

# ASTROLOGICAL FORECASTS

YOUR MONTHLY REVIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS

BY TINA MEWS



## June 2009

What are the changing skies telling us this month? We have felt now for weeks the influence of the triple conjunction of Neptune, Jupiter and Chiron in the last degrees of Aquarius, which found its earthly expression in the mysterious epidemic of the swine flu that has spread globally at a rapid speed. Neptune and Jupiter are also known to bring floods, which happened to us last month. They will be conjoined again in July and we will see if there is more rain on the way. Jupiter will turn retrograde mid June and we can expect that growth and optimism decline a bit more which not necessarily has to be a bad thing, considering the state of the planet and a situation where just about everybody knows that we urgently have to move from a resource based economy to an economy based on renewable energies. On June 1 and 6, Mars and Venus will enter Taurus which is the energy field that stabilises, grounds and has a deep connection with the earth. Let's hope that we all gain a bit of practical realism based on sustainability. The

Winter Solstice on the 21st marks the end and beginning of our yearly cycle on the southern hemisphere. The New Moon on the 23rd in Cancer presents us with a challenging Pluto opposition, which places emotional strain on relationships, especially on the home front. Let's try to remain sensible.

### Aries

Opportunities come through networking with others and getting involved in community projects that align with your personal held values. Try to stay focused while keeping an open mind. Mars will be in Taurus until July, teaching endurance but cautions against possessiveness. The Full Moon on the 8th in fiery Sagittarius, heats up your temper, and you might have to pull back a bit and see the bigger picture. At the Winter Solstice (21st) family obligations will have to fit in with societal commitments, putting your communication and organising skills to the test (23rd).

### Taurus

You are the economists of the Zodiac. If you are able to maintain a moderate and sustainable middle way between earthly pleasures and divine inspiration, you truly will hold the key towards an abundant and fulfilled lifestyle during this month. Venus, the Goddess of beauty and bounty enters your Sun sign on the 6th, favouring creative and social

activities. When Jupiter retrogrades mid month in your house of life direction you may want to reconsider your goals and expand on areas that provide you with inner contentment.

### Gemini

Mercury, your ruler, is direct again, making it easier for your urge to move forward on that Super Cosmic Highway of thoughts and ideas which connects heaven with earth. Still, it feels like flying with clipped wings, because pragmatic Saturn will keep reminding you of necessities and all sorts of unfinished business that are waiting for your attention. Avoid scattering your energies at the Full Moon (8th) with confused debating; instead hold onto a strong foundation of workable strategies and techniques.

### Cancer

Do you know that the subconscious mind is many times more powerful than the conscious mind and directs our lives in ways we are not aware of? During the Winter Solstice at the 21st and the New Moon

in Cancer on the 23rd, the new beginning of your personal year, you could be powerfully aligned with your true intentions and emotionally challenged to move beyond your security zone while allowing important changes to take place in your personal life. Just do not resist and trust the process.

### Leo

With Venus and Mars in your house of prestige and honour you will be able to attract favourable persons and circumstances that support your creative endeavours. Remember, you do not have to do it all yourself and exhaust your tremendous energy reservoir. Success and more fun lies in teamwork and cooperation with others.

### Virgo

How come that you humble Virgos are always left with all the work? Well, Saturn, the hard taskmaster of our solar system will remain in your sun sign until November. During the Full Moon on the 8th you might realise that you are burdened with too many duties that fragment your energy field and strain your health. Once you made up your mind and focus on the essentials you will enjoy the supportive vibes of your friends at the New Moon (23rd) and feel rewarded for your efforts.

### Libra

Filled with creative inspiration it is your time to embark on a vision quest. Love relationships might

turn out more real and truthful. When the Solstice Sun on the 21st moves into your house of success and achievement you may feel either compelled reaching out for your highest potential or giving in to those old fears that burden the art of decision making. The choice is yours.

### Scorpio

Scorpions, will you surrender to the power of love? Trust your instincts and communicate your feelings avoiding any toxic built-up. Otherwise you might find yourself involved in power struggles about values. The time is favourable for transforming any surplus energy and giving birth to a new vision at the Winter Solstice.

### Sagittarius

We never lose the problem unless we find the reason for it. When your ruler Jupiter turns retrograde mid month you could make use of a marvellous opportunity for gaining deeper insights into the underlying truth of things. A reconsideration of plans and projects might be the outcome. During the Full Moon in your sun sign on the 8th you will benefit from a disciplined approach in all relationship dealings avoiding shooting arrows in the wrong direction.

### Capricorn

You probably feel happiest this month when you can be yourself in any dealings with others, without having to prove that you are in control. At the Winter Solstice

you feel like breaking through boundaries that are restricting your creative expression. Practise your powers of constructive thinking and remain open in case your philosophy of life needs adjustment.

### Aquarius

You are riding the wave of the New Age by enriching the world with pioneering ideas and innovative projects. Jupiter, Neptune and Chiron, still conjoined in your sun sign, are providing momentum to any futuristic vision that is waiting for pragmatic solutions. Now, with Jupiter retrograde, you will win some time for further finetuning and reassessment in case there has been some overexpansion.

### Pisces

During this month Full Moon (8th) you might feel destined to place your dreams onto a solid foundation. If not all projects and/or relationships turn out the way you were hoping, you might feel like retreating into your own inner sanctuary attending to any incurred wounds. Then, at the Winter Solstice (21st), you are ready to emerge again with refreshed strength and spirit.

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## OBSERVING NATURE



WITH MICHAEL SMITH

### June happenings:

- Those snow-covered trees down in the gully really were groundsel. Too late, they have gone to seed. Go down and kill them anyway.
- A time of depression for farmers as they watch their otherwise clean paddocks sprout thousands of poisonous fireweed plants. Do nothing and they will eventually die off to come back tenfold in Spring. Bend-zee-back and yank them out.
- Oranges, mandarin and lemons are ready to eat.
- Last few macadamia nuts fall to the ground (the native bush nuts).
- First frost.
- By mid June dung beetle activity slows right down. Ibis have been grooming your paddocks for months.
- Gather up pecans before the birds and rats finish them off.
- Winter Solstice, 22nd June, longest night. Get some sleep.
- Snakes begin to hibernate down holes in the ground. Some will be snuggled down in your wood heap, which you will be visiting much more regularly.
- Echidnas mate. Look for an 'echidna chain' where lots of males will follow a female for days.
- Mosquitoes die off.

Michael Smith has been observing nature's cycles for over 25 years. Read his observations every month in the Nimbin GoodTimes

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# ANARCHISM EXPLAINED

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There are three main types of human organisation. The best is *anarchism*, whereby anarchists enact the golden rule; "Treat others as you would like others, in general, to treat you". This is the antithesis of the other two; both of which are characterised by hypocrisy, and/or violations of the rule.

They are *governmentalism*, or managerialism, whereby governmentalsists enforce, coercively, other laws, including norms, conventions and mores, and *nihilism*; whereby nihilists enact rafferty's rules, the law of the competitive jungle or none.

Anti-anarchists have dominated human history to date. Anti-anarchists commonly falsify the meaning of the anarchy idea by equating it with chaos. This it would soon become, for them, followed by some form of fascism, as has happened in the past when, given the dominant mind-set, attempts at liberty-equality-fraternity have ended up with tyranny, ruled by some version(s) of Napoleon.

Reasonably good references to the theory, on the other hand, have been composed by Pierre Proudon and Peter Kropotkin, among other good-looking seers including Jesus who was, after his enlightenment at the river, arrested, tried and crucified for subverting church and state: a gnostic anarchist.

Anarchists do not submit to, or act as, archons, i.e. superordinants or rulers, either elected or appointed, such as lords, caesars, presidents, popes or masters. Instead we believe in citizen self-sovereignty, including self-responsibility, which includes the right to, evasive, self-defence against anybody who would violate the right. This makes us non-violent ourselves and opposed to violence, either legalised or illegalised, by others, and tolerant of almost anything done by solitaires or among consenting adults. Until we can take off on our own, autonomously, as helpful individuals, we're not ready for enlightenment (vide Krishnamurti, and others who got close).

Anarchists are also opposed to the idea of private property, including corporate property, as money-making capital, as distinct from that used as residential home, which is the owners' castle, wherein travelling strangers, who can conform to the house rules of the hosts, are welcome to their hospitality.

The money-making type of ownership, in contrast, we equate, like compulsory taxation, with institutionalised theft. This definition applies to intellectual capital and artistic capital, and claims to owning serfs, paeons and slaves, as much as to natural resources and land, which

is generally stolen from aborigines, and the use of monogamous, or polygamous, wives as the husband's jealously exclusive, property.

We also believe in free exchange, i.e. the love economy, governed by a win-win, play ethic, as distinct from the use of gold or credit, i.e. a money economy,

governed by a win-lose work ethic.

The human race has grown to the critical mass where the loss of confidence in man-made mammon will hit the spot and make the dominos fall, and enable we anarchic people to, finally, be free of our own and others' self-righteous hypocrisy; as we are born to be.



by **Warwick Fry**

'Alternative' media in El Salvador was not limited to the press. Especially in a country that at the time, had a low literacy rate. 'Radio Venceremos' was the hairbrained idea of a starry-eyed Venezuelan idealist who had helped the Sandinista guerillas set up their clandestine radio station in neighbouring Nicaragua. After the Sandinista revolution he moved on to El Salvador and suggested a similar project to the FMLN guerillas.

Radio Venceremos turned out to be immensely successful, and was the hub of a media network that included an international weekly paper in five languages, and a number of video and multimedia projects, guerilla musicians, and popular theatre.

I had always wanted to meet 'Santiago' who was the masculine voice of Radio Venceremos (as well as Mariposa, the feminine voice) ever since the days during the guerilla offensive of November 1989 I would rock up to the Camino Real Hotel (It's now called the 'Intercontinental Real') to hook up with the other journalists at the end of the day (before curfew) and see all the aerials hanging out of the windows of rooms occupied by journalists, to pick up the bulletins from Radio Venceremos - the military had imposed media censorship and would only broadcast their own propaganda.

Santiago is now the director of the *Museum of the Word and Image*. It is a beautiful space, with the first salon dedicated to a Salvadoran poet of the last century, and in a glass case opposite his framed words, is a set

of six bloodstained white, coarsely woven overalls and straw hats, of the peasants massacred in 1932. In a back room rests the original apparatus of radio Venceremos. At the beginning of our interview we laughed at the changes in the technology, of my palm held digital recorder, and the apparatus of Radio Venceremos of the 1980s. The transmitter, apparently was from an old fishing boat. It evaded capture for ten years.

Talking to Santiago I soon came to realise that community radio was in his heart and soul. My first question was why, after surviving ten years in the mountains, the radio ceased to function.

"After the signing of the Peace Accords in 1992, after three years it became obvious that there were two opposing goals in the radio. I wanted to see a radio that gave a voice to marginalised sectors of the community ... the unions, the peasants, the community organisations. But there was also a group that had commercial goals. I broke with that group."

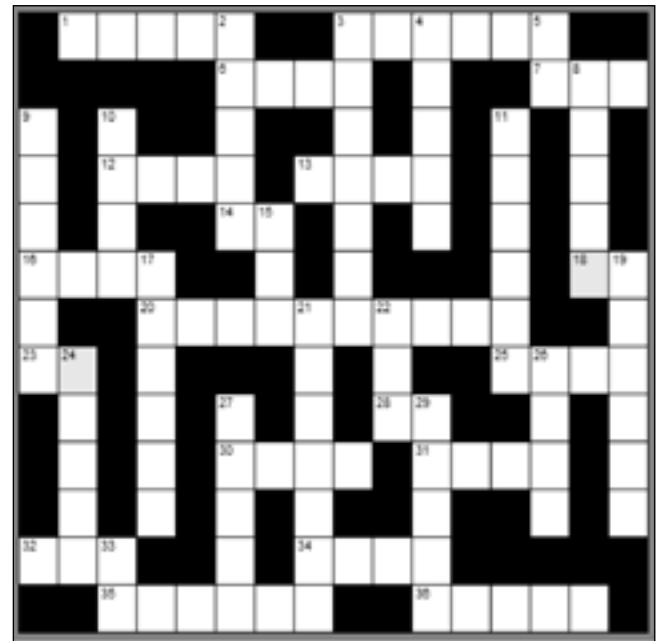
Radio Venceremos sold its license to another organisation. Santiago explained that its current role is filled by a network of community radio stations and Church radio, based in grass roots and community organisations called 'Radio mi Gente'

The *Museum of Word and Image* is building an archive of the popular struggle in El Salvador, so that those histories are not lost. The Museum is building an archive of video, sound, photographic and written material, and works closely with peasant and indigenous communities.

## Nimbin Crossword

2009-06

by **5ynic**



### Across

1. Inundation
3. Fall
6. Tall marsupials (for short)
7. Attention Deficit Disorder (init.)
12. Moist
13. Card game - called when a matching card is held
14. San Francisco (innit.)
16. Woodchoppers? More than one axis
18. With regard to
20. The main act
23. National short-code for Spain
25. Rice wine
28. Operating System (init.)
30. Push the cradle? Guitar music
31. Inhale from joint
32. Primary colour
34. The opposite of odd
35. Racquet sport
36. Enthusiastic

### Down

2. Water Droplets
3. Tidal Wave
4. Water Droplets Tidal Wave
5. Electronic Arts (init.)
8. Less wet
9. Make
10. Turn over (engine)? Lazy
11. Stroke
15. Passing trend
17. Sheep -trimming tool
19. Power? Can be generated renewably, or not
21. They refuse to share their files? Bloodsucking wrigglers between your toes
22. Newfangled? "The One" to free us from the Matrix
24. (Hobbit) county
26. Traditional beers
27. Environmental? Inexperienced
29. Get (someone) high
33. Alcohol withdrawal symptoms (init.)

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# Nimbin Bushwalkers hit the roads

by Len Martin

It doesn't *always* rain on the Nimbin Bushwalkers. Nevertheless, on an otherwise bright Saturday May 9th morning, there was just a hint that it might.

A small group at Nimbin car-park and a positive crowd at Clarrie Hall Dam Wall, to make up a group of 18 with several very nice visitors from the Tweed and one new member. Leader David Holston graded this 7km (was it only that far?) walk as 3. In retrospect I wonder if he is another Don Durrant superman.

First a substantial car shuttle to the walk start at Rockface Road. David then took us through a series of fine sandstone outcrops and caves, all via well defined tracks and fire trails. Good walking through varied vegetation - the stuff on the sandstone is always particularly interesting. From our leader's walk description ("starting... 270m above sea level... past sandstone features to the... carpark at 70m above S.L.") I'd got the idea that it was all down hill - but it wasn't. No steep up hills, though we did seem to climb to a great height, but a steep, greasy, trail-bike ravaged trail



(gully more like it) as we descended to the Dam Wall Fire Trail and car-park. A spectacular and most enjoyable walk - thank you David - and it didn't rain!

Wednesday May 13th was the brightest of clear bright days, a warm sun and balmy breeze as 21 of us set off for a purposeful 4km grade 2-3 walk along Blade Rd, led by the intrepid Judy Hales. The western section of Blade Rd is a designated, but unformed, Council road, which forms an excellent cross-country link between Stangers Road and Blue Knob Road, characterised by wonderful panoramic views and a series of interesting gates and signs.

We didn't go all the way up to Stangers Road, but branched off to the right along a Crown Road Reserve to meet up with

Blue Knob Road just south of Symonds Road. A beautiful broad shaded track opening out onto a superb vista of Lillian Rock, the Border Ranges and Blue Knob. The easy grades and fabulous views make this as good a walk as any yet proposed for our neighbourhood - definite tourist potential I'd say.

And then, as they say, *the heavens opened and never bl\*\*dy shut* for some days, with the result that Michael Smith actually cancelled his May 23-24th grade 3-6 overnight walk from Mt Nardi to Sphinx Rock and back. Also cancelled was the relatively easy 6 hr Grade 3 walk on the Sunday to meet the returning over-nighters. On that day we were FFFlooded in.

You win some, you lose some.....

## June Walks Program

### Saturday 13th June

#### Hell Hole Falls and Whiskey Creek

Circuit Leaders Neil Biggar (6679-3140 at night) David Holston (6672-5071 at night) Grade 3 7km.

From Uki we travel along Rowlands Creek Rd to turnoff at Manns Rd and South Chowan Rd where we leave cars as this is where we finish and travel 3km to start of walk at Middle Ridge Rd. We walk to Hell Hole Falls then back by defined tracks to Middle Ridge Rd then by off-track trails to Whiskey Creek Falls and return through a few lantana patches to the cars on Manns Rd. Walk goes through a variety of vegetation. Meet 8.30am Nimbin car-park; 9am Uki Buttery; 9.30am Locked Gate, Middle Ridge Rd. Bring Lunch and water.

### Wednesday 17th June

#### Dirrawong Reserve, Evans

Head

Leader Michael Smith

(6689-9291). Grade 3, 1.5 hr. Scrubby coastal heathland, sea caves, rocky headlands and beach walking. Meet 9.30am Nimbin car-park; 9.45am Goolmangar Store; 11am at Razorback Lookout, Evans Head, next to the radio base, on Ocean Drive near the intersection with Wirraway Avenue. Bring Lunch and water.

### Saturday 27th June

#### Tweed Coast Walks

Leader David Holston (6672-5071 at night) Grade 2-3. A couple of short walks around Bogangar and Pottsville in Tweed Shire Council Leisure Gardens and Cudgen Nature Reserve and, if time permits, Billinudgel Nature Reserve. Features include Cudgen Lake and Cudgera Creek in heathland and coastal littoral rainforest. Meet Nimbin car park 8.30am; Murwillumbah Tourist Information and National Park Office car park, Alma Street at 9.15am Bring lunch and water.

## Postcard from the airport

by Bob Tissot

**OK** So it's just after 6am and we're sitting in the back of a very shiny new car being driven to the airport by none other than the owner of the North Hotel from which we'd just emerged.

I know, I know. There you were thinking that we were comfortably ensconced at the Golden Triangle Inn (room deliciously spartan, the gardens delightfully tropical) and we moved without telling you. Well, the North Hotel was an establishment of equal expense and comfort as the last but with one major difference. It was situated in the heart of the commercial markets and our room looked out on an alley, complete with its permanent residents. The noise and smells filled our room as pleasantly as any hibiscus and we soaked it up.

And so the owner tells us that he is not only the hotel owner but also a doctor, the Nutritionist at the Chiang Rai Hospital. He tells us that all the meals we ate at the hotel came from their own gardens and that he'd managed to get 70% of all food served in the hospital, organic. He also found time to

teach the local farmers the skills their grandparents had, before the introduction of pesticides. We are naturally incredibly impressed and tell him so. He is beaming as we walk into the terminal...

There's a special kind of look that passes across the face of check-in personnel when they're about to deliver bad news. A neutral look. She tells us our flight is delayed. We repay her polite, neutral expression with a vibrant and colourful display of panic.

We are (in no particular order) horrified, shocked, amazed, angry, mollified and finally grateful as they explain that, despite the apparent impossibility of making our connecting flight through the maze and checkpoints that are Bangkok Airport, they would **personally** make sure everything was alright. They took our bags and gave us red stickers. **Red Stickers!** The stickers said *Air Asia Guest* in big black letters. We dutifully stuck them to our foreheads and retired to the waiting lounge.

Now there are two classes of seating in the Chaing Rai International Airport waiting lounge. There are the moulded plastic chairs; bolted to the floor in long, antiseptic rows with a view of nothing but other people waiting in long rows of seats. And then there are the Laz-E-Boy recliners. Mounted on a low dais, surrounded with palms and bougainvilleas and with a view of a small garden, they have gentle fans and an air of peace. And a sign. A sign in an ornate gold frame on a pedestal. *Reserved for monks and novices.* Sigh.

So we staked out a few moulded plastic seats and settled in for the wait, when who should arrive on the scene but a monk with a novice. Like homing pigeons they went unerringly to the recliners and settled in with audible grunts of pleasure, their saffron yellow robes spilling around them in a Romanesque way. Suddenly, out of the swirling masses, came another monk with his novice. They too flew straight for the recliners but stopped when they discovered there were already other monks there.

Now, there were plenty of recliners, but after a hurried monk / novice conversation (monk talk / novice nod and grunt) the second pair chose moulded plastic over recliners and I pondered the fact that the second pair were in red robes and after considering the problems with red and yellow shirts in

Bangkok I decided I didn't have a clue why the monks wouldn't sit together. Probably protocols I'm totally oblivious to.

So we're waiting patiently in the queue when suddenly, we're plucked from the line and with much gesticulation and pointing at the red stickers on our foreheads we are taken to... **the front of the line!** Now we're feeling good. We are feeling like kings (no offence meant or implied to his Royal Highness).

Unfortunately though, we are dethroned by the yellow monk who simply rises with a grunt and walks straight past the entire line and boards the plane, surrounded by adoring cabin crew while we scamper in his wake.

Gazing out at the tarmac, I notice two bags, forlorn and apparently forgotten, sitting in the middle of nowhere and a feeling of *déjà vu* washed over me as I recalled some woman's bags on the tarmac in Sydney. She'd panicked at the last moment and bailed out. I returned from that particular reverie with a nasty jolt when I realised that they were **our** bags out there, alone and unattended in a strange land. They were briefly blocked from view and then they were gone.

The flight passed in a flurry of contingency planning which all proved worthless as the door of the plane opened at Bangkok and there were our bags, and a woman with the plan of the secret passageways that would take us directly from this plane to our next plane and **never pass go!**

The monk tried to get off first but was politely restrained with the whispered mantra "So sorry father, *Air Asia Guest*." We followed the plan and emerged virtually on the flight deck of our next flight, where they ripped off the red stickers and made us normal passengers again. Phew ...

And so we're settled back and comfy, bags packed away and the plane is vibrating at the end of the runway about to hurl itself into the sky and attempt to stay there when the captain comes on the speakers. His voice washes through me with a flavour of home that is palpable.

"G'day boys and girls. My name's Steve and I'll be your Captain for the flight home. It's a bit nippy in Sydney at the moment with a stiff southerly keeping the temperature down to 10 degrees."

I look around at the sea of stubbies, singlets and sarongs. "Well, this will be interesting," I thought...

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# Fishing Fraser Island

by Pixie, Fishing Reporter

Yes, it's been 12 months and it's time again for the Nimbin Heads Fishing Team to get together for another trip to the Toyota Classic on Fraser Island. Our team this year was Harry, Chris, Pix, Cal, Greg, Terry and Mark doing 16 days fishing, with a second team from Nimbin being Jacko, Matt, Shane and Dan.

Eleven blokes, six four-wheel drives and four boats were camping on the beach and fishing on the reefs on the eastern side of the island. After missing last year's trip due to a heart attack, I wasn't going to let a broken arm stop me going this year. Fishing comes first.



Harry and Chris  
5.2kg spangled emperor

The first couple of days were spent setting up the camp and fishing off the beach because of big seas. The guys were catching a few darts but not enough to feed us all, until the second night when Cal, Harry and Chris decided to fish at midnight until 1.30am and caught 20 darts and whiting. We were now eating fresh fish done up in a crispy beer batter.

Then the wind eased and the seas dropped to around 1 to 1½ metres. We had the boats on the water – now we were real happy. Fishing out of "Pop's Tiger" on the gravel patch in murky water, Harry landed a 5½ kg spangled emperor to start the morning. Then we landed a few nice snapper, around 3-4 kg. Cal and Chris landed a couple of 4kg blackall and then your humble fishing reporter landed a 5.8kg snapper. We were getting thrown around the boat quite a bit due to the rough weather, but we were having fun.



Shane and 9kg green jobfish

The next day the seas weren't any better, but we were out in the boats again. The fishing comp didn't start for another week so in this early stage there were only four boats on the water. This would change as the week went on, so now was the time to catch a good feed. With the seas tossing around us again, we now started to pull in some nice venus tuskfish and gold spot wrasse. Then Pix and Harry landed a couple of 4kg spangled emperor and Chris and Cal a couple of big blackall. Then Cal hooked

on to a big fish, which had him grunting and sweating for a long time, and in the end we released a 30-40kg shovel-nosed shark from right next to the boat.

We thought we were having a ball of a good time, then it improved. A large humpback whale came up to the back of the boat with six dolphins. The whale was about ten metres from the boat. It turned over, showing its white underbelly, and started splashing and waving its tail at us while the dolphins swam around it. We were mesmerised. Then it turned back over and swam up to the boat to within three metres, gave us a look, swam around the boat, then headed for the open sea with the dolphins jumping in and out of the water around it. What a day – and reef fish for tea.

The next day the seas were coming good and the water was now starting to turn blue. Another day on the gravel patch with a good catch of gold spot wrasse, venus tuskfish, pearl perch, pink hussar and Moses perch. Then we had some fun, hooking into a school of black tip reef sharks, about one metre long. That night for tea we had reef shark, pearl perch, tuskfish and gold spot wrasse and because we had no shortage of beer, we made another crispy beer batter for today's fresh fish. Yum!



Cal and Chris  
4kg blackall

The other guys, Jacko, Shane, Matt and Dan with the bigger boat, were going out wider and coming in with some big catches, their two biggest being Shane with a 9kg jobfish and Dan with a monster 11.2kg red emperor.

With three days still to go until the fishing comp started, it was time for us to go out wide, about 20km, and chase a few different species of fish. By now there were about 50 boats going to sea and the seas are at their best so far, with only a half metre swell and bright blue water-good for reef fishing. With electrical problems starting on "Pop's Tiger" and the GPS and fish finder going on the blink, Harry and Greg hopped on to Matt's boat and Jacko skipped "Pop's Tiger" with a hand-held GPS for the day out to North Gardeners for a catch of sea bream, bigger venus tuskfish, gold spot wrasse and red throat emperor. Sounds like reef fish for tea again.

With two days to go until the comp starts and Mark and Terry now here, we put five on board and head back to sea. With about a hundred boats now heading out, the launching gutters are becoming quite busy, and the fibreglass



Dan and 11.2kg red emperor

cast on my arm is starting to smell like dead prawnheads. Mark and Terry are impressed on their first day to be landing good reef fish. Then your humble fishing reporter lands a 4.2kg red emperor – my first legal red emperor and I'm impressed.

The first day of the comp, with 250 boats and seas of about one metre, and Mark does his first beach launch on Fraser Island in his boat "Mack 1", being a smaller boat with no canopy. They follow us out, crashing through the waves and wearing a bit of water to add to the excitement. We all catch good fish, but none big enough to win a prize.

The next few days turned nasty with strong winds and big seas. All we can do is drink beer and fish off the beach, with the guys doing another midnight beach fish, Cal and Chris weighing in some darts and whiting in the "Catch, Weigh and Release" category.

With the seas not coming good all week, there was more beer drinking to be done. We didn't win any prizes, the first week we got to sea 7 days out of 8, the second week we went to sea 1 day out of 7, but that's fishing. We all had a good time with some great memories to be had.

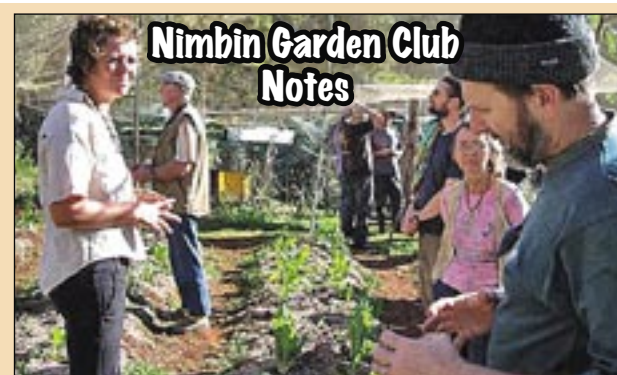
"Til next time, tight lines, guys.



Pix and 5.8kg snapper

## Crossword Solution

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## Nimbin Garden Club Notes

by Gil Schilling

Photo: Jan Schilling

### Visit to Siddha Farm

Last month's club visit to Angie and Steve's organic market garden at Siddha Farm was one of the best attended for the year. More than 30 members and visitors had a great afternoon as hosts Angie and Steve showed us around their working fruit and veggie garden, explaining, demonstrating and answering questions about their practical application of permaculture principles to small scale commercial production.

Among features noted were the use of swales and a spring-fed drip irrigation to maximize the efficiency of water resources, a regime of crop rotation, the use of organic fertilizer - including on-site production of poultry manure, as well as pest and weed controls. With well over a dozen vegetable varieties in production and probably as many species of fruiting trees, the garden is great example what two hardworking people can achieve on a small block.

For anyone wanting to buy fresh organically grown local produce, Angie's seasonal fruit and vegetables are available at her stall near the Apothecary every Saturday morning, as well as at the monthly Nimbin Markets.

### Next Meeting

Saturday 20th June:

This will be a visit to the Firewheel Rainforest Nursery, 387 Dorrroughby Road, Dorrroughby. Nursery proprietor, Mark Dunphy will demonstrate basic propagation techniques for local rainforest plants.

An extensive rainforest restoration project along 200m along Dan's Ck, which bisects the property, will also be of interest to members. Plant purchases will also be available to members and guests, consequently there will be no club swap table on the day.

Suggest members wishing to car pool meet at the northern end of the Nimbin back car park no later than 1.10pm, or at Den Braidwood's, 413 Koonorigan Rd, Koonorigan. Driving time from Nimbin to the Nursery is estimated to be about 45 minutes. We aim to be at the Firewheel Nursery by 2pm. Please don't forget to bring fold-up chairs, cups and a small plate of goodies to share at afternoon tea. Visitors and guests are most welcome to come along. For more information ring Gil on 6689-0581.

**Apology** Last month's column gave the wrong date for the May visit. My sincere apologies to those who were confused and missed out. Hope to see you this month.

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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

Normal Depart Times			School Holiday Times		
7:10	1:50		Murwillumbah	7:30	2:15
7:20	2:03		Mt Warning turn	7:42	2:28
7:30	2:08		Uki	7:55	2:33
7:55	2:30		Mt Burrell	8:10	2:55
8:00	2:35		Twin Bridges	8:20	3:00
8:32	2:40		Blue Knob	8:30	3:05
8:45	2:50		Nimbin arrive	8:40	3:15
7:50	9:00	3:30	Nimbin depart	9:00	3:30
8:05	9:10	3:45	Coffee Camp	9:10	3:40
8:15	9:20	3:55	Goolmangar	9:20	3:50
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**STOKERS SIDING \$590,000**



5 Acres of totally flat useable land within a 10 minute drive to Uki or Murwillumbah!! Only 2 minutes into the quaint village of Stokers Siding with ready access to the highway and the North Coast's famous beaches. What a location!


A solid 3 bed family home sits on this lovely block with scope to do whatever you want. Running creek on one corner and a beautiful large dam on another with certified A grade drinking water from the bore means endless water supply.

Grow small market crops or just enjoy the ambience of this quiet exclusive country road while the kids play soccer or cricket on these easily maintained manicured grounds. Reluctant sale. Inspect Today!

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**DALRIADA \$620,000**



**NEW LISTING**

Where birds sing and stars shine bright, this property is truly one of a kind. Surrounded by seven national parks with Mount Warning rising right in the middle of the nearly 360 degree views. School buses at the front door, less than an hour to the Gold Coast, an easy drive to Lismore and a corner store just 5 minutes up the road; this property offers position plus! The federation style home has 2 bedrooms plus a sleepout and a large open plan lounge, dining and kitchen area complete with dishwasher and a stainless steel gas stove. Positioned on a prominent corner and on top of a ridge on a popular eco tourism trail Dalriada has a ton of tourism potential. There are sheds, cattle yards, a spring fed dam, a waterfall, creeks; this property just has too many features to detail!


**MAGIC HAPPENS \$115,000**



**VENDOR FINANCE**

The vendors want this sold and are prepared to offer some finance, call for details! Occasionally an opportunity to be a part of something special comes up. This secluded 2 acre share set on Nimbin's 5 star community awaits..... Tucked away off the main access road, this block has a sunny northerly aspect providing ample opportunity for solar power and to design and construct a home that takes full advantage of the aspect and views. Surrounded by old growth trees and with stunning expansive views to the north of the pinnacle and the caldera this is truly a special place. The owners have commenced work and there is a driveway down to laser leveled building site, plus clear, clean spring water piped directly to the site. The perfect place to start building your dreams!

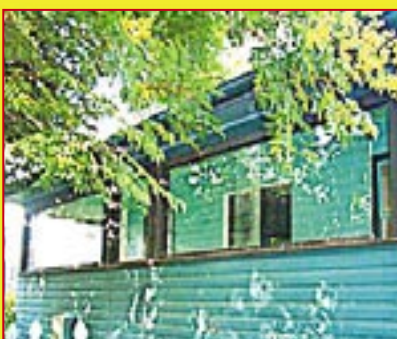
**RECIPE FOR SUCCESS \$720,000**



This one has the lot! Gently rolling 125 acres of rich basalt soils, an abundance of water from 7 dams, a permanent flowing creek and an irrigation supply. Also there are 2 good sized machinery sheds, a 6x10 cool room and three phase power.

There is a quaint and functional one bedroom cottage/managers quarters; a great little weekend or accommodation for you while you build your dream home on the prepared building site that has commanding views over the property. There is an option to purchase the plant and machinery with this property; including a new 4x4 wheel tractor. All this plus 3 acres of bananas to get you started.

**COMMERCIAL DYNAMITE \$370,000**



Situated right in the heart of Nimbin Village is this 2 bedroom home. The home has been partially renovated and has large open spaces throughout that would be suitable for any number of commercial ventures. Separate to the home is a large converted studio that has 2 rooms, its own bathroom and street facing glass windows. The property is placed on a huge 1208m2 block with rear access, again ensuring many opportunities for commercial growth. With the main Nimbin bus stop, the tourist information centre, a cafe, a restaurant, professional offices, an internet cafe, an art gallery and the Nimbin markets site just meters away this is a property that offers position and huge commercial potential.