10:00 4:25

Leaving Murwillumbah through to Lismore

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7:10	1:50	7:30	2:15
7:20	2:03	7:42	2:28
7:30	2:08	7:55	2:33
7:55	2:30	8:10	2:55
8:00	2:35	8:20	3:00
8:32	2:40	8:30	3:05
8:45	2:50	8:40	3:15
7:50	9:00	9:00	3:30
8:05	9:10	9:10	3:40
8:15	9:20	9:20	3:50
8:50	9:35	9:35	4:00
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