



Nimbin hosts Lightning Carnival

by Chris Hellyer

The Nimbin Demons recently hosted the Summerland AFL pre-season lightning carnival. All six teams were at the Nimbin showgrounds and played a total of nine half-hour games on the day.

Nimbin was a bit short for players so we borrowed some from Lismore. Unfortunately, we failed to notch up a victory in our three games, however we were reasonably competitive.

Billy Walker played really well, displaying speed that could not be matched. Kenny Roberts did well in the centre and in our final game, he started to dominate in that position. Viince Cavanaugh is perhaps the hardest tryer in the league. He never gives up. Rick Oss-Emer played well in defence. He is a definite plus to the side.

The final game was between the two teams that remained undefeated. Byron, the reigning premiers, managed

Above: New kids on the block, the Coolangatta Blues playing eventual overall winners, the Lismore Swans

to win through even though their player numbers were down. Lismore won through with plenty of players and fitness on their side.

The result of the final was: Lismore 5-5-35 defeated Byron 0-4-4.

Lismore's fitness told in the end. Byron did have its chances, but was perhaps a bit unlucky on a couple of occasions.

The pre-season carnival in Nimbin will be an annual event from which the club will benefit.

We would like to thank our major sponsors: Nimbin Hotel, Rainbow Power Co, Nimbin Newsagency, Bringabong and the Aquarius Butcher and Bakery.

Training is at the Nimbin



Showgrounds on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30pm. For more information, please phone Julian on 6689-7587.

Nimbin Headers start a soggy season



by Simone Rutley and Gary Whisker

6th division grand final runners-up, 2009

Pre-season organisation is well underway in preparation for the 2010 season. Whilst the rain has been fantastic for filling up water storage, it has not been so good for soccer training.

With many of the February and March sessions cancelled we have struggled to get junior teams together. There are no players in some age groups and too many for others. This has been heartbreaking for those who have missed out.

Nevertheless there are four strong junior teams, U8'S, U9'S, U11'S, U14'S.

There are also 2 senior men's teams and 1 women's team.

Congratulations to the women who just managed to squeeze in their nomination. Training for the senior teams will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. Juniors will have a fitness and skills session from 4:15 - 5:30 on Tuesdays with Yarn and team training with their various coaches on Thursday afternoons.

Please note the club's new wet weather phone number: 0409-608-664. You can call after noon on training days to find out if training is on or not. It will be a recorded message only, so please do not leave message. If you need further information call Gary on 6689-1530 or come down to training.

You can also check out

upcoming fixtures or general soccer news on the Football Far North Coast's website: www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au.

The club is also getting involved in MardiGrass this year. We have the task of organising and running the official parking. Other than sponsorship this will be our major fundraiser for the year. Thanks to the MardiGrass crew for offering us the opportunity. If it works out we are hoping it will be an annual fundraiser. Monies raised will be directed toward fixing the driveway! Anyone familiar with the club will understand the urgency of this maintenance.

So whilst the club has suffered from a soggy pre-season, perhaps causing a little 'shrinkage', we are expecting, with some energetic shaping, it will be a fit, fun 2010.



Ted Cox

Nimbin Garden Club Notes



by Ossie Osborne

Saturday, 20th March saw the NGC at Hendrik and Nana DeVries' lovely property off Stoney Chute Road.

Although a little unsettled in the morning, the afternoon cleared to be one of those beautiful sunny days that are so welcome here in autumn. Hendrik and Nana enjoy one of the best outlooks in the district. With Lilian Rock in the foreground, Blue Knob looming up to the right and Mt. Warning standing sharp and clear in the distance to the left, the view alone was worth the journey. It was certainly admired by about 25 members and guests who made the trip.

Hendrik and Nana have lived here for some 16 or 17 years and their extensive planting of sub-tropical and temperate fruit trees are now very productive. Hendrik was very generous with both his time and his knowledge and his

outstanding memory for both names and dates was much appreciated by all.

He had an interesting tale to tell about his olive tree which illustrates some of the difficulties of fruit production we face in this area. It seems that the wallabies also love olives and harvest the fruit from ground level up to about a metre. The King Parrots do the same thing from the top of the tree down. If Hendrik gets even one olive it has been a good year. The local wildlife obviously does not believe in sharing!

The day was capped off with a great afternoon tea which was so enjoyable that nobody wanted to go home. My thanks go to all the very proficient chefs who obviously went to heaps of trouble to provide those goodies. Thanks also to Hendrik and Nana for the "loan" of their beautiful property.

The next club outing will be on 17th April, when we visit Eternity Springs Art Farm at 483 Tunttable Creek Road.

For any visitors who wish to attend, the route from Nimbin is by way of Gungas Road, Tunttable Falls Road and then Tunttable Creek Road. The total distance from Nimbin PO is 12.7km. You will find the property on the right about 1km past Tunttable Creek School and it is clearly identified by a large sign and a beautiful drystone wall.

This is a very unusual property, as Amanda Furze is an artist who likes living amongst her own creations. I hope to see you all there.



Pictures of the de Vries garden by Sue Alder and Ian Macdonald

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8:10	9:15	1:00	3:40	9:15*	3:40*
8:14	9:18	1:03	3:44	9:18*	3:44*
8:20	9:20	1:05	3:50	9:20*	3:50*
8:30	9:30	1:15	4:00	9:30*	3:55*
8:40	9:32	1:17	4:05	9:32*	4:00*
3:15	8:00*	12:00	2:35	8:00*	2:35*
3:35	8:03*	12:03	2:40	8:03*	2:40*
3:45	8:15*	12:10	2:45	8:15*	2:45*
3:55	8:23*	12:12	2:48	8:18*	2:48*
4:00	8:25*	12:15	2:55	8:20*	2:55*
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Back on the water

by Pixie, Fishing Reporter

Well, it's good to be back. Over the holiday period, the Nimbin Heads Fishing Team didn't do much on the water, and when we did organise a fishing outing, the seas were too big or the winds were howling, and when we finally did get to sea and caught some fish, bad photography spoiled the story.

So now it's predator season, meaning chasing tuna, wahoo, spotted mackerel and Spanish mackerel, and after another cancellation due to strong winds, yahoo! – three days later a day off work and fishing for predator fish.

Friday morning at 6am, it's so dark you need a torch to find the boat, then cruising up the river with just enough light to cross the bar, the morning looked great, with Gerard, Cal, Pix, Mick, Kev, Rob and Josh on board. Now we needed live bait, which was easy to find in the form of slimy mackerel, yakkas and pike, a good variety of bait.

We went and anchored on an inside reef, set up five balloons with livies two metres under the surface and then we wait. The colour of the water didn't look good for predator fish, being a dirty green, but it didn't take long for Gerard's and Pix's bait to get smashed, and we both landed mac tuna around 6½kg. Over the next hour, the guys landed a couple of bonito and a couple of smaller mac tuna, but this just wasn't Spanish mackerel, so we decided to go to an outside reef for some wahoo.

The water there looked good, a nice colour of blue, good for predator fish, so we trolled three hardbody lures for about an hour. Looked good but done no good – that's fishing. The current was gushing, so it was no good going any wider, and the decision was made to



Josh and 15kg longfin tuna



go back in close, but try a different reef.

We set up the pink balloons again and then comes the wait. Cal was first, he hooked up to a 4kg spotty mackerel, then Josh hooked up to a big fish and played it for ages. 20 minutes later he landed a 15kg longtail tuna. About an hour later, Rob hooked up to a freight train that peeled off about 200 metres of line on its first run, then the fight was on. Last fish of the day and it didn't want to come anywhere near the boat.

After about 20 minutes of fighting this fish, it was closer but not that close, and it decided to go round the boat twice and tangle any line still in the water, then up and around the anchor rope. Rob was in a sweat but wouldn't hand the rod over, no matter how many times you asked him, he was on the fish for about ½ an hour before it was close enough to gaff, and he landed a longtail tuna, the twin of Josh's fish, both being 15.14kg each.

After nine hours at sea, it was time to come back home, but what a great day on the water. With the bonito and mac tuna to fillet up ready for our upcoming Fraser Island trip, which just happens to be 47 sleeps away. 12 guys, four boats, can't wait. On that note, tight lines and good fishing, guys.



Cal and spotty mackerel



Rob, Gerard, Pix and Josh

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Peter is the official licensee. He lives in the area and is a keen sports enthusiast. He is also our business specialist as well as rural and residential sales. Come in and meet him.



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EAGLES NEST \$110,000



Set high on a ridge is this 2 acre block. With large area of high plateau embracing panoramic views of hills and valleys. Great value for a great building block.

LITTLE CABIN IN THE WOODS \$150,000



Sitting right at the top ridge is this quaint little one room cabin. The cabin would make the ideal weekend getaway, just a few hours from Brisbane and less than 2 hours from the Gold Coast. It is easy to be inspired in this setting perched atop the ridge line the cabin seems to float amongst a forest of tall beautiful gum trees.

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NIMBIN \$199,999 + S.A.V.



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NIMBIN \$305,000



Views, breezes and locality! That's the beauty of this one. Three bedrooms and kitchen open onto timber deck.

Kitchen with views north to Sphinx Rock, Blue Knob and east over a pretty rural district view. Mixed hardwood flooring, main bedroom has A/C.

Over 1500m2 block lends to further development of extra dwellings. (STCA). Stroll into the village and the wonderful amenities Nimbin has to offer.

Sit on this one and watch it hatch!

Ref.#1260

UKI \$690,000



This quality 1921 homestead fully renovated in 2005 is currently run as a guesthouse, wheelchair friendly and caters for up to 10 guests. Includes state of the art kitchen, entertaining/lounge room, billiards, wireless internet, cable TV, reverse cycle A/C and quality bedding and inclusions.

The deck out front captures the lovely views of Mt Warning whilst the deck out the back provides BBQ facilities and overlooks the palm fringed saltwater pool. Situated in the picturesque and vibrant village of Uki just 40 minutes from the Gold Coast Airport you can build existing business (could make an ideal backpackers) or just move into a fabulously appointed home.

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BLUE KNOB \$850,000



Ankana is a very desirable 100 acre property located at Blue Knob in the Nightcap Ranges approx. an hour to the coast. Water galore, with 11 dams, 9 spring fed, permanent creek and waterfall. The house is 10 years young with 4 bedrooms, main is large with ensuite, has 12 foot ceilings, a/c and a combustion wood fire, with 25,000gal water storage for the house. It is currently running 22 breeders, but can have more if desired. There are a variety of fruit trees besides the 75 mangoes, including citrus, lychees, macadamia nut plus a 3yr old vineyard producing 300litres of red. 20m x 12m shed with power, shower and loo, stables, stockyard, pig sty and milking shed. Separate entertaining area with deck overlooking one of the dams to enjoy your red wine. Work the farm or make the tree change, there is so much to enjoy!

Ref. #1278

STOKERS SIDING \$459,000



This one will appeal to those who want acreage, but don't want to spend their weekends mowing them.

It is a 1304m2 parcel with large acreage on either side located at Stokers Siding and very handy to the Tweed Valley Way.

A cosy three bedroom red cedar cottage (main bedroom extra large), two bathrooms and separate accommodation with ensuite (ideal for the teenager).

Two car lock-up garage, a lovely salt water pool and even a creek boundary. Plenty of water and grounds flat and easy to maintain.

Ref.#1276



MT. BURRELL \$495,000



Start your tree-change here on this beautiful parcel of land near Mount Burrell, surrounded by National Parks and having direct access to the Tweed River with an irrigation license in place.

Whether you are into horses, crop farming or would love an investment property with future development potential, then this is the property you have been waiting for. Solid, older style 2 bedroom house with lots of shedding and water infrastructure currently in place.

Great views to Mount Warning and ready access to Nimbin, Kyogle and Murwillumbah. Priced to sell. Inspect today!

Ref.#1193



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Start your family tree-change here with this beautiful 6 acres of park and native forest with its own permanent running creek with 2 cooling swimming holes. Enjoy the serenity and natural sounds of the bush in the well-appointed open plan 2 bedroom home where energy, light and air flow efficiency has been at the forefront of design. Add a 1+ bedroom self contained granny flat, 3 bay machinery / car shed and large workshop, low maintenance composting toilet and gravity fed rainwater and you will be living the green future today. Numerous established fruit trees, veggie garden, and abundant beautiful gardens.

Close to school bus route for the growing family or a life away from the everyday for the weekend escape. Just 10 minutes to Nimbin and 40 minutes to Lismore means you are away from it all yet so close.

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NIMBIN \$340,000



You want to make the alternative move but still have the convenience of walking distance to the vibrant Nimbin village? Well this one is the answer. You notice the quiet and get a great feeling when you enter this three bedroom home. Downstairs is open plan living/dining/kitchen and bathroom with slow combustion heating, that is also an alternative to the solar hot water system and is constructed of stone with timber floors. It is presently lit from solar and with some solar power sockets but is also connected to mains power. Upstairs there is another living area, three large bedrooms and a very pleasant deck that you can chill out overlooking Mt Nardi.

Ref.#1271



NIMBIN \$360,000



You'll fall in love as soon as you enter this very contemporary home that has been designed to bring the outdoors in, using glass, timber and colourbond, it is truly delightful.

Central are the living areas, ultra modern kitchen/dining, bathroom, and lounge, and both wings have a bedroom, walk in robe and own bathroom.

Separate office, A/C, walking distance to the unique village of Nimbin, there is so much more to tell!

Ref.#1252



NIMBIN \$479,000



Have you always yearned to live in a tranquil bush setting away from the hustle and bustle, yet still have all the conveniences of town? Whether you want to make the tree change, have a weekender away from the rat race or the perfect home to bring up a young family in a peaceful bush setting, this is the property for you. Set on 1.25 acres, this elevated 3 bedroom Western Red Cedar home has natural charm with polished wooden floors throughout, open-plan kitchen, dining and lounge. All bedrooms have built-in robes, the main and guest rooms with sliding doors on to the large verandah overlooking the native trees, lorikeets and wallabies. Fully fenced with its own creek, landscaped gardens and in-ground salt water pool! Just a short trip into town for all your shopping needs with all council amenities available - school bus, rubbish pickup, town water, and electricity.

Ref.#1280

