

ASTRO FORECASTS

YOUR MONTHLY REVIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS

BY TINA MEWS



December The Full Moon in the sign of Gemini (2nd of December) is preceded by the entry of Venus into optimistic, extravagant and fun loving Sagittarius. Venus is the Goddess of love and beauty but also of social relations. This could promise us some weeks of happy-go-lucky feelings. Try to stay focused, otherwise you could be seduced into spending more than you (or for that matter the planet) can afford! Hopeful Jupiter will conjoin altruistic Neptune on the 21st, reminding us that joyfulness and bliss can be expressed in non-material ways. Use the uplifting energies of the Sagittarian New Moon (16th) for dreaming up your inspirational vision for the months to come. We have the power to be co-creators, so let's get serious about what really matters.

The Solstice on the 22nd marks the beginning of our summer in the southern hemisphere and the Sun's entry into practical and business oriented Capricorn. We might feel obliged to stage happy Christmas celebrations for family and friends. However, allow for changes to outworn traditions. Mars, going retrograde on the 20th until March 2010, will bring important lessons in regards to desire and the experience of wanting. On the 26th Mercury turns retrograde, delaying plans, projects and all sorts of communication. Special care needs to be taken in regards to driving, cars and any form of transport. Emotions could run high on the last day of the year, which is culminating in a lunar partial eclipse in Cancer (full moon), early morning on the 1.1. 2010. These could turn out to be particular stressful days on the planet, where issues concerning homeland safety and feelings of uncertainty in regards to our collective and personal future might overshadow the usual New Year celebrations.

Aries: The fiery energies during the first three weeks may amplify your desires - may it be for having more fun or having great success, or both. Just keep cool and avoid overheating, otherwise you might fall into the old trap of overexerting yourself. This could lead you straight to an energetic 'burn out' or even to power struggles in the later part of this month.

Taurus: The hustle and bustle of the first three weeks could challenge your need for peace and quiet. You creatures of earth and common sense instinctively know that it takes lots of time, energy and patience to transform lofty ideas into tangible matter. When the Sun moves into Capricorn (22nd), you are more in tune with the testing energies of the moment and can keep us all grounded!

Gemini: The cosmic energies during the first three weeks favour movement and activity, just in line with your

temperamental urges. Keep breathing calmly, otherwise you might struggle with remaining in the here-and-now. Avoid burning all your resources in a hurry, in case you need some for later on.

Cancer: This time around you could find it more difficult than usual to prepare and be immersed in the festivities of the season. If you like others to take their part in organizing a pleasant and nurturing family get-together, just let them know *before* your resentment starts building. This might be your opportunity for a quantum leap.

Leo: With Mars travelling through your sun sign until June 2010 you can expect to receive a cosmic energy boost, activating inner passion and creative output. Use the Mars retrograde phase (December 20 - March 10) for refinement and better success or fulfillment later. Take particular care of your heart.

Virgo: Your home ground is important to you and you like to feel in control within your own domain. If you are a Virgo with an acute sense for order and perfection you can expect that your preferred arrangement of things or people might receive some unplanned alterations during the end of year celebrations. It might help to leave sufficient space for the unexpected.

Libra: Enjoy the first part of this month by catching up with friends, neighbours and family, while getting your fix for fun and easygoingness. Your mode of operation might change drastically from a breezy and philosophical attitude towards others to an urge of increased prestige and status from the 26th onwards, when Venus joins the Sun and Pluto in Capricorn.

Scorpio: Right now your idealism might be boosted and you feel optimistic about yourself, your family and your goals. Celebrate and be grateful for what you have already achieved so far. Your values might be changing and your perception is shifting. Honour your gut feeling.

Sagittarius: With the Sun and Venus in your sun

sign until the 22nd and 26th respectively, your vitality is high and your senses are sharpened. Enjoy the ride! The uplifting energies of the New Moon (16th) should especially suit your romantic needs. If you can avoid attachments to your idealized expectations, you could sail easily through the changing seas from the 22nd onwards.

Capricorn: At the moment you might be in the painstaking process of working out your duties and responsibilities in relation to others and/or your work. There is a fine line between what one owes to oneself and what one owes to others. Remember, nobody is responsible for your feelings except you! What about the priceless gift of self-love?

Aquarius: During the first three weeks you will enjoy the social and philosophical vibes of the time, maybe even to the point of excess (probably reached around mid-month). The planetary shift at the Equinox (22nd) could influence your subconscious. You might fall into the trap of trying to revolutionize your environment by imposing your will onto others.

Pisces: At the moment you could have a serious go at working your magic. Benevolent Jupiter conjoins creative-mystical Neptune exactly on the 21st. However, be careful what you wish for, your dreams just might come true.

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Rally Cars run on Money

by Scott Sledge,
No Rally Group Spokesperson

Legal Situation

Efforts by North Coast residents to stop the Repco Rally culminated in a legal challenge lodged in the Federal Court, Sydney, by Tweed Shire Councillor Katie Milne (Greens.) The judge decided that the action was "ill-advised" because it came in the week preceding the September rally.

The injunction was refused - despite two ecological studies commissioned on our behalf, which disagreed with the rally's ecologist. Because there will be no large scale clearing of habitat, the judge said our assertion of likely environmental damage could not be "proven."

Katie Milne was ordered to pay the legal costs incurred by the rally in their defense. While a sum has yet to be determined, Katie believes we will need about \$25,000 for their lawyers, and another \$7,000 owed to our ecologists for their reports.

These reports are an investment in the future as we continue to agitate against degradation of our environment.

During the four-day rally period a number of protesters were cited or arrested. The Environmental Defenders Office in Lismore has been assisting and a number of solicitors are providing pro bono or discount services because of public interest aspects. Steve Bolt entered a guilty plea for Andrea Gustavsson who was charged with illegal possession of a Council sign. She paid \$76 costs in Kyogle Court.

Ralph James is representing Daniele Voinot and me: We are defending "malicious damage" charges about the anti-rally slogans painted on the Kyogle Road between Bray Park and Blue Knob. If convicted we could be ordered to pay "compensation" to Tweed Council.

Several protestors still face driving charges.

All totaled NRG have set a target of \$35,000 for their Legal Fund, which has been established by new Treasurer Megan Jack of Chai Tent fame. Donations can be deposited at any Commonwealth Bank or by internet transfer to Acc# 1027 8397 BSB 062580

Some supporters may want to arrange with their financial institutions to have small amounts transferred directly from their accounts as periodic payments. That's an easy way for people on low incomes to contribute to the cause.

Fundraising

We have started a series of fundraising events, which will double as social events for people who work towards a sustainable future for our region.

A party at Lillifield on 7th November garnered more than \$1000 for the Legal Fund. Menkit has offered aromatherapy workshops and Suzanne will hold a yoga weekend at her Gold Coast clinic.

The Murwillumbah Regent Cinema has offered the space on Wednesday 20th January for a special screening of "The Age of Stupid" environmental awareness film. We will open at 6pm and serve a vegetarian meal before screening the film about 7:30pm. Cost for meal and film package is \$20. Profits to NRG Legal Fund. Dessert and beverages will be available following the film and supporters are encouraged to hang around for refreshments and chat about the film.

Greens MLC Ian Cohen has been invited to address the audience about the recent court decision to award more than \$1 M in legal costs to a developer who sued him for defamation. Tyalgum filmmakers Harmony Church and Sam Dawson are invited to show their short film about the September car rally.

We are determined to keep out the marauders from turning our wildlife corridors into racetracks. Recent announcements by the Kyogle mayor that he will try to turn the town into motor mecca and spend ratepayers money on a car rally every year shows the struggle goes on. At the same time the schizophrenic NSW state government plans an admirable biodiversity corridor from Victoria to Cape York.

Check it out at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/ger/index.htm

Will Kyogle be the Gateway to the Rainforests, or the Gateway to the Rally Tracks? You decide.

by Stephen Wright

I will make a prediction. The world will not end in 2012. If I am wrong, I am happy to give my life savings to the first person to call me on it, as we sink beneath the waves, or are consumed by fireballs.

Another prediction I will make is that the film 2012, will mark a nadir in the career of John Cusack, hitherto an actor with some sort of credibility, but now revealed as another narcissistic attention-whore, who will do anything for money.

The plot of 2012, is that the world (played by America) is ending, for vague reasons to do with Mayans and so forth. Cue Cusack as estranged father etc etc, who seeks to rescue and reunite his family as the world ends.

The CGI special effects in 2012 is so immense and obsessively detailed as to



verge on the ridiculous. In fact, it doesn't verge, it invades ridiculousness, conquers it and makes it a colony of its own. There isn't really any plot, as such, just a lot of running around while expensive explosions and tsunamis and earthquakes happen and conspiracy theories unfold and people agonise as to who to save.

The sub-text in 2012 is strange and weird and somewhat bizarre. 2012 is a movie that might appeal to right-wing Revelationists convinced that God is just

about to get ready to use us as his footstool and hippie millennialists secretly hoping that everything will go pear-shaped so that they can happily use their highly-developed nettle-cooking skills to survive, while the rest of us inhabit the landscape of Cormac McCarthy's "The Road."

At the end of 2012, everything goes a bit Biblical and as difficult as it is to believe, Cusack's family sail away to a happy ending, despite virtually all of the population of the world being

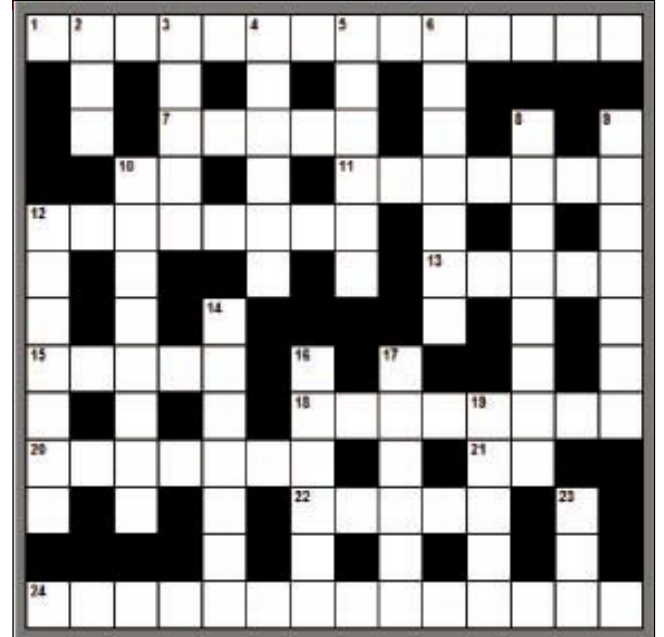
exterminated.

Given that we are looking down the barrel of a six degree rise in planetary temperature before 2100 unless something happens very quickly, watching American disaster-porn while the planet's alarm bells are going off at high volume has more than a whiff of fiddling while the empire burns about it.

A couple of NGT's ago, I reviewed the independent film The Age of Stupid. Now that's a disaster film for everyone to see. And it's for real too.

Nimbin Crossword

2009-12
by 5ynic



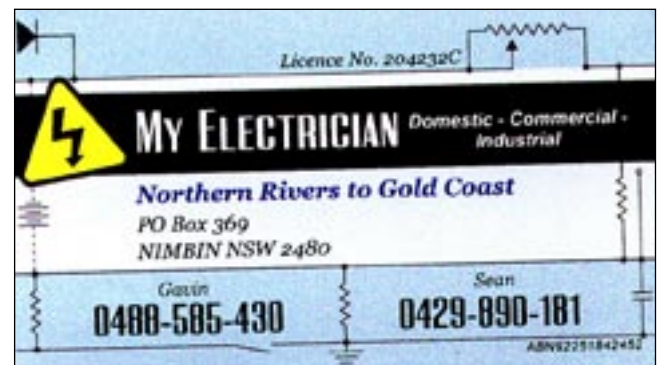
Across

1. 35 million saplings killed each year for use as _____ (9,5)
7. Sacred flower or spreadsheet? Yoga position with crossed legs
10. Do, re, mi, fa, __, la, si, do
11. Tempter
12. River paddler?
13. Small rodent – benefits from seasonal leftovers
15. Sword – often curved
18. (Philosophy of) demonstrating and protesting to make change happen
20. A thousand thousand
21. After the EEC, but before the EU (in Europe)
22. Deliberate provocation in a forum? To fish with a moving lure
24. Shortest night of the year (6,8)

Down

2. Essential summer headgear
3. Icehouse. Literally.
4. Interesting gossip? Delicious morsel for 13 across?
5. Belongings? Pluses
6. Biscuits to slam
8. Unamplified
9. Liberty
10. Frozen handheld projectile? Grow exponentially
12. Dutiful citizens must work, obey, _____ (an abysmal dawn)
14. Performer
16. Men paid by malls to wear ridiculous costumes and blackmail parents into buying things the TV told them to.
17. Walk
19. Open country (Afrikaans)
23. Section of circle? Of electricity – jump a gap

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Reviews from the Crypt

by Stephen Wright

The Reels: 5 Great Gift Ideas (1980)

It's the time of the year when everyone begins a conversation by saying, "I can't believe it's Christmas already!" and so on. Christmas always reminds us of past Christmases – not always a happy enterprise. Christmas music is usually dire, which is why great Christmas songs deserve some attention at this time of year.

Top of the Great Xmas Songs list has to be Sydney band 'The Reels' *The Bombs Dropped on Xmas*, from their 1980 five song EP. With its Christmas-twee jingle melody and savage lyrics delivered by Dave Mason in a kind of anguished-earnest pubescent tone (if you can imagine such a thing), it's a brilliant attack on the tradition of Santa, that fat-arsed representation of consumer capitalism: 'How could I kid myself,' sings Mason, "He's a



businessman's dream/And the bombs dropped on Christmas/And I watched it on TV."

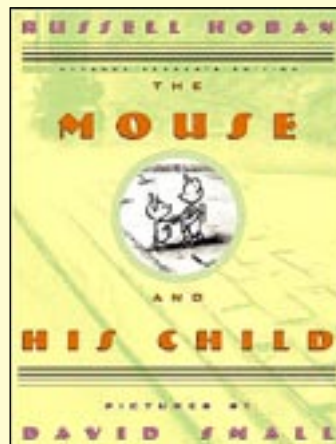
The Reels never had the megastar status of their contemporaries, *Midnight Oil*, but their political edge was sharper for being, (a) funny and (b) ironic. Who else would think to deliberately release an album of covers with K-Tel? *5 Great Gift Ideas*, with its covers of 'Band of Gold' and 'Neon Rainbow' was both a springboard and a heads-up for the release of The Reels legendary album, *Quasimodo's Dream* a year later.

Russell Hoban: The Mouse and His Child (1967)

Russell Hoban, author of the better-known *Riddley Walker*, has many other novels to his credit, but none greater than *The Mouse and His Child*, a book that begins and ends at Christmas and out of print for many years until 2001 or so.

Hoban is an underrated writer for all kinds of reasons. *The Mouse and His Child* is usually marketed as a children's book. Thematically it's a dark fable of death, insanity, prophecy, identity and love. A clockwork tin mouse holding his child by both hands, is thrown out into a garbage-strewn world and makes his way across a desolate landscape seeking self-winding and pursued by a psychotic vengeful rat.

The Mouse and His Child falls into that subterranean region of books marketed as children's books but which are books for anybody and everybody. Tove Jansson's *Moominpappa At Sea*, is another, a good book to follow-up *Mouse and His Child* if you were so inclined.



These books are unlike those books written archly for adults and pushed as children's books and which are usually crap. Graeme Base's *Animalia* springs to mind.

The Mouse and His Child is a philosophical tale and asks big questions. Its imagery is simple and powerful and memorable. The book's impersonation as a children's tale is a stylistic device and publishers, usually the densest of readers, have been unable to grasp this. *Mouse and His Child* is still a fantastic book for children, but it keeps its imagery with you for re-visiting decades later.

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The Outlook for 2010

by David McMinn

"Fasten your seat belts.

It's going to be a bumpy ride." – Bette Davis

It is that time of year again – December – when it becomes essential to look at the market outlook for the coming year. I have discussed the famous decennial cycle several times in this column over the years. It has been the most influential cycle in US stock market trends over the past century or so.

Under this scenario, the US share market statistically bottoms in a year ended in '2' and then progressively rises to a peak in a year ended in a '6' or '7' and experiences a crisis and slump. The market rises to another peak in a 9 or 0 ended year, followed by another market collapse. Overall, the US market followed the decennial cycle scenario during the 2000's. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) peaked in January 2000 and hit a bear market low in October 2002, then rose progressively to another record peak on October 9, 2007.

As to be expected from the decennial cycle,

has been returned to a more predictable path of the decennial cycle and has been rising ever since. However, there are nearly always two down waves early in a new decade. The DJIA reliably plunges to reach a low in the 0 ended year, experiences a major rally then plunges into another low. The series of lows may be separated into two 20 year cycles in which the bottoms tended to occur in either 0 & 2/3 ended years or in 0 & 3/4 ended years (see Table 1). This pattern held up well since 1890. The early 1950's was an exception, when only weak stock market declines of around -12% occurred in 1950 and 1953.

Another anomaly was the 1930's. Most sources time the early 1930's US stock market collapse as one event from September 1929 to July 1932. However, there were huge gyrations in the DJIA during this volatile period and this one bear market may be further broken down into several major bear markets. Thus, market lows could be given for each year throughout the early 1930's – much depends on how the raw data is appraised. The anomalous July 8, 1932 low did not align within the 20 year cycle of DJIA lows in 3 and 4 ended years.

Table 1: 20 YEAR CYCLES OF DJIA BEAR MARKET LOWS

High	Low	% Fall	High	Low	% Fall
20 Year Cycle of BM Lows in 0 & 2/3 Ended Yrs					
Sep 05, 1899	Sep 24, 1900	-32%	Jun 12, 1901	Nov 09, 1903	-29%
Nov 03, 1919	Aug 24, 1921	-47%	Mar 10, 1923	Oct 27, 1923	-19%
Sep 12, 1939	Jun 10, 1940	-28%	Nov 09, 1940	Apr 28, 1942	-33%
Jan 05, 1960	Oct 25, 1960	-17%	Dec 13, 1961	Jun 26, 1962	-27%
Feb 13, 1980	Apr 21, 1980	-16%	Apr 27, 1981	Aug 12, 1982	-24%
Jan 14, 2000	Sep 21, 2001	-30%	Mar 19, 2002	Oct 09, 2002	-32%
20 Year Cycle of BM Lows in 0 & 3/4 Ended Years					
May 17, 1890	Dec 08, 1890	-23%	Mar 04, 1892	Jul 26, 1893	-35%
Nov 19, 1909	Sep 25, 1911	-27%	Sep 30, 1912	Jul 30, 1914	-25%
Sep 03, 1929	Dec 16, 1930	-59%	(a)	(a)	(a)
				Jul 08, 1932	
			Jan 05, 1953	Jun 16, 1953	-12%
			Jan 11, 1973	Dec 06, 1974	-45%
			Jan 31, 1994	Apr 04, 1994	-10%

(a) The time frames were debatable for trends in the early 1930's. Usually, this bear market was given as Sep 3, 1929 - Jul 8, 1932, although some sources break this down into several bear markets. NB: Only weak corrections (btr -10% & -13%) took place in 1950, 1953 and 1994.

serious financial distress occurred in latter 2007. Even so, 2008 experienced a severe collapse and Black October, with a major low being reached in March 2009. This was contrary to what could have been expected as 8 ended years are nearly always good for US equities.

Since the March 2009 low, the US market

In Summary – From history, it could be reasonably assumed that the DJIA may peak in coming months (no timing can be given), thus marking the beginning of yet another stock market slump in 2010. This will be followed by another rally and then another market decline – probably in 3/4 ended years.

What will trigger the 2010 bear market remains to be seen, but the outcome will not be pretty. The timing of the emerging peak will be a strong indicator of how the coming market slump will unfold. Central bankers around the world will again flood the system with money to try to support a shaky free market system. This will lead to a burst in inflation in coming years and yet more financial dislocation. As always, only time will tell.

Money and the Sustainable Economy

by Ian Smith

This is an analysis of both conventional money and the new community money, in the context of a sustainable economy. A sustainable economy cannot be achieved while we continue to depend on conventional money.

This assertion is supported not only by concise theoretical analysis, but also by observations gathered from all around the world over many centuries.

Conventional Currencies

Conventional money is money which:

- exists in limited supply - is scarce
- has unlimited mobility – goes anywhere
- is created by institutions – comes from "them"

All national currencies are of this form and all national and regional economies show evidence of the damaging consequences.

Conventional money tends to seek out the cheapest sources of supply. It therefore drains away from communities that fail to meet the appropriate cost levels.

When a community relies only on conventional money, it is driven to patterns of production and consumption of natural resources which are internally and externally destructive. This is not only observable, but also predictable, since we need money to participate in the economy and we get it however we can.

This leads to patterns of cash cropping, short term gain without recognition of long term costs, the denial of externalities, money as commodity.

An economy based on conventional money establishes competition as the norm. Co-operation, as an element of the economy, is overlooked or specifically ignored. In fact, co-operation is the actual context within which competitive behaviour is merely a minor anomaly.

Galbraith pointed to the imbalance of private affluence and public squalor. Harding cites the tragedy of the commons. Conventional money tilts the playing field and the pursuit of self interest becomes inconsistent with and takes precedence over community interest.

This behaviour is evident

in the actions of the state, the organisation and the individual.

Addressing the Problem – What Can Be Done?

To paraphrase Einstein, the problems we face cannot be resolved using the tools that created them. Thus, there is nothing positive that can be done within the current context. This is bad news. However, there is good news.

We act as though money needs to be real - a limited commodity that can drain away. This results directly in unemployed resources – people who want work are not able to find it. Indirectly and of more damage to the environment, there are also misemployed resources – people doing damaging things simply for the money.

Yet money isn't really real, money is information.

Money is just a measuring device, which we use to measure the value of our real exchanges. Why should a community be short of measures? How long would we accept a world where no houses were built for lack of inches, no beer brewed because there were no pints, no heating for the lack of degrees?

The need for currencies to address this scarcity of information in the community is surely undeniable. There is no doubt that additional community money is required; the only question is how such currency systems can be designed to be stable.

Design for New Money

The new local money is money which

- exists in sufficient supply – there's enough
- is only used within a community – it stays local
- is created by its users – it comes from us

The potential for local currencies of such design has no significant constraints:

- technology is available
- regulations permit it and can scarcely do otherwise

Practical considerations of self interest, both personal and commercial, assure the basic viability of local currency systems, as their operation is not dependent on grants or government support.

There are governing factors. The main one is

stability, which is primarily a matter of scale. Risks associated with instability provide an essential negative feedback system, assuring that systems will only expand in accordance with a developing public and private competence.

The only significant impediment remains that of simple ignorance.

The Emergence of the Community Economy

A crude analysis of local value-added patterns in the typical western economy indicates that approximately forty per cent of the accounted economy will eventually be transacted through local currency systems, probably within just a few years.

At this stage, all businesses, governments and most people will use several accounts, each one appropriate to a different sector of their activity.

There will be significant trends towards truly sustainable economic processes and conditions in, for example:

- food and farming
- transport and energy
- health and education
- organisational and community development
- armaments and other social matters
- local government.

In Summary

Maps should represent territory and symbols should serve realities.

The thing that has been in the saddle, riding mankind, isn't any thing at all. It's just information, just pattern – and can be changed as quickly as we may reasonably imagine.

Hermann Daly and John Cobb, in their recent book, *The Common Good*, identify many instances of "misplaced concreteness of ideas" and the detrimental consequences. Ironically, they fail to cite money at all, although it is surely the most central, profound, embracing and all pervasive example of their thesis.

Just as fish don't see water, economists don't see money.

Until we are studying the implications and effects of the new money, we aren't studying sustainability, merely exploring different forms of unsustainability.

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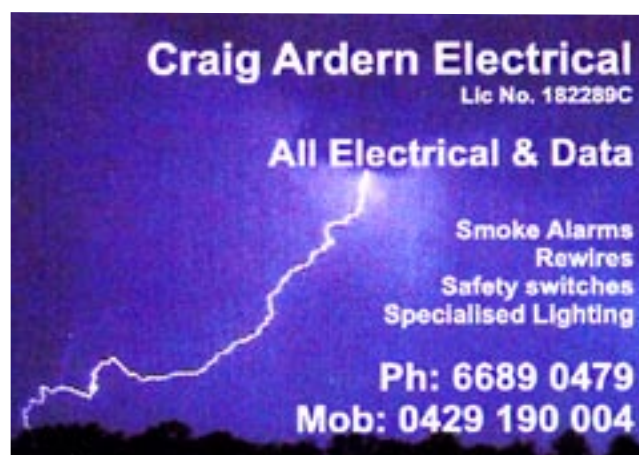
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Nimbin Bushwalkers rambling into their fifth year

by Len Martin

Twelve intrepids braved the 2009 AGM at Protesters Falls Picnic Shelter on Sunday 8th November, to see Michael Smith re-elected as President, Don Schell as Vice-President, Len Martin as Secretary, Kay Martin as Treasurer plus committee members David Holston, Judy Hales and Ron Ronan. We also have a program committee of Don Durrant, David Holston, Judy Hales, Michael Smith and Ron Ronan to come up with new ideas/ recycle old ones, and go out checking on possible walks.

In 2009, membership was 48 and 2010 membership fees are now due at \$15/head. Established in October 2005, we are affiliated with the NSW Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs (which organises group insurance). We started walks in February 2006 and have maintained a regular program of 2 weekend and 1 mid-week walk most months, including occasional camping weekends. We enjoyed another great year with some memorable new walks. This year's undoubted highlight was camping at Bald Rock.

The formation of a program committee has helped in getting the walks program out, but the system could be improved. Member walks in 2009 totalled 294, a bit down on last year (306) while visitor walks were up at 58 (48 last year) - again, many visitors became members.



Protestors Falls

Average walk-group size was 12.1, marginally down from 13 last year. We had 7 walk leaders - David Holston (7), Martins (6), Ron Ronan (5), Michael Smith (4), Judy Hales (3), Don Durrant (3), Don Schell (1). Champion walker was again Ron Ronan, who did 23 walks, followed by Len (20), Judy and Michael (19), Kay (18), David (17), Don Schell (13), Neil (12), Caroline (11), Ian, Mon and Jon (10).

After the meeting, Judy took friends to the Circle Pool, while the rest of us enjoyed an easy saunter through the palm grove to the plunge pool at the base of Protestors Falls. Needless to say, Michael Smith and Don Schell ventured a little further, as pictured above.

Tuesday 17th November was forecast to be stinking hot and it was already that when we arrived at Nimbin car-park at 9.30AM to marshal the assembled throng - only to find a single stranger with massive back-pack waiting for us. By departure time only Judy Hales had turned up so, with no other cars, she and our visitor (Sven from Denmark) "enjoyed" the ride to Evans head in the Landy, where, amazingly, given the forecast, we found a massive group of 7 (including 3 new members) waiting for us at Razorback Lookout.

It was a little warm as Michael Smith led us out through the coastal heathland of Dirrawong Reserve, with many pauses to enjoy the wildflowers, including Michael's spectacular demonstration of the nectar riches to be found in an old man Banksia bloom. On to the headland and down the track to the beach and welcome shade of a large Pandanus, where we lunched, and cooled off in the surf.

By this time a southerly was whipping up white caps and it was much cooler as we headed north to the spectacular sea cavern of Indigenous legend. The rocks in and around are fantastic with their tortured shapes and surfaces looking like the ruined cities of our science-fiction future. A remarkably comfortable ascent and return to Razorback lookout and short drive to the

Gummi Garra circuit walk beside the Evans River, with its riches of Indigenous history and culture. A welcome breeze and shade as we sauntered through a remarkably diverse woodland with massive scribbly gums in full rusty-red bark-shedding splendour plus many other unidentified Eucalypts with a variety of interesting bark-forms, mangroves in bloom, Bangalow & Cabbage Tree

Palms, ground orchids and some spectacular Cymbidium madidum orchids in full bloom, growing in Elkhorns on trees beside the mangroves with multiple racemes at eye height.

There will be only one weekend of walking/ optional camping in December at Black Rock in Bundjalung National Park (see details in walks program) with no more walks

planned until February 2010. So, Happy Pagan Festivals to you all, and our many thanks to Bob and Sue and all those others who do such a fabulous job at The Nimbin Good Times - and who are so tolerant of my quirks. In the meantime you can keep up with the latest Nimbin Bushwalkers Club news from our web-page <http://nimbinbushwalkers.150m.com> Cheers.

Nimbin Garden Club Notes



In excess of thirty keen club members chowed-down for the end of year Christmas lunch at the Blue Knob Hall and Gallery. Heather and her cheerful helpers served up an excellent multi-course meal and the BYO wine etc flowed freely. Chairman Os made a brief speech rounding off the year and wished us all a happy and safe festive season.

Next Meeting

As usual the club shuts down over summer and the holiday season - or maybe that's not strictly true, as everyday in Nimbin feels like a holiday to many of us. The club

will re-activate early next year, with the next meeting scheduled for Saturday 20th February 2010. Future editions of the NGT will carry details of venue etc, so keep a lookout.

At 39°C today, it's far too flaming hot for even thinking about gardening and a real struggle just to keep the green bits green. As usual some decent rain would be helpful. Best wishes to all readers for a happy and safe holiday season.

Photos by Denise Braidwood show garden club members at the Blue Knob Hall and Gallery enjoying a pre-Christmas lunch.



Dirrawong Coast

Walks Program for December

Saturday & Sunday
12th-13th December

Camp/Day walks Jerusalem Creek/
Black Rock; Wendoree Lagoon,
Bundjalung National Park

Grade 2 easy level walks of 3-4hr. Leader
Judy Hales (6689-0254).

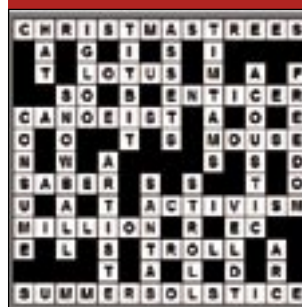
Members can make own way to Black
Rock camp site Friday/Saturday (1.5hr drive

from Nimbin). Could come Saturday for day walk starting 9.30am - out beside Jerusalem Creek, back along the beach with its Black Rock (mid-day low tide); Sunday day walk starting 9.30am to Wendoree Lagoon and a possible skinny dip; good push-bike rides and canoeing on the creek.

Meet Saturday 8am Nimbin car-park, then 1.5hr drive - take north route on arrival at camping area Bring lunch, camping gear, water, swimmers, canoes. Note that entrance/ camping fees apply.

Crossword Solution

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Fashionating!

Cullen Street Nimbin

WALLERS BUS COMPANY				ROUTE 650		
Timetable as at 01/05/09				NIMBIN - LISMORE - NIMBIN		
Normal Depart Times		Pick-Up Points		School Holiday Times		
School Town	Mon & Thurs	Mon & Thurs	Approx. times - Please allow for Conditions	Town	Town	
Bus AM	Bus AM	Bus PM		Bus AM	Bus PM	
7.50	8.55	3.22	Nimbin Central School	9.00*	3.25*	
7.52	9.00	12.45	3.25*	Nimbin CBD, Main St.	9.10*	3.30*
8.03	9.10	12.55	3.35*	Coffee Camp School	9.15*	3.40*
8.10	9.15	1.00	3.40*	Goomangar School	9.15*	3.40*
8.14	9.18	1.03	3.44*	Goomangar Store	9.18*	3.44*
8.20	9.20	1.05	3.50*	Blakebrook, Cnr of Rosehill Rd.	9.20*	3.50*
8.30	9.30	1.15	4.00*	Lismore, Cnr of Terania & Bridge St.	9.30*	3.50*
8.40	9.32	1.17	4.05*	Lismore Transit Centre - Arrive	9.32*	4.00*
8.45	9.35	1.20	4.10*	Lismore Transit Centre - Depart	9.35*	4.05*
8.50	9.40	1.25	4.15*	Lismore, Cnr of Terania & Bridge St.	9.40*	4.10*
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9.20	10.10	1.55	4.45*	Nimbin Central School	10.10*	4.40*
9.25	10.15	2.00	4.50*			

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12 ft metal pressed ceilings, polished floorboards throughout. Leadlight windows adding to the ambience. Three good-sized bedrooms plus study/sleepout. Spacious and modern kitchen. Air conditioning throughout. A very private backyard.



Large verandahs back and front allowing you to take in the serene views, as you sip on your glass of wine at the end of the day.

Set on 1/2 an acre, only a 5-minute walk into Nimbin's cafes and shopping precinct.

Ref.#1228

LILLIAN ROCK

\$579,000



Approximately 12 acres of fertile land with valley views in beautiful Lillian Rock on the edge of the caldera complete with a character filled open plan entertainers home with stone and timber features throughout.

Light and airy with gorgeous gardens and an ambience which relays peace and tranquility. Separate 1 bedroom studio with its own power means you could also realise a good passive rental income.



Huge powered workshop/shed for the handy-person of the house and plenty of room for expansion. Fruit trees abound and a super spring fed lilly-filled dam complete this idyllic lifestyle picture.

Minutes drive to local schools and shops this is a must for the young family or investor looking to get into the small acreage market. Inspection strictly by appointment only. Ref.#1244

NIMBIN

\$377,000



This is a great opportunity to buy in the thriving world renowned tourist town of Nimbin. This 3 bedroom plus sunroom house has commercial possibilities being positioned on a battleaxe block off the main street.

This Queenslander would make a lovely little café with relaxing rural views for diners to enjoy al fresco from the 1199m² yard, or the perfect family home with plenty of room for kids and pets to run around. Polished floorboards, tongue and groove timbered walls, 12ft ornate ceilings, provide a charming atmosphere.



The kitchen has been totally refurbished, just waiting for a new cook to come in! Walking distance to shops, doctors, schools! What are you waiting for??? Do yourself a favour and arrange an inspection today! Ref.#1245

UKI

\$439,000



Approximately 3.5 acres of lifestyle rural land just minutes to the historic village of Uki, with a dam and views to Mt Warning from the top of the property.

Great little 2 bed house with a lot of character plus a small studio/ shed with its own power. Established fruit trees and a lovely north-easterly aspect.



This property would suit those looking for a low maintenance weekender or the young couple/family starting out in the rural market.

Easy access with electricity, good rainwater storage and surrounded by quality properties at the end of a cul-de-sac road ensuring privacy and peace and quiet, to enjoy the sounds of the abundant wildlife predominating the area.

This is priced to sell and should be inspected immediately to avoid disappointment. **PRICE REDUCED** Ref.#1236

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HILL TOP HOME \$325,000



Drink in the valley views from the north facing verandah of this village property. Set close to all of Nimbin amenities, but with enough space to feel the freedom of living in the country. This 3 bedroom home has a solid wooden kitchen, large outdoor undercover entertaining area and some interesting and unusual features.

THE FAMILY MANOR \$799,000



At the end of a private driveway and looking over one of the most beautiful valleys in the area, is this extra large home, consisting of 7 bedrooms plus office and study. With 11.3 ha of rich soil, having a balance of forest and open plateau, an abundance of water with permanent spring and 12,000 gallons of water. This property is the ultimate in seclusion yet only 5 minutes to Nimbin Town. The home has large living areas leading onto extensive verandah and deck areas with exceptional views of stunning valleys and rugged timber mountains. Ideal home for the large family.

HILLS AND DOWNS \$515,000



Across the creek and up the hill lies this 88-acre property with a 1910'ish 2 B/R farmhouse plus a 2 B/R self-contained second dwelling. The main house has stunning views, surrounded by tropical fruits and variegated bamboo with sweeping verandas, open plan living kitchen and dining, with ample shed space. The property has an abundance of water from a mountain stream and rich soil with a balance of open grazing and tall timbers.

CAWONGLA COTTAGE \$269,000



Lots of shade and flowering trees surround this tastefully renovated turn of the century 2 bedroom homestead. This home has many features including spacious lounge with extensive use of timber, top bathroom and entertaining area. There's a separate studio, garage and work shop. All placed on a big block in one of the nicest valleys around. Suit first home buyers or retirees.

LILLIAN ROCK CLASSIC \$395,000



Situated in the highly sought after Lillian Rock area is this historical turn of the century home. There are 3 good sized bedrooms and modern kitchen and bathroom. The home has many features associated with its era; high ceilings, polished timber floors, vj timber walling and large rooms. There are 20 fertile and useable acres with a pretty creek and a dam. With some love and elbow grease this could be a wonderful family farm.

HEART AND SOUL \$295,000



A cool breeze, the smell of cooking, the sound of children playing and the birds singing. All these things come to mind with this cute little home. The country style kitchen has had a makeover and looks great. The lounge with its wood fire heater is ready for those brisk evenings. The wide veranda looks due north and takes in the beautiful garden setting. All of this on 2000 sqm of fertile land. The property is located within a short stroll to the village of Nimbin and is priced to sell.