

Good luck in the HSC



Students, parents and staff recognised the achievements of Nimbin Central School's Year 12 students at a special farewell assembly at the start of Term 4.

The eight students responded with tributes to their teachers and fellow students, a video presentation, musical entertainments and observations on their school experiences.

Best wishes to all HSC students, with exams now in progress and continuing throughout the month. Remember there's the Formal season and Schoolies Week to look forward to!



State SCR Representatives

Nimbin Central School is producing some good public speakers, judging by their election to the peak body of the state's Student Representative Councils.

Luke Asi is the 2009 Regional SRC representative at the state level and now Sapote Hudd has been elected the SCAT (State Conference Action Team) representative for the region in 2010.

This will involve attending the state conferences and then presenting workshops to the other regional SRC reps.

Principal Mary-Jane Pell



said, "These are fantastic achievements for these students and for the school as a whole.

"Again it is wonderful to see our small school showing its strengths and excelling in the regional arena."

Oasis handover complete

It's the end of an era at the Nimbin Oasis Café, with popular proprietor Andrew Kavasilas handing over the reins this month.

"It's been quite a journey," said Andrew, who has operated the cafe for 11 years, "but the time has come, and I've found the right person to take over."

The new leasee is Oscar Gulizia, who has lived in Nimbin for three years, at first running the Museum's Timbarra café for a few months, and for the past year, working at the Oasis.

"I want to expand the food options," Oscar said. "Vegan, veggio and omni."

He plans to introduce



Oscar and Andrew

breakfast, featuring Central American and East African dishes from 7 to 10.30am Monday to Friday and all day on Market Sundays.

Lunch selections will be expanded with hot pasta and baked potato options,

and Oscar also plans to be open for dinner on Tuesday nights.

As for Andrew, he'll be concentrating on furniture building, and getting used to paying for his coffee.

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New bridge open



Jenny Dowell starts things rolling

The new Blakebrook Bridge was officially opened by Lismore Mayor, Jenny Dowell on Friday, 16th October.

The ribbon was cut to cheers from onlookers, including locals, children from the Blakebrook School, and the bridge building crew.

The new bridge, which comprises of a two lane, 9m wide pavement and a total length of 60m, is one of the longest bridges constructed by Council staff. The bridge has four 15metre spans with a total of 32 pre-cast concrete girders founded on a total of 48 concrete piles.

Costing \$2,100,000, the new construction has been 50:50 funded by Lismore City Council and the NSW State Government under the Regional Roads Timber Bridge Replacement Program administered by the Roads and Traffic Authority, NSW.

Costs included the purchase of land to realign the roadway.

Two more bridges on the Nimbin Road are to be replaced, Cullen Bridge in Nimbin village and Southwark Bridge near Blade Road.

New committee sees 2Nim-FM turn 10



by Pam Bourne

2Nim-FM held its AGM on 29th October, where a new board of management was elected.

In the words of president Bob Tissot, "This year, Nimbin Independent Media is ten years old. Double figures. And pretty soon we'll be a teenager, with all the moodswings and petulance mixed in with an unshakable belief in our immortality.

"The year saw the active committee slip back from an optimistic dozen to a realistic six-pack, who kept the bills paid, the paperwork shuffled, the "i"s dotted and the "t"s crossed. Thanks.

"We spent half the year without the station technician Mario, who was in Germany. This resulted in a decline in the regular maintenance of some of the equipment. The sliders on the main broadcast being an example. However with Mario's return, the road back to fully operational has been embarked upon.

"The station also had a complete collapse of its computer system this year, resulting in our website disappearing and our streaming being interrupted. The entire system had to be rebuilt from scratch for this I would like to thank Ian Smith who has put in uncounted hours of voluntary effort to get the system back up and hopefully more bullet proof than it used to be."

Reports were given by the President, Treasurer, Ethnic Broadcasters, and News Team. Then the committee stood down to make way for new blood.

Your new 2Nim-FM committee is: Bob Tissot as President, Stuart Cameron as Vice President, Judy Hale as Treasurer, Pampussycat Bourne as Secretary, plus Mario Santini as station technician.

Mim Hanley is assistant treasurer,

Caroline Cowley is sponsorship and fundraiser rep, Wolfgang Stemmer head of Ethnic Broadcasting, plus Katrina Edwards, Ian Wickham, Matthias Wuertel, and Jack Banfield are also on the committee.

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Good riddance!



There is now one less traffic hazard on Gungas Road, Nimbin.

The tree growing on a dangerous bend in the road has been removed by a group of concerned citizens, frustrated by Lismore Council's inaction following two deaths and at least 17 accidents at the site.

The last fatality, of popular young mum Andrea Lago in September, sparked widespread condemnation of Council's maintenance of its roadside verges, and raised questions about where

developers' road levies were being spent.

Council's current Local Development Plan permits an additional 300 dwellings along Gungas Road, and several subdivisions are currently underway, so traffic in the road is set to increase.

The removal was well-organised and efficiently carried out by a small team, which included traffic controllers.

The scarred trunk, blazed by frequent collisions, was raised onto a truck and taken away to be burnt.



Nimbin Hospital Auxiliary Garage Sale

Over the past year the Nimbin Hospital Auxiliary has been on a huge fundraising drive.

So far, with our garage sales, trivia night and raffles, we have raised approximately \$3,500. The money will enable us to purchase some much-needed equipment.

Our next garage sale and sausage sizzle will be on Saturday 21st November outside the old hospital entrance. We are happy to start receiving your donations. Contact Leanne, Viola or Heidi. Thank you for your continued support.

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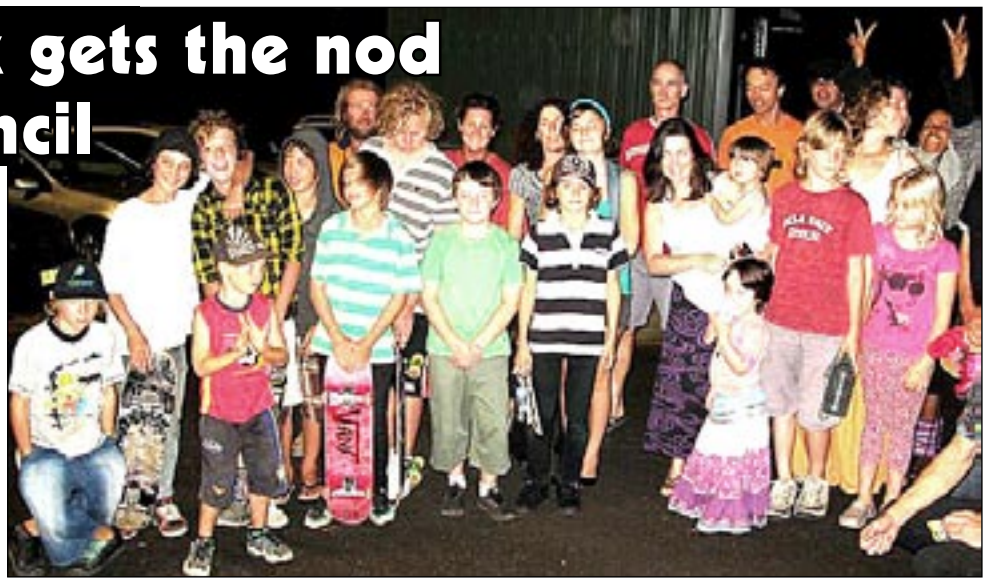
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Skatepark gets the nod from Council

A large Ninbin contingent (right) attended last month's Council meeting to hear Connor Anderson (third from left) make an impassioned plea for a skate facility for the village.

One of several possible projects for federal infrastructure funding, the Nimbin proposal for a concrete facility gained the unanimous support of councillors on the night.

Skater mum Laurelli Anderson said that since then, "I am in constant



contact with Mayor Jenny Dowell in regard to the next stages of development, design

and consultation, and will inform the community as these processes develop.

In the meantime, Council is providing a bus to take skaters to neighbouring parks.

Cops try being nice



Police showed their good side during October: (left) Smolder inspects returned Hemp Embassy goods seized during raids on 1st April 2008; (above) Andrew Walker samples the Police BBQ.

Gateway for working Carers

With the recent introduction of new workplace legislation, the Lismore NSW based Working Carers Gateway project is finding that there is a greatly increasing demand for information on flexible work arrangements.

"The Gateway website, at www.workingcarers.org.au has had more than a 30% jump in visitors over the last two months, which I believe can be attributed to the new workplace laws," said Gateway Project Coordinator, Isaac Smith.

"Carers in particular are very interested in changes around workplace flexibility. All workers now have the right to request flexible conditions for reasons such as family commitments and acting in a caring role.

"Various reports over the past 12 months put carer numbers at around 20-25% of the population. So any business with more than four employees is likely to have a carer in their workplace." Mr Smith said.

"Research also show us

that carers, when given a little flexibility to manage their work/life balance, are the best workers. They see work as a break from their often difficult caring role which makes them loyal, hard working and stable employees."

The Working Carers Gateway is funded by NSW Health. Being internet based, it has a national footprint, but has a focus on NSW carers in particular. The service is auspiced by DAISI, the Disability and Aged Information Service.

The Gateway has information, in plain language, to support busy working carers. They provide access to a free monthly newsletter, fact sheets, links and a service directory to help inform and empower people in a caring role.

The site also provides specialised information to employers, employees and people who identify as CALD or Indigenous.

Visit the gateway website at www.workingcarers.org.au

More visitors flock to Nimbin

The Nimbin Visitor Information Centre (VIC) has recorded a staggering increase in visitor numbers, with over 72,000 visitors to the centre in the past 12 months.

Andrew Walker, Coordinator of the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre said, "Visitor numbers have increased by 25% on the previous year, with an average of 206 visitors coming through the doors of the Information Centre each day."

To accommodate the large volume of visitors Lismore City Council has extended opening hours at the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre, which is now open 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm.

"Our main objective is to develop more attractions and activities in and around the village, which will encourage visitors to stay for longer periods, resulting in greater spending and economic benefits for the community," Andrew said.

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Future Ownership of Peace Park – Community Or Council? Have Your Say

by Diana Roberts
on behalf of the NCCI management committee

Nimbin Community Centre needs to make a decision about future ownership of Peace Park and would like to engage the wider community in their deliberations. The issues (not necessarily in order of significance):

- Construction of facilities such as a playground and skate park necessitates regular maintenance of Peace Park. Nimbin Community Centre does not currently generate enough income for maintenance beyond periodic mowing and brushcutting. Requests to council for assistance in past years have not been successful (with one exception).
- Insurance premiums to date have been relatively low as we have benefited from Council's bulk purchasing power. Indications

are that Community Centre insurance premiums will rise considerably (by many thousands of dollars per annum) once a skate park is operational unless it is owned by Council.

- It has been suggested by Council staff that under the guidelines the \$449,000 in government funding for the new concrete skate park may not be given to a facility where ownership of the land does not rest with Council. Given the tight timeframes surrounding funding there is a risk associated with insisting on ownership being vested with the community.
- Ownership of the park by the same organisation that owns the Community Centre is a potential liability to the Community Centre as a community asset. (This could be overcome by a new community organisation with no assets taking ownership of Peace Park, although the insurance and

maintenance issues remain). The preferred position of the Nimbin Community Centre management committee is ownership of Peace Park be vested in Council. They would then be responsible for maintenance and insurance of the Park for public use. To provide some surety the park will remain as open space it is considered imperative the park be reclassified from operational to community land (refer Local Government Act 1993 s26).

Classification as community land will require council to develop a plan of management and would not allow parcels to be subdivided off (without reclassification which requires community consultation and ministerial approval).

One possible disadvantage of this position is that the community loses autonomy over the park that we purchased. It is also conceivable that the park could be reclassified



operational in the future and this would allow parts to be sold if the legal requirements stated previously are met. There has already been interest expressed in commercial development along the Sibley Street frontage.

Nimbin Community Centre has been deliberating over this issue for many years, aware of some strong community feeling to retain ownership. It's now crunch time and we need to

make a decision. To give us your feedback, please either email your thoughts and suggestions to ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au phone 6689-0000 or attend a special meeting being held in conjunction with our AGM, 6pm Nimbin Town Hall Thursday 26th November, 2009.

As we are a community organisation, we would appreciate hearing from you, whatever your opinion.

A New Park for Nimbin?



by Monika Boenigk

Virtually every town and village in Australia has a nice, large park for people to walk around in, push the pram or walk the dog after shopping or doing business. Often the park has a theme which fits with the area or the philosophy of its residents.

Such park is an important, timeless public asset, to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Interest groups meet in it, mum and bub-groups hold picnics, kids go and kick a ball, fitness fans do their morning jogging or tai chi there. Older residents go and contemplate life while being surrounded by village-

atmosphere. There is even the odd wedding to be seen.

Even if a park is not used to capacity, the mere fact that it is there — right in the center of town — is reassuring and calming, especially with urbanisation creeping into every nook and cranny of existence.

Why does Nimbin not have a park? Nimbin stands for greening, trees, clean waterways, community activities and ambience. But it does not have a proper park! Perhaps people think that everyone "goes for walks" on their own acreage. But in my experience and listening to other people round town, when on your



own land you see "constant toil", or "lantana as far as the eye can see". And since we are social creatures, we like to mingle, go out, go visiting, leave the solitude of an acreage in the bush from time to time to absorb some village life.

Nimbin has a terrific if intense main street to boast, which is always an experience. However, how many times can you walk up and down the street? Where else is there to go? Many residents in the

surrounding hills drive 10-15 minutes, even longer, to get into the village. I for one don't want to drive home straight after taking my mail to the post office or getting my shopping, nor do I necessarily want to spend money in the cafes every time I visit. But what else is there to do outdoors? How can one remain in the village for a good while without feeling "a little flustered"

by the ongoing theatre of main street?

Over the four years I have lived here, I have "pushed" my way into the Showground, doing the rounds there, after getting permission from the owners. Otherwise, I just find empty blocks

to walk on, I think it is called trespassing.

But it is utterly enjoyable to stroll along, in walking distance from town, while listening to the village noise, the drums or chanting (or swearing), while marvelling at the surrounding mountain ranges and the ever-changing skies. Get the idea?

So, I want to take the vision of a proper park to the good people of Nimbin. The village is currently in the process of expansion,

and in a few years' time, there won't be as much as a postage stamp available for the recreational needs of residents of Nimbin Valley. Opportunities of securing a decent sized block of land for the future needs of Nimbin are quickly waning.

On my constant search for places around the village to go for a walk, I discovered that there is currently a lightly treed, level 5 acre lot on offer, right in the center of town, nestled between the Swimming Pool, Caravan Park, Aquarius Village and Header's Football fields.

It is essentially a wetland-haven for birds as a seasonal creek meanders through it. This block would lend itself perfectly to all sorts of passive recreational pursuits the Nimbin community might be into.

I have been looking for a community project to get my teeth into for quite a while and I feel really excited

about floating the idea of a Nimbin Community Park. With this article, I would like to canvas village opinion and also invite some people to become part of a working party to examine the possibilities.

So, if this article awakens your interest or passion, could you please contact me for a get-together. Furthermore, I'd like to ask all readers to send me an email simply stating either YES or NO to the idea of setting up a trust and somehow obtaining land for a park. This will give me a good idea of community sentiment.

I will also endeavour to present at the annual meeting between the Nimbin Community and Lismore Council on 16th November at 7pm in the Town Hall, so please keep your emails or phone calls coming!

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Community Safety Audit findings

Safety Audits are about improving the physical environment in ways to make public places like parks, bus stops and streets safer for everyone. It is also about how people feel in the community and about developing and implementing programs that can also prevent unintentional injury.

On Thursday 25th June 2009, community members, business people, Council and NSW Police representatives assessed safety concerns in the Nimbin Village precinct. The two groups made their way around Nimbin during the day and night to conduct the Safety Audit.

The audit team identified issues such as: –

- Some areas imply there is no ownership, care or control of the area
- Maintenance and landscaping in some areas is poor. Shrubbery has not been trimmed and maintained and there is some loose rockery.
- Vandalism and graffiti
- Lighting at night is poor with some lights physically broken or not working.
- Sightlines into the audit area from the street are obscured by overgrown landscaping.
- There are a number of concealment and entrapment points caused by poor design of the buildings, car parks, and general landscaping.
- Some signage is inadequate and vandalised.
- A Pedestrian crossing in the

main street is not lit and not signposted.

- Public toilets not secured as stated on signage and encourage vandalism.
- Poor state of some posts, uneven footpaths, uneven crossings, pot holes and drainage issues, holes in car-park.
- Unsafe pedestrian crossing near Skate Park and security and poor lighting all the way towards Bowling Club.
- Restricted vision for drivers due to overgrown shrubbery & rock walls.
- Consideration to traffic calming devices to curb speeding.

Some of the key recommendations of this report include: –

- Owners of alleys and lanes to be encouraged to make them secure and well lit.
- Undertake a lighting plan in accordance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles that brings the illumination up to Australian Standards and reduces vandalism.
- Repair of the existing lighting as a matter or priority
- Implementation of a regular proactive rapid repair and maintenance program by Council.
- Implementation of a landscape maintenance program to ensure sightlines are maintained, lighting is not obscured and garden areas kept neat and tidy.

- Improvement of pedestrian walkways from CBD to adjacent streets.
- Cycleway/shared zone be established.
- Cullen Street pedestrian crossing needs major overhaul.
- Bus stop needs regular maintenance
- Encourage community use of the facilities by encouraging community groups, government bodies and sporting organisations to conduct programs in the audit area.

The recommendations will be incorporated into Lismore Council's planning process. Council works towards ensuring a safer community through providing information, consulting with the local community and developing innovative community safety programs. Council will be working in partnership with the local community, police and other organisations to address maintenance, and community safety issues of significance to the local area.

To improve community safety, all sections of the community need to work together to create a safer environment in which to work, live and play.

The Nimbin Chamber of Commerce hopes to work closely with Council and the local businesses and property owners to see some of the report's recommendations implemented.

Action sought on bad drain (again)

Earlier this year a tree was removed from the blister outside the Nimbin Emporium. While there was some strong opposition to this, Council maintained it was necessary, as its roots were blocking the drain adjacent to the footpath.

Council committed to removing the tree, fixing the drain (which involves rebuilding part of the blister) and planting a replacement tree. The tree has gone, the drain is not fixed and remains an eyesore and health hazard, and no new tree has been planted.

While the footpath in Nimbin in general is in a very poor state, this area is particularly bad, as water does not drain away, creating pools on the pavement and in the drain that lie stagnant for days. This is one of many maintenance issues Lismore Council needs to address for Nimbin.

A recent safety audit undertaken by the Police, Council and community members identified a plethora of other areas requiring maintenance for safety purposes, while maintenance for aesthetics is also crying out to be done.

The Nimbin Chamber of Commerce would like to encourage all community members to attend the annual Community Contact



Chamber of Commerce members (clockwise): Peter Wise, Chris Harris and Diana Roberts inspect the Cullen Street drainage.

Forum that Council will be holding in Nimbin Town Hall on 16th November.

This is your opportunity to raise issues directly with Councillors and to hear what is planned for Nimbin over the next six months or so.

New "Made in Nimbin" labels available



The Nimbin Chamber of Commerce is proud to introduce a new labelling system for everything "Made in Nimbin".

We feel that by introducing this system, we will be able to give to the wider Community a greater knowledge of all things which have been created, crafted or produced locally.

We believe that by identifying our local products with the "Made in Nimbin" label, we will in the long run give to our Community a greater sense of pride and some tangible economical benefits.

Nimbin is not only a place of magnificent landscapes, rolling hills, majestic volcanic rock formations and lush rainforests, it is also a place of awakening where people of different cultures mingle and we inspire them to explore different lifestyles, the land rewards its carer with a wide bounty of produce and artistic pursuits.

Nimbin is a place rich in culture and inspiration; it has been for a long time a cradle for renowned artists and new emerging ones, others are dedicated to manage the land with sustainability in

mind; all of them deserve to be supported and foster a higher level of recognition for their efforts.

We would like to encourage all our local businesses in supporting this project by purchasing and using this labelling system in all the products which are clearly and indisputably "Made in Nimbin".

To order the "Made in Nimbin" labels please contact Peter Hughes on 6689-1470 or email: pjh@lis.net.au (1 sheet with 155 labels at \$6.00, 2 sheets with 310 labels at \$10.00)



Street performer Leif at the Nimbin markets



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Nimbin Chamber of Commerce invite business owners to their Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Monday 23rd November at Nimbin Bowling Club at 6pm. There will be nibbles upon arrival, and the meeting will be followed by supper for existing and new members. Membership fee is only \$50 per business. To join the Chamber is to invest in your business and your community. For catering purposes, please advise your attendance to the Secretary by email: eugenic11@hotmail.com by 18th November.

NIMBIN COMMUNITY MEETING

Residents and members of the local Nimbin community are invited to come along and meet with Lismore City Councillors at the annual Nimbin Community Meeting to be held on Monday, November 16, 2009.

The meeting will be held at Nimbin School of Arts beginning at 7.00 p.m.



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Lismore's live music scene

by Pam Bourne

I caught up with local musicians (pictured) Darren Bridge (Birdbrain) and Glen Deaf (The Tendons), who spoke about the music scene in Lismore.

Darren said, "I'm just a music fan. I've discovered that I am not alone, there are plenty of them in Lismore.

I do what I can to get local bands playing, I've got a lot of local bands in Lismore that I really like the sound of."

Glen said, "There are venues for bands, at least for cover bands. I like watching a good covers band. But a lot of people I think also like watching bands that primarily write their own material and primarily say something that they want to say in their own way. I think a lot of people have an artistic integrity where they want to say something the way they want to say it. There aren't many venues for that type of a band."

Darren said, "It's hard to put a band like that into a pub that probably is expecting the more sing-a-long hearty jolly drinking music. I think some people find it a bit of an effort to go and see a live band."

Glen: "I think there are younger people who want to see live bands but local bands aren't cool enough. They want festivals, and can't wait to go and see it all somewhere like Melbourne. They are actually seeing the

same thing in Melbourne, which is grass-roots local bands. Because there hasn't been somewhere with a reputation for having a good sound, and bands that come in and try hard, I think the older folk can't be bothered. They're at home with the kids. But that was changing with the Winsome."

Darren: "We tend to regard bands from out of town highly, it's funny. We're doing a tour into Brisbane in a few weeks with Birdbrain, Tendons and a few other bands, and there is a poster in Brisbane touting how exciting it is to have these bands from Lismore coming to town. Yet you come to Lismore and you'll see the same poster and it will say Leadfinger... from Brisbane!"

"It's funny because it is exciting to have bands coming from out of town, it adds more culture, another colour, another dimension to what's going on. But for me, I feel it's my job to get the local bands happening. The cover bands are finding work, that's great, god knows I've played in many a cover band, I still do play the odd cover. The touring bands are getting work too. That's great, too. But these great grungy local amazingly creative bands...?"

Glen: "You don't get good if you don't play."

So check the local paper, and find something fresh in the local music scene. You may be pleasantly surprised!

Two Dates of note

The Lismore Jazz Club has a date – with the Date Brothers on Thursday, 12th November. They will be performing at the Lismore City Bowling Club from 7pm to 10pm. Admission is \$10 members and \$15 non members. Bring your own cheese/antipasto platter.

Ian, originally from Casino, is now based in Ireland. He returns to our shores once a year to make an ongoing contribution to the Australian jazz and music scene. Ian's playing has been informed and influenced by a strong love of the jazz tradition and guitar greats such as Django Reinhardt, Barney Kessel and Wes Montgomery.

Long regarded as one of the greatest guitar players to have emerged from



Australia, Ian has had a long history playing with the greats. James Morrison, Don Burrows, Tom Baker, George Washingmachine, just to name a few. He has also recorded and toured with international guitar phenomena Martin Taylor, Robin Nolan and the gypsy legend Fapy Lafertin.

Nigel, originally from Byron Bay, is based in Sydney. There he plays with lots of the best jazz musicians and ensembles. He has performed at the Jazz Club in recent times with Brisbane combo, The Gypsy Swingers.

If you have seen them before you will know what to expect. For those of you who missed the previous years show, be sure not to miss them this time. The Date Brothers provide an evening of entertainment as only brothers can. They will be joined in concert by our very own double bass legend Jack Thorncraft.

This will be a fantastic night of great song, humour and fantastic guitar playing.

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Forest Festival

A celebration of Tasmania's forests will be held in the Jackeys Marsh valley in Northern Tasmania from 5th-7th February, 2010.

The festival will focus on the diverse forests of the Great Western Tiers through art, music, walks and workshops. It will give patrons an opportunity to engage in a family friendly, intimate and regional Tasmanian event with a sustainable living focus.

The first Jackeys Marsh forest festival was held in 1983 as a response to the announcement by government and the Forestry Commission that the forests of the valley would be logged. From a strategy session held at that first festival the Tasmanian Forest Action Network was born and the campaign began to try to protect all of Tasmania's old growth and high conservation forests. Since then some forests have been lost and some have been saved. At least half of the forests of Jackeys Marsh now have permanent protection.

In 2009 the need still exists to celebrate the forests of Tasmania, gain information on how to protect them, learn how to count the carbon they contain, and talk and

exchange information and ideas with other forest activists. It is also important to provide an opportunity for a new generation to experience pristine old growth forests and share the wonder and the beauty of the forest environment. This festival provides those opportunities.

Next year's festival will offer guided walks, children's activities, environmental art, workshops, a sustainable living expo, music and entertainment and great food. A hand-crafted pizza oven will cater to those hungry tummies after a day of workshops and entertainment, as well as heaps of other food and stalls, and musical styles will be very diverse, varying from folk to rock, gypsy, indie, blues and classical, with something to appeal to all age groups.

Camp under the stars on the banks of Jackeys Creek with friends or family for a night, or stay for the whole weekend. Earlybird tickets are available up to 30th December for \$70 (adult), \$60 (child) and \$160 (family) for the weekend, with day tickets also available. Ticketing information is available at: www.forestfestival.org

The full programme will also be available there, closer to the date.

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Nimbin poets wow them in Lismore comp

by Pam Bourne

The air was electric as poets gathered at the Rous Hotel for the 18th Lismore Poetry Cup. 23 finalists competed for the cup. The rules were simple, a 2-minute time limit, and poets would be judged on their performance. Lismore poets meet monthly at the Rous on a Wednesday night to share the stories that they weave with words.

This year, the cup was presented to Nimbin local Jane Treasure for 'Slinky Mink', a piece about her mother's wardrobe and a mink jacket. The poem also looks at the dilemma faced by vegetarians about the wearing leather or fur. Her poem had a huge response from the listeners.

Dr Len Martin won the people's choice award for his piece titled 'Tablets of Stone - A Blasphemy'. This poem explored the intolerance and judgement often shown by religious groups. He said, "I was amazed at the audience reaction." Len was the winner of the Nimbin Performance poetry World Cup in 2008.

Lismore local Jennie Dell was disqualified from the cup for going over the time limit, but was awarded the



Winner: Jane Treasure

inaugural Geraldine Cup for her poem 'Dust'. This prize is named after the belated poet Geraldine Bigelow who died of breast cancer this year. Jennie's poem was inspired by the dust storm last month.

It is a credit to the Nimbin poets that two winners were from the Nimbin area. Poetry meetings held at the Nimbin Oasis Cafe on the second Thursday of the month, allow poets to try out new pieces, and hone performance skills. Gail M Clarke said, "This month Nimbin poets meet on the 12th. It is in a Scorpio moon. I invite everyone to come along, and I'm looking forward to the sharing."

Certainly this is a fertile ground for expression of thoughts in words. Nimbin is also home of the Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup on the first weekend in August.

Special thanks to sponsors of the Lismore Poetry Cup, Noah's Ark and Inner Sanctum.

* At the Lismore Show, Max Strong won the Bigelow Prize for poetry, with Len Martin coming second. Len also won an award for the poet most in need of a haircut!



Len Martin with his muse, Kay

Ukitopia Festival prepares for lift-off

On the weekend of 14th and 15th November, the quiet village of Uki will come to life with the annual Ukitopia Festival.

The Ukitopia festival, in its second year, is a two-day event where the whole community gets involved with creating the space and has an opportunity to celebrate its year together.

Last year it was a one-day event, and the village was absolutely filled to capacity. This year we have extended the festival over two days and with the Uki Public School and The Uki Kids Club: OOSH involved, there will be more space, more parking and more children's and youth activities.

The festival begins at 2pm on the Saturday afternoon with live music on the main stage from 3pm and creative community space making including a wishing wall, lantern and flag making.

Saturday evening as the day cools, the night comes alive with the opening of the Images of Uki art exhibition (6pm), funky dancing under the stars with live music on the main stage, and for a quieter evening, a concert featuring intimate performances by talented singer-songwriters in the historic Anglican church.

On Sunday, the festivities begin at 9am with the Buttery Bazaar Markets, live music on two stages, street

performances and Uki's first "Eco Expo" where local eco businesses promote their businesses, in the Uki Public School grounds. There will be creative arts, soccer and "get wet" activities for the kids. The festival ends at 6pm.

This is a free community event organised by the Ukitopia Arts Collective a non-profit organisation. Donations of around \$10 will be gratefully accepted at the festival to contribute to the costs.

Pencil in Ukitopia festival for the whole weekend and prepare for the ride! Keep checking the MySpace for more updates, at www.myspace.com/ukitopiaartscollective

Sculpture, woodwork and more

Pretty Gully Studio's Open Day Sunday 8th November 9am to 5pm at 564 Byrill Creek Road, Byrill Creek.

Enjoy a stroll through the Organic Garden and see Lana's Stone Sculpture



Studio and Rob's Woodwork Studio, with an exhibition of students sculptures and works in progress

Lana's Garden is featured in the November edition of Burke's Backyard Magazine and was shown on Jamie Durie's TV Show 'Australia's Best Back Yards' in 2007.

Lana and Rob designed and built Mavis's Kitchen Garden

Entry by donation in support of Ukitopia Arts Collective. Ample Parking.

For more info, visit www.lanastudio.com or phone 6679-7280.

Broadfoot

Mullumbimby-based band, Broadfoot will travel over the caldera rim on Friday 13th November, to play at the Nimbin Hotel.

When the band last played there in July, they enjoyed the enthusiastic response from the dancing out in front and the guys look forward to more of the same.

Featuring the twin guitar 'attack' of John 'The Master' Moodie and Matt 'Crazy Crab' Cleary, Broadfoot's sound is bluesy, funky and danceable, with twangs of rock, country and plenty of improvising thrown in as well.

With influences like the Stones, Hendrix, Cream, Creedence and JJ Cale, this



'Crazy Crab' Cleary.

gig is sure to get you rocking.

For more of a taste of the Broadfoot thing, their myspace page is at www.myspace.com/broadfootmusic

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