



Finalists (l-r): Scott Sandwich, David Hallett, Zelly Oops, Candy Royale, Darkwing Dub, Catherine Stewart, Geoff Lemon and Doubling Thomas, with organizers Jane Treasure and Gail M. Clarke seated in front.

"What a fantastic weekend!" That was organiser Gail M. Clarke's summation of this year's Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup.

"It was one of the best," she said. "No dramas, lots of great support from the community, everything went well."

After an exhaustive round of heats and semi-finals, a packed house enthusiastically greeted each of the eight finalists for the Sunday night decider, adjudicated by last year's winners, Elizabeth Rutledge and Tug Dumbly, and a real judge, and stand-up poet, David Heilpern.

Each eight-minute performance was a gem of well-crafted words, impeccably delivered, full of close observations and wry understandings, and there was a wide field of favourites when the audience speculated on the outcome while the judges retired.

Doubling Thomas from Brisbane took out the Cup,

and the \$1,000 prize, for his vitriolic, hilarious attack on charity collectors, in an age where charities are becoming corporations and local Oasis poetry night regular Zelly Oops won the People's Choice Award for his witty race call of the history of the human race.

View all the Finals night performances on-line at <http://nimbinpoetry.com>

Gail Clarke was delighted by the high standard of the poetry throughout the weekend. "The quality keeps on improving, over the years, and it's good to see the young ones coming up, and using this outlet for performance poetry as part of their development."

Next year will be the World Cup's 10th anniversary, and many past contestants and winners are already making plans to come to Nimbin for the weekend of 4th and 5th August 2012.

"It's going to be a big one," Gail said, "not to be missed."

Hope for resolution on water

Community groups have expressed relief at a change in tack in council proposals to declare the Nimbin Rural Water Supply non-potable.

The Ratepayers Association of Lismore Incorporated (RRALI) and the Nimbin Rural Water Supply Group (NRWSG) attended a recent meeting to discuss the Lismore City Council recommendation.

The meeting at the Nimbin Bowling Club discussed changes planned for the service, which supplies 79 households upstream from the Nimbin Village treatment works.

When new State Government Public Health Legislation takes effect, it will require drinking water suppliers to meet improved guidelines for water quality. The council believes it will be too costly to treat the water supply for a small group of consumers and to make the required changes before the legislation comes into effect.

The council wanted to offer consumers a rainwater tank in exchange for agreeing to disconnect from the water supply.

Concerned residents were relieved to discover that the council will withdraw its current recommendation, consult with consumers and try to find a more acceptable means to provide a drinking water that meets the new guidelines.

NRWSG spokesperson Gwen Trimble



Residents meet with Council

said it was "the best result we could hope for from this meeting".

"Council have acknowledged their actions to this point were not appropriate and have agreed to start again, with the stated intent to solve the problem," she said.

"I'm sure that the Nimbin Community will assist and support them."

RRALI spokesperson Clive Bateman said: "Many people have retired to the area and specifically chose a block with drinking water supply so they would not have to maintain tanks..."

"Some residents have roofs unsuitable for rain water collection and ... Lismore City Council will not replace any roofing."

RRALI was worried that, the loss of a reticulated drinking water supply could cause property values to fall.

"The Ratepayer Association will also object to the council and offers full

support to our ratepayers so this mess is resolved quickly," Mr Bateman said.

Councillor David Yarnall said the council originally informed residents by letter of several options it was considering, and admitted that this "caused more confusion than clarity".

He proposed a notice of motion at the last council meeting to suspend any decision until such time as residents of Gungas Road were fully briefed.

"The meeting last Thursday was very informative, with residents having a good opportunity to ask difficult questions of council staff," he said. "While not all questions could be answered on the night, I believe the meeting helped to allay residents' concerns."

Consultation will be on-going and Cr Yarnall said a variety of solutions may eventuate. He said community consultation was "a new science still in the making, complete with inconsistencies and mistakes".

"Communities have a right, indeed, an obligation, to let the authorities know how issues will affect their local community," he said, adding that councils had an obligation to inform and genuinely consult prior to policy/project formulation.

"Conversation before consultation is the key," he said.

Bell tolls for Cullen Bridge

by Bob Dooley

Moves by residents to save Nimbin's iconic Cullen Bridge may fail without a major community fundraising drive.

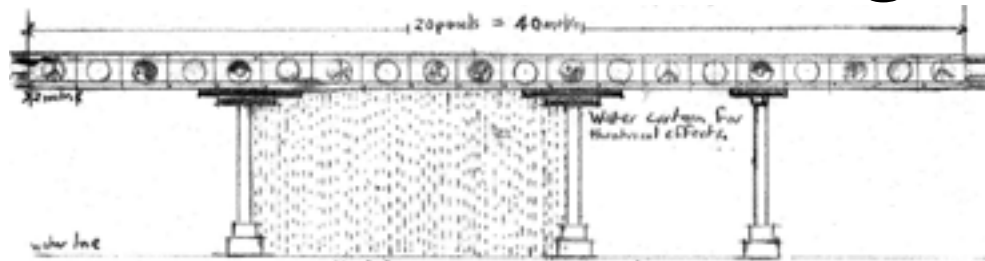
Estimated costs, and the potential risks, of keeping the old timber bridge have been provided by Lismore City Council in response to questions from the Nimbin Advisory Group – with the estimated cost at about \$300,000.

According to the council's works manager, Darren Patch, the structural condition of the bridge is poor, with several timber structural components needing replacement. It would require a major upgrade to make it safe for public access.

Mr Patch estimated the annual cost to maintain the existing timber bridge after the initial \$300,000 would be about \$15,000 per year, including inspections and general repairs.

The council is also concerned about an increased risk of potential public liability claims if the old bridge is retained for pedestrian use.

Mr Patch explained that the exposed deck planks and the hold-down bolts – some of



Benny Zable's concept

which are 10-20mm above the planks – are a potential trip hazard.

A smooth, pedestrian-friendly surface would have to be laid over the existing deck, with improved pedestrian barrier fencing along both sides.

This new surfacing and fencing would be an additional cost.

The council says it could potentially damage the new concrete structure. As it is located upstream of the new bridge, it could cause eddies in the creek flow during heavy rains and floods, which could in turn cause significant scouring around the new bridge.

If part of the timber bridge were to break off, it may also cause structural damage to the new bridge.

Mr Patch pointed out that

the design of the new bridge has incorporated the provision of a 2.5m-wide dedicated footpath separate to the main traffic carriageway, to provide access to the Nimbin Bush Theatre & Café on the northern side.

With a pedestrian crossing place due to be constructed, Mr Patch believes there is no real need to retain the existing bridge structure.

This advice from the council, which was requested in May, is bad news for artist Benny Zable. He had proposed turning the bridge into an art and culture exhibition space, featuring a community mural in removable panels along the length of the eastern railing (pictured above).

With the council unlikely to commit the level of resources required to retain the old bridge, the

Nimbin community would have to make a long-term commitment to fundraise for the life of the bridge to keep it maintained and insured – if they wanted to keep it.

And time is running out. Council staff have spoken to specialised contractors Ironbark Demolitions, which would retain the bridge timbers for re-sale, reducing the removal costs to council by as much as 50%.

The nature of those costs won't be known until the demolition contract is finalised, but the RTA has reportedly allowed \$300,000 for the purpose in its timber bridge replacement program budget.

On the bright side, Ironbark Demolitions has advised that it would happily leave some of the timber for use as a monument or other purpose.

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Now at Nimbin Community Centre

Fantastic Fun Run



Nimbin's Fun Run looks set to become an established part of the fun run circuit, after the Sunday family day in August attracted endurance runners from throughout the region.

Some of the lead competitors were elite athletes preparing for the Coolangatta Gold, the longest endurance event of its kind.

Husband and wife Jeff and Kate Collier took out first place male and female in the over-45 category, and were also first and third across the line.

Both keen runners, Jeff manages the Murwillumbah pool, and Kate works in the nearby Tweed library.

"We came to the event after reading publicity in the *GoodTimes*, while waiting for our fish and chips at Brunswick Heads," Kate said, adding that they were impressed with the course, and had a fantastic day.

The couple were delighted to take home the major purses of \$250 each, sponsored by Craig Arden Electrical. Byron Bay runner Caroline Bailey also earned \$250, the Rainbow Power Company award for the fastest Adult female.

Organiser Cassandra Jefferys said, "It is fantastic to see so many locals taking titles against strong competition." There was only a 2-minute gap between local Adult category winner Casper Oxlee and outright winner Jeff Collier, whose time was 15' 47".

Cassandra pointed out that, due to wet weather in the

previous week, the course was changed, so it is not possible to compare times with last year's inaugural event, but said, "Overall times were much faster."

A total of 68 runners took part, compared to last year's 61, in three prize-winning categories: 12-16 years, Adult and Over-45.

Children also had a fantastic day with their own running events and group games, and were entertained with physical comedy and circus skills by local performer Leif, while the well-provisioned Showground canteen was kept busy all day.

Cassandra said, "Thanks to all the runners and all the volunteers. A special thank you to Mayor Jenny Dowell for starting the race again this year."

"Thank you to our major sponsors, The Nimbin Hotel and Backpackers and Mount Franklyn Spring Water, and to all the local businesses for providing the prize money: Craig Arden Electrical, Dr Dan Oxlee, Rainbow Power Company, Nimbin Bowlo, Sew Cool Embroidery, Nimbin Tax and Accounting, Nimbin Lifestyle Real Estate, Dr Oscar Serrarlach and Dr Mark Droulers."

Prize-winning runners were presented with a handsome trophy as an award this year, on which the business sponsoring the prize was acknowledged.

Total funds raised after all expenses was \$3664.85. Proceeds will again go towards continued upgrading



of the Nimbin Physical Activities Centre, which is currently open five days a week, providing a variety of fitness for men, women and young adults. Enquiries, phone 0428-439-526.

Cassandra said, "Together we have created a fantastic facility, and together we can continue to improve our quality of life through physical activity."

"I encourage our locals to keep up the great work. Challenge yourself to continue to train and continue to improve your fitness."

Fun Run Winners

12-16 years

Boys

- 1st Jarrad Dimmick
- 2nd Hunter Morgan
- 3rd Jacob Boomsma

Girls

- 1st Debbie Jamienson
- 2nd Shaan Lansdown
- 3rd Sally Cattell

Adult

Male

- 1st Casper Oxlee
- 2nd Brenden McCumstie
- 3rd Marcus Manscheff

Female

- 1st Caroline Bailey
- 2nd Ashlee Jones
- 3rd Liz Degotardi

Over 45's

Male

- 1st Jeff Collier
- 2nd David Sharp
- 3rd Phil Macfarlane

Female

- 1st Kate Collier
- 2nd Gail Pierce
- 3rd Elaine Winders

Major event for Sk8 park

Skateboarding Australia and the Australian Sports Commission are ramping up for a *Break-n-Enter* event on the new Nimbin Skatepark on Saturday, 8th October.

The event, supported by the Lismore City Council, is a one-day grass-roots initiative by the National Sporting Organisation (NSO). Free skateboarding workshops will be delivered in a fun environment, with skateboards and helmets available on the day.

The Nimbin skatepark is an innovative, all-levels skatepark that features a unique snake run that drops down into a larger bowl section. The purpose-built concrete venue at Peace Park was made possible with \$449,000 in federal funding, and was officially opened on 11th August.

Skateboarding Australia's nationally accredited coaches will be on hand to pass on the passion, skills and knowledge within the structure of a professionally managed environment.

Development manager, Guy Flude said *Break-n-Enter* was the best way for youth



At the official Opening (above, left-right): Connor and Laurelli Anderson and councillors Dowell, Clough and Yarnall. At right: Lizette Twistleton
Photos by Natalie Meyer

to experience the adrenalin of skateboarding for the first time. "You get to ride proper skateboards guided by insightful coaches who get a kick out of sharing their passion," he said.

"Skateboarding is social, mega-fun, and an artistic expression of your personality."

Prize packs will be awarded during the workshops.



Break-n-Enter spots are filling fast and booking is encouraged. For more information visit the website www.sba.org.au

Cautious optimism about rail study

The NSW Budget has allocated \$2mil for a study on rail services on the North Coast, as disclosed on page 9-4 of the Budget Estimates

"We're cautiously optimistic about this allocation," said Ms Karin Kolbe, President of Trains On Our Tracks (TOOT).

"We hope the terms of reference will seriously look at the real costs and benefits of rail, both short- and long-term," said Ms Karin Kolbe, President of TOOT.

The benefits for locals include getting young people to training, older people to medical appointments and reducing congestion on our roads.

It would be a real drawcard for tourists to explore the region.

From Don Page media statement on ABC Radio, it appears this money will also include an integrated regional transport plan.

"For years we and many others have said the region



TOOT demonstration at the disused Lismore railway station

needs such a plan," Ms Kolbe said.

"Rail should be forming the backbone of an integrated transport plan for the region. The world has realised that

rail solves many problems such as environmental issues and road congestion," she said.

"The rail line is an existing asset worth millions and we need to be using it."

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Family Centre's birthday

Family Support (l to r): Magali, Shizuka and Magali's son Mereki, held by Family Centre co-ordinator Gail Warid

Not much has changed since the Family Centre opened its arms to the Nimbin community ten years ago. It is still here to offer support to parents and carers of young children.

The original focus given by Family Support Network manager Rasata Knight ten years ago remains the same: "Our philosophy is to work with the Nimbin community to cater for what they see as their needs, with an accent on parenting."

The centre remains as a safe space for parents to bring their little ones, offering a child friendly environment with caring staff, two playgroup days on a Tuesday and Friday, a toy library and helpful information on parenting.

The celebration will take place in the form of a picnic in Peace Park on Friday 9th September. There will be fun activities for the kiddies, including kite-making, face-painting and bubbles.

Celebrations start at 2.30pm, and a cake will be cut at 3.30pm. All welcome.

Nimbin Preschool news

The Nimbin Preschool is excited with the success of a fundraising art auction at the Blue Knob Hall Gallery, which netted \$3300 to spend on resources for the children.

This was only possible due to the incredible kindness and generosity of local artists and preschool children who sold artwork, the Blue Knob Gallery, auctioneer Sue Edmonds, hard working parents and preschool staff and the bidders/buyers on the night.

The preschool thanks the artists who donated artwork: Pauline Ahern, Myfanwy Stirling, Polly Stirling, Christine Wynyard, Francisco Alvarez, Harumi, Kach Perrott, Donna Sharam, Dawn Thirlaway, Barbara Mills, Kylie Kingston, Robin Moore, Julie Crisp, Steve Giese, Maxx Maxted, Helena Herendi, Vale Mendelson, Gilbert Laurie, Anthony Grassby, Michael Smith, Nicole Rayward, and Colleen Da Rosa.

Thanks also to Sue Edmonds and the Blue Knob Hall Gallery and Cafe team, especially Christine Wynyard,



Heather for her delicious dinner, and Kach for her curating efforts.

Spring in the air at Billen Cliffs fair

The residents of Billen Cliffs Village in Larnook are gearing up for a Spring Fair on Saturday September 24th at the Billen Cliffs Community Hall.

Everyone's invited to the spring equinox celebration, which is a fundraiser for the even bigger 30th anniversary bash to be held next year.

There will be markets with local goods and crafts from 2pm, and a talent quest for children and young people from 2.30pm. In keeping with the season, there will be a Maypole and bonfire at 5pm, leading up to dinner, cakes and drinks at 6pm (\$10 adult cover charge).

From 6.15pm Billen's Got Talent will feature a range of local performers, including The Love and Ruthie Ma Toothie, with swampy dance tunes to put Spring in your step.

Ruthie-Ma-Toothie is a two-piece outfit that give songs of yesteryear a twist. They put jazz into country and country back into jazz, with tunes from Ella Fitzgerald to spaghetti western interpretations and Hank Williams (as



you have never heard him before).

Genna Pyewackett on fiddle, Rohan Langford on guitars and banjo, both singing, create a banquet of sound that will fill any room.

The Fair will go ahead, rain or shine. Billen Cliffs is at 265 Martin Road Larnook. Visit the website at www.billencliffs.org.au or for more information, contact Ajita on 0403-988-682.

Puppets and celebrations



A major celebration to mark the Tuntable Falls Community Primary School's 30th anniversary is being held on the 17th of September.

A school reunion will be incorporated into a fete fun day and a celebration party. The fete is from 10am to 3pm at the school and includes fun kids activities, delicious lunch, 2nd hand book and clothing stalls, face painting and more. There will also be an interesting display of the school's history and the official opening of the recent building renovations.

The celebration party kicks off at 5pm at the Tuntable Hall. There will be dinner and a bar, performances from the children, circus, live bands, and DJs.

The night will recognise the efforts of those who have contributed to the school over the past 30 years, the students past, present and

future, and the school's bright future.

When the children recently complained to Brenda, their relief teacher, about needing more sports equipment, she set in motion a fundraising evening that epitomised all that is loved about the school.

She sat down with the children and discussed what they could do to improve their situation. The result was a shadow puppet performance followed by a three-course meal.

The children wrote, produced and performed the puppet show, with help from Laurel. They made all the puppets and set designs, planned the menu, cooked and served the meal – and cleaned-up afterwards.

The results were spectacular: the students took responsibility for their needs, and learned about shadow puppetry and catering.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the coming together of the school community; more than \$400 was raised, which, it is hoped, will match dollar for dollar by the school committee.

They will have new sports equipment – with so much more gained along the way.

This event is typical of how the school likes to work, and has been working for the past 30 years.

Uki's Eco Expo

Uki Public School holds its third annual Eco Expo and Family Fun Day on Sunday 11th September, from 9am to 2pm.

It's Uki School's big day to celebrate the planet, families and the community.

Everybody is welcome. The fun day comes complete with a jumping castle and a range of kids' activities.

There will be stalls, food, live music, education and information.

The school was awash with colour and excitement recently when it hosted a double celebration: Education Week Open Day and Book Week.

The morning began with open classrooms, where parents and community members were invited to share in classrooms educational activities.

Next was shared reading on the lawns and under the spreading rainforest trees of the Uki playground. Cross-age groups of children shared readings from their favourite books; Story Dogs and their handlers listened to a range of readers, and community members joined in.

"It is the wider school community who offer so much to our children. They are essential in making our schools special," said assistant principal Christine Ray.



At the Education Week Assembly public speakers from years one to six spoke on topics including pets, local wildlife and the shark fin industry.

The assembly concluded with a parade of exotic characters from the wide world of books. "Children and teachers got into the spirit of the book week theme 'One World, Many Stories', and came in costume," said teacher-librarian Jenny Sage. "Our book parade is really popular. Children ask me from the start of the year when it will be held. They love it and enjoy seeing their teachers share in the fun."

A shared morning tea provided by Uki's Parents and Citizens concluded the celebration. Treats were based on books and provided fun-filled eating experiences for all.

"My favourites were the green eggs wrapped in ham," Mrs Ray said.

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Green Day in the Vale

Barkers Vale Public School is holding its Green Day community event on Sunday 18th September, from 11am to 3pm.

The aim is to raise awareness and understanding of the impact people have on the environment.

For more information call the school on 6689-7902.



readily available materials and set up a device that turns human waste into usable compost. General session for those with questions about septic tanks, grey water systems and waterless composting toilets.

Demonstrations
11.30 – Dolph Cooke, Charmaster. Demonstration on how to make Biochar. Biochar converts agricultural waste

into a soil enhancer that can hold carbon, boost food security and discourage deforestation. The process creates a fine-grained, highly porous charcoal that helps soil retain nutrients and water.

Kids' Workshops
11.30 – Scarecrow making with Michelle
1.00 – Wire crown making with Melissa

Entertainment
11am – Green Day Opening - Gilbert Laurie, Welcome to Country
11.30 – Local kids performances
12.45 – Bronwyn Durrant (Melb)
1.30 – Barkers Vale Brothers
2:00 – Loren, Uki singer/guitarist

Market and food stalls all day.

PROGRAM

Talks

11.15am – Margie Hanam: An introductory peek into the ethics and principles of Permaculture. *Who would benefit from it, and how can it be applied in our lives? If you recycle and like the idea of getting a yield, this is a useful introduction.*

12.00 – Doctor Oscar Serrallach: *Healthy Soil, Healthy Plants, Healthy Body. "Dr Oscar" will look at how these three living systems are interconnected.*

12.45 – Arhi Tallon: Youth Climate Change Coalition. *Participates will understand the basic climate science concepts, including Greenhouse gases, fossil fuels, emissions and human impact.*

1.30 – Stuart McConville: Pooh Solutions. *Learn how to build a simple sawdust toilet from*

Dads get their day

Expectant fathers have received a belated \$190 million Father's Day present – a step towards support for the 75% of dads who wish to take time off to care for their newborns.

Eligible fathers and same-sex couples will receive two weeks' "Dad and Partner Pay" from January 2013.

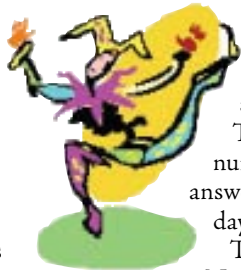
Dads will be paid \$1178 before tax (two weeks at minimum wage) and this extends to the self-employed. This initiative recognises the role of dads in child rearing and the importance for dads to bond with their children.

The scheme may complement the 18 weeks' paid parental leave scheme for primary carers and would allow mums and dads to take time off together when children are born.

Nimbin Holiday Club Spring Program

This season we will be operating from the Youth Connections Building again. However, on Thursday October 6th please meet us in the Nimbin Central School car park at 9am for the excursion to Ballina.

The program runs for children aged 5 – 12. Please read the dates and venues below carefully and book to avoid disappointment. To book phone NNIC on 6689-1692 (between 10 am and 4 pm). Please note that the basic fee is \$10 per day. The day runs between 9am and 3pm.



Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing, covered shoes, brings a hat, sun block and has adequate food and drinks.

The Nimbin Vacation Care contact number is 0447-297-935 and will be answered between 8am and 4pm on the days advertised below.

This program is brought to you by Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre, is funded by DoCS and is an OOSH service

Dont forget to look for our out of school hours care survey.

Date	Program	Cost
Tuesday 27 th September	Nimbin Youth Club The pool will be open, so bring your bathers, hat and towel. Also bring your scooters & skateboards and protective gear, helmet is a must. Arts and Craft in the arvo, lots of games and fun. Kim & Jamie	\$10
Wednesday 28 th September	Excursion to Nimbin Rocks. Meet the rangers & learn about rich cultural connections between the Rocks and the Bundjalung Nation. Signing in and out at the YOUTH CLUB. A special bus will be provided to take us out there and home again! Kim & Ajita	\$12
Thursday 29 th September	Nimbin Youth Club as above :) Kim & Gary	\$10
Wednesday 5 th October	Nimbin Youth Club as above April & Toni	\$10
Thursday 6 th October	Excursion to Ballina Flat Rock Beach exploring rock pools. There will be no swimming in the ocean, but children will be allowed to wade in the pools. Please bring a towel, a bucket and spade, a hat and possibly a change of clothes. Signing in and out at the Nimbin Central School Car Park. April & Kim	\$15

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Lillifield community celebrated its first quarter century by hosting a dance party on the last Saturday night of August.

Lillifield was established in 1986 on dairy land at Lillian Rock, and soon after shareholders began building their homes on five acre lots.

Lillifield's early attraction included having the Steiner school 'Daystar' on its site. That school was sold and the land was purchased by the Barkers Vale Public School.

Over the 25 years, Lillifield has developed

a reputation for being a mature, well organised and highly successful Multiple Occupancy. Currently its Community Centre is host to a variety of locally based classes and has been the focus of many high quality musical, environmental and artistic ventures.

Following the dance party evening, the community is organising a 'Sustaining Lillifield Day' – discussing and planning where shareholders will meet to set goals and directions for their next twenty five years.

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Public notices, updates and information for the Nimbin Community

NIMBIN RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMUNITY MEETING

Council held a community meeting at the Nimbin Bowling Club with Nimbin Rural Water Supply consumers to discuss the future management of the supply on Wednesday, August 31.

Following on from the meeting, Council staff will make a report to Council at the September monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 13 in the Lismore City Council Chambers in Goonellabah from 6.00pm. The meeting is open to the public.

To access the report prior to the Council meeting, visit the Council website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and select 'Business Paper'. The document will be online by COB Wednesday, September 7. The outcome of that Council meeting will be reported in next month's newsletter.

COUNCIL'S NEW NOTICEBOARD

Council has erected a new noticeboard at the Nimbin School of Arts as a means of providing the community with updates about what's happening at Council.

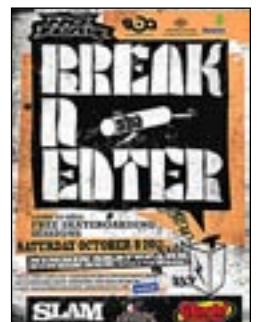
The noticeboard will include information about news, events and issues that are likely to be of interest to the Nimbin community and will be positioned on the side exterior of the building, alongside the lane leading to the rear carpark and laundromat.

LEARN MORE SKATING SKILLS FOR FREE

Council has invited Streetwize from Skate Australia to come to the new Nimbin skate park to deliver free training for skaters on Saturday, October 8.

The training sessions will be tailored to suit different ability levels and will be delivered throughout the day.

If you would like more information about the clinics and registration please email lizette.twisleton@lismore.nsw.gov.au or call Council's Customer Contact Centre on 1300 87 83 87.



NIMBIN RAINBOW EXPO

Council will collaborate with a wide range of community service organisations to deliver the Nimbin Rainbow Living Expo on Tuesday October 11.

- Free health checks will be available in the laneway and on the blister.
- A BBQ and Aboriginal story telling will happen in Allsopp Park.
- Craft activities, Zumba, laughing yoga and presentations by health organisations will be available in the hall.

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Blue Knob comes to show

By Jim Arachne

The Blue Knob Farmer's Market will be at the Nimbin Show from 9am to 1pm on the 24th September.

All the regular stalls will be there, plus some extras.

Themes this year include sustainability and self-sufficiency, which are also key themes for the Farmer's Market.

There will be talks on Saturday, with Peter on keeping a house cow, Jason the baker on bread making, Jenny on traditional foods and James on beekeeping. Some speakers from great workshops at the market earlier this year will also be featured; Noah is talking on home slaughtering, Angie on establishing a home vegetable garden and Robyn Francis on permaculture for local self-sufficiency.

The Bandicoots, one of several musical groups that make good use of the Blue Knob market stage.

Sharing Local Knowledge – this month's talks:

Sat 10 Sept 10am, Growing Potatoes – Jim O'Brien

Jim, a long-term local, has been growing potatoes for more than 50 years. He explains that the Northern Rivers' sub-tropical climate presents some challenges for potato growers. Jim's talk will cover preparing the soil, sourcing virus-free seed potatoes, when and how to plant (are cut potatoes or whole ones best?), care of the growing potato, then harvesting and storage.

Sat 17 Sept. Fermented Foods: Probiotics from your Garden – Jenny Creasy.

All Day Workshop – registration required on

0488-009-808. With a focus on fruit and vegetable ferments, this workshop is an introduction to the enormous benefits of fermented foods. Along with discussion on the science of fermentation, participants will make a range of ferments to take home. Topics covered include tasting and taste development, equipment needed, starters, recipes and hands-on experience.

On Sat 24 September

The Farmers Market is at the Nimbin Show. See you there!

The Blue Knob Farmer's Market opens from 9am to 1pm every Saturday, and runs rain, hail or shine at the corner of Blue Knob and Lillian Rock roads. For more market news, email Jim at uloborid8@gmail.com

Bazaar WILL go on!

The Kyogle Bazaar will happen rain or shine on Saturday 24th September, leading into the Kyogle Acoustic Music Society (KAMS) Family Event with The Perch Creek Family Jug Band.

Bazaar visitors will be invited to Sing for a Seat from 4-5 pm to win tickets to the KAMS event.

The Bazaar will feature a display from the Rural Fire Service, a children's pet show and KAMS CD Jukebox featuring talented local artists.

The August rain didn't dampen spirits at last month's bazaar: stallholders continued trading, musicians played on, and the food was delightful.

Kerry McElroy's cliveas loved the rain, Warnie the butcher took bulk orders and the mobile bike repairers showed off their wet-weather-response gear. Grills sizzled in the rain as the Rotary food van and Om foods kept



everyone well-fed. The SES was well-prepared for the weather, with their rescue boat on display and ready for a quick exit.

The Pratt pavilion provided shelter for face-painting fairies, artists and sculptors, and purveyors of fine garments, jewellery, confectionery, skincare, tea-tree products, handmade toys, photo frames, and antiques and collectables. The Hogan pavilion housed a delightful array of recycled wooden furniture and bird houses, plants, bric-a-brac,

books, wood carvings, CDs and enlightened farming products.

The Friends of the Trust turned out Devonshire teas for folk gathered inside the Darragh pavilion to listen to songs featuring guitar, bouzouki, banjo and fiddle, played live at the KAMS busking tent.

The next bazaar goes ahead whatever the weather!

For stall bookings and further information, contact Thelma on 0459-537-601 or email Laura Faucher at lauram.faucher@gmail.com

Window into another world

Lillian Rock's Steiner primary school, Rainbow Ridge, recently hosted four students and three mums from the Chengdu Waldorf School in China.

The children were integrated into the senior class for all morning lessons and spent some time visiting the other classes for painting, music, craft and bothmer gym – and even gave a few lessons in the art of Chinese calligraphy.

The mothers were looked after by members of our parent group, enjoying a real cultural exchange. Every Wednesday they took over "Tuckshop" and filled the school with the smell of home-cooked Chinese food.

At Craft Group, Weihua taught traditional Chinese knotting. In return, Nicole gave an impromptu lesson in basket weaving with locally-sourced lamandra.

The experience of interpersonal relationships was profound, as one mother reflected: "I felt a sense of integration having a mother and son from China staying with my family here... Multiculturalism adds to life's tapestry."

The visitors were eager to know as much as possible about Australia and its way of life. For many locals, composting toilets, leeches, ticks and limited rainwater are the norm.

For the Chinese visitors, coming from a huge metropolis, it was all new and often strange and exciting, but they took it all in their stride.

During the month long stay, many cultural assumptions were to be shattered with amusement.

"One night I really tried to impress my guests by setting

out chopsticks on the table. We were eating fried rice and they thought we were crazy – they ate it with a spoon!" recalled one host.

Aussie blokes made a good impression. "I can't believe how great Australian men are – they really help with everything!" was a remark heard more than once.


The exchange experience has brought our two worlds, Nimbin and Chengdu, closer together, and in fact, highlights some shared truths.

As one mother reflected: "I loved chatting with Jin at the bus stop. She was very friendly and affectionate towards my daughter and it left me with a lasting impression of the beauty of communal parenting / mothering and with no regard to where one calls home, as we are all universal mamas."

The children at Rainbow Ridge now feel that little bit more connected to the international community and look forward to the day they may visit their new friends in China.

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Brewers, to your kegs!

by Terry Beltrane

The Annual Nimbin Show is coming, which means brewers should be getting their best out (or making some quickly) to exhibit in the Brewers Corner.

They will have their brew tasted by experienced judges and compared with other efforts, before the exhibitors' tasting, and compete for prizes.

Last year the championship went to a fine, and all-too-drinkable, bourbon made by Ben Taig, with the best beer going to Tony Gibson for his creamy, full flavoured stout. Jillian Gulizia won the runner up in the beer category for a richly textured and aromatic lager.

Brewers love to compare notes on how to make the best – sitting around over a couple of bottles comparing notes and brewing methods.

Exhibitors must submit the equivalent of two 750ml bottles for beer, wine or cider, and the equivalent of a 750ml



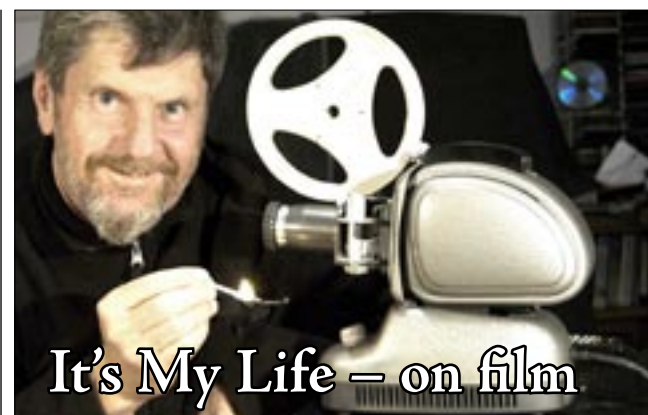
Last year's judging panel

bottle for spirits or liqueur. The judges need one bottle of brew and a half bottle of spirits/liqueur for the judging on the Friday and one bottle of brew and a half bottle of liqueur for the exhibitors' tasting on Saturday 24th September.

Samples need to brought to the

Nimbin showground between 10am and noon on Friday 23rd September, and the exhibitors tasting – available to exhibitors only – starts at 10am on Saturday.

Be there early if you want to get a taste of the winning brews. Cheers.



Youth Connections North Coast is calling for entries for the Nimbin Youth Film Competition 2011, It's My Life, and with a first prize of \$500, it is time to grab a camera and get shooting.

The competition is open to anyone aged 14 to 20 who living within 40 road kilometers of Nimbin.

Films can be from two to 12 minutes in length, in any category from documentary or fiction to music video, as long as it has been locally produced and directed by a young person within the past two years.

This year many of Nimbin's generous businesses have come on board and sponsored extra prizes.

The Nimbin Emporium has donated \$200 worth of DVD rentals, Nimbin Pizza and Trattoria have donated a \$100 gift voucher. Great! Movies and take-away pizza.

Nimbin Law is putting \$125 towards an i-Pod, and Nimbin Newsagent has thrown in a \$30 gift voucher to be used in the store.

First Prize \$500, second \$250 and third \$150, with the donated prizes to be shared around finalists, winners and selected entrants at the judge's discretion.

The judges are two of Nimbin's most experienced filmmakers, Jeni Kendall and

Paul Tait, of Gaia Films.

Entries close at 5 pm on Friday 14th October, with the winners announced and prizes awarded on Saturday 29th October at 2pm in the Nimbin Town Hall.

All the winner's films and selected entries will be shown on the big screen on the afternoon. Entry is free.

Last year's viewing was a fantastic affair with a big audience, big screen and big sound.

Entry forms are available in this issue of the Nimbin GoodTimes, at the Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre, and at Youth Connections main office 17b Keen Street Lismore, with boxes for entries at those locations.

All entries are to be on standard DVD format and playable on a standard DVD player, no other formats will be accepted.

For more information or enquires contact Youth Connections Coordinator Darmin Cameron (pictured) on 0427-217-919 or email darminc@ycnc.com.au

It's My Life is a project under the Federal Youth Connections Program, funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and is a partnership between NORTEC and Youth Connections North Coast Inc.



In your neighbourhood...

News from the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre

Rainbow Living Health Expo

Tuesday 11th October 2011 10am-2pm.

After the fantastic success of the Rainbow Lane event in 2011, The Nimbin Rainbow Living Health Expo is back – even bigger and better in 2011! Venture down to Rainbow Lane and the Town Hall to find out about your health including blood pressure and other checks.

SK8 Park Pix

We want your cool pix for the youth page on our website. Send 'em in to us at nimbinnic@yahoo.com.au and make sure you give your name and name of any SK8ters so you can get the cred.

Towards a Sustainable Nimbin

Transport: one of our fabulous volunteers has started work on the mapping of all our local bus services, so we can get it all into one place with a view to improving transport options across the Nimbin bio-region.

Electric Community Bus Survey: we still need your survey responses. The proposed project involves a lot of funding, so if there is not enough community support it will be difficult to get that sort of money together. So get your surveys in! (available from our website...follow the link on the Home page).

Nimbin Bus Extension: MultiTix (5 trips for \$35 or 10 trips for \$70) available at NNIC during our opening



Last year's Health Expo

hours. The timetable for buses between Nimbin and Lismore is on our website – follow the link on our home page.

Energy: Bio Char Action Learning Circles – happening now – every Saturday arvo at Blue Knob Hall. Places are limited – contact Dolph at dolph@biocharproject.org or Paul on 0412-027-818.

Food Security: Where is the Grain Mill? Well it seems the mill has found its weekday home to be Zone One, Cullen Street...behind the vet clinic. Many thanks to Steph for having it there. Zone One is well worth a visit while you are there. Bring your grain for milling to Zone One Mondays-Fridays or the Blue Knob Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. You can also get your bread made from our freshly milled grain from Jason at the Farmers Market and ask for it also at the Nimbin Bakery. See our website for more Grain Mill info.

Community Food Sustainability Survey: now that we have all done the census...here is your chance to give us some REALLY USEFUL data! We will be rolling out a food survey in

September as follow up to the survey we did back in 2009. We need at least as many responses as we got then....so we are aiming for a minimum of 140 responses. The survey will be available on our website and we will mail out as many as we can. Please complete the survey and get it back to us.

Food security meetings are usually (good idea to call us on 6689-1692 and check) on the last Thursday of the month at 5.30pm at the Elmo Room at NNIC, 71 Cullen St – Come around the back steps. Food always welcome!

Nimbin Ag Show

The Blue Knob Farmers Market will be moving from its usual location at Blue Knob Hall to the Nimbin Show Grounds to be part of the Nimbin Ag Show on Saturday 24th September.

The Grain Mill will be there all weekend, as well as information and updates on the Nimbin Food Security Project. We will also be hosting the first ever Sustainable Produce Awards. Entry forms will be in the Show program (out soon). There will be ribbons for first,

second, third and champion in show sustainable produce exhibits. We encourage all food producers including backyard vege growers, to enter exhibits in the Show. Let's fill that pavilion with fresh local produce!

Nourishing Nimbin

Saturday 29th October – a festival to celebrate sustainable local food at the Nimbin Showgrounds. If you are interested in helping or have ideas for the day, or are a local producer who would like to be involved in showcasing your produce, contact Guy on food@nnic.org.au In the meantime get this date into your diaries, as it will be a great event for all the family and anyone into food. Which we figure is most people.

Our Opening Hours

NNIC is open 10am to 4pm weekdays. You can access photocopying (B+W/colour), fax, computers, newspapers and other local and regional information. You can also drop in or telephone for an appointment with one of our welfare workers (emergency relief food vouchers, Telstra vouchers, generalist support, info and referrals) or with the Nurse Practitioner (Drug and Alcohol/Mental Health issues). Contact: 6689-1692 www.nnic.org.au

Join NNIC

Your memberships help support our work in the community. Membership is \$5.50 per year. Membership forms available on our website or at out front desk (posted on request). Support us to support you!

Entry Form: 'It's My Life'

Nimbin Youth Film Competition October 2011

Title of Entry:	
Duration:	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Postal Address: <small>(if different)</small>	
Story outline:	
Major crew & credits:	

Conditions of entry
Entries must be received by **5pm, Friday 14th October 2011** addressed to Nimbin Youth Film Competition, Youth Connections North Coast, PO Box 1005, Lismore NSW 2480, or be hand-delivered to Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre or Youth Connections Lismore Office with official entry form attached. Films must be 2 to 12 minutes in length in any category – documentary, fiction or music video – and must be locally produced by the entrant within the last two years, by residents who reside within 40 road kilometres of Nimbin and are aged between 14 and 20 at time of production. Entries must be on standard DVD and be able to be played on a standard DVD player, no other formats are acceptable. Entries will not be returned, so please submit copies only. The Judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Declaration
I am (we are) the legal owner(s) and copyright holder(s) of all the attached entry materials detailed above. I/we have read and understand the entry form conditions and agree to abide by them. I/we are fully responsible for using the images and voices and locations that appear or are heard on the production, all permission has been granted to the producers of the production to use the images, voices and locations that appear in the productions. Youth Connections North Coast and the Nimbin Film Festival will take no responsibility for the material that is presented. All responsibility lies with the producers and owners of the entries.

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