

Newsagency takeover



Neil with some of his cheerful staff

After nine years, Neil and Nancy Harris are the sole owners of the Nimbin Newsagency and General Store.

The decision to purchase the whole store business was made easy by the great support we have received from the people of Nimbin over the best part of ten years.

We would like to thank all our valued customers for their loyalty in the past and hope they will continue to support us in the future.

There has been a few staff changes, but the friendly faces of Annette and

young ones are still here to assist in any way they can.

It is envisaged that there will be a few minor changes in the store, that will hopefully cater better for our community. These include:

- gourmet ice-cream
- larger variety of computer needs
- extended card range
- more art supplies

We do appreciate customer input in deciding what to stock, so if you have anything you wish us to order, do not hesitate to drop in for a chat and we will try and fulfil your request.

Neil and Nancy Harris

Software Freedom Day in Nimbin Saturday September 19

Software Freedom Day is a worldwide celebration of "Open Source" software.

Software Freedom International (<http://softwarefreedomday.org/sfi>) co-ordinates Software Freedom Day events across the world. Hundreds of volunteer teams on every continent organise local Software Freedom Day events to impact their own community.

Open Source means software that is written so that anyone may read the source code (the software "building blocks") and, if they have the skills and the time, change it and add to it (basically, the exact opposite of Microsoft-style software that comes on a CD and keeps all details of how it works hidden and copyrighted). The day combines celebration and education, in a worldwide effort to spread the benefits of using Open Source.

A message that Software

Freedom Day aims to reinforce is that to use Open Source software, you no longer have to be a geek or a computer expert: Most modern versions of Linux have a choice of "look and feel" that is very similar to the familiar Microsoft or Apple environment, and most Open Source software (especially if you are using Microsoft Windows or an Apple operating system) now works straight away after you download it, with no messing around. In fact, you may already use Open Source software – the popular internet browser, Firefox, is Open Source.

Here in Nimbin, Software Freedom Day will take on a local twist – volunteers will be on hand to explain the different distributions of Linux, explain how to use Open Source applications, and offer guidance about the resources available on the web for finding (and getting help with) Open Source



(and usually free) software.

There will be Ubuntu disks, party-packs of Open Source software, demonstrations of cool Open Source solutions using (extremely) cheap hardware, and even multi-player games running on Linux. Doors open for the Nimbin event at 1pm on Saturday 19th September. The venue is the youth club building (next to the Nimbin fire station).

To get involved, or for information about what's going on (and how you can help spread the word or get involved) email the Nimbin Software Freedom Day crew: flossbrigade@gmail.com.

com.

If you'd like to know more about Open Source software (and where you can get loads of free, useful software online) check out some of the links below:

<http://sourceforge.net> – the main community for Open Source programs
www.opensource.org/docs/osd – an explanation of what Open Source means
www.openoffice.org – a free alternative to Microsoft Word, Excel and so on
www.fsf.org/about/what-is-free-software – Richard Stallman explains free software

Bakery renovations begin



The next phase of the development of the Aquarius Butcher and Bakery has begun, with the start of construction of a large extension to the rear of the building to accommodate bakery operations. Builders unexpectedly found an old water tank below ground, so well constructed that it took the best part of a day to remove it. No disruption to the shop will be caused by the work.

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Volunteer Grants 2009 applications now open

Volunteer Grants provides funding for eligible non-profit organisations to support their volunteers and encourage volunteering by:

- purchasing practical and tangible small equipment items to help volunteers; and/or
- contributing towards the reimbursement of volunteers' fuel costs incurred when carrying out their volunteering work, including those who use their cars to transport others to activities, deliver food and assist people in need.

\$21 million is available for Volunteer Grants 2009. Organisations can apply for grant funding from a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$5,000. Funding is limited and applications will be assessed and prioritised according to how strongly they meet the selection criteria. The selection criteria, eligibility criteria and other essential



information are provided in the Volunteer Grants 2009 Application Guidelines at www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/vgp_round2/Pages/default.aspx

Applications close Friday, 25th September 2009 at 5pm. For more information phone the Volunteer Grants toll-free Hotline 1800-183-374 or email vg2009@fahcsia.gov.au

Training for Volunteers/Managers/Coordinators

Friday 23rd October 2009, 9.30am – 12.30pm, Lismore Neighbourhood Centre, 76 Carrington Street, Lismore, \$50 per person, Morning tea provided. Facilitator Louise Griffiths, ACE Lismore

This workshop is firstly about recognising and understanding some of the issues that cause clients to be less than pleasant and secondly about some basic strategies and skills for better managing difficult client and situations.

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- Causes of challenging and difficult

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- Quick identification of the potential for conflict escalation
- Ideas and skills for swift and tactful action to de-escalate conflict
- Appropriate actions for situations where personal safety of customers or colleagues may be threatened
- Ideas and skills in creating positive client relationships

Application cut-off date: Friday 9th October 2009. Enquiries phone 6621-7397 or email vnr@lnrci.org.au

Nominate someone NOW for NSW Volunteer of the Year

These Awards recognise our most devoted volunteers and now's the time for to nominate candidates for this year's Award.

Vote for Volunteer of the Year; Employee Volunteer of the Year; or Volunteer Team. Go to www.volunteering.com.au or call in at the Lismore Neighbourhood Centre, 76 Carrington Street, for a nomination form. Nominations close 30th September.

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Jillian's Celebration

by Leanne Logan

There was one sound that rang out louder than all the rest at Hanging Rock Hall on Saturday 29th August.

It wasn't the music of the many excellent entertainers, or the hum of busy kitchen workers. It wasn't the chorus of exuberant children or the occasional cries of babes in arms (and, as you'd expect at a celebration like this, there were plenty of those). It was laughter, or to be precise, Jillian Delaile's laughter.

To the 300-plus friends and family who had come together from far and wide to celebrate this incredible woman and all she's given to homebirthing and her community over the last three decades, her trademark laugh was music to the ears.

At home the next day, Jillian was still elated. "I spent the whole day saying: 'This is just incredible!' People I hadn't seen for such a long time – 28 years in some cases – rushed up and put their arms around me. And so did everyone else. I didn't stop hugging and kissing and laughing," she said.

"The day was a constant affirmation of what a difference it made to parents having a supported birth experience. Homebirth is so intimate, and the closeness you have with birthing parents never goes. I'm so grateful to all those wonderful people who made this celebration possible."

At the afternoon function, Jillian briefly updated everyone on the traumatic events of the past two years that have led to her suspension as a midwife. "Many people were amazed to hear the whole story," she said. "Afterwards they came up and said they were horrified to learn what had really happened."

In order to be reinstated as a midwife, Jillian now faces a legal tribunal to be conducted by the Nurses & Midwives Board (NMB) in March next year. She expects legal representation at the eight-day inquiry will cost about \$80,000.

"I don't have that sort of money and I'm not going to lose my house and home over it. The system is set up in such a way that if I represent myself, I'm sure to lose. If anyone has any ideas of what I can do, or if anyone knows a lawyer or barrister who might take on a case such as this pro bono, please let me know," she said.

Saturday's event was initiated by homebirth mother-of-two, Fiona Maunder and well-known local, Lynne Oldfield. "Lynne and I were talking about the bad press Jillian had been receiving," Fiona said. "Lynne suggested getting all of Jillian's homebirthers together to write letters of support. I'd always wanted to have a celebration or reunion for Jillian, and so I thought, let's do it."

In true homebirthing style, Fiona gathered a group of close women friends, affectionately nicknamed the "birthing team", to work together to make it happen. The team collated the addresses of hundreds of people who had birthed with Jillian over the past 30 years. They also organised a petition and letters supporting Jillian and her work that were signed on the day, and manifested a



Jillian Delaile flanked by homebirthing supporters, Sandy Wilkinson (left) and Julie Richardson. Above: The gathering viewed from the roof.

solid line-up of entertainment, oodles of delicious food and much-appreciated sponsors who donated raffle articles to cover the event's costs.

The entertainment line-up was eloquently presented by Williamina Bowers. "Ninety-five percent of the performers were birthing parents of Jillian's," Williamina said.

Group photos (above) were taken by Brian Alexander, whose connection with Jillian dates back years. "Brian took photographs at some of my earliest homebirths in the 1980s," Jillian said.

Jillian's attention will now turn to the protest rally in support of homebirth to be held in Canberra next Monday (7th September). "A friend from Canberra who couldn't make Saturday's celebration has bought me a plane ticket," Jillian said. "She said it'll be good for me to be around like-minded people". Go Jillian!

Nimbin youth's appeal:

"We just want a skate park we can skate"



by Connor Anderson, Year 8

As a teenage boy, skateboarding is one of my favorite things to do, and to have a skate park in my local town of Nimbin is a dream to me!

In Nimbin there is not much for us young kids to do and for a skatepark to be five to ten minutes away from home is ideal. It is a safe and comfortable place to spend our weekends, after school and holidays, I could easily spend six hours a day at the skate park, meeting my friends and having fun skating.

It has come down to parents having to drive us down to Ballina for a descent skate and with the recent economic times and fuel prices going up it is a struggle even getting to Lismore.

The skatepark could be another great tourist attraction for Nimbin. Being a big tourism location for the region, the skatepark would be a safe place for the tourists to come and enjoy and witness the spectacle of local and visiting skaters for their entertainment.

The teenage kids in Lismore have an Aquatic Centre, ten pin bowling, cinemas, skate park, skating, put-put golf, numerous

playing fields, netball, AFL, golf, tennis and the new Goonellabah Sports Centre and now a new skate park/plaza. What do the teenage kids of Nimbin have to do on weekends, holidays and after school... nothing!

I find walking past the existing skate park now, where normally I would look across and see kids skating, having fun and loving the environment they are in, all I now see now is a sad and messy area of wasted metal and unhappiness.

As a 14-year old local boy, who hasn't previously been all that involved over the years in the skate park, my feelings are very strong, we need a skate park!

I hope we can get the funding so we can have fun skating again, in a safe and happy environment. How long do we have to wait for something most other towns would have had years ago, we've only been waiting 7 years! All of my skating friends would definitely agree.

Connor and other skaters will address Lismore Council's meeting on 8th September at 6pm, and is hoping other skaters and parents will attend to support his presentation to secure funding for a concrete skate park.



To help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Woodstock Festival with Nimbin's sister village Woodstock (see more on Page 12), some special events are being organised over the next few months by the Nimbin Aquarius Foundation.

On 11th September there will be a Street Reggae Vibes event on the blister in front of the Rainbow Café from midday, with Imandan, Al and Nerida and friends from "Earth Reggae". Donations for the Murals Project will be collected on the day.

On 21st September, there will be a film and music night at Birth and Beyond, with food available, to celebrate the International Day of Peace.

In October we will hold a Kids Circus Fun Day, (date to be confirmed), and several other events are in being planned, including a Street Busker's Festival, and music gigs in the Nimbin Town Hall. To get involved, call in to our Aquarius Headquarters in the Community Centre, or email katielovesnimbin@yahoo.com.au

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Mad Scientist and Professor Pull-Aparts



For all those people on the North Coast whose lives have been touched by Geoff over the last 30 years, it is sad to report that he suffered a fatal accident on his property at Terania Creek last Thursday 27th 2009. He was alone in the forest (that he helped save in 1979) felling a small sapling for the rafters of the new Biochar kiln and the tree behind him was dragged over by entangled vines, hitting him unexpectedly.

Geoff was heavily involved in so many different facets of the local community from Tibetan Buddhism, alternative energy, LETS, teaching at Nimbin Central School, cannabis crusader, home schooling and most recently – biochar. Geoff leaves behind many amazing children - Zhiyana 20 and Chimie 27 from previous partners and Alita 6 and Manu 4 from his current partner Vanessa.

He lived a humble and simple life on Rainbow community in Terania Creek valley where he did

his best at arm's length to educate a misguided world. Recently, his website [www. BodgersHovel.com](http://www.BodgersHovel.com) had been providing an ideal platform for Geoff to correlate and disseminate his ideas in a useful way.

His local Biochar group, operating through the Lismore Rainforest Information Centre, had just received a substantial grant from Artists Project Earth in UK to develop a Public Domain biochar kiln model for small farms. It was working on this project that unfortunately took his life.

In a recent email he described himself as a "Resolute, Adamant and Defiant (RAD) hippy". He sure was! He will be missed.

Geoff's funeral will be held at 3.30pm, Friday 4th September at Lismore Memorial Gardens, Skyline Rd, Goonellabah, NSW. (02) 6625 1221. There will be a wake afterwards at The Channon Hall into Friday night. BYO drinks and food etc. Email jay@bodgershovel.com for more details.

Peter Olson 1933-2009

by Ele Wolf, formerly Eleanor Morris Olson

Likeable, charming, funny and talented, Peter Dana (Olson) quickly drew crowds wherever he played.

With a voice like Humperdink, he wowed crowds in all the major nightclubs in Kauai, Hawaii.

That's where I met him in 1983. Drawn into a club by the sound of his youthful operatic voice, I was surprised at the fifty-ish broad shouldered man behind the piano. And as I sat mesmerized, for the next hour he ran through a series of songs in five languages!

During his break he sauntered over and asked if I had any requests. "Ya," I said sarcastically, "play me some blues". He smiled slyly and glided back to the piano and rolled his fingers across the

keyboard; that's when I knew I'd met my match...

One year later we were married and in the interim, he became known for his backdoor blues, which he delivered in a low, playful growl. Visitors to the Island returned year after year; his following numbering over two hundred eager fans clamouring for his next album.

Several years later, a wandering harmonica player asked to sit in and within the hour they became fast friends. That's when Ray started calling him Daddy Cool and the name stuck.

Peter enjoyed portraying the character of a laidback wandering minstrel and adopted a kind of Raiders of the Lost Ark persona, complete with khaki shirt and pants and a brown Fedora; he wore the costume so often that



he had to have a duplicate on hand.

His dream when I met him was to move to Australia and knowing him, I knew he'd make it happen some day. He loved to say that "I've been everywhere, done everything and know everybody", and that wasn't far from the truth.

A rolling stone really; one who blazed his own trails and never took no for an answer – you've got to love him – and around Olympia, Washington, USA. Peter had a dream to retire to Australia and after working nightclubs, entertaining on cruise ships, doing electrical and plumbing

work for hotels, he earned enough to move there in 2003. He lived and played in Nimbin until his death.

Peter was preceded in death by his ex-wife Vivian and his mother and father. Peter leaves behind his son, Mark Peter Olson, and his daughter Laura O'Siggins and her partner of 25 years, Kathryn O'Siggins and their 13-year old daughter who Daddy Cool adored, Nashona Makala O'Siggins all of Bigfork, Montana.

He also leaves many cousins and relatives in the USA and friends from Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, and Australia.

"It was thirty years ago today..."

Thirty years ago at The Channon Market, the very successful demonstration against logging the Terania Creek Basin rainforest was launched.

This first-ever battle to save our native forests resulted in new state law to protect rainforests throughout NSW as well as actions around the world to reduce the cutting of rainforests.

In September 1979 victory was achieved and at the coming September Channon Market that success of the people that cared to take a stand, will be celebrated.

In 1979 Dudley Leggett spoke at the market stage and invited everyone who could to come and help save the trees. The next day they came and the rest is history.

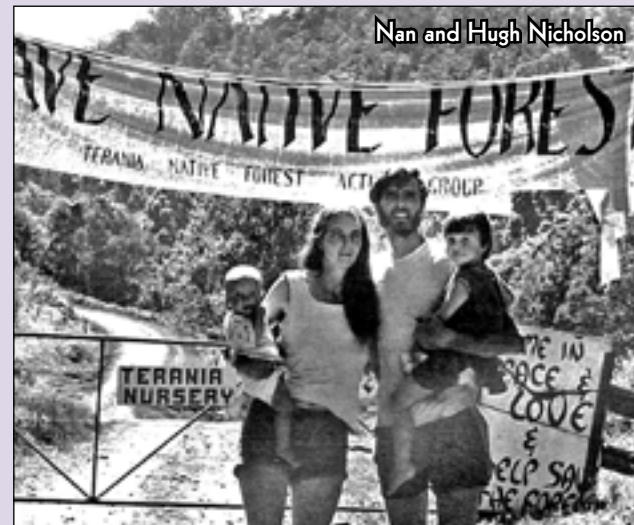
Dudley with others will speak again at this market to share that history and to invite everyone to join in the celebration and to

again stand up for the kind of world we want for our children to enjoy.

That four week stand stopped the logging and saved that forest, which is now a part of the Nightcap National Park and has been a joy to thousands of visitors ever since. Just a handful of people began that wave of change, inspiring also the saving of The Franklin River in Tasmania as well as many other ancient forests in Australia and around the world.

This 30th anniversary is a time to celebrate the power of the people to change their world and to be inspired by that to imagine how much so many more of us could achieve now, by living the change we want to see.

At the 13th of September Channon Market there will be many who were there at Terania to tell their stories, show slides and the



extraordinary movie made at the time "Give Trees A Chance" will be shown after sunset. We will party and we will join together to launch a stronger movement of the people united for a world of peace and plenty for all.

The celebration will be held near The Chai Tent from 2pm to 9pm. Everyone is

invited to join in and if you have something to do or show to add to remembering and celebrating the action, you are encouraged to contribute.

Everyone is asked to spread the word, bring friends, join us to celebration that we the people can make a difference and be inspired to help bring in a new and better world.

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Nimbin joins Pink Force at National Breast Cancer Summit

Jennifer Parke was among more than 200 breast cancer survivors and advocates that joined forces in Melbourne last week to share information about breast cancer issues as part of a national Summit hosted by Breast Cancer Network Australia.



Northern Rivers women Jennifer Parke, Robyn Sparks and Robyn Carill (Kyogle) at the BCNA Mini Field of Women.

The Governor General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, opened the Summit speaking to the women about the importance of connecting with their communities and using their combined voice as a positive force for change.

Among the issues discussed at the Summit was the impact of breast cancer on families, the importance of connecting with the local community, and support for living well with the physical and emotional effects of breast cancer.

Every day 36 women in Australia will be told they have breast cancer and 7 will lose their lives to this disease. "It is unlikely that I will die from Breast Cancer and that is due to an early diagnosis" said Nimbin resident and mother of 2 young children, Jennifer Parke. Last year aged 39, Jennifer was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of breast cancer and had a mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation.

Jennifer wants young

women to know that mammograms are not a great diagnostic tool for them – neither a mammogram nor ultrasound detected her cancer. Self examination, examining your partner's breasts, and asking your GP for a breast examination whenever you have a pap smear are all good strategies for early detection. "Be breast aware" said Jennifer.

The Summit included a day devoted to women in rural Australia diagnosed with breast cancer where delegates heard they will now have access to better information and support with more than \$2.7 million of Federal funding directed to the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre and the Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Announcing the investment at the Regional and Rural Day of the Breast Cancer Network national

summit in Melbourne today, the Minister for Rural and Regional Health, Warren Snowdon, said the Supporting Women in Rural Areas Diagnosed with Breast Cancer project offers support to both rural women with cancer, and rural health professionals.

"Making available online video technology so that women away from home for treatment can see and talk with their family; ensuring rural health professionals, including Indigenous health workers, have access to information on the latest breast cancer treatments; and forums such as today are just some of the ways this project will make a real difference."

For further information about your local breast cancer support group contact the Breast Care Nurse at Lismore or visit www.bcna.org.au.



Marlena's new banner

Nimbin Visitor Centre turns two

Nimbin has hosted a staggering 160,000 visitors in the past year, with approximately 72,000 taking time out to call in at the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre, according to figures released by Lismore Tourism.

The figures confirm the decision made by Lismore Council to set up and continue funding Lismore Tourism's Nimbin office, which celebrated two years of successful operation with a birthday party in August.

Co-ordinator of the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre, Andrew Walker reflected on the task ahead.

He said, "Research conducted by Southern Cross University in 2008 indicated that over 73% of visitors spend less than



Happy Birthday. Cr David Yarnall (right) leads the applause for the second birthday of the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre.

two hours in the village of Nimbin.

"Our main objective at the Nimbin Information Centre is to encourage the current numbers of visitors to stay for longer periods, preferably overnight, which will result

in greater spending and economic benefits for the community."

The Nimbin Visitor Information Centre is located at 80 Cullen Street, and is now open 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm.

Rainbow Ridge Open Day

Saturday 19th September,
10am-3pm
Lillian Rock Rd, Lillian Rock
(10 mins north of Nimbin)

Rainbow Ridge Steiner School open days are a joyous celebration that our community looks forward to each year.

There are always craft activities for the children to make, such as beautiful silk paintings and flags or bees wax candle creations to take home. The craft stall showcases natural materials; hand dyed organic knitting wools, wool felt, craft kits, bees wax for modelling, quality crayons and pencils, and beautiful hand made felt animals. We usually have several other stalls including books, plants etc.



Morning tea, coffee, juices, and a sumptuous lunch will be available and local musicians provide entertainment all day. There will also be a spectacular student demonstration of a maypole dance and all the children will gather to sing the songs of spring.

Classrooms are open for friends and families to wander through, exploring the work the children have proudly

put on display for us. Our teachers, staff and parents are available for any community members interested to know more about our school. We will have an information stall with parent information available.

All are invited to our Spring Festival – Open Day. You are very welcome. Please phone the school on 6689 7033 for more information or just come on the day.

Nimbin Aquarius Landcare Group Inc. (NALGI) is having its Annual General Meeting on Friday 25th September 2009 at 12pm at the Community Gardens, Cullen Street Nimbin (next to the Anglican Church).

NALGI is currently implementing its Water Management Strategy – swales – in the next few weeks. We are working closely with students and staff from Nimbin Central School on our "Mulgum Creek – The Way of Water" project, which includes students' involvement in the land, digging of some swales, rehabilitation and restoration along Mulgum Creek and students artwork (painting, poetry photos) of their experience in the Mulgum Creek project.

The project goes for 10 weeks starting 23rd September, and includes

also the production of a book featuring students' stories and artwork and an exhibition of their work.

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Lucky Wonders come to Nimbin

The Lucky Wonders will play a show to remember at the Nimbin Hotel on Thursday 17th September.

The new duo features the songwriting talents of Emma Royle and Jessie Vintila. A former member of Two Colour Mountain, WAMI Award winner Jessie's song Nullarbor was featured on Nimbin Radio's Top 30 in 2007. In her solo years Jessie supported acts like John Butler, The Cruel Sea, Jenny Morris, Eskimo Joe and Jebediah.

In early 2009 Jessie found her songwriting soulmate, Emma Royle, when they came together to create live music for a puppet show at the Adelaide Fringe Festival and The Lucky Wonders were born.

The Byron Bay duo have since been impressing packed houses with their magnetic presence, powerful songwriting and positive vibes. They have soared to No. 2 on Reverbnation's Local Folk Charts and No. 13 nationally.

They are recording their much anticipated debut album with ARIA nominated producer Anthony Lycenko (Pete Murray, Xavier Rudd), Ben Franz (The Waifs) on bass, and Dave Sanders (Lisa Hunt, Acre) on drums.

The Lucky Wonders' acoustic style reflects influences from folk, pop and blues. It's



insightful music that makes you feel good, from cruisey to upbeat. Show starts 6pm.

You can hear them at www.myspace.com/theluckywonders

Nimbin Film Fest spools up

The 5th Annual Nimbin Film Festival to be held Friday 30th October to Sunday 1st November, has been designed to celebrate the art of filmmaking, and to showcase the creativity of the industry's emerging talents.

The Nimbin School of Arts Hall provides a central locality with off-street catering facilities as a venue for relaxing atmosphere during movie breaks.

The 2009 festival has attracted quality films crafted by artists from varied sections of the industry and film schools here and internationally. And local audiences have the opportunity to appreciate the work of emerging talents and to interface with some of the artists.

The Festival welcomes short film submissions in any genre and offers a special category for music videos, in addition to comedy, drama, horror, Sci-Fi, animation, and documentary categories.

With each consecutive year, the Festival has seen an increase in industry participation, from destinations as far away as France, Canada, and the USA.



Many talented film artists have participated over the past years. For a festival experience that you won't soon forget, submit your short film to the Nimbin Film Festival today!

Maria Hamer to dance in Wild Honey



Wild Honey Dance Festival Director Belinda Burton says the key idea behind this year's Festival is to open contemporary and conscious dance out for new people to experience. That's why a large part of the Festival program is made up of workshops, including sessions for absolute beginners.

For example, A Taste of Wild Honey, led by local dance facilitator Ljudan Michaelis, is specifically targeted at a broad

community audience and is open to men, women and teens aged 12 plus.

Other sessions that are open to beginners include cabaret and hip hop sessions led by local dance teacher Dani Finkenauer, flamenco with Byron Bay based Kelly Houghton and a 'Serpentine Ritual Dance' with Maria Sangiorgi from Melbourne.

For more experienced dancers, Wild Honey also offers the opportunity to learn from some of the country's most exciting tutors, including world fusion teacher Hilary Cinis from Sydney and renowned bellydancer Melusina from Melbourne, who will be teaching Bollywood fusion style.

But the real star attraction of the event is Maria Hamer (pictured), from Zafira Dance Co USA, who is going to be run off her feet teaching four workshops for tribal bellydance enthusiasts, that promise to be sell out events.

Places on the workshops are strictly limited and there's already interest from dedicated dancers around the country, so Burton recommends getting in quickly if you're interested in registering. She's offering earlybird rates for anyone who pays up before September 17th, with discounts for multiple workshop bookings, even if the sessions are shared out amongst a group of friends or a family.

If getting up and moving isn't your thing, but you're interested in the exotic extravaganza, there's also a gala performance event, *Rhapsody* being held on Saturday September 26th at Bangalow A&I Hall.

Wild Honey Dance Festival tickets are on sale now, at www.wildhoneyfestival.com. For more information contact Festival Director, Belinda Burton on 6685-1316, or email bel_diva@yahoo.com.au.

RA RA drama classes

Tamlin Mackenzie has returned home to The Channon after completing her Bachelor of Education in Drama and working for some years with people living with disability, teaching drama and environmental education.

Daughter of Alex and Ollie Heathwood, who settled in The Channon in 1978, Tamlin's life has come full circle with her young children now attending the Channon preschool as she did, 30 years ago.

She spent her childhood in theatres, on both sides of the stage, assisting her mum Ollie Heathwood who has been a well-known and much loved drama teacher and community theatre director for many years.

Tamlin has extensive experience in the education of children in the arts of environmental theatre, environmental arts education and theatre for social change, having run arts workshops for children of mixed physical and mental abilities locally,

interstate and internationally.

Tamlin has recently taken over from Ollie Heathwood in the running of the RARA Youth Drama classes, established in 1980 in Dorroughby and The Channon.

The name RA RA means Radically Able and Really Adventurous as Tamlin believes we ALL have radical ability even if we are confined to a wheelchair, we just need to focus on what people can do and then our natural abilities surface and shine.

RA RA classes have been such a success in Dorroughby that Tamlin is now accepting enrolments for a new class in The Channon and inviting children of all abilities to attend and create Radically Able and Really Adventurous theatre for change.

Classes will be run after school at 4pm on Tuesdays at The Channon Hall (wheelchair friendly) for children aged 8-11 years and on Wednesday at the Dorroughby Hall for children aged 11-13 years.

Bookings/enquires can be made to Tamlin on 6688-6551.



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September Gig Guide

Thursday 3rd	Mick Mc Hugh Duo
Friday 4th	Double Trouble/Local MCs
Thursday 10th	Neil Anderson+Friends
Friday 11th	The Re-Mains
Thursday 17th	The Lucky Wonders
Friday 18th	Rum Punch (Syd)
Thursday 24th	Jam Nite/Open Mic
Friday 25th	Koyba (Mel)

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- **Sunday 6th September** – Fathers Day Bowls with BBQ Breakfast – 9.30am
- **Sunday 20th September** – The Dreamers Duo – 2pm
- **Social Bowls** – every Sunday from 9.30am



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Live Music at The Nimbin Show

All Day Saturday 26th September 2009

Jimmy Willing & The Real Gone Hick-Ups with special guests The Perch Creek Family Jugband, a Corroboree from Dhinawan Dreaming, and don't forget Circus The Singing Dog.

Jimmy Willing & The Real Gone Hick-Ups are like no other act you've ever seen. Compelling and daring to

push the boundaries, Willing and his band have brought country music back to its roots and made it cool!

Upon the canvas of his stage Willing paints the gritty characters of his tall stories and songs. Willing inhabits his protagonists, giving them flesh and breath as they unravel before us.

Come along for the ride and be transported to a world

of love-sick sailors, tomboys of love-sick sailors, tomboys fishin' for catfish and young men laid to rest before their time.

Moira Belle



10am - The Perch Creek Family Jugband

The Perch Creek Family Jugband are heading on down the road to the Nimbin Show playing singing and dancing a style of music that harks back to a simpler time when it wasn't such a big deal for families to do stuff together and have a good time doing it. Full of surprises, the five siblings, an uncle and a boyfriend get together to play everything from rollicking hillbilly tunes to gospel to jugband jazz on just about any instrument they can get their hands (or feet) on.

<http://www.myspace.com/perchcreekfamilyjugband>

12 Midday Dhinawan Dreaming



Dhinawan is a descendant of the Gamillaroi Bigambul Tribes and has spent years studying the many different ways of life of Aboriginal people. Aboriginal songs, stories, dances and art have all been taught to him by old Uncles and Aunties. Following in the tradition of his people, Dhinawan is now passing his knowledge on to others, keeping his rich and colourful culture alive.

Dhinawan will be arriving hot from his French tour and this Corroboree will be one of his first dates back in Oz. www.myspace.com/dhinawandreaming

3pm - Jimmy Willing & The Real Gone Hick-Ups

<http://www.myspace.com/jimmywillingandtherealgonehickups>

3.30pm - Circus The Singing Dog

Not since mastering the art of swallowing harmonicas whole, has the art of Jimmy Willing reached such heights.

The Nimbin Annual Country Show will be proud to present the one and only, Circus The Singing Dog.

<http://www.myspace.com/circusthesingingdog>

Calling all Brewers!

It's that fabulous time of the year come round again, the birds are singing and feeding their youngsters, the joeys are out of the pouch, the water dragons and snakes are on the move and the Nimbin Annual Country Show will be kicking up a storm on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September.

We've changed the format for the Brewers Corner a little this year based on the last couple of years' experience. The judges need to have your samples/exhibits in hand on Friday 25th between the hours of 7.30am and 10.30am.

The illustrious team of Deb Guest, Peter Hajenko and Terry Beltrame will again be put to the test in selecting the best brews amongst the samples submitted - it's a tough job on a hot Friday afternoon but someone has to do it.

Coopers Home Brew have agreed, generously again, to be our sponsor, so there will be a great selection of prizes for the winning exhibits. Not to be outdone, Nimbin Show Society committee members have contributed a significant amount of money to be included as part of the prizes for award-winning



Happy Brewers (left to right): Last year's judges Peter Hajenko and Terry Beltrame with exhibitors Mark and Brett



exhibitors.

This is an extraordinarily generous gesture in support for the Brewers Corner and is your opportunity to not only make some tax-free money, but to also collect from the generosity of Coopers. We'd love to share all this benevolence around a bit, so the more exhibitors the better.

We would love to see some entries in the wine and liqueur categories - we know you're out there in "them thar hills" so bring in some of your produce and let's have a 'look' at 'em.

The categories are as last year: light/medium beers (pilseners, lagers and ales); full bodied beers and Stout; Dry white table wines (any fruit, vegetable, herb must be declared on the label); Sweet white table wines (any fruit, vegetable, herb must be declared on the label); Red table wines (any fruit, vegetable, herb must be declared on the

label); Liqueurs (type); Spirits (type). All beer and wine exhibits must be a minimum of 750ml and Liqueurs and Spirits must be a minimum of 375ml.

A tasting session for exhibitors only will be held between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 26th September and will be strictly restricted to exhibitors only because of licensing laws - so the more exhibitors, the more the opportunity to taste what's going on in the brewing world within the Rainbow Region.

Since the reintroduction of the Brewers Corner in the Pavilion exhibits only two years ago, the number of entries have doubled and we're seeing some excellent brews.

We'd love to see more of what's being done because we're all proud of what we can achieve here in our little piece of paradise and would love to sample entries from around the district.

See you at the Show.

North Coast National

Don't forget that the North Coast National is coming up on 22nd - 24th October.

It will again feature the very successful Sustainable Living Exhibition. If you want to exhibit and share your techniques and ideas then contact the show office on 6621-5916 or email tradespace@lismoreshow.org.au

Visit
Lismore City Council
at the Nimbin Show

Our stand has a host of Council information including recycling, saving water and energy, weeds and natural resource management, and tourism.

There will be various Council displays, competitions and our mobile customer contact centre.

Caring about Lismore's people, its economy and environment.

Council Chat

Come along and meet your Lismore City Councillors at the Show.

Join them for Afternoon Tea on Saturday, September 26 between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.


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