

# ASTRO FORECASTS

BY TINA MEWS

YOUR MONTHLY REVIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS

## September

We have entered the earthy and pragmatic realm of Virgo in our yearly cycle around the zodiac. Virgo is the sign most concerned with ordering, sorting and perfecting. Virgo energy is excellent at distinguishing between what is essential and necessary, and what has lost its purpose. Let's use this time for clearing out-of-date feelings, thoughts and attitudes. Mercury remains retrograde until September 12 and assists us in paying attention to detail while being a bit more particular about things that really matter. It is a good time for some serious reflection and re-orientation after all the hustle and bustle of the last weeks and months. Also health issues need attending.



On 9th of September, Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, is re-entering the mystery sign of Pisces. On the 19th, Jupiter conjoins unpredictable Uranus for the second time this year. They will travel together until late January 2011. Jupiter helps us to see the 'big picture' and we might feel inspired again to realign with our inner vision and compassion. Uranus awakens our idealism and inventiveness.

This might bring about a much-needed shift in awareness, especially if we feel that we have lost our direction and focus lately. On the other hand, we could well be suffering from mental overload and psychic stress due to the effects of a fast changing world. Therefore, taking good care of ourselves, while remaining grounded in the here and now is especially important at this moment in time.

The Equinox on the 23rd marks another turning point of the year, when the Sun enters the sign of Libra. Relationship issues will be back at the center of our attention. The Full Moon in Aries coincides, placing extra weight on these last days of the month. Built-up motions could be triggered and conscious effort might be needed to remain calm within the storm. We might have to juggle our perception of what is fair and just with a general willingness to compromise. It will be helpful to listen to the views of others with a non-judgmental mind and an open heart enabling a sudden transformation in perspective.

### Aries

Health and work related issues might need some attention now. Use the first three weeks for evaluating and improving projects; take some extra time for working out little details. The tense energies of the Aries Full Moon on the 23rd might be tricky to handle. There could be either a breakthrough or a breakdown in your relationships.

### Taurus

This is a great time for pursuing creative projects, which are purposeful and productive. You might feel more social than usual; however, some connections that you are making now will be put to the test later on. Try not to criticise or analyse others too much, instead work on improving your side of the contract.

### Gemini

Your focus might have shifted towards work that needs to be done around the house. Enjoy being practical and take care of details, because Mercury remains retrograde until September 12. Also experiences of the last months are still waiting for conscious integration and final resolution. This inner work will boost your creative energy.

### Cancer

Head and heart can either clash or work together at the moment. Stay with the big picture, because nervous energy might otherwise upset your stomach. The powerful energies of the Full Moon/Equinox period (23rd - 29th) will need careful handling. Attachments to the past have to go, while new connections could be made.

### Leo

Use this moment in time for reflecting on your deepest values; be clear about what is dearest to your heart. Either your relationships might be a source of discouragement now, or others may need your help. Whatever the issues might be, you are asked to rely on your inner strength to set good guidelines.

### Virgo

Your skills in practical idealism are needed right now. Explore your love for detail but refrain from setting unattainable standards for yourself and others; otherwise you will be driven to prove yourself worthy later on. Instead, balance analytical left-brain work with creative right-brain activities, thus nurturing body and soul.

### Libra

Use the first three weeks for reflecting on the recent past, as your birthday is on its way, marking the end of another yearly cycle. What has been working well and in which areas of your life could you improve your game? The tense energies of the Equinox might put your relationships to the test. Unfinished business could emerge suddenly, either upsetting or transforming your world in a powerful way (23rd - 29th).

### Scorpio

The relationship planets, Venus and Mars, will be in your sign for most of this month, putting extra emphasis on your partnerships and their deeper realities. Does the balance of power between you and others require some sorting out? Does everybody involved experience sufficient personal freedom? Align your will with the highest purpose you know and a clear path will emerge from there.

### Sagittarius

How does the road ahead look at the moment? Spend some time reflecting on your life direction. There might be things that need completing now.

The powerful energies of the Equinox could inspire you to dream up far-reaching goals. Just avoid overwhelming yourself and others with expectations that are too high. Moderation is the key.

### Capricorn

At the moment, your power lives in your ability to understand others and their point of view. Make sure that your beliefs are centered in truth and not in ego; otherwise you might be missing important details that are necessary for being successful in the long run. Communicate your ideas with others. The stressful energies during the Equinox period (23rd - 29th) might force you to change course.

### Aquarius

What are the causes in your life right now, which you feel passionate about? Remember, to be a seed planter requires a person to stand alone, even in the face of opposition. If you receive important impulses, share them with

others. You could well feel a calling for making your mark in the world at this moment in time.

### Pisces

You can learn much about making the proper boundaries and protecting your own sensitivity right now. It is crucial for you to remain aligned with your vision. However, try not to idealise others; instead make sure that your partnerships are built upon cooperation and true sharing. Remain realistic and practical and attend to your daily routines with care.

I am a trained counsellor and certified astrologer; I can assist you with vocational guidance, relationship astrology and life transitions. Or you can join my astrology class on Wednesday mornings at the Lillfield Community Centre 10 am - 1 pm; starting soon: **Planets in Aspect**. For bookings or info please ring Tina on 6689-7413, email: [star-loom@hotmail.com](mailto:star-loom@hotmail.com) or visit my web page: <http://nimbin-starloom.com.au>.

**Star-loom**  
Navigation by the Stars  
Astrological Counselling  
Chart Readings  
Workshops  
Tina Mews  
02 6689 7413  
[star-loom@hotmail.com](mailto:star-loom@hotmail.com)

**Nimbin Lifestyle 6689 1305**  
real estate [www.nimbinrealestate.com.au](http://www.nimbinrealestate.com.au) 66 Cullen St. Nimbin

After hours contact:  
Lis 0447 891 004, Peter 0428 890 373,  
Janet 0438 992 376, John 02 6628 2182

### JIGGI VALLEY BEAUTY \$550,000



In immaculate gardens surrounded by 6 1/2 acres of fertile land fast flowing mountain stream, the brick home has 3 bedrooms plus huge 4th bedroom/rumpus room and teenage retreat, 3 bathrooms, open plan kitchen and big living areas. With an in ground solar heated salt water pool and barbeque area to enjoy in summer this property will suit a growing family wishing for a country life style yet 27km to Lismore.

### ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES \$575,000



Set in a lush valley is this lovely 66-acre property. With some of the best soil in the area, you can't go wrong! There's 1000 finger limes already producing, plus plenty of room to expand this lucrative crop. Abundant water from 3 creeks, the main one with great swimming holes. The dwelling is a 9x9 converted colour bond shed with power and compost toilet. The views from this property are of spectacular rainforest covered mountains.

### ANGELS LAND HERE \$429,000



A lush rainforest edge garden has been perfectly created for this eco-friendly home and landscape. Set on 1/2 an acre plus common land with wonderful northerly aspect, amazing distant mountain views of the National park, the outlook is superb. The high set home incorporates solar passive elements for climatic comfort, giant verandahs and breezeway through double doors, adds to an indoor out door feeling. There are 3 bedrooms, open plan living, high ceilings and timber floors ambience plus. You will feel like you're in the lap of the gods. Check out this eco-friendly family orientated perma-culture hamlet, country living with the convenience of being close to Nimbin village.

### TRISTANIA \$550,000



Comfortably nestled on a gently rolling hillside, down a quiet country road is this 3-bedroom B/V low maintenance home with 14 x 9metre double garage. Close to Nimbin town and its amenities, hospital, schools, shops, on 20 good acres of lush land, with an abundance of water from a huge spring fed dam. The property is currently used for cattle but the possibilities are endless.

### HARLEY'S HOMESTEAD \$385,000



Giant trees grace the elegant grounds of this 1910 Colonial homestead. This country home has charm and comfort. Boasting 3 large bedrooms with high ceilings and french doors that open onto the verandah. There is a large sleep out with separate dining room and kitchen, an elegant hallway leads to a lounge room with space to relax. An entertainment area at the back adjoins the garage, and a stroll across the 5 acres leads you to a creek with a swimming hole. There is also an option to lease an extra 5 acres. Come and see this property you won't be disappointed.

### RENTAL PROPERTIES WANTED!

Due to the increasing demand for rental properties, we are looking for new rental listings. If you have a property you would like to find suitable tenants for please give Nimbin Lifestyle real estate a call. Phone (02) 6689-1305, or 1300-73-25-37.

**1300 REAL ESTATE**  
7 3 2 5 3 7

# Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World

Reviewed by Stephen Wright

There were quite a lot of ten-year-olds at the screening I went to, of *Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World*.

When I was ten years old, my main cultural references were Manchester United, bangers-and-mash and books. There wasn't a lot of other stuff happening. Ten year olds of 2010 are about as culturally informed as you can get, and their world is saturated with references and cues that most of us adults are only partially aware of.

Not that *Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World* is just a film for ten year olds. It isn't. But it works at the level of cultural saturation that ten year olds can really appreciate, I think.

*Scott Pilgrim* is a 22-year-old nerd-ish slacker living in Toronto, and playing bass in a garage band called Sex Bob-Omb, a group somewhat in the style of *Smashing Pumpkins*. Scott lives in a one room flat with his gay friend Wallace,

has a 17-year-old Catholic girlfriend, Knives Chau, who he holds hands with, and a broken heart. Out of the blue he meets the mysterious ultra-cool Ramona Flowers and falls in love. She is fleeing New York trying to make a new life, and very quickly Scott discovers he has to defeat each of her Seven Evil Exes in single combat in order to win her hand.

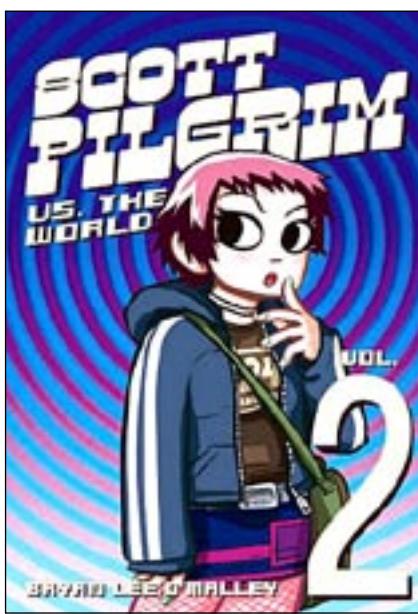
Each battle is played out like a scene from an arcade game like *Mortal Kombat*. People level-up, acquire bonus scores, and explode in showers of coins. Scott's battle with Ramona's Vegan Ex – his vegan diet gives him superpowers – is particularly funny. But it's the rapid and witty pop referencing that makes the film really worth catching. One scene in Scott's flat is played out like a scene from *Seinfeld*, there are numerous references to Sega games, and so on.

*Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World* is a film that could make you feel very old, if you are over 25. But what it does in its frenetic

entertaining mash-up, is show us how much of popular culture of the past 20 years has become wound into mundane life, largely because of the Internet.

Cultural reference points don't fade away anymore, they just transform and morph into other things that incorporate them. *Scott Pilgrim's* world is one where ordinary values such as honesty and kindness matter, but one where the forces that shape us are more fluid and dynamic than ever.

For example, the sexualities in *Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World* are pretty fluid, without being coy. Looking at *Scott Pilgrim* one can see clearly how ludicrous the current debates about gay marriage must seem to children and adolescents growing up in a world where they've never not known cyberspace.



Apparently *Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World* hasn't done brilliantly at the box-office. The trailer I saw for it a while back promoted it as a kind of kids action-comedy. It's nothing of the sort. I guess it will probably disappear from the big screen soon, but remind yourself to catch it when it comes out on DVD.

You can watch it with your kids, and be reminded how much more they know than you.

# Nimbin Crossword

2010-09

by 5ynic



## Across

1. Marks awarded? Bloodsuckers
3. More misty? Less memory
7. Unfamiliar, surprisingly unusual
8. A method of failing to choose a government
10. (And 24 across) Coffee, music, broadband and alfresco dining on Cullen (4,5)
13. Sufficient
15. Contested again
18. Belonging to me
19. Writing dictionaries
21. Egyptian god of the sun
24. See 10 across.
25. Ruin (a song)?
28. Around sunset
29. My treat (2,2)
31. Arrangement for (usually single) voice
32. Wrote Pilgrim's Progress
33. Endangered bear

## Down

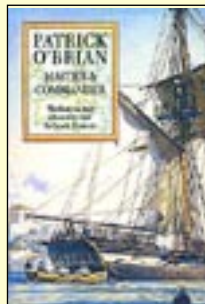
2. Lieutenant Commander, USS Enterprise
3. Lady of the night?
4. Areas
5. Longer than a single, shorter than an album
6. Horse with partly white coat
9. Foodborne bacteria
11. Thou unnecessary letter!
12. Country code for Singapore
14. Crystal quartz
16. Dominant male
17. Cowgirl
18. Paris' subway
20. Motivates cattle?
22. Dammed, damaged river
23. French wine's vineyard
24. A doors is hung from one
26. Harvest (poppies, hemp, wheat...)
27. (abbr.) written work's curator?
30. World's largest economy
31. Greek prefix for lack

Solution Page 26

# Reviews from the Crypt

by Stephen Wright

## Master and Commander: Patrick O'Brian (1970)



Maturin is his ship's surgeon, waspish, ugly, slightly autistic, a keen naturalist and leading a double life as an intelligence agent for the British government.

Aubrey and Maturin's first meeting at a concert, is not auspicious. Stephen insults Jack, who at one point is seized with an intense desire to break a chair over Stephen's head.

O'Brian has several things going for him in his writing. First, his wonderful sketching of characters who are always depicted with a dry and considerate humour, second his amazing historical knowledge, and third his spare, skillful

and intricate plotting. His descriptions of the art of sailing a 19th century ship of war, are amazing.

Not only does he make the entire project really come alive, he somehow manages to do so by using technical language, that probably only one person in a thousand understands: 'Watch' [said Jack] 'He reeves the jeer-fall through the block. The jeer-fall is brought to its capstan, with the standing part belayed to the bits? Do you understand? No, we don't understand. But we don't need to, that's the point.

Peter Weir's film of O'Brian's novel in no way does justice to it. Russell Crowe does a reasonable job as Jack Aubrey, but the portrayal of Stephen Maturin lacks any kind of accuracy or depth. Sometimes films just can't make characters come alive at all.

## A Girl Called Dusty: Dusty Springfield (1964)

I think it was Muddy Waters, who when asked, "Can a white man play the blues?" replied, "Hey, can a blue man play the whites?"

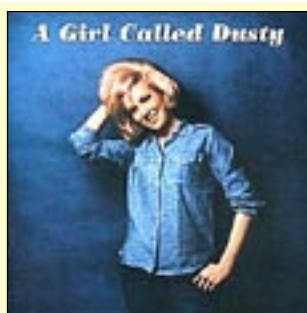
*A Girl Called Dusty* was Dusty Springfield's debut album, and in it, the Irish Catholic girl christened Mary Isabel Catherine Bernadette O'Brien and nicknamed Dusty for her habit of playing in the streets, stepped into the blues as though she'd been born into it.

She had a remarkable voice, not just powerful and expressive, but completely authentic. It was a kind of hoarse, silk-and-sandpaper embrace, instantly identifiable and unforgettable.

Dusty Springfield introduced soul music to a whole generation, in her covers of songs like 'Mockingbird', and her interpretations of Bacharach songs, such as 'Anyone Who Had A Heart'.

Unlike the divas of today, Dusty knew exactly how to get the most out of the colour of her voice without resorting to screaming or sobbing. She was no robot either, and allowed her voice to find its own way through a song, letting it slide its way around phrases.

Dusty was one of the first popular singers to refuse to disguise her sexuality.



She didn't really care if people knew she was gay or not. After his first rush of fame, she did it tough in the seventies with suicidal depression and heavy drug and alcohol use, and returned to the charts with the *Pet Shop Boys*, in the late 90's just before her death from cancer, just shy of her 60th birthday.

Female singers in the sixties were just as manufactured as singers today, which is why Dusty Springfield was such a revelation. All of a sudden it was clear to everyone that you couldn't fake soul, you couldn't fake the blues. You could only try and find a way to let it own you, and give you its own voice.

**ecoteam**  
02 66 215 123 • 0428 215 123 • 43 Ewing St. Lismore

- onsite sewage management  
Constructed wetlands, Dosing siphons  
Design, Approval, Construction, Maintenance
- soil assessment reports  
Contaminated land, Agricultural /organic assessment
- development services  
Wastewater feasibility, Environmental Effects

**Solutions for environmental challenges**

Terry Bressington  
**PLASTERIN' NIMBIN'**  
0427 891626  
**Gyprock walls and ceilings**  
**New work or renovations**  
Lic. No. 100169C

Plug in your eccentricity  
Nimbin GoodTimes  
Home Podcasts Documents News  
What's On

Licence No. 204232C  
**MY ELECTRICIAN** Domestic - Commercial - Industrial  
Northern Rivers to Gold Coast  
PO Box 369  
NIMBIN NSW 2480  
Gavin 0488-585-430 Sean 0429-890-181

**SEPTIC TANK PUMPING**  
GREASE TRAP CLEANING  
LIQUID WASTE REMOVAL  
OILY WATER PROCESSING  
NIMBIN & ALL SURROUNDING AREAS  
Local Since 1932  
**RICHMOND PUMPING**  
6621-7431 After Hours 0407-433-405

# My Mother is a Crazy Dog Lady

by Beau, as told to Caroline Ladewig

Beau's crazy mother is a volunteer carer who brings home all sorts of foster 'kids'.

I had one night's peace with just Poppy to deal with. My mummies felt sorry for Poppy being without her friend Jackson so they made me sleep in the 'Hotel for Dogs' with her instead of in their bed!

Mumma C's phone rang early in the morning as sure enough, Jackson had been a naughty boy yet again. His new mum and dad were very upset because Jackson had bailed up their cats and they had not been able to get the cats down from the top of a cupboard all night. So much for the three big cats putting him in his place!

Once again Jackson was back with us. At least it meant that I got to sleep in the bed and Jackson could be the one to keep Poppy company.

Now that there were the three of us little fit and fast dogs my mummies could take us lots of fun places to run. Poppy was a real daredevil and would often lead us astray. She liked to go right up into the dunes. She told me and Jackson there were special treats up there so we followed her every time.



Poppy and Beau

We would bounce through the dunes only catching glimpses of the mummies when our heads popped above the top of the grass. We never did find any treats up there, but it was heaps of fun!

One Saturday afternoon a couple brought their dog to meet Poppy. They fell in love with her and Poppy loved her new sister. The following day the lovely couple came back and adopted Poppy.

Our home was back down to just me and Jackson, and I was back keeping him company in the 'Hotel for Dogs'.

*Animal Rights and Rescue Group is a registered charity formed in 1995, to help the unwanted, injured and neglected animals. They are at 135 Three Chain Road Lismore, phone: 02 6622-1881 or online: www.animalrights.org.au*

## Grant funding available

Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF) has just announced its 2010 Grants Round, with a record sum of almost \$30,000 available this year for worthwhile projects.

Applicants must be incorporated, not-for-profit organisations in the northern rivers region of New South Wales, and must either have Deductible Gift Recipient status in their own right, or be auspiced by a body that has DGR status.

Projects must fit the NRCF's broad criteria, and be completed within 12 months of the date of the grant being awarded.

The assessment criteria relate to social disadvantage due to age, gender, race, educational disadvantage, socio-economic status, mental health or disability. A particular focus will be on projects aimed at youth, but activities which benefit the whole community – rather than a specific target group – can also be considered.

Grants over the past five years have ranged between \$600 and \$10,000, with an average around \$2,000.

Grant applications close at 4:30pm on Friday, 24th September and the announcement of the successful applicants will be made on Friday 22nd October. For more information and the application form go to: [www.nrcf.org.au](http://www.nrcf.org.au) or telephone the NRCF team on 02 6621-9996.

# Software Freedom Day 2010

by Jay Stephens

Last year's Software Freedom Day in Nimbin was a great success, and we are looking to build on that this year and keep awareness high around alternatives to lining Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and Steve Ballmer's pockets. We will be giving away disks with the latest version of the Ubuntu Linux operating system, plus a bunch of other free software for all that want it. There will also be a screening of a movie made using 100% open source software, plus various pieces of geek hardware and software, and free snacks too (if you're an early bird).

Whilst we are most definitely doing this for fun (and we certainly had a laugh last year) there is a very serious purpose behind the event. The threat of a "Great Australian Firewall" (or "packet proof fence") still hangs over internet users in this country. Lack of

clear support for a National Broadband Network could leave many of us facing an effective monopoly supplier for connection to the web at modern speeds.

Devices like mobile phones, DVD players, and MP3 players now routinely come with (proprietary) onboard computers with locked down operating systems. We need to build awareness of how to avoid walking blindly into a future in which our phone calls, our music listening, our web browsing and even our physical movements are monitored, rights-managed, and stored for data-mining by unaccountable third parties.

Non-geeks are very welcome (you're the ones with the most to gain)! Why not

bring your laptop and install Ubuntu then and there (if you dare), or just come along and ask us to explain why this stuff matters, and why we care! Or simply turn up and take a look at the cool stuff being done with open source software – everything from movies to business software packages; even an open-source rival to Facebook.

Software Freedom Day 2010 is Saturday 18th September. The Nimbin event will be held in the same place as last year – the scout hut behind the fire station on Sibley Street. Doors open at midday, and something (vaguely) interesting should be happening until 4pm.

For more information (and how you can help

spread the word) check out <http://sfd.org.au/nimbin> To get involved, or for information about what's going on (and how you can help spread the word or get involved) email the Nimbin Software Freedom Day crew: [nimbin2010@gmail.com](mailto:nimbin2010@gmail.com)

If you'd like to know more about Open Source software (and where you can get loads of free, useful software online) check out some of the links below.

[www.softwarefreedomday.com](http://www.softwarefreedomday.com) – the global portal for Software Freedom Day events.

<http://sourceforge.net> – the main community for Open Source programs.

[www.opensource.org/docs/osd](http://www.opensource.org/docs/osd) – an explanation of what Open Source means.

[www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org) – a free alternative to Word, Excel and so on.

[www.fsf.org/about/what-is-free-software](http://www.fsf.org/about/what-is-free-software) – Richard Stallman explains free software.

## Fruit of the vine

by Terry Beltrane

### Temperature and Time

Quality wine grapes for table wines grow best in Mediterranean to cooler type climates; warm dry summers are essential for grape ripening.

This is one of the reasons we don't see any commercial plantings of wine grapes in the Rainbow Region – our summers are generally too wet and humid which cause mould and rot diseases for both the vine and it's grapes). The warmer/hotter climates like the Barossa and Rutherglen, for example, produce more robust, high alcohol wines that reflect in their taste and structure very ripe fruit characteristics. Shiraz, for example, grown in the Barossa will generally yield wines that are 14-15% alcohol and possess flavours that are often described as "plums and chocolate".

In contrast, wines made in cooler climates are more delicate in structure and demonstrate different varietal flavours. Shiraz wines grown in the Adelaide Hills region, for example, are more inclined to be in the 12.5 – 14% alcohol range and accordingly more delicate in mouth feel and structure, demonstrating flavours more towards "black pepper (spice) and earthiness". Some regions are simply not suited to certain grape varieties because of their

climate and soil type.

The cooler temperatures, especially at night, of the Eden Valley are ideal for growing and making delicate Riesling of high acidity, low alcohol (11.5 – 12.5%) and intense varietal flavours that are described as apple, floral and mineral. By contrast Riesling grown in the warmer valley floor of neighbouring Barossa makes wines that are more broad and less delicate, generally higher in alcohol and demonstrate more "ripe fruit" flavours in the spectrum of pineapple and ripe canteloupe.

Herein we have something of a conundrum. Wine grapes must reach a level of maturity to provide the sugar, which is converted into alcohol – in Australia it's illegal to add sugar to grapes or wine. As part of the 'balance' in wine, the fruit must also have a certain degree of acidity (mainly tartaric and citric acids, but there is a multitude of others produced naturally in the fruit), which initially is very high in immature fruit and decreases as the fruit ripens. So fruit must be harvested when the acid/sugar ratio is in balance if we are to have quality wine.

Accordingly, as the fruit ripens the varietal flavours become more concentrated and intense. You'd know this by waiting for the mangoes to ripen and getting to them before the fruit bats do. Like all fruit, the longer grapes stay on the vine the more flavour they produce: but then we have to consider that sugar/acid balance as well.

So! Grapes grown in a cooler climate will produce more flavour as a result of the longer ripening period until such time as they are ready for harvest

according to that sugar/acid balance. Grapes grown in a warmer climate have a shorter ripening period to reach their acid/sugar balance but suffer through less varietal flavour because of this shorter ripening period. By leaving the grapes on the vine to gain more flavour, the natural balance of the fruit is compromised resulting in wines of higher alcohol levels and, sometimes, of lesser quality. It depends on what you like to drink.

In addition to all of this, grapes produce glycerol, which gives the finished wine a 'soft' mouth feel – more slippery, so to speak. The degree of glycerol that's produced in the fruit is also dependent on the amount of time the fruit remains on the vine. The longer grapes spend on the vine, the more varietal flavour they have, the better the mouthfeel in the finished wine, and provided they've been grown in a cooler climate, the better the acid/sugar ratio for making premium quality table wines.

This does not necessarily mean that quality wine cannot be produced in a hotter climate – it's simply a matter of selecting the appropriate grape variety suitable for that climate as each variety has different characteristics and growing regime requirements. It also depends on what style/type of wine you wish to make. While the cooler climates produce more elegant table wines, they are not suited for the more full-bodied robust wines, or for the fortified "Port/Muscat" wine styles.

So it's horses for courses, and I'll get more into that in the next issue of the NGT.

## WANTED



**Tractors, going or not, also 3PL implements**

0427-285-810

## O'Neill

Kyogle Nimbin Lismore and surrounding area

# Concreting

**We do:**

- Patios
- Paths
- House Slabs
- Driveways

- Pool surrounds
- Cross-overs and Small Bridges
- Stencil Patterns
- Exposed aggregate

Over 20 years experience      Call "Brenno"

Pensioner Discounts      on 0429-674-523

## Jerry Grace

### Licenced Electrical Contractor

Licence No. 17976

Rural, Commercial and Domestic Installations



Phone 6688-8287  
Mobile 0416-182-222

# Nimbin Bushwalkers confront the Sphinx and other Leviathans

by Len Martin

*Being too old and decrepit to face the Sphinx, I thank Michael Smith for the following:*

When Nimbin Bushwalkers Club programmed an overnight walk to Sphinx Rock for "members only", 10 people joined, just to be able to come. In all, 16 assembled at Mt Nardi with packs for the big sky traverse to the Sphinx. After 4 hours we reached the old Kunghur Flying Fox and put up the tents. Relieved of 12-20kg burdens we headed along the Caldera to meet with the Sphinx. From the rainforest a Lyre Bird screeched and Whip Birds cracked. We flew along with passion, gnarly vines trying to hook us. Lawyer vines tore blood from our bodies. Giant Lilies prodded and poked us, but we would not turn back. A dead Hoop Pine cursed our passing. All the Scrub Turkey nests were abandoned, bowers emptied of dancers.

As we closed in, our world narrowed to a rocky spine a few metres across with sheer cliffs either side reaching down hundreds of metres. The dried tussocky grass was slippery. Bushes, our hand holds, stunted and dead, snapped at the lightest touch. Hearts in mouths we took our mortal bodies across the rocky bridge to the base of Sphinx Rock - bright, dry and sunny.

On one side, Mt Warning. To the south, Nimbin Rocks, far below, seemingly insignificant. Eight hundred metres above the valley floor we seemed to be floating above it all. I last walked to this spot 4 years ago, leaving a visitor's book for others to record their thoughts. Just 8 people and a dog had signed it. We stayed an hour, basking in the magical beauty.

Back at camp we ate, celebrated and told stories. At sunset, as temperatures fell to single figures, sweat-drenched clothes were swapped for scarves, beanies, warm socks, jumpers and

thermals. Through breaks in the canopy we could see a clear, million-star night. Inside our tents we lay on deep soft tilth listening to leaves fall. Next day we had only to walk out by the slender pad that fellow walkers had left. National Parks have removed all mention of this walk from their signs and brochures. It is a big walk, a great walk. Bill, 74, had no trouble making it. A tiger in the bush and a gentleman, he shared his knowledge and wisdom with us. There is a place for you, too, next time we go.

Moreton Island welcomed 11 of us for a week's camping behind ocean beach dunes close to Blue Lagoon - where we camped 3 years ago. The weather then had turned nasty with rain and 50 knot winds blowing tents

down. This time, one rainy day apart, idyllic blue skies, balmy winds. We had a whale of a time - whales be-sporting themselves everywhere - in the sea that is - heading south and north. A glance to sea - "there's another blow, there's another pod".

At Cape Moreton, a mother and young came in close, too small to be Humpbacks, identified by Ludmilla as Dwarf Minke. Calm, flat seas made whale watching easy - never seen so many lovely Leviathans. And the birds - Bush and Beach Stone Curlew, Sea Eagles, Whistling and Brahminy Kites, Ospreys nesting, Kingfishers, Gannets diving etc. Twitchers' heaven. Profuse diversity of flowers, a wonderful collection of weird and wonderful sea creatures in the bayside

mangrove flats. Eleven pairs of enthusiastic eyes meant we all saw much more than if we'd been alone

We did walk. Day 1 wade around edge of Blue Lagoon; across rich heathland to Honeyeater Lake, which we circumnavigated; walk via road, beach to camp. Day 2 walk up beach to Spitfire Creek with large Aboriginal midden, glorious dunes, ephemeral lakes and dense scrub, through which 3 unsuccessfully attempted to reach Lake Jabiru. Day 3 drive to Cape Moreton; climb headland for whale watching; return to cars (Landcruiser/Landrover) and to lighthouse for more WW - high in an azure infinity; descent by foot through She-oak groves to Boulder Beach and swim with dolphins. Up another track to cars, drive/ walk to North Point/ Honeymoon Bay for lunch, dolphin watching and photography.

Yes, there was much of that - 11 keen naturalists, most keen photographers - several thousand photographs, over 3500 by one person alone (not me, my memory card only held 540). Had you been there you'd have realised why - wildlife

riches, superb scenery - as with the return to camp from North Point.

Day 4 drive down beach to Little Sand Hills (which are big); up and across to bayside mangrove flats; up to and onto Big Sand Hills; lunch with fantastic views across the bay. Thence via ancient landscapes of fossilised sandhills to ocean beach, cars and camp. Day 5 rainy; drive to Middle Road to walk forest below Mt Tempest plus some Telegraph track and some Mt Tempest track.

Day 6 fine, most went to Wrecks/Tangalooma for snorkelling/ walk beach to The Desert; 3 intrepids, driven to Telegraph Track, explored inland forest.

These are only the bare bones of group activities. Individuals did many fascinating things, like walking to the Cape and back by moonlight. Many enjoyed evening sunset watches across Blue Lagoon. We all enjoyed the social evenings, with occasional glass of wine, chatting about what we'd seen that day.

Day 7 reluctant packing to cries of, "When are we going to do this again? Mustn't leave it for 3 years next time". Hopefully, we won't.



Ocean Beach



Bayside mudflats

## Walks Program September

### Saturday 4th September

#### Nimbin Rocks Co-op (members only)

Leader Len Martin (6689-0254)

Grade 4, 4 hr circuit walk on a marked route but no made tracks, through varied woodland - many exposed rocks with epiphytes, across slopes, up a ridge, a level walk through open forest, then down another ridge to a final level walk across open paddocks.

Meet 10am Nimbin car park, 10.10am Martin's house, 2345A Nimbin Rd - through gate opposite Shipway Rd and follow dirt road with club signs for 1km. Bring day-pack, food and water.

### Weekend 18-19th September

#### Angourie Overnight Camping Walk

Leader Michael Smith (6689-9291)

Grade 2, 7-20km return. Carrying overnight camping gear, stove, food and water for 3.5km easy walking along coast to camp at Little Shelly Beach. Leave gear at campsite, then optional walk (13km return) to Red Cliff Beach and Lake

Arragan. Next day return to cars (3.5 km). Wildflowers, bird watching and coastal landscapes.

Meet 8am Nimbin carpark, 8.15am Goolmangar Store, 10.15am Angourie (153 km). As always, some may decide to go early and return late. Bring back-pack with lightweight camping gear and food and water for whatever time you think that you might be staying.

### Wednesday 29th September

#### Wanganui Gorge

Leader Michael Smith (6689-9291)

Grade 3, 2 hrs: shade-less walk on farmland then walk up Cooper Creek through bangalow palm forest. Some spiky thorns and slippery rocks.

Meet 10am Nimbin car park for car-pooling, 10.30am Channon pub for leader; or 11am end of Upper Coopers Creek Rd, off Coopers Creek Rd, Repentance Creek. Bring food for picnic up the creek (and water).

*We are always looking for new walks and new leaders.*

Unless otherwise specified, visitors (non members) welcome, but will be required to pay a fee of \$5 per walk - deducted from membership fee when they join Club. Membership \$15/ head to Treasurer Kay Martin, PO Box 61 Nimbin 2480, phone 6689-0254. Visit <http://nimbinbushwalker.byethost7.com>



Chilling out at Sphinx Rock

# TROYS

## Driveway & Landscaping Supplies

- Sand & Gravels • Garden Soils & Mulches
- Decorative Pebbles • Truck Hire
- Delivery to all areas

Mon-Fri 7:00am to 5:00pm • Sat 7:00am to 1:00pm

187 Casino Street, South Lismore

Phone 6622 8890

## Johnny Mc Towing

Lic No. 10004

• Any Old Cars
• Any Old Metals

• Caravans
• Batteries

Ph: 66897 322 Mob: 042 99 44 571

SPECIALISING IN UNWANTED CARS

## Dick Hopkins

0427 796 304

Nimbin Welding and Small Engine Repairs

Preventative maintenance and repairs for small engines.

- MOBILE SERVICE -

PHONE

02 6689 1285

PO Box 236,

Nimbin 2480

• mowers
• brush cutters
• chainsaws
• water pumps

YOUR LOCAL

## DIGITAL READY TV ANTENNA MAN

Servicing the Northern Rivers

GET THE PICTURE

# GET THE PICTURE

Phone David

# 0428 298 403

# Nimbin Garden Club Notes



Words and pictures by Gil Schilling

## Jarlanbah Garden

A warm, clear and sunny afternoon on the third Saturday in August was the perfect setting for the club's visit to the home garden of Sue Edmonds and Pauline Ahern at the Jarlanbah Community.

A large group of members and visitors turned up to take in the sunshine and enjoy this beautiful garden setting with its panoramic views of Blue Knob and beyond.

Pauline led us on a walk about the garden featuring the chooks, a varied citrus orchard and numerous vegetable plots, tastefully set among many colourful ornamental trees, shrubs and perennials. Various objets d'art, found items, and even original out-door musical instruments scattered throughout the garden also added a whimsical taste of ornamentation to the garden space.

There is no doubt that the good-time vibe of this most productive and delightful house garden is a true reflection of the efforts, talent and personalities of its present custodians.

Our tour also ventured beyond the owners' boundary into the community 'cabinet timber' forest before returning to the house for afternoon tea and socialising.

## Club Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party will be held at the Blue Knob Hall gallery and café on Sunday 21st November at noon.

An Italian Buffet is the plan, at a club-subsidised cost of \$15 per member. Pre-payment is required before the end of October, but why not get in early and make your payment to new treasurer, Den Braidwood at the September meeting?

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the club will be at the garden of Jude Hill and Pete Pennick, Black Road, Terrania Creek.

The garden is 6kms from the Channon Shop (right after the road surface changes from bitumen to gravel); you will see the signpost for Black Road on your left. Jude and Pete's is the first place on the left on Black Road... or so I'm told.

As always, please bring a small plate to share, a chair to sit on and your cup. And don't forget the popular club swap table - if you have some surplus garden material (seedlings, cuttings, fruit and veggies, preserves etc), please bring them along.

Members' guests, visitors and prospective new members are always very welcome. For more information about the club, please contact either Michael (6689-7193) or Denise (6689-9324).



Sue Edmonds (right) and gardeners



Swap table

## FLOOR SANDING MACHINES

Floors, decks, verandahs etc



D.I.Y. hire, we can advise and guide you through the process, or we can quote to do the job.

All sanding materials and coatings supplied. Air nail punch for hire



Rob Clark ph 6632-3342 or 0410-016-694

ABN 93 105 831 192

## Nimbin Crossword Solution

See Page 23



# Well-travelled shoes

The Worldly Soles charity has been conducting a shoe drive to help people in Haiti, Africa and in the Himalayas, and in August dispatched its first container of 12,000 pairs of shoes to be handed out in Haiti (pictured) by project partner Soles4Souls.

It is estimated that over 300 million children around the world have never owned a pair of shoes. Many poor people cannot afford good shoes and their chance of finding a job is hugely influenced by it too.

In wealthy countries we often dispose of shoes which are hardly worn or have plenty of life left in them, while an average pair of good quality



shoes, hardly worn, are worth two or three months savings to a poor person.

Project co-ordinator, Volker Euler, Executive Officer of North Sydney TAFE College Association said, "Thank you so much to all

of you who have contributed and supported our efforts so far. We have another 30,000 pairs, which will be dispatched in coming weeks."

The collection effort is continuing in TAFE college campuses throughout NSW. If you have walking shoes or joggers (or kids shoes) that are either of "Gently Worn" or New condition, then drop them off at any TAFE, or the Nimbin Environment Centre.

You can do magic for people who cannot afford shoes in the poorest regions on earth by donating your gently worn shoes. For more info, check out [www.studentassociations.info/worldlysoles](http://www.studentassociations.info/worldlysoles)



# Solar Farm fires up



The Nimbin Community Solar Farm is becoming a reality, with the first installation at the Bowlo. The 52x 185W panels will produce the first 9.6kW of the six-roof farm, which will eventually put 60kW of clean energy into the grid, making healthy returns for the not-for-profit project partners.

# Food for life - shop smart tips

by David Hoffman, David's Health & Lifestyle Studios, Lismore

When we shop these days, we are overwhelmed with the availability of options that are more and more processed, and less likely to be a healthy option that we need.

How do we then resist the urge to purchase these items and make our trips healthier and more budget conscious?

Here are some tips that other people have found successful:

Before you go to shop, make a meal plan for the week to ensure you have a good variety. Even have down who is going to cook the meal that evening. This way you know what items you may need to pull out of the freezer or any preparation that may need doing. It also helps you plan out meals around evening schedules.

From this write down all the items that

you need to create these meals and add them to your shopping list. Using this will save your time at the centre, will save you buying items that you do not want and that may get wasted or go out of date, and will keep your budget lean.

Take the list to the shopping centre, don't just go off memory.

Have something to eat before you go, or take a water bottle with you. This will ensure you are not buying items because you are hungry and grab them on impulse.

One of the most successful tips I have been given for shopping is buy what you need, not what you want. Hopefully these points will help everyone get a little direction and control with your grocery purchasing, and keep you on the path to healthy eating.

Saying of the month: "Difficulty tests the strength of our resolve." - James Rohn

# LISMORE

RECYCLED BUILDING MATERIALS  
Sliding Doors - Windows  
Paint Stripping and Restoration Work  
Roofing - Interior Fittings - All Timbers  
New Stock Daily

**BUY & SELL**

2 Taylor Street (off Foley's Rd)  
South Lismore

Ph/Fax **6622 2129**

keber1234@bigpond.com

## Wild about your garden?



Call Gai  
Qualified  
Gardener  
Free advice  
Reasonable  
Rates

6689-1726

0429-702-148

## NIMBIN AUTO CENTRE

20 Sibley Street Nimbin • 6689-1028



Proprietor  
Dave Basten

FUEL - GAS - ICE - WOOD

Newspapers • Eftpos • Snackfood

LARGE RANGE OF GROCERIES

Locals welcome to bring produce

CAR WASH - TRAILER HIRE

Plugs, bulbs, springs, O-rings, oils

CYCLE PUNCTURE KITS

Open Monday to Friday 7am-6pm  
Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 8am-4pm

# Hope for three Headers teams to make Grand Finals



by Simone Rutley

Of the club's five competitive teams, three of them are in the finals; an excellent result for a small club.

The finals began on the last weekend in August, and the grand finals are later in September. For the U-11s, the Men's 4th division and the Men's 5th division it is now a matter of focus, team work, a bit of luck and lots of positive vibes from the whole town.

The past month has offered up opportunities for Nimbin soccer to bathe in all that is good about the sport and be proud of its players. This has been contrast with moments of questioning and then reflection about the best way for a team to move forward. The U-14s, which is a composite team made up of U-12s, U-13's, U-14s and an U-15 lost every match of the season and only scored one goal until their penultimate game. A sweeter grand final could not have been had. Gee'd up by a vocal cheer squad and knowing this was their only chance, they won! It was fantastic. Their persistence, their hard work, their resilience in the face of soccer adversity, and sheer enjoyment are what it is all about.

Sadly things have been more difficult for our women's team. For a multitude of reasons soccer has had to take a back seat to other competing pressures resulting in them pulling out of the competition. It is always a hard decision to make and one way or another people end up disappointed.

August 21 may have been election day, but much more importantly it was the first and only day of the season when all teams played at home. There has been some consternation that this year's draw did not allow more home days. A formal complaint was



**Go the Headers!**

Andy Kindermann, dedicated greenkeeper, in action with the Headers 4ths v Ballina on election day.

made to Football Far North Coast earlier in the season with the expectation that next year's draw will be more favourable.

Nevertheless the 21st was a beautiful day for both playing and spectating. It was a social occasion with the opportunity to catch-up with friends, cheer on the kids and eat the best home-made pies in the district. It was the quintessential Ozzy Saturday at the footy.

The men's 4th division began the afternoon by playing Ballina. They had a resounding 4-1 win to round out their season and confirm their 3rd position. It means their first semi-final is away playing Goonellabah. Sundar continued to be a star striker for the 4ths. He has scored half the team's goals this season. It is always a pleasure to watch him score. Communication amongst this team is clearly one of their strengths. The men's 5th division played Alstonville. The game opened with Alstonville scoring a comical own goal in what



Nigel Hayes looking pleased with the 4ths win. Photos: Simone Rutley

could possibly have been the quickest goal ever: scored within the first 10 seconds. Minutes later captain and club president, Steve Waddington, scored a peach of a goal finding the top corner with his left foot. The game went on to seesaw before the Headers eventually ran out with a 7-5 victory – Phew!

There were 17 goals in the two senior games, what a feast for the spectators. The men's 5th division certainly demonstrated the speed and skill that their blend of youth and experience affords them, and will take them through to the grand-final. They are shaping up to be an exciting team. One to look out for in 2011.

Listen out for the results of the finals because when the teams make it to the grand-final a large enthusiastic contingent of Nimbin supporters will be in order.

The club presentations are scheduled for Saturday 25th September. The junior presentation will be at the club at 11am. Proceedings will include a sausage sizzle, the club AGM, trophy presentations and drawing the annual raffle. If you don't have a ticket, or several, they can be purchased at Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers or Nimbin Organics.

If you're a club member remember to return ticket stubs and money to Nimbin Organics by 10th September.

Senior presentations will be held at Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers in the evening of Saturday, 25th September at 7:30pm, where best and fairest and the golden boot are amongst the awards to be handed out.



**Gym Junkies** (left to right): Nimbin locals Cec Roberts, Sue Harris, Daniel Lorroway, Will Harris, Wayne Cuthbertson (instructor) and Ruben Mack

Now is the time to get into shape, and Nimbin has a new place to do it, under the tutelage of Wayne Cuthbertson.

"I would like to invite you to come and get back into shape," Wayne said. "I will design a program for you, the individual. I am offering weight loss programs, and personal or group training for up to only four clients at any one time.

"I would like to keep it personal and private to suit the individual or group classes' needs."

Wayne's Nimbin Gym is a health initiative for all the community, and a fulfilment of a plan that has been under development since 2004, growing out of a successful Youth at Risk program.

Bunjalung Uncle Cec Roberts said, "It's happening, in the long run. This is an asset for the community, which is very good for the young lads."

Regular client Ruben Mack said, "It is good for the younger generation. It increases their awareness of health and fitness, and is a great way to get regular exercise, here in town.

"Wayne puts together a good programme of fitness activities – he really knows what he's doing," he said.

Wayne Cuthbertson is qualified in nutrition and weight loss, fitness instruction, exercise rehabilitation, children's fitness, personal training, and power and speed training.

He is also a Justice of the Peace, and has a background in youth mentoring with indigenous and non-indigenous male youth.

"I am passionate about helping not just young men, but all the community. I would like to acknowledge Nimbin's overwhelming support, with over 270 visits in just over eight weeks of being open," he said.

Sue Harris, of the Nimbin Emporium said, "Physical fitness – you have to do it, it's good for the body, mind and soul."

The Emporium has a subscription for its staff to use the gym, and are undertaking a range of programs which will improve their fitness, body shape and self esteem.

"They mostly do cardio work and boxing," Sue said. "It allows my staff to use the boxing gloves on me!"

Wayne's Nimbin Gym is located next door to Nim-FM at the Nimbin Community Centre, and is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30am until lunch.

Costs are kept low, at just \$5 per visit, which includes individual fitness and weight loss programs, as well as exercise rehabilitation for old injuries.

So whether you or your friends would like to lose weight, become more active, or rehabilitate any old war wounds, please drop in to Wayne's Nimbin Gym in the Community Centre, or phone Wayne on 6689-0069.

## Fire News

### Fire Permit Season

From 1st September, a Permit is required for hazard reduction burn-offs. Permits are free, and easy to acquire from issuing officers of your local fire brigade.

Issuing officers inspect the site to identify potential hazards and control measures. Conditions of the permits include giving notice to neighbours, and phoning Fire Control prior to ignition. For more, ask a brigade member.

### Meeting change

Nimbin RFS Brigade's monthly meeting night has changed from the first Wednesday to the first Thursday night of the month, at 7.30pm at the fire shed.

WALLERS BUS COMPANY										
Timetable										
Pickup Points	Nimbin Central	Nimbin Main St.	Coffee Camp	Goolmangar School	Goolmangar Store	Blakebrook Interchange	RRHS	Lismore Transit		
Nimbin - Lismore	7.50	7.52	8.03	8.10	8.14	8.20	8.35	8.50		
Mon - Fri	8.55	9.00	9.10	9.15	9.18			9.35		
	3.22	3.25	3.35	3.40	3.45			4.10		
		4.30	4.40	4.45	4.49			5.00		
Mon. & Thu. Only		12.45	12.55	1.00	1.05	1.15	1.17			
School Holidays		9.00	9.10	9.15	9.18			9.35		
		3.25	3.30	3.40	3.44			4.00		
Pickup Points	Lismore Transit	RRHS	Blakebrook Interchange	Goolmangar Store	Goolmangar School	Coffee Camp	Nimbin Main St.	Nimbin Central		
Lismore - Nimbin	7.00			7.10	7.14	7.25	7.30	4.20		
Mon - Fri	8.00			8.23	8.25	8.35	8.45	3.50		
	2.35	2.40	2.45	2.48	2.55	3.00	3.10	3.15		
	3.20	3.35	3.50	3.55	4.00	4.05	4.15	4.20		
Mon. & Thu. Only	12.00	12.03	12.10	12.12	12.15	12.25	12.35			
School Holidays	2.35			2.48	2.55	3.00	3.10			
	3.25			3.44	3.50	3.57	4.00			
Pickup Points	Gwynne Road	Mitchell Road	Oakey Creek Interchange	Blakebrook Interchange	RRHS	Trinity Bay 2 Interchange	Lismore Transit			
School days only	7.43	7.51	8.00	8.20	8.35	8.40	8.52			
Georgica - Lismore										
Pickup Points	Lismore Transit	Trinity Bay 2 Interchange	RRHS	Blakebrook Interchange	Oakey Creek Interchange	Mitchell Road	Gwynne Road			
School days only	7.25	7.35	7.43	7.50	7.57	8.05	8.15			
Lismore - Georgica										

Town Service - Wheelchair access available upon request, 24 Hour notice required  
 School Service - Buses connect in Nimbin - Murwillumbah  
 No Public Holiday Services  
 P.O. Box 6503 SOUTH LISMORE NSW 2480 Phone: (02) 6622-6266 Mob: 0428-255-284 Fax: (02) 6622-6682

**Craig Ardern Electrical**  
 Lic No. 182289C  
**All Electrical & Data**  
 Smoke Alarms  
 Rewires  
 Safety switches  
 Specialised Lighting  
 Ph: 6689 0479  
 Mob: 0429 190 004

**PIXIE the BUILDER**  
 Grant Holding Lic No. 30119  
**NEW HOMES  
 RENOVATIONS  
 ALTERATIONS  
 DECKS**  
**Phone 6689-1728**



# UKI REAL ESTATE

...a life away from the everyday...

Shop 4, The Old Butter Factory  
1454 Kyogle Road, Uki Village

**02 66 794 115**

ukirealestate@ihug.com.au  
www.ukirealestate.com.au

## MT. BURRELL \$495,000



What an opportunity !! Not 1 but 2 charming cottages on 5 very usable acres. Each dwelling has its own power meter, and water supply, making it easy to live in one and rent out the other. Located at the very popular and picturesque Mount Burrell, the property is fully fenced, with the Tweed River running through the back of the land. Lovely rural views abound making this property ideal for a bed and breakfast, art gallery, café or just as a private residence with its own guest accommodation. The perfect property for horse lovers or the perfect weekender, making rental income from one cottage leaving the other free for you to come and relax away from the ratrace. Only 30 minutes to Murwillumbah and under an hour to Gold Coast Airport, this property is a must to inspect!!

Ref.#1285



## UKI Real Estate - The Team



**JYOTI**  
0438264382



**PAUL**  
0448191351



**MARTA**  
0448191351



**SUSAN**  
0447259959

Licensee - Christian Huettner #1275945

### NEW LISTINGS IN YOUR AREA URGENTLY NEEDED!

Unbeatable commission rates!

**Flat 2.5% (gst inc) on Exclusive Listings.**  
**Flat 2.75% (gst inc) on Open Listings.**

## LARNOOK \$79,000



Start your dream here on approximately 5 acres on a beautiful share at this McKellar Range multiple occupancy. Located just 25 minutes to Lismore or an easy 10 minute drive to Cawongla village and its offerings. Situated high above sea level with super growing soil and great views this could be the place for you to start living in an eco-sustainable community which is easy going and like minded. Come and live a life outside the box and enjoy. Where else can you buy acreage to start your tree-change life at this price?

## CHILLINGHAM \$319,000



Want to downsize and live in a quaint little village? The village of Chillingham is nestled on the pathway to the very beautiful Numinbah Range, Lamington National Park and the Natural Arch. The very leafy village has its own school, Post Office and charming General Store, fruit stall and local potters shop. The home is a solid well presented 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 2 car lockup garage on the high side of the road. The home sits on 700m2 block with nature strip running behind the property for extra space and privacy. Only 15 minutes to Murwillumbah, and easy access to Queensland via Numinbah Rd. Great investment potential, weekender or permanent tree change experience. Ref.#1316



## UKI \$539,000



Dual occupancy, income or separate space for your guests to stay. This property will appeal to many. The land is just under one acre, half of which is clean rainforest, and the other, a very pleasant, well maintained usable garden, complete with fruit trees, flowering shrubs and raised veggie garden. The home is immaculate, with open plan kitchen/living, main bedroom, bathroom, separate loo, laundry, and verandahs (ideal for entertaining), all on one level, with two more bedrooms upstairs. There is a separate two storey one bedroom studio that is fully self contained. Parking for two cars under the house and a double lock-up garage/shed with power completes the package. Come visit one of the best streets in Uki, you'll love it!

Ref.#1295

## BLUE KNOB \$497,000



Make your choice - a superb weekender away from the bustle of city life, or the perfect lifestyle now with time to dream. Home is this picture perfect, beautifully weathered, western red cedar Cape Cod style cottage with cathedral ceilings, exposed beams, timber floors and featuring a wonderful loft bedroom. Downstairs: 2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, dining and front deck. The space is 7 private acres of undulating, useable land with majestic trees, large lily filled dam, a permanent creek on 3 boundaries and a secluded swimming hole with sandy beach and rock face. Detached, double garage that already includes additional bedroom, bathroom/laundry and carport. Mains power, septic, and large water storage complete the picture. Your new lifestyle is located 10 minutes to the village of Nimbin, and 1 hour to Coolangatta airport and the beaches of Tweed and Byron.

Ref.#1291

## BILLEN CLIFFS \$309,000



Enjoy the serenity of this magical north-facing, council approved 3 bed mudbrick and timber home. On 2 very private acres in the strata titled Billens Cliff Village Larnook.

Solar power, 2 wood burners, 2 x 5000 gallon water tanks, 2 springfed dams, fruit trees and a veggie patch. This highly sought after village is a nature sanctuary (no cats or dogs allowed) and so natural wildlife abounds.

The home is a short walk to school bus pick up point. Only five minutes drive to Cawongla general store and approximately 20-25 minutes to Lismore, Nimbin and Kyogle, and yet the tranquility of living away from the rat race. Perfect as a weekender or permanent residence!! Ref.#1226



## LARNOOK \$95,000



Located on the Company Titled M.O. community Elysian Farm Larnook, this north-east facing, frost free property is a fantastic opportunity to get into the property market at a very affordable price. The one bedroom Council approved cabin needs a small amount of work to finish or to extend.

Grow your own veggies, run a few chooks and live the self-sustainable lifestyle you have always wanted in peace and quiet. Water is not an issue with 2 huge communal dams and tanks gravity feeding water directly to all the properties on the community! Phone also available. Only 30 minutes to Lismore and 10 minutes to Cawongla, this would make a fantastic weekender, permanent residence or rental investment. INSPECT TODAY!

Ref.#1310

## UKI \$699,000



The views are extraordinary, the silence perfect, and the location priceless. Live only 3 kms from Mt. Warning on 79 secluded rainforest acres bounded by National Parks on 2 sides, and a "private national park" on another. Enjoy first water rights from clear streams, an older style farm cottage on five cleared elevated acres, studio, shed, garaging, mains power, water storage, spring fed dam, oodles of established fruit trees, and fencing suitable for a wildlife sanctuary. Perfect for eco-tourism, a health retreat or your own bespoke domain. A rare opportunity. Don't blink!

Ref.#1313

## BYRILL CR. \$519,000



5 acres of absolute privacy on Byrill Creek, just minutes to historic Uki village, 2 bed / 2 sleepout Queenslander with tons of character. A loving, nurturing family home that is priced to meet the current market. Gorgeous decks surround to take in the natural beauty of the tropical fringed gardens. Nestled at the base of Mt Warning with wonderful energy this is a must to inspect for all tree-changers or those wanting a hidden, private getaway. Awesome panoramic valley views from the top of the block. 20 minutes to Murwillumbah and just 45 minutes to the Gold Coast and the Tweeds famous coastal fringe.

Ref.#1319



## NIMBIN \$775,000



Enjoy the country dream in this 105 years old characteresque timber workers cottage on a fully fenced 683m2. Traditional features of timber floors, tongue and groove walls and 12-foot ceilings join with new skylights, full insulation and combustion heater to provide cosy amenity. The home flows from living to dining/kitchen and out to the beautiful back deck overlooking the lawn, veggie patch, chook run and little garden shed. There are 2 large bedrooms and 1 smaller bedroom / sunroom. Water is plentiful from 10,000 litres of tank water and legal easement to dam at back of property. Keen gardeners can create outdoor living areas and garden rooms. This home can be enjoyed as is, and is also perfect for the person who wants to create more charm. PS. caravan is included!

Ref.#1303

## NIMBIN Offers above \$160,000



Want to get into the thriving Nimbin café scene? Check this out. The well established "Coffee House" has the valued reputation as arguably making the best coffee in Nimbin with its exclusive rights to Zentveld coffee. The café seats 30+ people and has capacity to expand its beautiful home style cuisine with night trade. Long lease in place and showing great figures, this could be the lifestyle change you've been looking for. With parking for up to 8 vehicles and good storage facilities it really is just a case of move in get trained up and start making some money in one of the busiest tourist towns in Australia.

Ref.#1265