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## Election circus comes to town

It's that time again. Every day a new announcement by the Labor and Coalition leaders, every day a new attack on their opponents.

Labor's large majority should ensure that it is returned, though with fewer numbers, with many voters thankful enough for the subsidised solar panels, insulation, water tanks and hot water heaters to overcome their annoyance at the delay of the carbon trading scheme.

A field of nine candidates will contest

Richmond, with both a Lib and a Nat standing; while six will vie for Page.

The role of The Greens is becoming increasingly important, with the 9-11% preferences to Labor in the last election likely to be larger this time, and the real prospect of The Greens gaining the balance of power in the Senate.

The Wilderness Society has developed a list of questions (*below*) to put to candidates to help make sure your vote has the impact it deserves.

### THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY'S TOP 7 ELECTION 2010

- 1 Protect Australia's high-conservation value forests and reform the native forest logging industry ✓
- 2 Protect the Kimberley coast & its Humpback whale nursery grounds from industrialisation ✓
- 3 Create large marine sanctuaries to protect our marine life ✓
- 4 World Heritage protection for Cape York Peninsula with the agreement of the people of Cape York ✓
- 5 Cut carbon emissions now. Must incl. protecting/managing our carbon-storing forests, woodlands & grasslands ✓
- 6 Protect our great rivers from destruction by dams, mining & large-scale land clearing ✓
- 7 No new uranium mines or uranium mine expansion ✓

## Hands off our bridge!



Lismore Council intends to tear down Nimbin's picturesque wooden bridge at the northern village entry, when the new concrete bridge, now under construction, is completed.

Council's decision was made despite a community consultation on the fate of the old bridge last year, when many arguments for its retention were put forward.

Concerned residents have reacted angrily to the proposed demolition, starting a petition in an attempt to have Council's decision reversed.

Muralist Benny Zable said that maintenance costs had been a factor influencing Council, but argued that

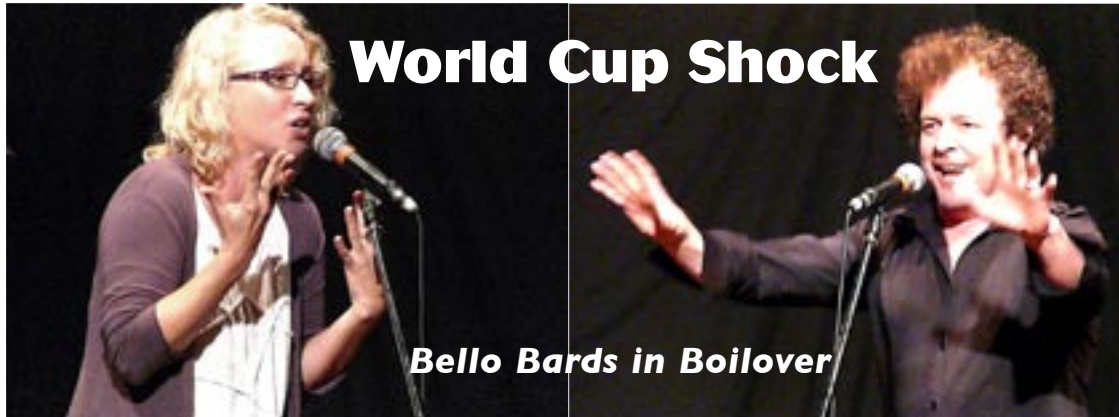
these would be minimal. "As a walkway for pedestrians and cyclists, and without the heavy trucks, the upkeep needed would be minimal," he said.

Others have seen the decision as a sign of how Council appears to be encouraging conventionalism to slowly but surely overtake uniqueness in the village.

Local resident Monika Boenigk said, "We want to keep our wooden bridge! I call upon Nimbin residents to make their opinions heard by writing to Lismore Council. We are not going to take this lying down."

Petitions can be signed at the Nimbin Environment Centre.

## World Cup Shock



Bello Bards in Boilover

by Leo Bradney-George

For the first time in its eight-year history, the Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup has ended in a split decision.

Deadlocked judges decided to award two cups rather than split one into two, resulting in dark horse Elizabeth Routledge, of Bellingen, tying with Tug Dumbly, well-known resident poet of 2JJJ (*both pictured above*).

They topped a list of 48 contestants from as far afield as Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, who fought their way through heats and semis, until eight poets lined up for the final on Sunday night, 1st August.

The School of Arts was packed, and resonated with laughter, tears and cheers as the finalists performed: Darkwing Dub, Robin Archbold, Tug Dumbly, Zelly, Doubting Thomas, Sophia Darcy-Cole, Elizabeth Routledge and Betsy Turcot.

Critics acclaimed the standard of performances, and one of the judges wished that the first prize could have been awarded to all



Poetry finalists, judges and organisers

eight of the finalists. A different judging panel decided the results of the heats and semi-finals, with the grand final judging panel consisting of last year's winner, Benny Zennabomb, blues artist of the year, L'il Fi, and acclaimed wordsmith, Jenny Dell.

The People's Choice award went to Craig Nelson, also of Bellingen.

As well as the performers and their supporters, the event attracted many other people, with one Scottish visitor describing it as "intense fun".

The Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup was established in 2002 by Gail M. Clarke and has grown from strength to strength, attracting contestants from all over Australia, and internationally.

"It's been an amazing weekend of fantastic performances again this year," Gail said.

"Huge thanks to all our



Craig Nelson

sponsors, judges, MCs, caterers, the list just goes on and on... and the audiences...everyone's been great."

One of the aims of the event is to encourage as many people as possible to "have a go" and, judging by the enthusiasm of the audiences, next year's event will be even bigger.

In accordance with the tradition of the Cup, this year's winners will be returning, but as judges rather than competitors.

Videos of the finalists' performances will be posted on the website [www.nimbinpoetry.com](http://www.nimbinpoetry.com)

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