

## Nimbin Red Cross

The Nimbin Red Cross wishes to extend our apologies to the Nimbin community for the cancellation of the Victorian Bushfires Fundraiser Bush Dance which was to be held on 4th April.

We were all disappointed and a little amused to be flooded out and unable to go ahead with the fundraiser. Perhaps we should have raised money for the Queensland flood relief.

Head Office has just informed us that the Vic. Bushfire Appeal is now closed, as the power of humanity has reached over \$250 million. Fantastic!

We have not given up on the idea of a Red Cross Bush Dance but due to people's commitments and musos



availability we will have to make it in early spring.

In this uncertain age, with global warming and natural disasters ever present, Red Cross needs all the support it can get, so it can in turn support the community.

If you wish to be involved because you want to make a difference please join our Nimbin Branch. Membership is \$5.00 per year and our meetings are bi-monthly.

For more information please contact Phyllis Braham, Liaison Officer, on 6689-1558.

Our next meeting will be held at the Old Hospital Meeting Rooms, Nimbin at 4pm on 15th June 2009. Love to see you there.

Phyllis Braham

## Wedding Bells



Former Nimbin Central School student - Nat Barron, brother of Chris and Maire, married his long time partner, Leonie in New Zealand recently.

## Moon over Merriwina

Down Akolele way the spirits play  
It's a Dreamtime land where I'll stay.  
Moon over Merriwina – 1992,  
The ocean roars while my husband snores  
Sacred nights away.

I sit in the garden, see a shooting star –  
Marriage at Merriwina doomed from afar.  
The Aborigines say there are spirits at play,  
So who'll hold my hand while I wander in the sand?  
Brave Johnny Jeweller –  
My kindred spirit in this ancient land.

*Merriwina was the name of the house my husband and I bought in 1990, located on the coast road overlooking the Pacific Ocean about five minutes' drive from the far south coast town of Bermagui.*

Tina de Villier

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### Nimbin Murals

Meeting to be held on Thursday 21st May at 6pm at the Nimbin Bowlo for people to meet to talk about the future of the murals, discuss options and hopefully develop a working party to go from there. More info contact Gillian Jones on 6689-1285.

## Happenings

### Tunable Folk Cafe

The next Tuntable Folk Cafe will be on Friday 8th May from 5pm at the Tuntable shop, with Meg's cooking – hot spicy curries (vego and non-vego), yummy soup and home-made bread, home-brewed wine, lager, stout and cider and delicious tofu cheesecakes – at a very affordable price. Plus a gas heater and braziers to keep the chill away.

Over the winter there will be one cafe a month on the second Friday. It's the only local folk venue – all musicians, singers and listeners are very welcome – and there are card and board games available for listeners also. See you there!

### May is Law Month at Kyogle Library

Find Legal answers. Free legal information from the easy-to-read Legal Information Access Centre resources located at Kyogle library, containing the latest, up-to-date legal advice, free to use and borrow. Check out the in-library display or ask our trained, helpful staff for assistance to access the collection throughout May.

For further details contact Kyogle library: 6632-1134 / [www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/library).

### Stillness in Action Retreat

July 24-28 – Angel's Beach, Ballina, Northern NSW  
"Spacious, restorative, nourishing and fun! I wish this retreat had been my initial introduction to both meditation and the Buddhist philosophy of life." – Joy London

Fixed costs on a sliding scale according to income: \$250 - \$390 + dana (donation). Enquiries to Bobbi Allen: 02 6688-6147 / [bobbi@stillnessinaction.net](mailto:bobbi@stillnessinaction.net)

### Bentley Art Prize

25th Annual Bentley Art Prize, Friday 31st July, 1st and 2nd August with 14 sections and a \$9,000 prizes pool. Entry forms available from Visitors Centres, Libraries and Art Galleries, or email [helen-trustum@hotmail.com](mailto:helen-trustum@hotmail.com)  
Entries close 22nd July.

## Vale Laurie Stubbs

Local activist and co-founder of The Village Journal (The VJ), Laurie Stubbs of Rosebank, passed away during April after a battle with prostate cancer.

Laurie contributed to *The Northern Rivers Echo*, *The Byron Echo*, *The Village Journal*, and *The Nimbin News*, as a passionate voice for regionalism and against excessive profit making.

He also called for the scrapping of Rural Lands Protection Board rates for people not involved in the livestock industry and founded the Commonsense Lands Group.

Laurie's unpublished book, "I'm alright Jack" was



serialised as "Commonsense Human Values" in *The Nimbin GoodTimes*. The series, in 24 parts, concluded last month.

A memorial service was held on Friday 24th April at the Lismore Crematorium.

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# Simon says...



by Councillor Simon Clough

It was great to have all that rain and no serious flood. Pisceans like me get quite frisky with all that water around. I still have the occasional chuckle when I remember that every one of the candidates in the last council elections submitted their star sign for their 'Meet the Candidate' article in that other paper. Where else in the western world would that happen (excluding Byron)? Trish commented that there are a lot of Virgos (well she would notice a detail like that).

Reflecting on the last month it has been a great month for Indigenous issues. Firstly on 14th April Councillors unanimously supported my motion to have the Aboriginal flag displayed in the front of the council chamber, along with the Australian flag and the City of Lismore flag. It is a symbolic gesture and important for the Bundjalung Elders Council which meets regularly in the chamber.

Secondly, I attended a workshop on the restoration of Slaters Creek which wends its way through the paddocks of North Lismore. It was an empowering gathering with 4-5 Indigenous representatives and 20 others all committed to making this

part of North Lismore come alive with walking trails and appropriate revegetation.

I filled in for the Mayor at the launch of the Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council's project "Restoring biodiversity and traditional knowledge around Nimbin Rocks". It was an inspiring morning, with lots of optimism about the project. It will employ about 8 Indigenous workers for clearing and revegetating the land and will continue for 5 years.

It may be my imagination but I'm getting the distinct impression that there is a strong upswing of interest in council. For instance I attended a lively city forum on 20th April where 30 residents were present. Topics included Nesbitt Park, drainage in South Lismore, the speedway, homeless shelter and housing availability.

I'm very excited about the Northern Rivers Food Connect project. This project is a collaboration of 7 councils in the region and has a budget of \$2M. The project has objectives including health promotion, a cleaner environment and of course the availability of fresh locally grown food. I'm hoping that it will deal with the absurdity of the legendary organic avocado that is grown here, is shipped to Melbourne via Brisbane with multiple re-wrappings and treatments before it finally returns to Lismore to be sold and eaten "locally"!

I think the 'Food Connect' project is just what we need when the community is facing the reality of climate change and the challenge of peak oil.

## Nimbin carpark lighting

In response to a question in April from Cr Clough, Lismore City Council's Corporate Compliance Co-ordinator, Graeme Wilson replied:

"Council has awarded a contract for installation of nine solar lights in the western carpark. Because of the cost of the work, the project has had to be split into two stages, with

this work representing stage 1.

"Staff will liaise with the Chamber of Commerce and the Police to determine which section of the carpark should be lit first. The work is expected to be complete by the end of May. In regard to stage 2, a budget submission has been made and staff are also pursuing grants for this part of the work."



by Jenny Dowell  
Mayor of Lismore

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### Vale John Hampton

On April 30, 18 Councillors both past and present from LCC formed a guard of honour to pay tribute to John Hampton who died of cancer on April 24. After nearly 32 years on the planning staff of several North Coast Councils including Lismore, John served two full terms as a Councillor until the elections in September 2008. His contribution to local government in our area for over 40 years is worthy of celebration and gratitude. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife Margaret, daughters Liz and Katharine and their families.

### General Manager's Performance Monitoring

One of the most important roles of a Council is to choose its General Manager and to review and monitor his/her performance. The new committee comprising four Councillors with guidance from the professional services of Mark Anderson of the LGSA, has carried out the Monitoring session of our GM, Paul O'Sullivan. In confidential session, as required by the rules of the DLG, Council has endorsed the 2008/09 Performance Plan and expressed its satisfaction with the performance of our GM during the monitoring period.

### Aboriginal Flag

Council has flown the Aboriginal flag in front of its corporate centre for many years but in the

# From the mayor's desk

Chambers itself only the Australian flag and Lismore's own flag (designed by ex-CAE lecturer and artist Lionel Gailer) are displayed behind the Mayor's chair. At our April meeting we determined to include the Aboriginal flag there too (proposed by Cr Clough). The decision has met with approval from Bundjalung Elders whose own Council meet regularly in the room.

### Investments

Council continues to suffer from our connection to Lehman Brothers Holdings through various investments and we are now advised that while a capital loss of \$791,000 has already been recognised, a further significant loss is expected. The Trustees for LBH are commencing legal action to terminate several investments so Council has instructed the Trustees that we endorse that termination. The loss of investments is linked with what has become known as the Global Financial Crisis (GFC). Councillors are well aware of the implications for the coming budget so I take this opportunity of forewarning readers that there will be little joy in the coming months before the final determination of LCC's budget and management plan for the new financial year.

### Community Garden

At the meeting, Council also gave in-principle approval of a Community Garden for Lismore (moved by Cr Houston). As readers would realise, community gardens are increasingly popular as a way of connecting people with the food they consume, of promoting healthy activity and of bringing different people together. Investigations are still progressing for a suitable site after several alternatives fell through. Stay tuned for further developments.

### Circuses

Council also decided to ban animal circuses from

Lismore LGA on Council owned land. We join 36 other Councils throughout Australia to introduce such a ban on the premise that the community no longer accepts the use of animals performing unnatural acts for human entertainment or the desirability of keeping and transporting animals in small enclosure. Since Cr Battista proposed and Council endorsed the motion, I have been inundated with emails of congratulations from throughout Australia and overseas.

### Nimbin roads

Regular travellers on Nimbin Road at Goolmangar will note that work has commenced to reduce the nasty bend .5km north of the Jiggi corner. This work was identified under the Federal Blackspot Funding Program and involves negotiations with the landowners on both sides of the road so that, through purchase or swap, Council can dispose of and acquire the necessary land to improve the road alignment. Council also agreed to an application from the owners of land off Stony Chute Rd that a section of an unformed and un-named road 4.3 kms west of Nimbin, be closed. This type of application is not uncommon as there are many 'paper roads' throughout our LGA. The process involves some administrative and legal costs that are met by the landowner and payments for the land to the Department of Lands. The DoP will advertise the closure for public submissions.

### Planning Review

In response to several recent planning and building approvals that have met with complaints, Council senior staff has instituted an external 'desk-top' review of Council's processes. Pamela Westing is conducting the review and examining several specific cases to develop some recommendations that will improve the way Council undertakes its assessment

process.

### Mayor's Discretionary Fund


Congratulations to Sophie Boyle of Goolmangar who has been selected to participate in the 2009 NSW YMCA's Youth Parliament. Sophie wrote to me to request financial assistance and I was happy to make a small donation through my discretionary fund. This fund is available for other small donations for worthwhile projects and can be requested through a letter to me at Council.

### Workshops and Meetings

Lismore Council's draft meeting schedule for the coming month is:  
May 5 – Public Submission session and the commencement of Budget presentation and debate  
May 6 – Budget presentation and debate (continued)  
May 12 – Council Meeting  
May 19 – Community Consultation policy, Waterford Park trunk main  
June 2 – Delegations to the GM  
It is advisable to check this information in the NR Echo the week prior to attending. All workshops and meetings listed are at 6 pm at Council's Chambers in Oliver Ave.

### Nimbin Consultation Form

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the community forum held last month in Nimbin but I have read the initial report and summary of the discussions and believe there are many opportunities for greater and improved communication between Nimbin and Council. I'm delighted that Cr Vanessa Ekins also encouraged Nimbin people that there are 11 Councillors who are just a phone call or e-mail away when there is an issue that needs attention. All Councillors' home phone numbers and other contact details are readily available on Council's website or from Council itself on the new number 1300 87 83 87.

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# Janelle's Page

from Janelle Saffin, MP

## Alcopops

The Rudd Government is not giving up on its policies to address teenage binge drinking.

The Treasurer Wayne Swan and Health Minister Nicola Roxon have announced that they will reintroduce the alcopops measure as part of the Government's ongoing commitment to the fight against binge drinking.

This measure ensures that all spirits are taxed at the same rate, whether they are consumed as alcopops or full strength spirits. The Rudd Government does not think that sugary, colourful drinks targeted squarely at underage drinkers deserve the tax break created by the Liberal National Party coalition in 2000.

The Government's alcopops measure is supported by health experts, police superintendents and community groups. When the alcopops tax was in place there was a 35 per cent fall in the consumption of alcopops and a significant fall in spirits consumption overall and the Australian Medical Association has said it would be a retrograde step if the alcopops tax did not go through.



**Ethanol.** Janelle Saffin at the Ethtec site at Harwood Mill with (from left) Daniel Negus, Senior Project Engineer, Dr Tony Banks, Analytical Chemist and Dr Russell Reeves, Managing Director and Chief Chemist of APACE Research.

We are not prepared to abandon these gains in a vital area of public health, despite the coalition's efforts to obstruct this measure and protect the alcopops industry. The Liberal National party coalition needs to explain why it is fighting so hard to give this tax break to the big distillers.

The Rudd Government's alcopops legislation is part of a broader strategy to tackle teenage binge-drinking with advertisements, grassroots initiatives and an unprecedented investment in preventative health.

## Climate Ready Grant for the Page

I was delighted to announce that a local project, Ethanol Technologies Limited (Ethtec), received the biggest grant in the latest round of Climate Ready grants. The grant of \$2.9 million is for the next stage of its project to produce ethanol from sugar industry waste. By using

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agricultural waste products, this project removes the food versus fuel debate from ethanol production.

Ethtec has the exclusive licence in Australia to use this technology developed by Dr Russell Reeves, which involves separating acid and sugars for ethanol from lignocellulosic material.

I recently visited the Ethtec site at Harwood Sugar Mill and Dr Russell Reeves explained the process he has invented. It is wonderful to see a local project leading the way with climate ready technology. The Innovation Minister, Senator Kim Carr announced a total of \$16.4 million in Climate Ready grants for 19 Australian businesses in the latest round.

Janelle.

## The Rudd Government delivers for the North Coast

from Justine Elliot, MP

### Annual national free flu vaccination for over 65's

I was recently joined by the Member for Page Janelle Saffin and Australia's Ambassador for Ageing, Noeline Brown to officially launch the Rudd Government's annual free flu vaccination program for people over 65.

The Federal Government will spend more than \$28.8 million on influenza and related programs in 2008-09 with record supplies of vaccinations being distributed to prepare for this year's flu season.

Currently, there are some 2.8 million Australians – about 13 per cent of the population – aged 65 and over. This number is expected to triple in 40 years.

If you are over 65, you are eligible for the free influenza shots to protect yourself from potentially life-threatening winter illness.

It is recommended to have the vaccination close to the flu season – usually April to October. (It generally peaks in August).

### \$720,000 for two Black Spots to be fixed

Road accidents are a major cost to all Australians every year and the Rudd Government is making road safety a priority with a significant increase to Black Spot funding.

Nationally, the funding for the Black Spot Program for 2008/09 has been almost tripled from \$50 million to \$144.7 million under the Government's Nation Building plan to support jobs.

The Black Spot Program has a proven track record of saving lives, with an evaluation of the program showing that it prevented at least 32 fatalities and more than 1,500 serious injuries in its first three years.

With that in mind I am pleased to announce, along with the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Anthony Albanese, the investment



**Vaccinations** (left to right): Australia's Ambassador for Ageing, Noeline Brown; Federal Member for Richmond and Minister for Ageing Justine Elliot; Federal Member for Page Janelle Saffin and Dr Jessie Huang from the Goonellabah Medical Centre.

of \$720,000 to fix two additional dangerous black spots on local roads.

The two additional projects on the north coast that have been approved as part of the Government's \$42 billion Nation Building and Jobs package are:

- \$550,000 will be provided to install a left turn lane and a protected right turn lane at the intersection of Lismore to Bangalow Road and Eureka Road at Clunes; and

- \$170,000 is being made available to install advisory and curve signage and reflectors on guideposts on Murwillumbah Road from Lillian Rock Road to Uki.

This extra investment will support local jobs, deliver safer roads and will also return around \$14 for every \$1 invested, by reducing the number and cost of crashes.

The projects were assessed and recommended by a panel of independent road safety experts including the NRMA, Federation of P&C Associations of NSW, Council on the Ageing, and Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia.

The Rudd Labor Government has more than doubled Black Spot funding as part of our Nation Building and Economic Stimulus Strategy.

Anyone can suggest a location or a section of road for black spot funding using a nomination form that can be downloaded from [www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au](http://www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au)

Member for Richmond  
107 Minjungbal Drive  
Tweed Heads South  
Phone 1300-720-675

## More funding for respite on the North Coast

It was great to join my colleague Janelle Saffin recently, to support her commitment to respite care on the north coast.

We announced more than \$864,000 for two local organisations to support respite services for carers in Page.

St Carthage's Community Care Seniors Respite Service will receive an additional \$514,630 and St Andrews Village Ballina which will receive \$350,000.

We also announced five one-off grants worth \$293,326 for respite services in the North Coast.

These grants will assist carers to access respite on the north coast.

## Celebrating a milestone?

If you or a family member are celebrating a milestone 90th or 100th birthday, or a 50th or 60th wedding anniversary, I am able to arrange congratulatory messages from the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and in some cases the Governor General and the Queen.

Contact my office on 1300-720-675 for further details.

Justine.

## A Welcome Upgrade to Lismore CBD

Member for Page, Janelle Saffin says the local economy will benefit from today's announcement of \$2.75 million to upgrade Lismore CBD.

"This is great news for Lismore because the upgrade of Woodlark Street will provide opportunities for business and encourage residents and visitors to shop in the CBD.

"Lismore Council has had this in the pipeline for eight years, and I congratulate Mayor Jenny Dowell and the council for making this their number one strategic project under the Local and Community Infrastructure Program.

"Woodlark Street is a main thoroughfare which is also the entrance to the city from North Lismore, and this revitalisation will make the CBD much more welcoming.

"The Rudd Government's investment



means the Council can go ahead with planned improvements including gardens and shade areas, wider footpaths and improved parking in the street.

"This \$2.75 million investment is part of the Government's Economic Stimulus Package, and will be a big boost for the local economy and will support local jobs.

"And of course, by improving the CBD, this investment creates opportunities for business and encourages locals to work and shop locally."

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# Peaceful town transformed into public display of control by police:

**NIMBIN 2009**

by Vicki Adams

Political greed is destroying this sacred little town. Police have successfully taken our freedom of speech, encroaching on personal rights, to continue to keep a God-given organic herbal medicine from the sick and dying.

With the closure of the Hemp Bar, they have taken away the education that we have provided to thousands of people from all over the world who come to visit, and instead, our town has been made into training facilities for helicopters and riot-clad police, as well as mounted police, not to mention police on bicycles not fit enough to peddle.

Police have raped our community. The town has cameras all down the street, but if someone breaks into a storefront, or even if there's an assault or bar brawl, or drinking in the street, they are nowhere to be found. Oh, and they didn't see the pictures from the street cameras, they were blurred, or it was too dusty for fingerprints. I have even heard, "We know who did it, but we will later and you



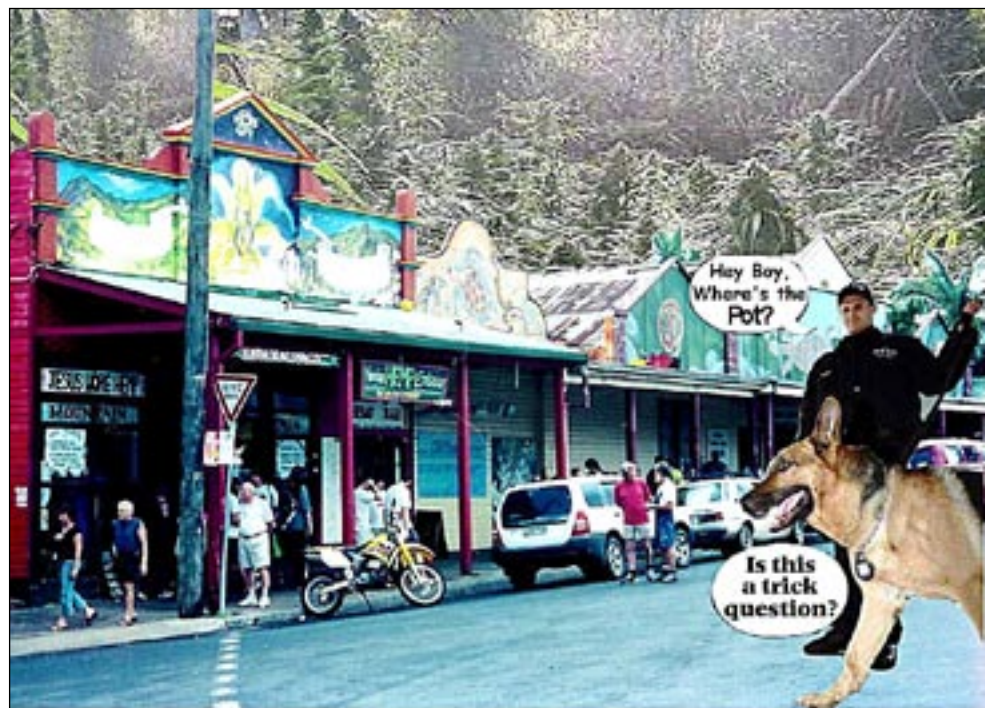
have the right to refuse them service," as much as to say, "We can't do anything."

Our children see their parents being ridiculed by the authorities for choosing an alternative lifestyle, and they purposely feed the media with untruths, never failing to mention trips, speed and heroin, to affiliate God-given organic bush marijuana with hard addictive drugs. They have refused medicinal and other human rights, and use excessive force on teenagers, women and children. They seem to save the worst beatings for the sickest people.

It is not a pretty picture I know, but I felt it had

to be written – if I didn't, then not even you might see our plight. I say to people, "Would you like your child to be in law enforcement, or to be paid to hurt people financially, physically and morally? My conclusion is that they have learned the behaviour by being indoctrinated by the ancient rule, kill or be killed, or for the fun of the sport. Certainly not from a family of God-fearing people.

R.I.P. for those who didn't survive long enough for their medicine to be legalised, and had to endure being treated as a criminal, including my husband, who served his country and died without relief from pain.



Graphic art by Vicki Adams, [www.nimbinmagic.com](http://www.nimbinmagic.com)

# Bacchanalian MardiGrass, and why we love Mary Jane

by Anon. (Name withheld for obvious reasons.)

The way they alter history to suit their dreary selves, it's probable that Bacchus loved Mary Jane too.

Bacchus is likely a stand-in for an earth and fertility goddess, so it stands to reason that this bully-boy society should hate Mary Jane, even though she is a herb, and against all social and environmental reason, declare her verboten in all her forms. Well we can expect that, in a society that exists only for a construct called a dollar. How's that for stupid.

Here is an interview I'm pretending to conduct with one of my other selves.

"I first met cannabis in the 60's in Balmain, before the millionaires got there, my 18th birthday, looking over the wavering shimmer of city lights on the Harbour and the scent of wisteria and the ferries churning through with phosphorescent wake, the music looking like colours, time dilation and all that Beatles era stuff. I was impressed.

"But it wasn't until many years later that the Goddess of Randomness blessed me with living at Nimbin, the paradise for cannabis users and alternative dwellers. This must be one of the few places in the whole of Australia, or even the world, where the native creatures have been welcomed back by the replanting of so many trees. So Nimbin is a Nature Refuge for people and creatures too."

The ridiculous illegality of cannabis means that even the most basic health management advice about cannabis ingestion is withheld from users, like for example, the health effects of using hydro and bongs, while the legal cash cow drugs, alcohol, tobacco and prescription, get their free kick. In the mean-time, this bullying, tyrannical,



power over people and a bit of the Earth, get their jollies, in being the subjugator. By demonising our favourite drug, they make us criminals. How much money has it cost, to send in the hundreds of police who have been used to harrass us here in Nimbin over the last, say five years? It's mad.

The layers of legal and political corruption, hidden influences, inertia, total contempt for minority rights, and good old stupidity, make sure that the NSW laws become more and more draconian, filling up the gaols they say they can't afford to run, and making a significant percentage of the thinking public into criminals, for no rational reason. How dumb is that!

But as they say, pot can get you through times of no gold, better that gold can get you through times of no pot. But what's more, you only ingest it when you can get it, and when you're away and you can't get it, you quit wanting it, that's my experience (like chocolate).

It's not until you're on your way home, that you say, "Whoo-hoo, mull up and cup of tea on the veranda."



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**A BIG THANKYOU FROM THE MARDIGRASS ORGANISERS TO THE VILLAGE OF NIMBIN**

The mardigrass organising body extends a big Thank-you to the people of the village of Nimbin for their support and tolerance over the big weekend.

We apologise for those things that did not work well, and hope the number of things that went really well will allow those affected to forgive us and help us work out a solution to problems like the parking and traffic chaos that occurred in Thorburn and Cecil Streets. We especially apologise to residents of those streets for the difficulties with problem parkers.


We try to do better each year, and each MardiGrass has thrown up new challenges for us. Our small band of dedicated local volunteers, aided by volunteers from all over the world, did their best to cope, and did a fantastic job under the circumstances. We want to thank all of those volunteers for missing so much of the festival in order to help us make it happen.

Our thanks to the Festival Volunteers, Jungle Patrol, Musicians and Performing Artists.


Finally, our thanks to all those brave souls who came despite the roadblocks, the dogs, the searches and all the rest to fill our streets and make a statement about the law, the way it is enforced, and the social damage it causes.

**THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!**

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