

'PM' hands over \$182.5m North Coast rail funding



'Mr Kevin Rudd' hands over a cheque to the Northern Rivers Community.

On the fifth anniversary of the closure of the Casino to Murwillumbah rail line, 'Prime Minister Kevin Rudd' gave the Northern Rivers Community a cheque for \$182.5 million.

The infrastructure funds are for establishing a commuter rail service and a start on the link from NSW to QLD. "This figure is half what the Gold Coast is getting for their light rail, but should get you back on track," 'Mr Rudd' said.

"The north coast has been neglected for too long and I plan to redress that, starting with this shovel-ready infrastructure investment, so money can be spent

immediately to get people working and moving," he said.

"The link from NSW to QLD is true nation-building infrastructure," said Ms Kolbe, President of TOOT, welcoming the announcement.

"The rail line is a vital asset for residents and visitors alike. The PriceWaterhouse Coopers 2004 estimate was for \$30 million for a commuter service, so we will have lots left over to start building the missing link to Coolangatta," she said.

"I'd just like to thank our federal members Justine Elliot and Janelle Saffin for making this happen," Ms Kolbe said.



Speedway Success

The New South Wales R.S.A. (Restricted Sedan Association) 4 Cylinders Speedway Titles were battled out at Tamworth City Speedway on Saturday 23rd May.

The event attracted 24 drivers from Tamworth, Narrabri, Newcastle, Lismore, Grafton and surrounding areas. The event is held on a track which is conducive to front wheel drive vehicles mainly. The 12 Lismore drivers drove through floodwaters, pelting rain, high winds and freezing temperatures to reach Tamworth.

Trent Dhu from Lismore came over the line 1st in his front wheel drive Telstar, then Arron Barns from Newcastle 2nd, closely followed in 3rd place by Glen Armstrong also from Lismore.

Zac McDonald, car number 51, who drives a rear wheel drive 1984 Celica, got 6th outright, but he was the 1st rear wheel driver over the line.

"The track was really awesome compared to other tracks that I have driven on," Zac said. "It was very challenging, it had a granite sand compound base, with no camber on the corners, so there was lots of sideways action.

"The 4 cylinders events had 3 x 8 lap heats and I qualified to start 8th on the grid out of 24 in the feature title race which I was happy with. My brother Jamie did not have the best of luck, he seemed to have an attraction to the wall, hitting it on a few occasions, but he had heaps and heaps of fun, we both did really.

"I am very happy with my achievements. I really appreciate the support of my family and my mechanic Stephen Brugmans, who himself has just won awards for best apprentice mechanic for this year."

Zac is looking for more sponsors for next season's racing.

Cocktail Hour



Nicky, Sally and Darlene



Gillianne and Stacey



Ella, Vanessa and Amanda

The girls came out in force to try Yasmine and Rhiannon's cocktails at the Nimbin Hotel, and no wonder – they're really good. (Ask for Sex on the Beach for starters).

Happenings

Tunable Folk Cafe

The next Tuntable Folk Cafe will be held on Friday 12th June from 5pm.

A yummy affordable big family-baked feast will be served to suit all diets from vegan to carnivore – and there will be lots of braziers on the verandah and maybe even a bonfire to keep away the winter chill.

The Tuntable Youth Club for young people over the age of 12 will run in tandem at the Hall. This is our last cafe for a few months, so the cook can go on holiday to warmer climes - come along and enjoy the great atmosphere, fine food, homebrews and excellent folk music.

Mulgum House Open Day

Mulgum House on Thorburn St, Nimbin is holding an Open Day on Friday 12th June beginning with a morning tea from 10.30am.

Mulgum House will be open to visitors and staff and managers can answer any questions as to its service to the people of Nimbin and what facilities are available.

Please contact Colleen Taylor on 6689-0151 if you would like to attend.

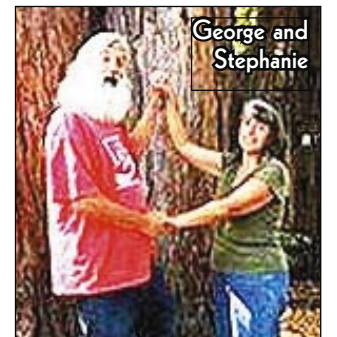
Tunable Family Dinner

Come join us at the next Tuntable family dinner cafe night Sunday 28th June starting at 3pm. The theme will be Italian and, as always, it will be low cost vegetarian cuisine with musicians encouraged to come play too.

The new oven has been installed in the Tuntable community centre/shop and we are happy to start it off with lots of delicious food.

Our last Sunday dinner cafe was cancelled due to the loss of the bridge and other weather-related problems. Looking forward to seeing you on the 28th.

George, Stephanie, John, Nicolette and Sophia



George and Stephanie

Walking Track one step closer

Nimbin Walking Track is back on the front foot with Lismore City Council and NSW Dept of Social and Regional Development funding of \$35,000.

NCCI are currently seeking letters of support on behalf of this project as it seeks to match this funding from the federal TQUAL grants program as an Innovative Tourism Project.

If successful, the total funds of about \$65,000 will be used to fund environmental, planning, legal, surveying and engineering consultants to finalise plans for Stage One of the track (yellow line on map).

A local co-ordinator for the project will also be employed to help drive the development.

Lismore Community Economic Development Co-ordinator, Lois Kelly said, "I feel quite confident that we will get the grant. It fits perfectly with what we want to do."

A scoping plan for the walking track was produced by Jane Oliver in 2006 which identified the numerous economic, cultural and social benefits it would have for the Nimbin community, and proposed to develop it in four



stages (in different colours on map).

So far, \$1500 has been donated towards the project by Nimbin community organisations, a figure which Lois Kelly described as disappointing.

"I'd like to call for more donations from the community, remembering that they will be matched dollar for dollar by the government," she said. The grant application is due to be submitted on 11th June.

Letters of support and donations can be sent to Lois Kelly, Economic Development Unit, 218 Molesworth Street, Lismore 2480.

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Nimbin considers shopping centre proposal

For several weeks Lismore Council has had on exhibition for public comment, a major development application for Nimbin.

The DA is for a Shopping Centre, comprising a supermarket, bakery and five specialty shops, car parking, earthworks, landscaping, civil works, and a 23-lot residential subdivision, on land at 47 Sibley Street.

The developers, the Harris family, conducted a series of public displays and consultations on the application during May, including a long-running information stall and two public meetings, at Birth and Beyond and at the Town Hall.

These were met with a generally favourable response, and the Harris family have taken on board several of the suggestions made by community members throughout the process.

Presentation

The Harris family has been in the area over 100 years and John and Sue Harris have been running the Emporium in the main street for over 15 years. Their kids "grew up in the shop" and three of their four sons, Adam, David and Will, continue to work in the business.

The Emporium provides local employment for people of all ages. The current staff are a mix of people from mid teens to late fifties.

Sue Harris said, "We believe in giving the young kids a go and teaching them the value of hard work and earning money."

She mentioned many who have gone on to successful careers, stemming from the work ethics and people skills they learnt in the shop.

The Emporium shop is leased from Ramon Tighe, who purchased



Sue and David Harris

the building during the Aquarius festival and ran it for two decades.

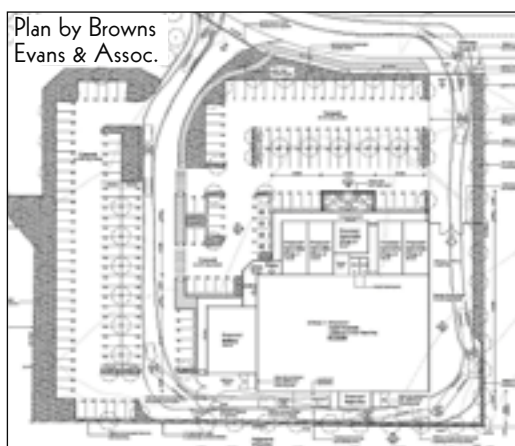
The Harris family's 20-year lease expires in four and a half years and, though they will not voluntarily relinquish their lease and will renew it if they can, there are no guarantees of tenancy security.

"We find we are a little cramped for space in our current shop. We need to expand. Customers are increasingly frustrated trying to shop in the cramped conditions, and staff are working in difficult situations doing their daily tasks," Sue said.

The Harris family purchased the development site in Sibley Street in 1999 as being the only available site in town that was big enough and flat enough for a supermarket project. The main shopping precinct has nowhere suitable, being built entirely on a ridge.

There has been no real retail expansion in Nimbin to accommodate the growth in its population, and no real plan for retail expansion to handle the population growth in Council's Development Control Plan, which will see the number of dwellings double.

Already many food shopping dollars are going out of Nimbin, along with the jobs they create.



The supermarket will create approximately 100 positions, between full time, part time and casuals. The specialty shops and ground-keeping will create more.

Sue Harris believes that any of the big chains who look at the figures and projections will see the business opportunity for retail expansion.

"We believe it is better for the community to have locals doing this development. If we don't do it, someone else will."

Plans for the shopping centre show a functionality of design in terms of the supermarket and shops.

The supermarket itself is 1500 square metres. When you take away

the storage and administrative space required, the retail space will be between five or six times larger than the current shop, and all on one level. In terms of supermarket size, that is about one third of the size of the average Coles and Woolies.

There will be wheelchair access, disabled parking and "room to push a trolley down the aisles, and have a chat."

There will be lots of parking, so that trolleys may be pushed to the car to unload shopping, and it will be lit at night with solar-powered lighting.

Being purpose-built, there will be many improvements in efficiency, for example being able to operate stock trolleys, pallet jacks and forklifts in and out of the building.

The building will be made from a colourbond sandwich panel called Kingspan, which uses a fire-rated insulative material that conserves energy and reduces energy consumption for air conditioning and refrigeration systems.

This will lower the business's carbon footprint and reduce

operating costs, which will be reflected in pricing.

The building is intended to be aesthetically pleasing and, with its landscaping, enhance the entrance to Nimbin from the north-east. The colours chosen for the outside of the building are bright and vibrant, and will be enhanced by murals and local artworks.

Space above the covered walkways around the shops is allowed for murals, with plans to join the headboards to provide more artistic space. "I have also been approached by local sculptors with a few good ideas. Treat the artists impressions of the building as an empty canvas, a work in progress," Sue said.

Inside the building, wall space will display artworks that reflect the community. "I would like to have pictures from all eras of the history of our time from the timber getters to the aquarians and the wonderful hotpot of people that reflects our



Nimbin community today."

Sue pointed out that Independent Grocers of Australia, (IGA) is not a chain but a buying group that uses the buying power of the group to compete with the multinationals. The Harris family will be owning and operating the store, with bulk buying power enabling better pricing.

The new supermarket will have the shelf room to carry the advertised IGA specials, the space for a big deli. Adam will still go to the markets to buy fruit and veges and getting specials, and even even better ones, because he will be buying more.

"We will be giving you bigger and better everything," Sue told the Town Hall crowd.

"Our own stamp, and unique Nimbin style will be reflected in the new store, with our decor and range of products and our great staff."

Responses

Sue gave more information about the development in response to questions raised at the meeting.

She said that the form and location of both the traffic roundabout and the footpath down to the site will be specified by Council. There are also Council requirements for water tanks as well as a town water connection, and for run-off catchment and treatment.

BASX energy efficiency requirements are built in for new developments, and increasing the number of solar panels is being investigated.

The issue of specialist shop tenancies and their impact on other shops was raised, and Sue pointed out that each shop will require its own DA, so that process will allow for community input.

"We don't want to see empty shops on the main street," Sue said, adding, "IGA studies show that trade of other shops rises."

Regarding the impact on traffic, Sue said that a traffic study had been done that suggested the current infrastructure would be sufficient to support the new shopping centre,

and agreed that marked cycle parking could be provided.

For the control of feral trolleys, a coin-operated return system like at Aldi was suggested.

Sue said that they were still considering toilet design and placement, and were still undecided about the naming of the

shopping centre, possibly resolving this though a competition.

Regarding the 23-lot subdivision, Sue said that this would be the asset that would allow them to attract loan funding for the shopping centre project, with vacant housing blocks ranging in size from 1/2 acre to 2 acres, being sold freehold further down the track.

"We designed the blocks as if we were going to live there," David said.

An observer noted that roadways proposed in both this and the Aquarius Village development resulted in adjoining cul-de-sacs, and Sue agreed to negotiate with that project's developer to look at the possibility of joining them up.

The development will be considered by Council after the public consultation period has expired. Deadline for submissions is Friday 5th June.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

As the consenting authority, Lismore City Council has received the following Development Applications (and/or Applications for Modifications to existing consents) for consideration.

The development application and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre, in Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm. Staff are available to discuss applications between 8.30am and 10.00am, and by prior appointment at other times.

Written submissions in respect of any application, quoting DA number and location, and addressed to the General Manager, will be accepted by Council until 4.30pm on the date specified in the column below.

Please also note that any submission you make may be made available for inspection by any member of the public, as it will form part of the file that is a public record.

Any submissions received will be considered on their merits in conjunction with the assessment of the application.

DA NO	LOCATION	DP LOT	APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE
090175	47 Sibley Street, NIMBIN	DP 594118 lot 101	Newton Denny Chapelle	Shopping Centre (Supermarket, Bakery & 5 Specialty Shops), car parking, earthworks, landscaping, civil works and 23 Lot Residential Subdivision (SEPP 1).	05/06/09



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Noisy Repco Rally protest condemns sham of community consultation



The organisers of Repco Rally Australia have welcomed the New South Wales Government's intention to introduce special events legislation which would give certainty to the 3-6 September event.

The legislation would mean that not only will Repco Rally Australia run the Australian leg of the World Rally Championships in the Tweed Valley and Kyogle areas in 2009 but every second year to 2017, with the option of a ten year extension.

Rally Australia Organising Committee Chairman Garry Connelly said the legislation would now facilitate the event's continuing marketing and promotional strategies, including the launch of ticket sales in the near future.

"With less than 100 days remaining until the event, we are therefore pleased the Government has taken the initiative to introduce legislation in order to give certainty to the rally," he said.

Mr Connelly strangely emphasised that the rally remained committed to continuing consultation with the local community and Kyogle and Tweed councils to ensure the best outcome for the region.

Many residents are doubtful about this. "When is a DA not a DA?" asked Nobbys Creek resident Chris Degenhardt. "Answer: when the outcome is already decided, before the DA is lodged."

The recent protest against the Repco Rally was a great success (see poem at right), with 200-300 protestors turning up at Knox Park in Murwillumbah to demonstrate against the rally. State Greens MP Ian

Cohen was among several speakers who addressed the crowd before the parade to the Council Chambers, where more speeches were made as Councillors arrived for their monthly meeting.

The peaceful demonstration was marked by high energy, lots of costumes and street theatre.

There is a short youtube video of the rally against the Repco Rally available, thanks to Ruth Rosenhek, at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Md0jeE9rE1s

For more info on how to take action, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/norallygroup/>



The No-Rally Rally

We from Tweed and Kyogle, who wish to save our precious valley, took to the streets with our cry "NO RALLY IN THE VALLEY!" In Knox Park hundreds of stalwarts gathered that historical day; determined that Repco Rally would not have its despicable way.

Dressed as bush animals, rally cars and the polite, we all geared up, ready for our peaceful fight. Walking in procession, as we carried out our theatre play, Racing rally cars hit the animals that were in their way.

They left the killed and injured strewn about the place, the rally drivers, with not a care, continued with their race. As wildlife carers went to the injured animals' aid, Awesome rally sound effects continued to be played.

With many placards held aloft and loud cries of "No Rally!" many other people joined us, who care about the valley. Proudly and in strident voice, we continued in our quest, with grim determination, to put this infernal rally to rest.

To the Council chambers our message did we proclaim, with the 'No Rally' chant echoing again and again. Upon the Council steps, anti-rally speakers had their say, all in all it turned out to be a very successful day.

We can only hope our message the Council does heed, we wish to live in peace, unencumbered by noise and speed.

People in the streets turned out to hear us say loud and clear, "Go away Connelly, we don't want your rally here!"

Chris Degenhardt
(No Rally Group)

Nimbin kids to represent Terania District

Nimbin Central School has some excellent cross-country runners in its K-6 classes, who showed good form at the Smalls Schools Carnival, held at Canaiba on Thursday 21st May.

The annual meet was the first for the newly-established Terania District, after its name change from Blakebrook District made last year to better reflect the District's locality.

Competition was keen between the students from Jiggi, Canaiba, Blakebrook, Goolmangar, Coffee Camp, and Nimbin state schools, with all students giving of their best to progress to the



Brodie vs Annie-Rae

Zone Carnival to be held this month in Yamba.

There were 30-40 competitors in each race at the annual meet, with races for all age groups well run on a good track, in cool conditions with the rain holding off.

Nimbin's Primary Sports Organiser, Marc Everingham was very pleased with his school's results, particularly commending Amber Dee and Ayla Frew of Year 1 for coming 1st and 3rd in their event, run over 800 metres.

Other students who qualified to run at Zone were Finn Hill, 3rd in 10-years boys; twins Nahani and Matisse King, 1st and 3rd in 11-years girls; and Lauren Frew, 2nd in 12-13-years girls.

Mr Everingham said, "They've been working hard at training to secure their positions in the Terania District team. I wish them every success."



Matisse, Lauren, Nahani and Finn

Fund Raising and Fun at Barkers Vale

by Julie McTaggart

On Thursday 28th May, Barkers Vale Public School held the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea in conjunction with the school's Open Day. Parents and friends were invited to come and spend some time back at school, as well as support the Cancer Council.

The day began at recess with the morning tea. The very professional Year Six children served food and drinks to parents and children, waited on tables, prepared food and even helped clean up afterwards. A lavish morning tea was provided, thanks to donations by children, parents and staff.

The event raised the awesome sum of \$261.20, which is fantastic particularly considering our school population is only 59 (three classes). This money will go towards such things as the funding of clinical trials to test new and better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer, and training of Cancer Connect volunteers. Many thanks go to the generous parents and friends who attended or sent money in with their children.

After the morning tea all classrooms were opened up to parents and friends and children proudly showed their work, took parents to our well equipped computer lab and gave a little insight into what classrooms in 2009 are like.

After a free sausage sizzle (thanks to help from P&C members and friends), we all went



to our school hall and the children sang three songs they had been learning for an inter-school Cultural Day.

One of the highlights of the day was the world premiere of a film made at school called *The Hypnotic Rabbit*. This included most of the children in the school and involved superb acting (Cannes here we come) in roles as diverse as crazy scientists, ninjas and a wild rabbit who hypnotized poor, innocent infants children! Rest assured, no animals (or children...) were harmed in the film making process, but there was a lot of creativity, technology, fun and the odd burst of hysterical laughter.

Our day ended with a slide show with photos of numerous school events and a tabloid sports afternoon.

Thanks to all parents and friends who attended. All up, another very satisfying (if a little fattening) event at Barkers Vale Public School!

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Nimbin skaters have had to reluctantly accept the obvious – their skate park is not yet available for skating on.

Following discussions with Council, Dick Hopkins (right), President of Nimbin Community Centre Inc (NCCI), undertook the unhappy task of welding obstructions onto sections of the half-pipes to make them unskatable.



Hopes are not high for that to change anytime soon.

Sound mitigation work has been disrupted by recent rains, and the likelihood of the NCCI meeting the Council's 12-month completion date is becoming increasingly remote.

Friends of Nimbin Skatepark are actively seeking financial and labour assistance. Contact them at <http://skatepark.nimbincommunity.org.au> or turn up for their working bees, at the skatepark every Saturday morning from 8am.

TROPO Turns Twenty

TROPO Birthday Farm walk
Sunday 14th June

TROPO (Tweed Richmond Organic Producers Organisation) is an innovative and committed Organic Producers organisation, so it should come as no surprise that they have decided to celebrate their 20th birthday with a day that reflects the impetus that formed the organisation 20 years ago.

On Sunday, June 14 from 9 am until at least 5 pm, over 80 acres of neighbouring organic farms will be open to guided tours. The day will include more than five different guided farm walks, a birthday party lunch of local organic food and access to discussions of different sustainability issues.

Support your local Organic Industry and go TROPO for a day. The venue is Dave Roby's



and Kate's Farms, 68 Dou-Jea Lane, Lynwood. Take Wardell Rd out of Alstonville. (Left into Uralba Rd Right into Dee's Lane left into Dou-Jea Lane and go to the end.)

The key words for TROPO are sustainability and community. To that end all participants in the day are asked to investigate the concept of carpooling. If you want to be connected to others who want to carpool, send your details to carpool@organicproducers.org.au and check to see if someone is going your way.

For more details contact Dave Roby via email at roblyalst@nrg.com.au

Chamber Chat

Nimbin
Chamber of Commerce



Election Update

At the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce meeting of 20th April, the President and Treasurer resigned from the Executive, and at the May Chamber meeting there was a call for nominations to fill those positions. Peter Wise was nominated as President and Public Officer and elected unopposed. Peter Hughes was nominated as the Treasurer and elected unopposed.

Congratulations to Peter Wise, proprietor of Nimbin Trattoria and a warm welcome to Peter Hughes, who is the principal of Nimbin Tax and Accounting.

Nimbin Walking Track Project

Nimbin Chamber of Commerce has registered its support for funding to further develop the Nimbin Walking Track project. Chamber members were involved in the original scoping plan and are keen to see that work progressed.

While the project requires exploration to assess its feasibility, our members feel certain the walking track is not only a possibility but would be an incredible boost to the local community and the local economy and enhance the visitor experience to our beautiful region.

Nimbin has a long history of environmental activism and commitment to sustainable lifestyle practices. The walking track will enhance the visitor experience while increasing the length of stay of the many thousands of visitors who come to our village each

month. This will potentially provide a wonderful boost to the local economy while creating an opportunity to educate visitors about Nimbin lifestyle values and Aboriginal culture, combined with a nature-based tourism experience.

Construction of the track will also provide employment in an area of work where there is already a high level of local proficiency.

At its most recent meeting the Chamber voted to contribute \$500 towards stage two of the project. We would have liked to have given more, but this is not currently possible. However, we are highly committed to the project and give a commitment to actively raising funds to progress stage three, should stage two reach a successful conclusion.

Nimbin's Shopping Centre Development

The Harris family were invited to the last Nimbin Chamber of Commerce meeting. Sue and David presented plans and gave an overview of the development.

The Chamber fully supports this development which will not only enhance and improve shopping facilities for residents, it will also provide more employment opportunities. This development will also attract new customers from the region to Nimbin, resulting in a positive flow-on effect to the Nimbin economy.

The Chamber thanks the Harris family for their consultation with the Chamber and the community.

Initiative to find funding for murals

A Nimbin Murals Project meeting was held at the end of May to discuss the on-going maintenance of Nimbin's iconic murals, above the buildings on Cullen Street.

They are recognised, by both the Lismore City Council in its publications, tourists and residents alike, as being a large part of the attraction and visual appeal of the Nimbin Village, but there is no funding for their maintenance.

Benny Zable, who has been responsible for many of the murals and most of the maintenance, has received little money for his art and his commitment. Benny discussed a brief history of the murals and his ongoing ideas for their maintenance, upkeep and promotion, as well as future ideas for new murals. He suggested that every five years the murals be painted. They will also need to be cleaned more regularly and touched up.

Peter Wise, representing the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce, was encouraging and supported the project. There were many suggestions for the upkeep of the murals and interest was expressed by three other mural painters who attended.

General discussion concerned the value of the murals to the town and the necessity for on-going funding. These



included self-funding ideas like:

- Have a mural week whereby murals are being painted and the public pay x amount to look and all are voted on to become the next lot of murals
- Tour Bus drivers pay x amount

per bus to help with the upkeep of the murals

- There are secure boxes in town for tourists to make a "gold coin donation" towards the murals

However, more significant regular funding is clearly needed. Gillian Jones, who is a representative of Lismore Council's Policy Advisory Group on the Arts, will research funding through such avenues as Community Heritage Funding, since the whole of the Nimbin village precinct is designated a heritage conservation area.

Another option is to develop a proposal through the PAG to ask Council for ongoing funding for the murals as part of the tourism/arts budget.

At the next School of the Arts committee meeting, Gillian hopes to form a group to drive and co-ordinate the funding proposals.

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Bid for this drum-trike

Story and photos by Celeste Oss-Emer

This VB trike-drumkit and bar is up for auction.

The one-of-a-kind masterpiece was custom designed and built by graphic designer, engineer, drummer, general all-round nice guy and over-achiever, Lou Dog.

Lou has been building drum-trikes since 1997, and has won an assortment of first-place trophies and awards at 'Lowrider' car shows throughout California.

Lou was visiting Australia with his psychedelic hip-hop punk rock band, the *Kottonmouth Kings* from Orange County (named 2006 Band of the Year by *High Times* magazine) and would like to see his beloved VB creation find a home here.

For more info on the auction, contact him at loudog@loudog.net



Above: "Matter of fact, I've got it now." The LouRider Pub basking in the sun at Coolangatta Beach. Left: Lou Dog with some of his trophies.

NORPA reschedules Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow

Due to the May floods, NORPA was forced to postpone the *Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow*.

As it is one of the most popular shows in the year NORPA and the producers have been hard at work to find the most suitable dates to reschedule this 150 minute laugh fest.

We are thrilled to say that after much brow furrowing and head scratching, frantic emailing and diary checking, the two shows are now back on at the Lismore City Hall on Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 23rd June at 8pm.

If you haven't already, book your tickets now!



Tickets for the May dates are still valid – if you had tickets for May 22nd they are now valid for June 22nd; and if you had tickets for May 23rd they are now valid for June 23rd.

If you are unable to make either of these dates please contact our office to make alternative arrangements or to sort out your refund.

June is Comedy Month

Other NORPA shows are:

* **Thurs 18th June 8pm**
Star Court Theatre – *Basic Training* – the hit show of the Edinburgh, Montreal and Vancouver Fringe starring Kahlil Ashanti

* **Sunday 21st June**
2pm Star Court Theatre – screening of the *Over the Fence Short Film Festival* – coolest, boldest, funniest film festival in the land.

* **Saturday 27th June**
8pm Lismore City Hall – amazingly wicked humour in the extraordinary UK dance work *Construct* choreographed by Tanja Liedtke.

Bookings: 1300-066-772.



Tonk teams up with Cheynne and Mark

Cheynne Murphy is starting to be something of a regular at the Nimbin Hotel, with another show there in June, to kick off a season of winter Saturday night gigs at the newly refurbished pub.

With national television performances, a major publishing deal, Bluesfest gigs and some big supports to his credit, Cheynne released his new EP *Firesongs for the Soul* nationally in March. Effortlessly traversing an alternative acoustic folk pop terrain, the new songs have garnered critical industry acclaim and national radio airplay.

Cheynne performs a special duo set with his musical companion Mark Heazlett, and performed in Nimbin in May on a Sunday afternoon, impressing everyone there with their retro folk feel, based around very strong harmonies and a rich acoustic guitar sound.



Joining them again in June will be local Nimbin musical identity Tim Tonkin on the drum kit. Cheynne said, "Last time we played at the hotel, Tim was doing sound and then went home in the set break and grabbed his kit. I love that kind of spontaneity. It really shines through the music."

You can check out Cheynne, Mark and Tim from 6pm, Saturday 13th June at the Nimbin Hotel, or catch a sneak preview of the sound at www.myspace.com/cheynnemurphy



Kym's making waves

"... alluring style...."



roots, folk, reggae and island music.

Catch Kym Campbell on Wednesday 17th June at The Rails, Byron Bay, Sunday 21st June at The Nimbin Hotel, from 1:30pm.

To listen to Kym and get more information, go to: www.myspace.com/kymcampbell

Originally from Seattle, acoustic surf/roots chanteuse, Kym Campbell embarks on a full East Coast Tour to celebrate the launch of her debut EP *So Alive*.

This crafty collection of eight guitar and ukulele

driven tracks, draws comparisons to artists such as Ben Harper, The Waifs and Jack Johnson.

So Alive showcases Campbell's refreshingly pure, vocal style and laidback, organic grooves... Mixed in with elements of



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June Gig Guide

Friday 5th	Bastian Funk
Friday 12th	AntiBodies + Brut 66
Saturday 13th	Cheynne Murphy + Friends
Friday 19th	CC The Cat
Saturday 20th	Vasudha & Jem 6-9pm
Sunday 21st	Kim Campbell Trio 1.30pm
Thursday 25th	George Scott
Friday 26th	Invisible Friend

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FEHVA Winners

FEHVA 2009 officially opened on Monday 25th May. The evening event was launched by the Byron Shire Mayor Councillor Jan Barham and the award winners were announced.

John Nelson was the winner of the Lois Bucket \$1000 award for his mixed media work titled 'Six Uneasy Pieces' (pictured), an eclectic artwork of six small canvases each painted with a separate quirky, collectable object.

Margie Rojo won the Still @ The Centre voucher award for her painting titled 'Brush Sticks'.

Laura Jones won the Coastal Arts Incentive Award for her oil on canvas called 'Thursday Morning'.

The Bangalow Acquisitive Art Prize went to Helena Maughin for 'Roads Around

Bangalow'.

The winner of the Di Morrissey Portrait Prize was Robert Perkins with an oil painting of Di.

The winner of the James Guppy Portrait Prize was Sally Goldstein with her graphite and oil paint depiction of James titled 'James Guppy Familiar'.

FEHVA Festival is now in its sixth year and contributes significantly to the development of Visual Arts in this region and beyond. FEHVA creates an opportunity for artists to exhibit, submit for prizes and awards, as well as sell their artwork. It is an opportunity for the general public to see the quality of artwork that is being generated by artists in this region and to purchase artwork.



Highlight events at this year's festival included a lecture series with internationally acclaimed Australian artists visiting the region to talk at the festival, including Patricia Piccinini, Hossein Valamanesh, Julie Rrap and Fiona Foley.

For more information on the FEHVA Visual Arts festival, visit the website www.fehva.com.

Nimbin Players:

Neither dead nor pining for the fjords



O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay! The Nimbin Players is alive alive-oh and gathering its strength for a tumultuous return.

To this end, Bob Tissott has penned a new play and will be looking to put together a cast and crew for what is possibly his most ambitious work to date. The *GoodTimes* spoke with Bob about the new play.

NGT: What can we expect this time Bob? Bigger volcanoes and more gnomes?

BT: I'm afraid not Bob. This is a play you need to organise a babysitter for. It's a hard-edged reality-based drama dealing with political power struggles, community radio, terrorists, military black operations and of course nakedness and sex.

Probably best to leave the kids home for this one.

NGT: It sounds very different from your previous plays. Why did you write this?

BT: To be honest I'm not really sure Bob. I mean basically I wrote it to entertain people. I love losing myself in theatre that's realistic, gritty and at times a little close to the bone and I think a lot of other people do too. Like in all my other works, the environment features prominently and I suppose if I was forced to define a moral for the play it would be "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts".

NGT: Do you have a cast yet? Or at least a couch?

BT: No I don't Bob, not yet. I'm going to be having

an audition for roles and possibly a reading at the Community School Room in the Nimbin Community Centre on **Tuesday 16th June at 11am**. Hopefully I can fill all the roles then.

NGT: Is it a big cast?

BT: Well, I need 14 or 15 people. Maybe less if some of the actors double-up on some of the smaller roles. And of course I need to find actors who are prepared to tackle challenging roles. Emotions like fear, love and lust can be very confronting to get into on-stage.

NGT: Are you scared?

BT: Terrified

NGT: And finally Bob, what's it called?

BT: It's called **RADIOACTIVE**. Can you do it in bold? And capitals?

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Expressive Nurses

Jane Treasure and Janelle Vos (at right), both registered nurses working in mental health at Lismore Area Mental Health Unit at Lismore Hospital, were finalists in the inaugural NSW Nurses Association short film competition.

With friends in tow, both women were decked out for the red carpet premiere held at NIDA in Sydney in May. We will all get an opportunity to see the short films these absolutely fantastic women made, when these films go on tour throughout NSW.

Don't miss the chance to see the diversity and talent of NSW Nurses when this show comes to town.



year's Poetry World Cup. With over \$5,000 in prize money, this year's event will once again attract poets from all over Australia.

The usual raffle and sharing of much more than words will kick off at 7.30pm. The heater will be blazing, so come along and share a great night out in Nimbin at the Oasis Cafe, Cullen Street.

Enquiries, call Gail on 6689-7424.



Partners in Rhyme

Writers who cross genres invite great interest for readers and for audiences at literary festivals.

The Byron Bay Writers Festival has signed two of Australia's most awarded and respected poets, who

coincidentally have both penned individually compelling and applauded memoirs.

Festival Director Jeni Caffin said, "To welcome writers of the stature of Robert Adamson and Robert Gray brings immense joy. They have long been heroes of mine."

Robert Adamson is recognised as one of Australia's leading poets, whose writing on place is unsurpassed. He has lived in the Hawkesbury region for most of his life, although a series of juvenile misdemeanours resulted in periods of incarceration in detention centres. It was this experience that kick-started his literary activity.

Said Caffin, "Robert Adamson has lived

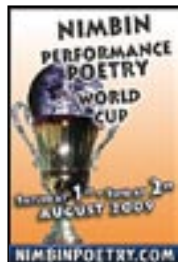
an extreme life, a difficult life, but has forged an indelible imprint on Australia's literary heritage."

Robert Gray's memoir, *The Land I Came Through Last* is a panoramic account of the people who have shaped his life, beautifully phrased in language of great beauty and placed against the landscape of the northern NSW coastline, where he grew up. Like Adamson, Gray's writing about place is muscular and incisive and the sprawling memoir is both moving and elegant.

Caffin again: "Both of these writers have lived through extraordinary times and circumstances and I urge all readers unfamiliar with their work to sample their poetry and memoirs."

Poets joining them in the Festival program are Zimbabwe's Thando Sibanda, the dynamic duo of Wire MC and Choo Choo, Mark Tredinnick and David Ghostboy Stavanger.

Festival dates are 7-9th August and discounted Early Bird 3-day passes are now on sale, for a limited period, at www.byronbaywritersfestival.com or on 02 6685-6262.



Performance Poetry

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