

# Jazz Club Notes

## Gigantic fundraiser gig

Lismore Jazz Club is celebrating Christmas and holding a fundraiser on Sunday, 21st November at the Lismore City Bowling Club. Yes it is that time of the year again!

With the help of the Club bowlers, we are going to have barefoot bowls, along with a sausage sizzle and of course a jam session which will go all arvo, with about twenty of Lismore's great jazz musos blasting away for your enjoyment. The music is being organised by the great Doug Heaton.

Bring your friends, make up a party! BYO snacks, sausage sizzle on the day and cheap drinks at the club. Test your skills at the games. Maybe even win something. Most importantly come along and have some fun.

And don't forget to bring your money. There will be an auction and with Christmas coming why not do some Chrissy shopping on the day and help the Jazz Club at the same time.

The entrance fee on the day will be \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 15 and \$30 for a family. Included in the entrance fee will be two vouchers for your sausages and hours of really great jazz.

If two sausages aren't enough, then you will be able to purchase additional vouchers. There will be a gold coin donation for the use of the greens.

The day will start at midday and there is no need to register. Just come on the day. For more information contact Margaret Teggin on 6629-5106.

# NUKEM? Nimbin Ukulele Collective Entertainment Mob

by Mookx

There have been a number of enquiries regarding the formation of a Nimbin (even combined with Lismore?) Ukulele Collective similar to Byron's renowned "North Coast Ukulele Collective".

I was Godfather and MC/Teacher of the NCUC for several years, conducting workshops and running a monthly get-together which sometimes saw up to ninety people gathering at a local venue to have fun learning, singing and playing the uke, the "Weapon of Mass Affection".

The NCUC meet is held on the last Wednesday in the month at the Byron Bowlo. Payment is by donation and entry-level ukes are purchasable under \$30, so it's not an expensive exercise to get involved in. People arrive between

6 and 7pm, and much interaction, learning and passing-on of information happens in this first hour, along with drinks and dinner if so desired.

Then it's performance and learning and sing-a-long time for a couple of hours.

People who have never performed before in public come out of the woodwork, from eight to eighty years of age... and are encouraged to get up in a safe and loving environment to lead the group in a song... or even perform something they might have written.

It's truly a wonderful ongoing

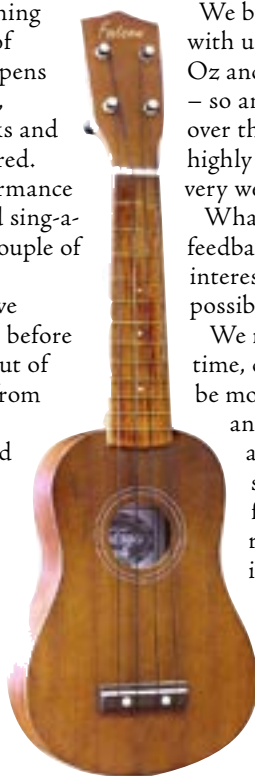
experience.

We became affiliated with uke groups all over Oz and around the world – so another uke group over this way would be highly appropriate and very welcome.

What we need is feedback from as many interested people as possible.

We need to know what time, day and venue might be most popular and appropriate for a kid-friendly, non-sexist, non-ageist fun group to meet regularly and get it on.

Please email me at [mookx@mookx.com](mailto:mookx@mookx.com) or phone me on 0232-038-804 or Megan James on 6689-1719.



Aloha and Bula Vinaka.

# MONSTER GARAGE SALE

Zonta Club of Northern Rivers and Northern Rivers Performing Arts (NORPA) will host a Monster Garage Sale on 13th November, outside the Northern Rivers Conservatorium in Keen Street from 8am to noon.

A huge range of items will be offered for sale at bargain prices. There will also be a delicious sausage sizzle.

Proceeds from the Monster Garage Sale will go to Zonta's local programs to assist women, and to NORPA's creative development program, Generator.

We are currently collecting donations of high quality second hand items. If you have goods to donate please contact Jill at the Con on 6621-2266 or Sharon at NORPA on 6622-0300.

# Spooky Men's Chorale

Based in the Blue Mountains and led by Stephen Taberner, The Spooky Men's Chorale seek to commentate in song on the absurdity and grandeur of the modern male.



See them at Byron Community Centre on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30pm and be haplessly gurgling with merriment. Tickets \$25/\$22, for bookings phone 6685-6807.

# Poetic farewell night

Poetry at the Nimbin Oasis on Thursday 11th November will be a special farewell night for one of our long time performers.

Beginning his illustrious poetry career right here in Nimbin, attending the monthly Poetry Nights, honing his skills, sharpening his wit, tempering his voice – often times he would break into song – and generally entertaining us all over the years.

Yes, if you haven't guessed it's Archie (aka Robin Archbold), soon enough he and Jodi will be re-locating to Queensland, so why not bring your stories and memories along on the night and join in the farewell toast/roast of one of our



Archie mid-flight at this year's Performance Poetry World Cup

own shining stars? Any enquiries, email [poetryworldcup@gmail.com.au](mailto:poetryworldcup@gmail.com.au)

# Poetry book launch

Longtime Nimbin poet and President of the Nimbin School of Arts David Hallett will be having a special Nimbin book launch of his major collection of poetry.

The book, titled *Backwards*, is a selection of poems covering 35 years of David's writing and performance, from 1976 to 2010.

David has been managing poetry venues in Lismore and Byron Bay for nearly 20 years, and apart from his performances at festivals far and wide, he has also been doing school poetry presentations for many years, and he has featured at many of Nimbin's Blue Moon Cabarets.

The book launch will feature recitals from several



of David's poetry associates including Christine Strelan, Len Martin, Jane Treasure, and Gail M. Clarke.

The launch will be held at Kylie's Cafe at Nimbin Hall on Sunday 21st November starting at 2pm. Entry free.

# Nimbin Hotel & Backpackers

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## November Gigs

Thursday 4th  
Friday 5th  
Saturday 6th  
Sunday 7th  
Thursday 11th  
Friday 12th  
Saturday 13th  
Sunday 14th  
Thursday 18th  
Friday 19th  
Saturday 20th  
Sunday 21st  
Thursday 25th  
Friday 26th  
Saturday 27th  
Sunday 28th  
Friday 3rd Dec  
Saturday 4th  
Sunday 5th

Jarrah Thompson with Asha Henry  
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Nigel McTrusty  
Thora Zoo  
Borgs and Reidt Duo  
Khan and Friends  
Free Juke Box  
Azadoota  
A Little Province  
Compass Rose  
Pacha Mamma  
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# Express debut gig

Nimbin has a new band.

The father and son rhythm section of Dave Basten and Saras Perkons have combined with virtuoso writer/guitarist Manju Winkler to create the classic three-piece dynamic.

Playing in the style of *Band of Gypsies*, Stevie Ray Vaughan etc, *Express* will move your soul.

On the 27th November, these guys team up with comedian Nick Penn and guitar legend Phil Emmanuel (pictured) for a night of great entertainment at the Nimbin Bush Theatre.

Bar service will be provided by the Nimbin Headers Football Club as a fundraiser for the sports club, and food will also be available.

Entry is \$15 at the door.



# Dunoon Blues Festival



Photos: Lil Cotterill

The annual Dunoon Blues Festival is fast becoming a must-see on the musical calendar.

This year's event at the Dunoon Sport and Recreation Club, held 30th October, featured eight local bands, with headliners *L'il Fi* (pictured above) keeping the packed lawn full of dancers, and packed balcony of onlookers, a-movin'

and a-shakin' 'til the wee small hours.

Bass player Felicity's dog (pictured right), even took a turn playing keyboards.

*L'il Fi* is the headline act at the forthcoming Nimbin Women's Dinner on 17th November at Nimbin Town Hall. Book at the Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre, phone 6689-1692.



## "They say it's your birthday..."

by Katie Cawcutt

A joyous celebration of John Lennon's 70th birthday was hosted by Nimbin Aquarius Foundation at the Nimbin Bush Theatre on 9th October, while Benny Zable celebrated in Central Park, New York, and other parties were held around the world.

Despite the constant rain, a happy group of musicians played for us as we sang along to well-loved Beatles tunes. Films were shown, beautiful flowers and tributes displayed, and



Jayne and Katie lead the singing

spectacular Chinese lanterns floated above the creek and on to infinity. Love was in the air.

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# LISMORE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Public notices, updates and information for the Nimbin Community

## FINAL REMINDER FOR LISMORE CITY COUNCIL NIMBIN COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP NOMINATIONS

Nimbin community members are reminded that Expressions of Interest to nominate to become a member of Lismore City Council's Nimbin Community Reference Group close on Friday 19 November at 5pm.

Nomination forms are currently available on Council's website [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) and also at the Nimbin Post Office, the Nimbin Community Information Centre and the Tunttable Falls Community Centre. If you have an interest in working with a group to improve communications between the Nimbin community and Council, you are encouraged to apply.

Annie McWilliam will be available at Council's Nimbin Rural Contact Forum to answer questions about the Community Reference Group on Monday 15 November. Nomination forms will also be available at this event.

## LISMORE MAYOR CALLS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS

Mayor of Lismore, Councillor Jenny Dowell is calling for nominations for the 2011 Australia Day Awards. Mayor Dowell said that the awards are a tangible and public way to acknowledge and reward local citizens who have excelled in their chosen field or have shown dedication and commitment to making our community a better place.

'Research shows that volunteering is a key component of community strength, well-being and resilience,' Jenny said. 'Australia Day Awards are an opportunity for us to recognise and acknowledge local people who contribute to our community.'

Mayor Dowell said that nominations were by no means limited to volunteers. 'Anyone who has shown dedication and commitment to an aspect of community life is eligible', she said, 'whether in sport, arts, environment, community service or other fields.'

Mayor Dowell has urged residents to join in the spirit of encouragement and to nominate an individual or group for recognition through a 2011 Australia Day Award.

'Everyone knows people who make Lismore and our villages a better place to live. I encourage you to submit a nomination so we can show our appreciation for their efforts,' said Jenny.

Australia Day 2011 celebrations will be held at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre on 26 January.

Nomination forms are available from Council's website at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) or by phoning 1300-87-83-87. Closing Date: 31 December, 2010.

## UPDATES FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SOUTHWELL'S BRIDGE AND CULLEN'S BRIDGE, NIMBIN

Works are progressing well on the replacement of Southwell's Bridge and Cullen's Bridge despite the recent heavy rains. Both bridges are being replaced with new concrete structures which is part funded under the RTA's Regional Roads Timber Bridge Replacement Program.

**Southwell's Bridge** construction is nearing completion with the new structure comprising of two spans measuring a total length of 40m providing a width of 9m. The new sub-structure comprises of a total of 15 pre-cast concrete driven piles and the super-structure features 32 pre-stressed concrete girders. Remaining works include final stressing of the transverse post tensioning bars and laying of the asphalt bridge deck. Once bridge works are complete, work will commence on the construction of the new bridge approaches. These new approaches will incorporate re-aligning a total length of 230m of Blue Knob Road, accommodating the northern and southern approaches to the new bridge. Southwell's Bridge replacement is expected to be open to traffic towards the end of December 2010, weather permitting.

**Cullen's Bridge** works are continuing on the bridge's new sub-structure, which includes 16 cast in-situ bored piles. Work is continuing on forming up the piles ready for concrete. These works are expected to continue for a number of weeks before works can progress on to the construction of the headstocks and abutments.

The new bridge will comprise of three spans measuring a total length of 42m providing a width of 9.2m. The new bridge structure will also include a dedicated footpath located on the eastern side of the bridge. This footpath will be accessed by the existing footpath on Cullen Street via new pedestrian refuge located on the southern side of the bridge. A concept plan detailing the layout of the new Cullen's Bridge including the dedicated footpath will be on display at various sites within Nimbin shortly. Cullen's Bridge is expected to be open to traffic early in the new year.

## COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NEW SHOPPING CENTRE DA FOR NIMBIN

At the Council meeting on the 9 November, Council will be considering one of the largest commercial developments seen in Nimbin. The application was lodged with Council in 2009.

The owners of the subject property at 47 Sibley Street, Nimbin, propose to develop a shopping centre as well as undertake a residential/commercial subdivision of the land. The proposed shopping centre development comprises a supermarket, bakery and five (5) specialty shops totalling 2,366m<sup>2</sup> of floor area. The subdivision of the subject land incorporates 23 lots, being 3 commercial and 20 residential lots.

The proposal seeks to provide a larger and more modern supermarket and accompanying convenience specialty shops that will provide for a much greater proportion of the Nimbin and surrounding villages food shopping and convenience needs and increase the local retail choice and variety available to residents. The development has the positive environmental, social and economic effect of reducing the frequency and necessity of the Nimbin and surrounding rural residents from needing to travel into Lismore in order to access a reasonable range of food and grocery items, or other convenience homewares/services items that are purchased frequently as well as catering for the future growth of Nimbin village and surrounding rural localities.

Numerous submissions received in response to the public exhibition of the DA in 2009 have been considered within the report to be put before the Council for determination of the DA.

This will result in many less vehicle movements into Lismore, reduced impacts on the subject roads and reduced carbon emissions. The effective relocation of the emporium to the new supermarket will free up a large space in the Nimbin main street which has a very limited ability to physically expand its retail footprint.

Commencement of the proposed development would also create local employment opportunities, particularly for younger workers. The proposed shopping centre is expected to generate the equivalent of approximately 85 employment opportunities for full-time, part-time and casual workers.

A copy of the Council report will be available on Council's website on 3 November 2010.

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## Nimbin Dreaming

Once again, I note another letter from someone living elsewhere telling the good people of Nimbin exactly what's wrong with their town and what they have to do to fix it. (NGT Oct 10)

Apparently we're ugly, dangerous and sell "really low-grade weed". Apparently we'd prefer to keep our rickety old wooden bridges as the town's only northern access, and apparently the town just doesn't come close to the glossy brochures, slick TV ads and interactive web tours! Oh dear.

As a resident of Nimbin for the past 36 years I feel I should point out that the people of Nimbin don't produce and distribute the glossy brochures, the tourist industry does and like glossy brochures the world over they portray isolated photogenic moments with scant reference to the fact that ordinary people live there; unless of course they're quaint natives interacting with the tourists.

But it wasn't the brochures that drew Mr. Vesuvius to Nimbin, but a desire to purchase some marijuana and to perhaps vicariously experience the dream he so obviously feels that he's lost in Byron. I'm sorry buddy, but unfortunately my dream includes neither a spic and span Nimbin nor a thriving tourist industry, but it does include clean air and water, wholesome food, friends and family, and respect for the planet that keeps me alive.

Finally, if you got ripped-off buying weed after such a long history of visiting, what can I say? Next time you could possibly ask if your dealer has anything nicer. And if not, change dealers! Apparently the streets of

town are completely overrun with drug dealers. (I read that somewhere)

Sorry if I sound a little narky but I've never really taken to being told to clean up my act. You see, I don't have a problem with a bit of grunge, a bit of rawness. It's probably our best defence against creeping Byronification; isn't that what you want?

To paraphrase a currently running advertisement for a major supermarket chain... You don't have to love dirt to be a hippy. But it helps.

Bob Tissott,  
Nimbin

## Flawed Manifesto

I always enjoy reading *The GoodTimes*. It reaffirms for me that I'm fortunate to live in a vibrant, caring and creative community. However, the article 'Protest Manifesto', (NGT Oct 10) attributed to the Hemp Embassy and delivered to the Nimbin Police station, left me feeling frustrated enough to write a letter.

I agree that our community is renowned for tolerance, and yes there are many lovely peaceful people here, but to state that "for nearly forty years Nimbin has been the focus for a peaceful trade in cannabis between serene and non-violent citizens. This trade in cannabis has always been non-violent, peaceful and ethically sound" is simply untrue.

While there is no doubt that some trading has taken place between decent and peaceful citizens, I feel that the writer's failure to recognise and acknowledge the shadowy side of the drug scene in Nimbin, undermines the credibility of the manifesto and perpetuates a larger denial operating within

our community. It is not only a denial of the negative side of the trade in cannabis, but a denial of the harmful effects of what is often in our community, heavy use of cannabis, particularly on young minds and those with mental illness. It is a denial of the effects on our community of a drug culture which seems to have defined Nimbin at least as much as, if not more than, our arts, environmentalism or social justice.

Throughout all my years living and working in Nimbin, particularly those as a welfare worker, I saw the darker side of the cannabis trade. I saw it undermine the self-development and initiative of many young people, particularly young men. When you can earn big bucks by dealing, there's not much incentive to engage in education, training, creativity, or employment. I saw people who had been assaulted by dealers who felt they had a right to a particular piece of ground. I also encountered a number of the people who had been drawn to Nimbin solely because of the drug trade. Often they were just people dealing with a variety of issues, but sometimes I got a more disturbing insight into just who is out there on our streets; people who are not ethical, peaceful or serene but who have a history of violent and predatory behaviour. We continue to attract those people because they can deal drugs here. Their crimes will rarely come to the community's attention because they are so rarely reported, mainly due to fear of the perpetrator.

And how can the cannabis trade be ethical? It's unregulated, it is a hugely over-priced commodity and the trade abounds with scams and rip-offs. The cultivation of large crops for the street trade has resulted in home invasions and assaults, in the reticence of some women to involve the police in domestic violence cases, in the keeping of attack guard dogs, and in hostile un-neighbourly behaviour in order to protect a 'patch'. And amid all the talk of decriminalization, there are clearly many who are happy to make big money from the current situation. The other

problem with the currently lucrative cannabis trade is obviously that it funds other more harmful drug use. Try being a mother who watches as her son is attracted to dealing, then loses years of his life to alcohol and methamphetamines bought with the easy money, causing pain and grief to himself, his children and his family. Then say that there is no harm.

I understand the point of the Manifesto, and the issues of decriminalization and medical cannabis use. Our Alternate culture here has had a long history of cannabis use, much of it by people who smoke recreationally without dependence and have productive, meaningful lives. For many, their experiences with cannabis have promoted relaxation, spiritual awakening, or creativity. It's been used for pain relief. I'm sure many people would enjoy a quiet smoke without fear of arrest. However, I don't think denial of any problems is going to help change the laws.

I think that to grow as a community we need to be open also to looking at the negative aspects of drug use, trade and promotion. This requires us as a community to look honestly at our problems, and to recognize and put aside any self-interest. We must be able to ask ourselves whether our tolerance has slipped at times into acceptance of harmful antisocial behaviour, and whether we have confused the decriminalization issue with a wholesale promotion of cannabis. I think we should also look at how this impacts on children growing up in our community. This isn't a criticism of people's efforts to promote a more compassionate and rational approach to the use of cannabis and other drugs, more a plea to look at the issues honestly and with less rhetoric.

Ultimately, Manifestos such as this, which contain blanket statements and unsubstantiated 'facts', and which clearly don't represent all the people of Nimbin though claiming to, probably harm rather than help the cause they are meant to promote.

Mandie Hale,  
Nimbin

## Notices

### Annual General Meetings

- **Nimbin A&I Society** AGM to be held at 6pm, Tuesday 9th November, 2010 at the Showground.
- **Nimbin Community Centre Inc.** AGM, 6pm Thursday 25th November, 2010 at the Dance Studio, Nimbin Community Centre. Nibbles provided. Membership fees are due and can be paid on the night: \$15 (adult), \$10 (over 60) and \$5 (youth).
- **Nimbin Chamber of Commerce** AGM on Monday 22nd November 2010, 6pm at the Nimbin Bowling Club.
- **Nimbin Hemp Incorporated** t/a Nimbin Hemp Embassy AGM to be held at 51 Cullen Street, Nimbin on Friday 26th November 2010 at 5pm.
- **Nimbin Aquarius Foundation** AGM to be held at 2pm on Saturday 27th November 2010 in the Community School Room at the Nimbin Community Centre. Annual membership \$10, all welcome.
- **Nimbin Aquarius Landcare Group Inc** will hold its AGM on Friday 3rd December 2010, 1pm at the Nimbin Community Garden. New members welcome.

### Wanted to rent

Accommodation for quiet elderly lady and small dog in local Nimbin area. Flat access, no stairs and shower not bath. Phone Laurelli on 6689-1119 or 0447-891-119.

### OM for World Peace

Gather with friends in Allsop Park Nimbin, at 11am on 11th November, to send an OM for peace around the world.



### School Fete

Tuntable Falls Community Primary & Pre-School Annual Fete / Open Day, Saturday, 20th November, 10am - 4pm. Showcasing the school and its renovations, with a range of stalls, children's activities and food, everyone welcome.

### Tuntable Bush Dance

Tuntable Hall Saturday 20th November, after the School Fete - food, music and dancing, plenty of partners and a fantastic line-up of awesome musicians. Adults \$7/kids gold coin entry. Food from 6pm, music from 7.

### Nimbin Social Inclusion Day

Thursday 25th November at Allsop Park, including Police Community BBQ to introduce new Nimbin police officers, to celebrate an inclusive community. All community members welcome.

### Natural Horseman Clinic

At Nimbin Showground with John Chatterton, 4th and 5th December. Phone Lavina 6689-7184 or 0412-248-554.

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# Simon says...

by Simon Clough  
Lismore Deputy Mayor



The motion to investigate renaming the Lismore Airport to the Lismore-Nimbin Airport went down in flames, so to speak, at the last Council meeting. The photo shoot where they dressed me as a stereotype drew many and varied comments, most of them supportive I was pleased to note. It was very disappointing to hear one Councillor trotting out the usual Nimbin nonsense about REX (our regional airline) giving out "cookies" on the plane and changing its motto to "Flying High" etc.

Yet Councillors have sat around lamenting that all the \$10 to \$20m worth of tourist trade that comes to Nimbin every year comes through Byron Bay and not Lismore. I think it's well and truly time Councillors moved past the old stereotypes about Nimbin and recognised it as an extraordinary hub of community and culture. I will put forward the motion again and hopefully a majority will realise that the whole community can benefit from renaming the airport, repainting the main street murals and other projects to benefit Nimbin.

Thankfully it was a different story with the development application for the Nimbin skate park. Councillors seemed genuinely delighted with the skate park proposal and it was unanimously approved. I was glad to see three young Nimbin skaters at the meeting. I get the feeling that Council is giving free lessons in how to make a difference in your local community to these youngsters which is fantastic! I was also very pleased to read in "the other paper" that Trout has taken on the removal of the old metal sk8 park.

I understand that the sod-turning for the skate park will take place at 11am on Monday 1st November with

Federal member Justine Elliott officiating. Hope to see a good crowd there.

Big news at the Council this month is the fact that the General Manager Paul O'Sullivan is to retire at the end of his contract in June 2011. Paul has been an excellent administrator in many ways and I've certainly been impressed by the way he has responded to Council's "new" directions. Paul's retirement presents Councillors with perhaps the most important decision Councillors have to make, ie who is the best person to lead Lismore City Council's 315 staff and control our \$110m annual budget. As with any major change, it presents Lismore with an opportunity to define our priorities while "moving forward".

The weather has been very hard on cyclists lately. As for the roads, when I can get out I see there are potholes everywhere. I think Council should employ cyclists as pothole spotters. The problem is of course for Council that unless we get a "decent" flood, Council won't get any emergency road funding and Council has to make do with our existing roads budget.

The show looked great this year with the sustainability section becoming a regular feature. I was however very disappointed to see the disappearance of Jimmy Willing's "Cock and Bull" tent with its great line-up of entertainers.

The new emphasis on local food is very welcome. It was good to see our mayor enter the cooking competition. Certainly if it's cake, Jenny will always do very well.

Don't forget you can contact me at [simonclough@internode.on.net](mailto:simonclough@internode.on.net) or on 6624-2894 or 0428-886-217.

# From the Mayor's desk

by Jenny Dowell  
Mayor of Lismore

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## GM leaving

Council's General Manager, Paul O'Sullivan, has decided not to seek a renewal of his contract when it expires on June 30, 2011.

Mr O'Sullivan has been the GM since August 2002 and has decided that, in the interests of his good health and family, he will retire next year. At our October meeting, I spoke highly of Paul's continuing contribution to Council and his support of me as Mayor.

The recruitment of General Manager is the most important task facing any Council. I am preparing a report for the November meeting in which the options for recruitment will be outlined for the consideration of Councillors.

## Telstra

NGT readers will know that Telstra plans to close the Grafton Call Centre (CC) later this month with the loss of 108 jobs.

Job losses of this magnitude are devastating to any community and I have raised my concerns that the Goonellabah CC with its 180-200 workers may also be targeted for closure. In my meeting with the Telstra Area Manager, I have been told that, to the best of his knowledge, Goonellabah CC is safe - hardly a guarantee.

Councillors unanimously supported my proposal to

write to the Telstra CEO David Thodey to condemn the closure of the Grafton CC, seek assurances that the Goonellabah CC will stay open and informing him that LCC is examining its Telstra contracts.

At the time of writing this column, I have received no response.

## Molly's Grass quarry

The most significant item on the October agenda was a Development Application (DA) for a quarry on Molly's Grass Rd, Tregeagle.

Local residents were opposed to the DA and cited traffic, amenity and environmental risks as the major concerns.

The small quarry involves surface removal of basalt with a maximum of 5 trucks per day and 300 per annum. Councillors determined 6/2 to support the DA after considering the detailed staff report on how the risks are to be mitigated through conditions of consent.

## LEP

The next steps for the Local Environmental Plan were also outlined at the October meeting.

Firstly, submitter workshops will be held over the next few months with the first being focused on rural and environmental issues. Staff will then analyse submissions, undertake further research, liaise with Government departments and visit sites.

Finally, staff will brief Councillors on options and

recommendations and in May or June 2011, Council will resolve to submit the Draft LEP to the Minister for Planning for approval.

## Nimbin Skatepark

At the October meeting, Council unanimously endorsed the final plans for the new Nimbin Skatepark.

It was great to have Connor, Ry and Cedar in the Gallery to witness this final step before work starts on the long-awaited facility for Nimbin's young people.

The official sod-turning will have been held and work started by the time NGT is on the streets.

## Sale of properties for unpaid rates

Under the Local Government Act, Councils can order properties to be sold if rates have not been paid for 5 years.

At our October meeting we considered 17 properties with unpaid rates for 6-14 years totaling \$283,721.14. The properties include residences, business, farmland and 2 vacant properties. The decision to proceed is not undertaken with any joy and follows many efforts to come to an arrangement with the owners.

We remain hopeful that owners will pay the outstanding amounts before the auctions that are expected in May 2011.

## Extraordinary Meeting

At an Extraordinary Meeting on October 26, Council adopted the 2009/10



Financial Reports and noted the improvement in Council's overall financial position and a significant drop in our debt service ratio.

Also on the Agenda was the sale of the Koala Child Care Centre and the contract to construct a road for the Southern Trunk Main, a sewerage line to service new housing areas in Goonellabah.

## North Coast National

Congratulations to the North Coast National A&I Society for a wonderful 125th Lismore Show.

I love the Show and particularly enjoyed the Regional Food Celebration.

Council's display received many visitors from far and near and won the Supreme Trade Exhibit sash. We have many fabulous staff who put so much effort in making every Show display better than the previous year's.

## Community forum

Don't forget that on November 15 at 7pm, Council will hold the annual Nimbin Community Forum in the School of arts.

All the Councillors and Senior Staff will be in attendance to engage with you on issues relating to your village.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

As the consenting authority, Lismore City Council has received the following Development Applications (and/or Applications for Modifications to existing consents) for consideration.

The development application and Statement of Environmental Effects may be inspected at the council's administration centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, during normal business hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm. Staff are available to discuss applications between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., and by prior appointment at other times.

Written submissions in respect of any application, quoting DA number and location will be accepted by council until 4:30 p.m. on the date specified in the column below. All submissions, including any personal information contained therein, will become publicly available documents and will be made available in Council's business paper. Any submissions received will be considered on the merits in conjunction with the assessment of the application.

Further information, together with disclosure reporting forms, are available on the website of the Department of Planning, [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)

DA NO	LOCATION	DP LOT	APPLICANT	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE
10/0319	2298 Nimbin Road NIMBIN	DP 1075539 lot 2	Mr F and Mrs G Bazzana	Continuation of existing extractive industry (known as Bazzana's Quarry) from June 2015 to June 2035 with a maximum extraction amount of 64,000m <sup>3</sup> averaged over any four (4) year period.	10/12/2010



## Aboriginal Support Worker

(Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

Part time position, hours to be negotiated  
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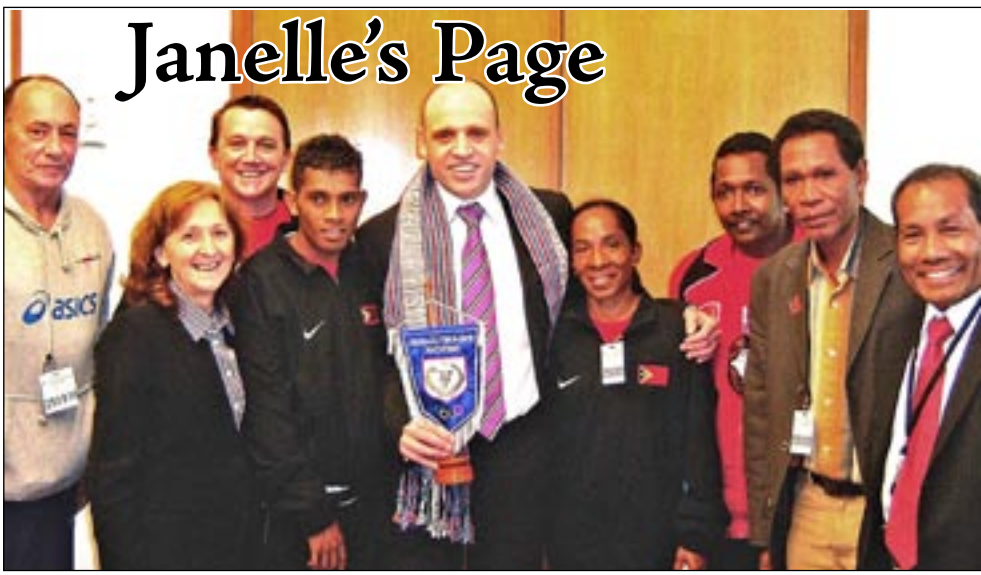
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# Janelle's Page



by Janelle Saffin, MP

**T**HERE has been a lot of interest in some of the new ways Parliament is operating and many local people have asked me how it is all going.

Parliamentary reform is a continuous process and this session there have been a few fundamental ones which give independence to the Speaker's role, more input and say from private members and tighten up question time.

Question time is now more in keeping with what the community expects of their elected representatives; with the new independent Speaker keeping a tight rein on behaviour; answers are limited to four minutes and there are limits on the time taken to ask questions, with the Honourable Member for Kennedy, Bob Katter, holding the record for asking the longest!

The reforms are working quite well. The only difficulties are those caused by the Leader of the Opposition Tony Abbott renegeing on his agreement to pair members.

## Committees

The Parliament has a number of Committees, where some really good work gets done, not so much seen, but important. Some are specific to the House of

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Representatives and the Senate and there are Joint Committees with members from both Houses.

The Committees I have been elected to are:

- **The Selection Committee, House of Representatives.** Our brief is to arrange the timetable and committee delegation business and private members' business; recommend private members motions to be voted on in the House; select bills for referral to Parliamentary Committees for further inquiry; and set speaking times for second reading debates.

The Committee meets every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and reports to the House on Wednesday and Thursday of sitting weeks. The chair is the Speaker, the Whips and Deputy Whips are on it, as well as some backbenchers and two Independents. It is lively and a work in progress.

- **Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.** I have been elected as the Chair of this committee, one of the Parliament's oldest, having been formed in 1913.

Janelle with Minister for Sport, Mark Arbib, and the Timor athletes delegation.

Its key role is to scrutinise the expenditure of public funds.

- **Petitions Committee** deals with public petitions submitted to Parliament
- **Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (JSCFDT)** deals with matters as its name suggests. There are four sub-committees, being Foreign Affairs, Defence, Human Rights and Trade.

The Parliamentary Parties also have committees, and I am active in them as well.

## This week in the House

I speak frequently in Parliament on various debates such as the current one on Afghanistan, and on a range of local, national and international issues.

Today I have done a three-minute constituency statement, about issues and events from my electorate, then I talked on the National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010, and will speak on another bill today and give a five-minute adjournment speech tonight.

On Monday, I organised for MPs and staff to join me in a run around Parliament with two visiting Timorese runners who were on their way to the New York Marathon.

I am reasonably fit, but struggled, while the Minister for Sport Senator Mark Arbib kept up really well, Senator Barnaby Joyce hung in there, Minister Warren Snowdon ran in typical Northern Territory garb, (it was a bit Canberra chilly) of shorts and singlet, and Greg Hunt is just super fit.

It was fun and a good way to give support.

– Janelle.

# Delivering regional infrastructure

by Justine Elliott, MP

**T**his being my first column since the 2010 Federal election, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support.

I am very honoured and proud to be your local Federal MP and I look forward to representing the people of Richmond.

## Nimbin skate park on the way

Local MP Justine Elliot joined Lismore City Council Mayor Jenny Dowell for the official sod turning at Nimbin Skate Park.

Lismore City Council has received \$449,000 from the Gillard Government's Regional and Local Infrastructure Program to provide for the construction of the Nimbin Skate Park.

"The funding for the Nimbin Skate Park was delivered from the more than \$1 billion Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – the largest one off investment in local infrastructure in Australia's history," Justine said.

"These projects are creating jobs and delivering an economic boost in the community while improving the quality of life for local residents. The Nimbin community will receive great benefit and enjoyment from the construction of the skate park, and I look forward to seeing the project develop."

There has been extensive community support for the construction of the skate park, and there has been a public consultation process to identify the best location for the park.

For more detail on the Economic Stimulus Plan and other projects in the electorate of Richmond, visit [www.australia.gov.au/economicstimulus](http://www.australia.gov.au/economicstimulus)

## Applications for Australia's first Paid Parental Leave scheme are now open

From 1st October, working parents expecting a baby in the New Year are able to lodge their claims for Paid Parental Leave.

Eligible working parents in the Richmond electorate can lodge their claims up to three months before their baby's due date.



Justine (right) with Lismore mayor Jenny Dowell and Nimbin skater Connor Anderson turning the first sod for the construction of the new concrete skate park

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"We know how busy it can be for new parents when a baby arrives. To make things easier parents can apply for paid parental leave three months before their baby is due," Justine said.

"The Gillard Labor Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme provides eligible working parents of babies born or adopted from 1st January 2011 with parental leave pay for up to 18 weeks at the minimum wage, which is currently \$570 a week before tax.

"From 1st January next year many local casual and part-time workers, contractors and the self-employed, will have access to paid parental leave for the first time."

To help parents get all their paperwork done before the birth of their child, claims for Family Tax Benefit and Maternity Immunisation Allowance can also be lodged early, using a combined claim form with Paid Parental Leave.

Justine said eligible expectant parents can apply from today on [www.familyassist.gov.au](http://www.familyassist.gov.au) or they can pick an application form up from Family Assistance Offices located in their local Medicare Australia or Centrelink office or by calling 13-61-50.

"Parents on the North Coast planning to claim paid parental leave should plan their caring and leave arrangements and discuss these with their employer before lodging their claim," Justine said.

Parents who are not eligible for Paid Parental Leave, or who choose not to participate in the scheme, will be able to continue to access the Baby Bonus and Family Tax Benefit if they are eligible.

"Labor supports working parents and that's why we are delivering Australia's first Paid Parental Leave scheme on 1 January next year," Justine said.

"We've also committed to introducing two weeks paid paternity leave from 1 July 2012, giving local dads time at home with their new born babies."

– Justine.

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# Hemp takes the cake



Nimbin Hemp Embassy volunteer Amanda has been spreading the word about hemp's usefulness at the North Coast National Show this year.

The hemp seed chocolate cake won again, a new hemp/wool toy horse won a ribbon.

Carrying a banner for saving the planet, the hemp faerie rag doll, winning 1st prize.

You can taste the cake in the Hemp Bar and see the horse and faerie on display in the Embassy window.

## Belated comeback for HEMP Party

Several applications later, the Australian Electoral Commission has assessed the HEMP party as meeting the test of being a political party under section 4 of the Electoral Act.

On 17th June 2010, the delegate determined that the party's application

had passed its initial consideration for registration and the application was advertised for public objection on 23rd June.

The issue of writs on 19th July for the federal elections meant that no further action could be

taken on this application until the final return of all outstanding writs on 17th September.

No objections to the registration of the HEMP Party were received.

Membership details are online at <http://australianhempparty.com>

## Hemp surfboard

On show at the Art of Surfing exhibition at the Gold Coast Surf Museum in October was a board made with a hemp and rice blank.

The limited edition blank was hand mixed and blown in Japan from foam using hemp and rice fibre.

Gold surfboard shaper, Richard Harvey shaped and glassed the 5'11" surfboard, a swallow-tail fish. He said, "The colour is different from the standard white foam and has great character, as well as having a greener material component."

"The foam is very easy to shape and interestingly, when exposed to sunlight over a longer period, the colour goes lighter to a softer more creamy colour, as compared to a white blank, which browns off."

Some of the features are: a reversible Harvey logo with another Fist logo hand-cut from cedar and abalone shell; balsa fin support plates.

To complement the Japanese hand-blown foam, the artwork of a geisha was handpainted. For more about the board, visit [www.harveysurf.com](http://www.harveysurf.com)

Surf World Gold Coast is a not-for-profit museum dedicated to celebrating the history and culture of surfing.



# STREET SHUFFLE

Journal of the North Coast's longest serving covert

by Undacuvva

It's the fifth time I've tried to resign and failed abysmally. There's no such thing, said the Boss. "This is a lifetime commitment with no escape clause, Helen," still not my real name, which he's clearly forgotten.

So we amended the contract. Now I just have to co-operate whenever they have an operation in the area. They give me 24 hours notice of the role I must play and in return they promise not to wound me. "Unless absolutely necessary to maintain the illusion of unda identities," says the manual. Well, thanks very much!

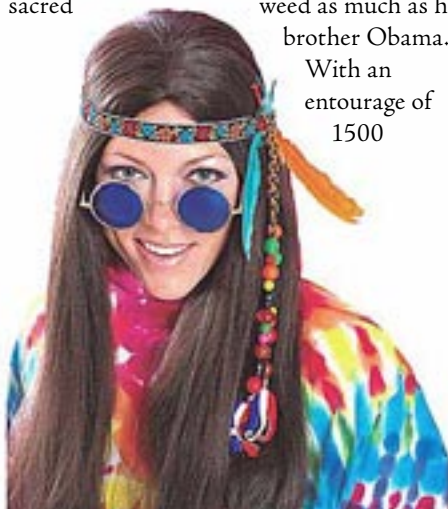
The copshrink was caring and concerned for my mental health state and I left with a huge bag of pills that promptly got flushed. I know what medicine I need and this year's confiscated bush is top class I must admit. Some days it leaves me on the street with a headful of blue sky. I can't even remember my name or what I'm supposed to be doing, which makes it easy to blend in perfectly in the village of the stoned.

The offer from the idiot hippies at their protest to sell their weed to us for \$500 an ounce, considerably less than our current costs which work out at nearly \$2500 for every ounce found, has infuriated the Head Office so much we've been instructed to find 2kg per week to undacut them.

Of course the only way we can do that is by finding cakes. Last week's bust of 1.83 kg of rum balls helped enormously and no-one seems to care she only put 7 grams of mouldy leaf in the mix. In fact the Boss insisted we weigh the tin as well, which put the stash at over 2kg! God only knows what we have to score this week to keep him happy.

Once again HQ, with Garuda sponsorship, is offering ridiculous bonuses including trips to the Vatican for anyone finding twenty kilos or more of weed before Christmas. That's only a couple of decent fruitcakes! I withdrew my entry when I thought I was resigning which ended up getting me on the security detail for Oprah, who apparently enjoys the sacred

weed as much as her brother Obama. With an entourage of 1500



people, her crew will need every ounce we can find between now and then anyway. And they'll pay top dollar, those Americans.

One of the biggest upsets this month was the Commissioner's wife's sister and her kids visited Nimbin. They came to Byron for the school holidays, but the endless rain forced them out for a drive and they ended up in the back carpark. She claims she was offered "marriage you arna" twelve times before they even got to the shops! I may well have been one of the offerers, though at the time I think I was searching through the bins for a Coke can with several thousand dollars stuffed in it I'd thrown out by mistake. I never did find it.

The family apparently fled back to their car only to find a shaven headed teenager squeezing his pimples in the BMW side mirror. The children by now were completely wide-eyed, sheltered between mum and her toffy friend, incessantly asking "What's wrong mummy, what's wrong?" Well may they ask, trapped in the middle of a warzone as they were.

She starts looking for her brother-in-law's number in her phone and the youth says, while watching her in the mirror between the pimples, "You calling the taxi?" He said it as an afterthought almost, before straightening up from the mirror as he realised who she was.

"They won't even come lady. They know what we're doing. They can't stop us. It's a joke."

The boy then says, as she reported in a written statement, "You don't get it lady, your kids'll be smoking cones in a few years. At least they won't have to deal weed to get a session, they'll be able to buy it. The law is crap, we know it and the cops know it."

It had a profound affect on her, apparently. And that was only one of a dozen "important person" complaints to HQ about Nimbin this month.

So much so, an Assistant Commissioner visited a WKTA (Well Known Tourist Attraction) this week to try and undastand what on earth is making the wacky village so popular with the young international travellers. Do they really like unemployed derelicts, drug addicts and dirt? Is the Great Unwashed now a tourist attraction? A novelty, a reaction to compulsory wipeable surfaces?

The AC washed her hands very thoroughly as soon as they returned to the station, who wouldn't?

Finally I'd like to tell whoever put up the dumb idea to change the airport name to Lismore-Nimbin that they have stuffed up our favourite smuggling route. The sniffer dog is now checking all baggage flying into Sydney from here, which we found out the hard way too. The Dalai will be here again soon and he is not impressed, I can tell you.

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