



Nimbin Bush Fire Brigade

Car fire training exercise at Wyrallah for Village Firefighters.

by Marcus Mantscheff

Nimbin Volunteer Bushfire Brigade has been active since the early 1950s. Our volunteers are all community members and are trained in remote access, village and bush firefighting. Brigade volunteers are invaluable on the fireline. Nimbin Brigade attends all emergency incidents involving fire, road accidents and good will calls. We also monitor fire permits during the fire season and undertake hazard reduction burns for asset protection (forestry/ housing) and agricultural purposes. Permit season is now over until later this year, however please contact the Brigade (phone 6689-1221) if you have any concerns before you burn.

Nimbin community relies on the professional service and quick response of brigade members in emergency situations. The community also supports the brigade by participating as either active or auxiliary members. This weekend seven new Nimbin members undertook Bushfirefighter Training at Yorklea Fire Control Centre. With the support and experience of fire-seasoned Nimbin brigade members, these seven new chums are extending the capacity of Nimbin emergency services. Meeting the first Wednesday each month, the Nimbin brigade is open to all community members willing to undertake sponsored professional training with the Rural Fire Service. There is a strong network of Brigade support within the Nimbin community and neighbouring hamlets who rely on our bush and village trained firefighters.

Nimbin Volunteer Bushfire Brigade is located on emergency services land in Sibley Street. We meet here for regular meetings and whenever we respond to an emergency call. As such it is important for active brigade members to be able to quickly access Brigade property with their own authorised vehicles. Private cars, buses and vans that park in the driveway and grassed areas impede access and egress for emergency service personnel and vehicles. As amusing as it may sound to some to see a car nudged out of the way by 12 tonne of firetruck, it also slows Brigade response time. Private vehicles are unlikely to be insured for damage incurred when parked on emergency service land. So please observe the 'emergency service access' signage when it arrives.

Success again for Nimbin Brigade from the recent FaHCSIA Volunteer Grant enabling the purchase of new equipment. High powered backpack leaf blowers have proven to be a great success for brigades operating on the urban rural interface. Coupled with a new hose reel addition to our first response vehicle – Nimbin 1 Alpha – Nimbin find themselves better equipped for grass and forest fires as well as hazard reduction and structural fires.



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Hot topics fire up Northern Greens in Nimbin

by Giovanni Ebono

Detailed evidence of corruption in local government and the total failure of the Federal Government or the Opposition to manage our nation's water assets, health system or preparation for climate change topped the table of issues at a regional meeting of The Greens held at Nimbin in February.

Representatives from Tweed Greens, Ballina Greens, Byron Greens, Northern Rivers and Clarence Greens stayed the weekend and had a great time.

The Greens regularly hold regional meetings to coordinate campaign strategies. This year, the party is fired up to fight Federal and State election campaigns building on the work that Green councillors in Tweed, Lismore, Byron



Conference delegates

and Ballina have done, exposing the lacklustre leadership of the older parties.

One of the highlights of the weekend conference is the toolkit that has been established for rooting out corruption in local government. With the success of the Democracy4Sale website established to track developer donations to State government politicians, the party has established a reputation for putting entrenched politicians that try to feather their own

nests, on the line.

"Accountability is one of the cornerstones of democracy and local governments have got away without close scrutiny because there has been no organised opposition," said Terry Morgan, the Convenor of the Tweed Greens. "All that is about to change."

The regional meeting also resolved to use the Freedom of Information legislation and the resources of its elected representatives to unearth reports into management of forests, feral animals and weeds that have

been suppressed for various reasons.

With Northern NSW sometimes described as the weed capital of Australia, the collapse of managed investment services and the tax advantages given to forestry companies over farmers, these issues are of intense interest to local farmers as well as environmentalists.

The Nationals and The Greens have joined forces on a number of issues recently, especially the rights of coal companies to mine prime agricultural land on the Liverpool Plains.

The process of selecting candidates for the Federal Election this year was formally commenced at the meeting, and it is expected that the party will select candidates for the Federal seats of Richmond and Page before May this year.

Enviro film for No Rally Group fundraiser

The local 'No Rally Group' (NRG) has nearly reached its first anniversary. Concerned locals started this action group in response to the Special Events Legislation and the running of 'Repco Rally Australia' through our beautiful home of the Green Caldera.

At NRG's request, Tweed Shire Greens Councillor, Katie Milne, challenged the Repco Rally in court as a last minute attempt to stop it from going ahead.

The challenge was dismissed and Katie was then hit with legal costs of about \$25,000. During the rally madness last September, several activists ended up with smaller fines as well. Another \$8,000 has to be paid for an independent environmental impact study.

Fundraising has been very successful so far. This film night will be one of Nimbin's contributions. The Rainforest Information Centre has generously offered to match dollar-for-dollar the proceeds of the night (up to \$1000). The 'Radical Fairies' offered their exceptional catering skills, while Djangbung Gardens and the Nimbin Environment Centre promise clerical and other assistance.

It is going to be a fun night, at Nimbin Town Hall on Friday 19th March, with 'no rally' short films, auction and comedy, in addition to the main highlight 'The Age of Stupid', a full-length climate change awareness film from the UK, starring Pete Postlewaite.

Doors will open at 6 pm. Tickets are now available for \$10 at Perceptio and Nimbin Environment Centre. Meals, finger food, cakes, hot and cold drinks will be on sale.

For further information phone Rainer on 6689-7491 or Sledge on 6689-7466.



Uki Kids Club recyclers Jordan, Matilda, Hannah, Kristie and Katrina

Clean-up Australia Day

Sunday 7th March is the annual Clean-up Australia Day. Joan Hayman, Secretary of Kyogle Tidy Towns committee said, "There may be a particular area that disgusts you because it is untidy with litter: this is your opportunity to clean it up!"

Kyogle Tidy Towns committee is co-coordinating the Clean-up Australia Day activities this year for Kyogle township. Sign-on will be at the Showground between 8am and 10am on Sunday 7th March. Please bring gloves, sunscreen, water and a hat.

Meanwhile at Uki, the Uki Kids Club has begun cleaning up early for Clean Up Australia Day, with the children in after-school care bringing in boxes to make into a cardboard eco-village.

"We wanted to kids to see that rubbish can be used in a different way," Uki Kids Club Co-ordinator, Natascha Wernick explained.

The finished Ecovillage will be on display at the Uki Kids Club annual fundraiser Trivia night at Uki Hall on Saturday 13th March from 6pm.

For more information and table bookings, call the Uki Public School office on 6679-5128.



World Naked Bike Ride

by Mijimberi, co-co-ordinator.

After last year’s fantastically successful event, the World Naked Bike Ride is back. Bike riders are invited to come down to Peace Park at 10.30am on Saturday 6th March, to join another celebration of two-wheeled nude protest and celebration.

There was a fantastic turn-out for the inaugural ride last year, with 45 naked riders all painted up in peace signs and flowers, riding through the streets of Nimbin, showing the flag for cyclists, for sustainability and for healthy humans living on a healthy planet.

Yes, the naked bike ride – a world-wide global action – is a protest and a celebration all at once. Riders gather to protest against oil culture, consumerism and the lack of action on climate change; they come together to celebrate the joy of freeing our bodies from the restrictions of woven fibres, so we can for a brief moment in time at least, ride the streets of our dear town with the warm sun on our backs, touched by the refreshing breezes of the glorious big scrub.

This year we’re hoping for even more riders. Bring a bike and a helmet and it would be great if riders brought with them paint for their bodies (organic or ochre would be sublime).



And if you don’t feel like exposing your body to the adoring Nimbin public just yet, don’t worry, this ride is “as bare as you dare”, so come along anyway and enjoy the spirit of bikivism.

And by the way, we’re not riding around the world... it’s just around the main street a few times.

If riders want more info they can go to australia.worldnakedbikeride.org which is full of details, or email mijimberi@yahoo.com

Irresponsible IV users bring end to regeneration project

Nimbin Central School’s involvement in the Mulgum Creek Regeneration has had to be cut short due to the inconsiderate and dangerous disposal of syringes by users.

About 30 students from Years 3-4-5-6 had been engaged in a water catchment study and regeneration project coordinated by Moksha from the Community Gardens. The program included studying the natural contours of the land to determine the flow of rainwater runoff. It also included digging swales (trenches) to help direct the water flow and maximise the retention of water for use in the gardens.

Stage 2 of the project involved regeneration of parts



of Mulgum Creek, removal of weeds and planting of natives. Unfortunately the student’s involvement had to be terminated at this point.

Concern was raised when students began to uncover

empty fit-packs, the black boxes distributed to I.V. drug users. When the discarded needles were found buried in the soil and carelessly thrown into the long grass, all children’s activity had to cease.

Assistant Principal Marc Everingham said, “Such irresponsible and dangerous behaviour not only puts our children at risk but it also cut short their involvement in a well-planned project that would have benefited the community and the environment.”

Also put on hold was the students’ documentation of their work on the project through photos, illustrations and poetry which were to be compiled into a book for the community.

Nimbin Trailer Hire turns two

Damian Devlin has been in business two years this month and is pretty pleased with how his venture, Nimbin Trailer Hire, has grown. “I started off with three trailers and now have seven, so that’s an indication of how business has been going,” he said.

The secret of his success is his versatility. “Anyone can get a trailer off me pretty well 24 hours a day,” he said. This has resulted in lots of repeat business and given Damien the confidence to expand.

His latest acquisitions, available for hire now, are a motorcycle trailer that can take three bikes and a fully



enclosed, twin axle trailer, suitable for moving furniture.

Damian said he was once asked, “Will my car tow this trailer?” to which he replied, “It would if you had a tow bar.”

Fortunately, Damian is able to help out there too, with a range of square section tow bars and also tow balls

available.

His weirdest enquiry was when someone asked if a car trailer would carry a D6 bulldozer.

His answer? “It probably would if you took the blade off it,” he said with a laugh.

Contact Damian to discuss your requirements, phone 6689-1428 or 0458-491-428.

Big Tribal Valentines Wedding

More than 150 guests travelled from as far as Dubai and the Cayman Islands to witness the marriage between Master Percussionist, Star Earth Pauly and Brazilian Fire Goddess, Fabiana at sunset on Valentine’s Day at the Star Earth Sanctuary, Nimbin.

Bundjalung Custodian, Uncle Ces Roberts welcomed guests to country as well as escorting the bride to the tribal ceremony performed by local marriage celebrant Gwen Trimble.

A procession of tribal performers formed the bridal party, which commenced with Dingo Mick on clap sticks followed by didge players, women fire makers, dancers representing the four elements and flower fairy children. Finally the ochred groom danced his way into the circle, where he was joined by his radiating bride dressed in scarlet and gold as the drums climaxed.

Based on the Celtic tradition of the circle, the ceremony involved the bride and groom proceeding to each direction to be questioned by the gatekeeper of one of the four elements, before being ready for marriage.

Thelemic High Priestess Judy read from the Book of the Law: “Come forth, O Children,



Pauly and Fabiana cut the cake

under the stars and take your fill of Love. I am above you and in you, my ecstasy is in yours. My joy is to see your joy.”

The joyful lovers took a quick holiday between Byron Bay and the Gold Coast and will later complete their honeymoon in New Caledonia.

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Nimbin Central School

Nimbin SRC raises money for African children

The Primary and Secondary Students Representative Council co-ordinated a joint fundraiser on Friday 12th February to raise awareness and much needed money to help combat club foot in Africa.

A small amount of money goes a long way, and after the visit by Andreas Dagalet (wheelchair athlete) a fortnight earlier, explaining the plight of children with club foot in Africa, the children at Nimbin Central School decided they needed to do something.

A cake stall, guessing competition and donation trail were set up and manned by SRC students. The total raised was \$151.50 which considering our small school population was a phenomenal success.

Congratulations to all who contributed or helped on the day.



Brett goes back to school



Back in 1998 when Nimbin Central School started the school year in its newly constructed buildings and landscaped surrounds, it published a colour brochure advertising the facilities to potential new enrolments. Brett O'Connor, a student in Year 5 at the time was invited to appear on the front cover of the brochure.

In 2010, Brett returned to Nimbin Central to teach Science classes for a day as a relief teacher.

Brett completed Primary schooling at Nimbin and then moved to Lismore with his family to attend school there before going on to Southern Cross University to complete a Bachelor of Applied Science and a Bachelor of Education degree, graduating in 2009.

Commenting on his recent day at school, Brett said the students are cool, friendly and relaxed and that they engaged well in the lessons he taught. He went on to say that the school still had a community feel and provided

a nurturing environment for its students, much the same as he remembered from his days as a student. Brett was also recognised when he arrived at the school by some staff who had been working there when he was in Primary classes during the 1990's, and he was welcomed back like a long lost family member.

"The staff at the school are enthusiastic and hard working, and I enjoyed my day," said Brett at the end of the afternoon session, adding that he would like to return again some day.

Heartening Art



The afternoon of the 16th February saw a huge crowd of art lovers, friends, students, colleagues and family of Nimbin Central School art teacher Marg Canning and her daughter Gemma (pictured) pouring into the SCU next Gallery in Lismore to view this talented family's latest collaborative exhibition, 'Hearten'.

With a stunning display of ceramics, etchings, paintings, lino prints and mixed media works, the aim to offer their audience "an example of the personal rewards we received, when 'soul' time was

consciously taken, to revel in what we do" was felt by all and definitely achieved.

Marg's inspiration for this body of work evolved through the change from full-time to part-time work. She sees this as giving her the time to think and enjoy the materiality of artmaking which led to a sense of joy and exhilaration.

She writes, "Eventually (after an obsessive spurt with clay), painting and printmaking claimed my attention. However, the evolving theme of 'Hearten' along with the play of different media, eventually reflected different influences including the power of my surroundings. My attempt at documenting this scenario is what appears in this exhibition."

She said she hopes we enjoy it as much as she has, and judging by her huge sales on opening night, it appears we have.

An even Smarter School:

One class at Nimbin Central School is now a digital learning environment and enjoying the short-term envy of the other classes since the instalment of its interactive whiteboard. The envy will only be short term as this whiteboard is the first of six to be installed throughout the school in the coming months, including one in each of the Primary classrooms.

Since the beginning of the



term, Ms Whitney and the students in the 2-3-4 class have been taking every opportunity to familiarise themselves with the board's functions and capabilities and incorporating its use into many of their classroom activities.

Ms Whitney has described using the board as a major learning curve but a fantastic resource that can only enhance the quality teaching practices of any teacher. All the staff at Nimbin Central are eagerly looking forward to incorporating this technology into their own classes.

Also known as a Smartboard, the interactive whiteboard can be operated either via the computer it is connected to or by touch screen control. It comes loaded with much of its own software and a huge range of teaching resources. It gives the teacher instant access to a vast array of electronic resources and enables seamless links between technology and subject matter.

Most schools get excited about the introduction of one Smartboard, and understandably so. It goes without saying that Nimbin Central is over the moon about the introduction of their half dozen. They will

definitely add to the dynamic learning already taking place there.

Sweet taste of success

Terania District Primary Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday 11th February at Kyogle Pool. Caniaba, Blakebrook, Goolmangar, Jiggi, Coffee Camp and Nimbin schools spent the day in fierce competition, vying for points and the honour of representing at zone level.

The day highlighted our kids sportsmanship (sorry if it sounds sexist) as they constantly congratulated the competition, cheered their own teammates on and barracked for the underdog in races not represented by Nimbin.

Their attitude and behaviour was exceptional and makes an old teacher extremely happy. All our swimmers gave it their all and deserve a big congratulation. Our senior relay won, Angus Solomon was Senior Boy Champion, Reegyn and Bradyn Brady shared runner up and Nimbin Central returned with the 'points' trophy. All students returned with a swag of ribbons. *Great job!*



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Picturebook finds lessons for life in the backyard

A Nimbin Tale: Peek-a-Boo and the Pile of Poo by Tarang Bates

This very engaging story for pre-schoolers features backyard critters so familiar around the region – chooks (Peek-a-Boo is a fluffy red hen), guinea fowl, a wonga pigeon and the hero of sorts, a big goanna.

Lavishly illustrated with psychedelic-coloured photomontages and intricate line-drawings, this animal story shows the power of friendship and co-operation to solve problems, with a touch of magic to get

everyone laughing in the end.

Author and illustrator Tarang Bates has had her writing and photography published in a number of newspapers and magazines over the years. She hopes this storybook will be the first in a series of tales, inspired by the landscape and creatures of the North Coast.

Peek-a-Boo and the Pile of Poo will be launched at 11am on Saturday 20th March at the Birth and Beyond rooms, behind the Apothecary and Environment Centre, Cullen Street, Nimbin. All welcome.



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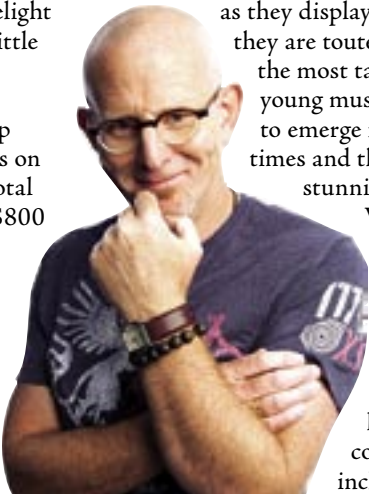
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Bangalow COMEDY Festival

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Nick Penn, Ellen Briggs and Sandy Gandhi; they will have you rolling in your seats – and Mandy Nolan's Funny Kids will crack you up. Once again there'll be the morning show – 'Cracked Eggs Comedy Breakfast', where you can enjoy a beautiful breakfast cooked by someone else and sip champagne as you're entertained by a line up you'd expect to see at the Melbourne or Edinburgh Comedy festivals. The ticket price of \$47.50 includes breakfast and drinks. Buying your tickets has been made very simple this year. You can purchase and print out your own tickets online at www.thebigjoke.com.au You can also book your tickets by phone at Jetset Travel on (02) 6685-6262. This year's festival promises to be yet another cracker, don't miss it.



by Pam Pussycat

Heavenly harmonies drifted into the night air on 12th February. Enticed by this aural delight, I entered the Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers to find a near capacity crowd. People had come from near and far to indulge in an evening with the Durga Babies. The joint was rocking. Quickly the dance floor filled, clearing only when the band stopped. Durga Babies germinated from a chance meeting between Tim Tonkin and Michael Turner in a Nimbin carpark. Tim was impressed when he heard Michael's rough demo of 'Chasing Rainbows' which was later reworked for the Durga Babies CD Love Comes. Michael in fact had many fantastic songs ready to take flight. Nathan Nancarrow joined as bass guitarist, and The Durga Babies was born. Their CD was recorded at Bush Traks studio by Dave Hyatt, and in 2003 won Dolphin Awards for best album, production and engineering. After 3 years the band called it a day, although from time to time audiences are treated to performances by the Baby Durgas (Tim and Michael, plus bass, sometimes Dan Sultan, ex-Cruel Sea). So this was a rare treat to see the full Durga Babies lineup. Want to hear more? Grab a copy of the CD *Love Comes*.

Jack Derwin hits town

More often seen at festivals than in country pubs, Sydney-based contemporary blues and acoustic artist, Jack Derwin played a remarkable Sunday afternoon gig in Nimbin during February. With s percussive, stinging slide guitar, timbered vocals and haunting harmonica, Jack's music is delivered with drive and passion, bringing urban and acoustic/jazz blues together with an original feel. It was that feel that drew local percussionists Michael and Sam (pictured) to bring in their drums and tastefully



reinforce Jack to create another one of those magical Sunday afternoons of music at the pub. Jack loved it too, and vowed to return before too long. For those who want more in the meantime, there are three Jack Derwin CDs so far, "Jack Cat Blues", "Bone House Blues" and "Bend It". You can buy them from his website www.jackderwin.com.



March Gigs

Thursday 4th	Tim Stokes
Friday 5th	Anarchist Duck
Thursday 11th	The Steve Show
Friday 12th	Thora Zoo
Wednesday 17th	Greenlife (St Pats Day)
Thursday 18th	Neil Anderson + Friends
Friday 19th	Groove Foundation
Sunday 21st	Lucky Wonders 1.30pm
Thursday 25th	The Genes
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The Genes



Nolan Angell:

"Music comes and goes. The sounds in the music change, but the feeling you have when you listen never goes away. The best feeling is indescribable, as if it came from another planet and you don't know what it is but you understand it and it makes you something more than you were before you heard it. "And you won't forget it. You'll hear it throughout your life and it will unlock a feeling. More than a memory."

"We're called The Genes and we travel through these songs in bars and restaurants and cafes and halls and lounge rooms and streets and those feelings come back for us. "We try all the instruments and sounds but we keep coming back to a guitar, drums, harmonica and voices. Take away the speakers and wires and leads and all you have left are the feelings and the music."

The Genes play Nimbin Hotel on Thursday 25th March.

Music at Tuntable community

Tuntable Folk Club

There will be a BIG acoustic folk music session at the Tuntable Shop/Cafe on Friday 12th March from 5.30pm. This is the first one for a while – Bob Campbell is threatening to come up for a rare visit, and he and Julie Metcalfe are keen to get the music happening again, so please come along and be a part of it. There will be delicious food (including fish, vegan and gluten-free menus) at affordable prices, as well as a little home brew and home-made wines ... don't miss it! A night of great music, fine food and excellent company. If it's rainy, we'll be in the Hall, with room for maybe dancing as well... See ya there!

Tuntable Family Cafe

Hosted by the Douvris family. For March and April they have some exciting changes in plan, with some great bands: • Saturday 13th March from 7pm: *Oka, Band of Frequencies* and *Keison*, a great night for dancing as well as enrapturing Pink Floydish soundscapes. \$17 entry, of which \$2 goes back as a donation to the Tuntable Co-op. • Saturday, April 24th: *Broadfoot* and *Pagan Love Cult* plus other local bands TBC, a benefit for the Aquarius Foundation with possible afternoon activities, weather permitting. Both events are open to all Tuntable members and guests, with the Douvris providing food and drink both nights.

Dinner on the Patio

The third Saturday of each month, from 5.30pm on the patio of the Tuntable shop, next is 20th March. Louise' menus change each time, with vegetarians, vegans and gluten-free diets catered for, pre-dinner nibbles and rich dessert. Ambience is enhanced by local musicians who have included solo guitarist Michael Fairley and some mellow sets from versatile *Manifest* hard-rockers Pov.



Lucky Wonders

It has been a huge start to 2010 for Byron's *The Lucky Wonders* with TripleJ airplay, a No. 1 single on Unerthed Roots, a national tour booked and an album to boot. This month sees the national release of *The Lucky Wonders'* beautiful debut album *Thirteen O'Clock*, distributed by Vitamin Records, which will be for sale at the show. Their insightful, feel good,

award-winning songwriting, loving vibes and laughs make for a must-see, must-hear experience. The new line up with bass and drums guarantees action on the dance floor, even in the scorching heat of their recent show at Sphinx Rock Cafe. Be there at the lovely Nimbin Hotel from 1.30pm Market Sunday 21st March for their Lucky last local gig before they head off on a mammoth tour of the country.

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Featuring Slava & Leonard Grigoryan and Joseph & James Tawadros

Musical symbiosis is one way to describe the instrumental mastery of Band of Brothers — an exhilarating fusion of world flavours.

Both of the Grigoryan and Tawadros families are synonymous with virtuosity and are much loved and respected within the world music and arts scene. This special collaboration sees the blending of Egyptian, Brazilian, Eastern European into a very uniquely Australian whole. Slava plays a midi guitar, allowing him to experiment wildly with different sounds, Leonard plays guitar, Joseph plays Oud and James plays Req (Egyptian tambourine).

As a collaborative ensemble, they bring not only years of classical training, discipline and skill, but a joy in performing together, taking



the music of their heritage and creating resonant originals and inspired reinventions.

The Band of Brothers will perform at Byron Bay Community Centre on Wednesday 24th March at 8pm, \$25 entry. Bookings (02) 6685-6807 or www.byroncentre.com.au

Check out www.grigoryanbrothers.com and www.josephatawadros.com

Tina Harrod comes to Mullumbimby

Following on from the phenomenal success of her two recent albums, one of Australia's truly great singers, Tina Harrod, is treating audiences across Australia to the full passion of her live performances with her National 'Underneath Your Spell' Tour.

Tina Harrod sings about love, loss and pain like no other, and continues to push boundaries and blaze a path of her own – already celebrated as a pre-eminent soul and R&B singer, Tina has been exploring more jazz influenced territory with stunning results.

Her award-winning album *Worksongs* featured Tina's unique interpretation of artists as varied as Nina Simone, Portishead and Nick Drake, then with *Temporary People*, a Top 10 Album of 2009, came original songs and a 'devastatingly



emotional' (*The Age*) work of vulnerability, passion and outstanding musicianship.

Both albums were made with her trio of Australia's top-notch jazz players – bassist Jonothan Zwartz (who co-wrote the album with Tina except for three

songs that Tina wrote with her partner Jackie Orszaczky in the last years of his life), pianist Matt McMahon and drummer Hamish Stuart. The trio will be touring with Tina, playing material from both albums.

Tina's authenticity and emotional power has gained her legions of fans, punters and critics alike. "The more I get to know who I am, the more interesting the music becomes," says Tina.

See her at Mullumbimby Bowling Club on Saturday 27th March.



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