

Janelle's Page

by Janelle Saffin, MP

Our community has suffered a great loss with the passing of much loved local man Darcy Goodwin, who fed and comforted so many from his Five Loaves Mobile Soup Kitchen.

I paid tribute to Darcy and his tireless work in a speech in Parliament. This is a short excerpt:

"I want to pass on some quotes from locals that describe this wonderful man. Two pastors officiated at his funeral: Pastor Horace Evans and Pastor Keith Jackson. Pastor Evans summed up Darcy's philosophy on life by saying, 'Darcy's true gift was that he valued people more



than material possessions.' Pastor Jackson said: 'He was a genuine Christian

through and through and somebody to be admired and respected for sacrifices he

made, forsaking comforts to improve the lives of others.'

Michael Fox said, 'I have never seen so many Indigenous people in my life love a whitefella.' Laurie Marriott said, 'I have known Darcy for 20 years. Darcy was a good man and an angel who treated everyone like a king.'

What I said publicly was: "Darcy was pure goodness and that is how he lived his life. He always said to me that out on the 'highway', as he called the journey of life, all was good and we had to help our fellow travellers. He did more than his share. May he rest in peace for a job and a journey well done."

Telstra jobs

I was shocked and sickened when a Telstra executive rang me in Parliament on August 21 to say he was about to tell staff in the Goonellabah Call Centre of plans to close the centre, at the cost of 116 jobs. Telstra has proved again

that they are without heart and can abandon the country just like that.

I rang Telstra CEO David Thodey and followed up with a joint letter with State MP Thomas George and Mayor Jenny Dowell, calling for a reversal of the decision. Mr Thodey responded saying staff are being offered jobs in capital cities. That is not what we want. The 116 employees facing the axe at Goonellabah are people who live and work in the Lismore area.

Mr Thodey has not given any credible reason why Telstra can't adapt the Goonellabah site to other Telstra work. There has been a strong community response and we need to keep the pressure on Telstra to keep jobs in Lismore, to keep jobs in regional Australia, and to keep jobs onshore.

Super-trawler

Recreational fishers and others in the community

have raised the issue of super-trawlers with me and I share their strong concerns about the potential impact of allowing the foreign super-trawler the FV Margiris, to operate in Australian waters.

I am not convinced that there are any benefits to allowing this floating fish factory, twice the size of any boat that has ever operated here, into Australian waters to harvest tens of thousands of tonnes of fish.

Senior Labor members, including the Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke have also raised concerns. Mr Burke said his priority was the issue of by-catch of various listed species of environmental concern, whether it be dolphins, sea lions or sea birds such as albatross.

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NDIS scheme "an idea whose time has come"

by Justine Elliot, MP

I recently spoke in Parliament about the importance of a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Here's my speech as recorded in the *Parliamentary Hansard* on Monday, 20 August 2012:



and permanent disabilities will start to receive support. By July 2014, that figure will rise to 20,000 people. For the first time in our nation's history people with a significant and permanent disability will receive lifetime care and support, and that is regardless of how they acquired their disabilities.

There are so many people right around the country who have worked for so long to see a national disability scheme in place. Under an NDIS, people with a disability will have their individual needs assessed and they will be able to have much greater choice over the standard and quality of care that they receive. It is a scheme that will deliver Australians with disabilities the services they need when they need them.

Indeed, Australians with a disability and their families and carers have waited long enough. We must act, and the government is acting, to make the NDIS real. The fact is that everyone knows someone who struggles with a disability. Everyone knows a family that struggles to find care for their family member who has a disability. It is an issue that many locals continue to raise regularly with me.

We also note that currently there are vast differences in the care that people get. It often depends on where they live. Of course, that is grossly unfair for those living in regional and

rural Australia. When people talk about the care that they receive today, they often say that it can be rationed, that not everybody gets care and that many people do not get enough care. We want to see a national disability scheme make a difference to people with disabilities right around our nation, in every state, territory, suburb and, indeed, town – particularly, as I say, for those from rural and regional areas such as in my electorate.

The government is getting on with the job of building an NDIS, and we are working with the states and territories through COAG. We have set up the Select Council on Disability Reform of treasurers and disability ministers from around the country. This is the appropriate forum to progress this work because states and territories have primary responsibility for the care and support of people with disabilities. We do not want people with disabilities to have to wait any longer. We do not need another committee. We cannot let anything delay the NDIS. This is a long-overdue reform that we are delivering on and we cannot have it delayed. An NDIS will give all Australians with significant disability the peace of mind to know that their care and support needs will be addressed no matter where they may live or how they acquired their disability.

It is intended that the NDIS will produce the following outcomes for people with disability:

the individualised care and support that they need over their lifetime; more choice and control in their lives through a person centred, self-directed approach to service delivery, with that individualised funding; and disability care and support that is more accessible and which will meet nationally consistent standards. So it is certainly very wide ranging.

At its heart, the NDIS is all about our nation working towards giving people with disabilities a much better future – more care, more support and more choice about how they run their lives... It is a very long overdue reform that many people throughout this country have called for, over a long period of time, and we want to do it by working with the community, working with the states and working through COAG to deliver this real reform. This is an idea whose time has come. We have to move forward with this. We cannot have further committees to hold this up. We need to all work together to get an outcome that actually delivers for Australians right across the country. Those Australians who have a disability and their families and carers need to have this reform in place.

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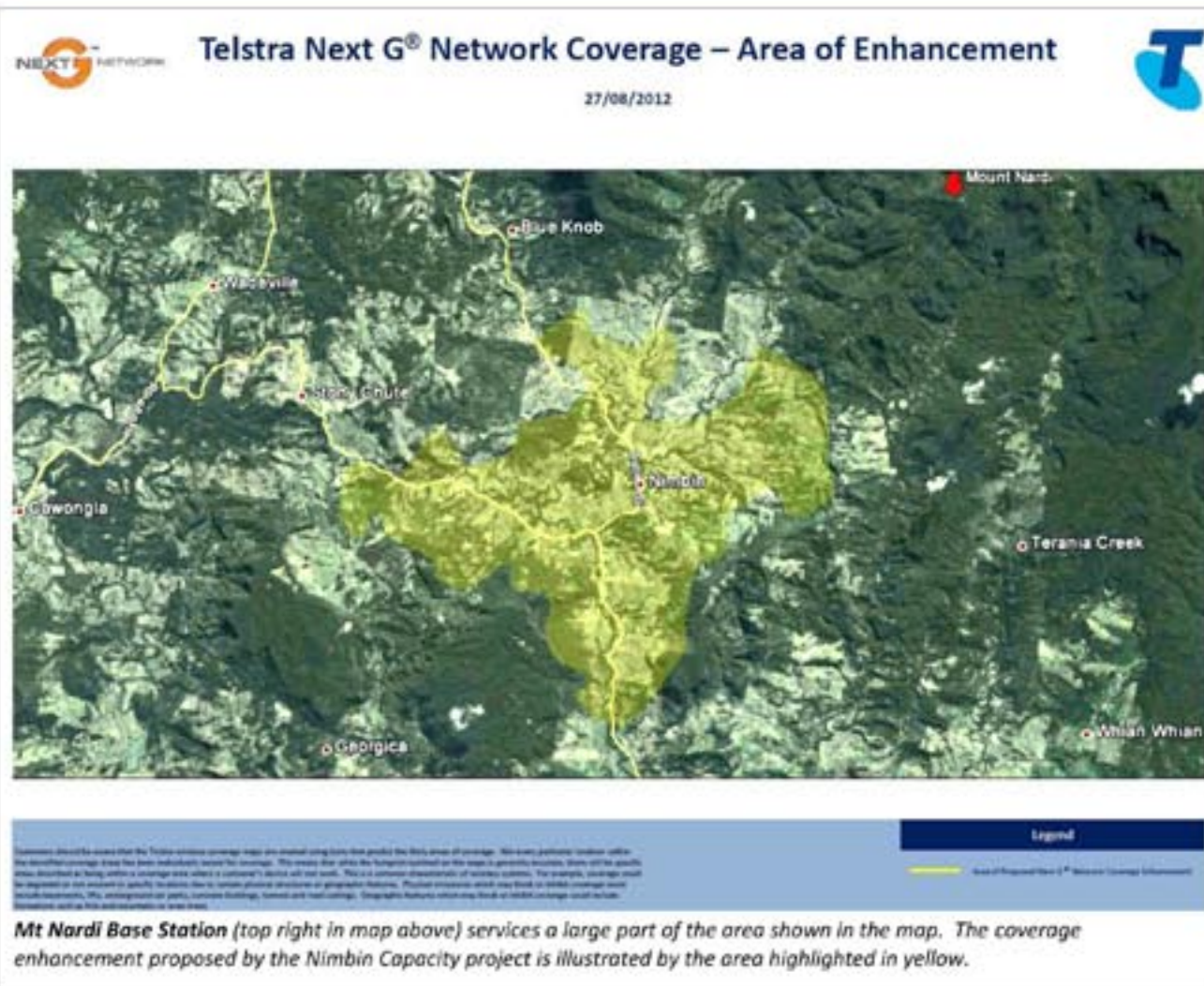
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Murwillumbah Sunday (30/9 & 7/10)	2 – 3.30 pm Red Cross Hall, Knox Park
Nimbin Sunday (30/9 & 7/10)	10 – 11.30 am Nimbin Community Centre, 81 Cullen Street

Telstra Networking for Nimbin's Future

Telstra is working to improve mobile and wireless coverage across NSW, including the township of Nimbin, to provide residents, tourists and businesses with more reliable communications services on its Next G® network.



The HTC One XL is an example of a mobile device (known as a "smart phone") that Telstra customers use to connect to email and data services.

Community Information

Telstra is presently assessing the suitability of a number of locations for a proposed base station. The potential location of base stations is primarily determined by technical requirements; however, Telstra recognises that established communities such as Nimbin Village are places of cultural and community significance, and the location of infrastructure is of community interest.

Telstra is committed to achieving a balance between community interests, environmental considerations and network operation. Telstra is undertaking an assessment of the characteristics for each of the potential locations and will ultimately report to the community through a community information session on the preferred option, the alternative candidates that were considered and the rationale for assessing all candidates.

This community information session will offer residents and stakeholders in the community an opportunity to meet directly with Telstra staff who will be on hand to answer any relevant questions regarding the proposal. Telstra will notify the community in due course about the details of the time and place for this event.

Telstra will provide further information to the community about these proposed improvements over the coming months. For any enquiries during the interim, please contact Telstra representatives Aurecon on 02 9465 5718 or email northcoastnswtcw@team.telstra.com or Post to: PO box 1123 Lismore NSW 2480.

Existing Network Conditions

The telecommunications facility atop Mt Nardi presently provides mobile coverage service to Telstra customers throughout the Nimbin area and nearby towns. The Mt Nardi base station is a major communications facility servicing a large geographic coverage area of distances up to 20km away.

During recent times, mobile phone technology has become more advanced and customers are using more mobile data for email and internet access. Telstra has identified that residents, businesses and visitors in the Nimbin Village area are using more mobile data than ever before.

"Mt Nardi base station has been optimised to its maximum capability for service to Nimbin."

This demand is reducing the available network capacity for customers within the whole coverage area potentially causing call drop-outs and slower data speeds.

Over the past five years Telstra has made several improvements at the Mt Nardi base station. Following these improvements, the Mt Nardi base station is providing service to customers within the Nimbin Village, but coverage for the greater town of Nimbin remains in need of improvement (as illustrated by the area of proposed coverage enhancement in the map).

Proposed Solution

Telstra has identified the solution to solve the capacity issues in the network by providing Nimbin Village with its own dedicated base station, effectively relieving the Mt Nardi site so that it can focus on providing more reliable service to the wider Nimbin Valley area.

A dedicated base station in Nimbin Village will benefit all customers in and around the Nimbin Village, including residents, businesses, visitors and tourists, who will enjoy high quality wireless data directly to their handheld devices. The proposed base station is intended to be of a slimline design and of a height that would enable a line of sight with the targeted geographic area. More details of the proposal will be available after Telstra has completed an assessment of the alternative locations.



Sisters Healing Earth

Members of *Sisters Healing Earth* launched their first CD in Uki on 19th August – the culmination of a two year production process.

Uki Supermarket sponsored the production of the CD, 'Earth Mother', and laid on a barbecue and tasting of local foods for an enthusiastic audience.

The band will be playing both at the September markets in Nimbin and at other venues. The CD will be available there and from several retail outlets in the Northern Rivers.

Nimbin Spirit Dance

by Lisa Grant

Hello Dancers! Are you looking for a regular dance that is fun and perfectly designed for your fitness level, age, etc?

Then come and join us at Nimbin Spirit Dance where you are free to unleash your dancing self in its true form!

Nimbin Spirit Dance is an ecstatic dance practice. It allows us to drop deeply inside ourselves to find a place of connection to self and our spirit and then to come out and connect with others in a safe space. It's fun, it's a great workout and leaves you with a deep sense of wellbeing. Come and try it out!

Classes are held at Jarlanbah Community Centre, on Tuesdays (school



term time) 10am – noon, and every second Saturday 2–4pm. Cost: \$10. This is a drug, alcohol and child-free space.

Ring Lisa for further information, on 0428-221-290.

Heaton's Heroes

The Lismore Jazz Club is presenting Heaton's Heroes at the Lismore Bowling Club on Sunday 30th September, from 2pm. Admission is \$10 for members and students and \$15 for non members.

Besides years of experience, these players all share a common background in that their music careers started with the rock and roll era. The string players moved into reggae before venturing into jazz, which is now their real love. They started their careers in Sydney and Melbourne and now are truly settled in the Northern Rivers.

Drummer and vocalist Doug Heaton has been playing the music scene for over 50 years. He started in Sydney mainly playing the clubs and supporting a variety of artists.

Royden Ainsworth, clarinet and saxophonist, has played with many bands in the television industry, in particular Tommy Tycho and for the Mike Walsh show. He has been playing professionally for over 40 years and is well known for his appearances with the Lismore Big Band.

Guitarist Ben Rogers started his



musical career in Melbourne and played there for many years before venturing north and moving into jazz. He is also a regular with the Big Band.

Bass player E.V. Jackson started in the Sydney music scene and was an original member of Radio Jupiter. He went from rock to reggae and is now definitely ensconced in the jazz scene on

A great night of Cabaret

The blue moon in September brought a full house to the Nimbin Town Hall to enjoy music from Harry Freeman and Scott Cameron, Miss Renee Simone and Azo Bell, the Hussy Hicks, Ivy Lucille, Essie Thomas, Serena Joy's flamenco company and the Rennee Searles Band; words

from Steady Eddie, Christine Strelan, David Heilpern and David Hallett; and physical feats from Isis, Derek and Adam, and Sue Boardman.

Add into the mix, dinner by the Spangled Drongo and full bar service, and all the ingredients were there for a great night, had by all.



Ivy Lucille

Next Blue Moon Cabaret is 17th November – early booking is practically essential.



Steady Eddie

Miss Renee Simone



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She will melt the electric fence around your heart... see her at the Sphinx Rock Café at Mt Burrell 1pm Sunday 16th September

Peppery Rock



Bringing together a wealth of song writing and performing experience, the Pepper Boys sprinkle their unique blend of folk, rock, reggae and jazz with a dash of protest and lashings of fun as they perform their stories of the past, present and future.

The Sphinx welcomes them back on a sunny Spring arvo, Sunday 23rd September at 1pm.

Bring a song, bring a verse, bring a friend

The Channon Folk Club meets at The Channon tavern on the fourth Sunday of the month – next is 23rd September – from 2pm 'til dusk.

Get there in plenty of time to get your name on the board.

See: www.folkclub.thechannon.com.au or follow the Folk Club on Facebook/The Channon Folk Club

Songwriter Matt Barwick



Open Mic sessions

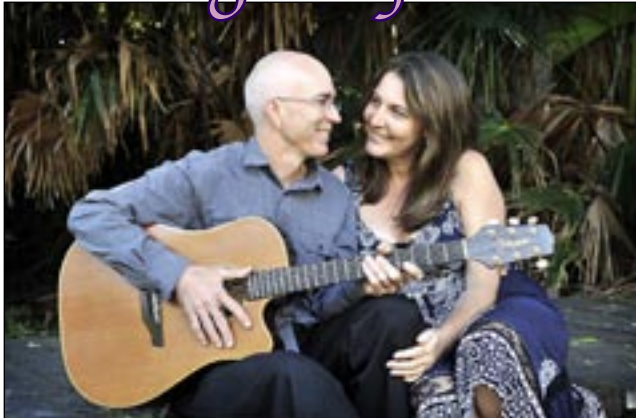


One of the impromptu groups (above) jamming at the Open Mic Sessions that have begun at Nimbin Bowlo, thanks to the interest from members, who supply the equipment.

"It's like a get-together in your own loungeroom," said one muso, "except it's got a bar and a restaurant."

Sessions are being held on Wednesday nights, twice a month – 12th and 26th September – and all are welcome, to play, sing, or just listen.

You've got a friend



Songwriters on the Songline

Elizabeth Lord and Leigh James present a stunning tribute to two of music's great living legends in their brand new show, "You've Got a Friend – a Tribute to Carole King and James Taylor" at Uki Church Hall, Friday 7th September.

Elizabeth and Leigh have been partners in life and music for over 20 years. They were invited backstage to meet King and Taylor when they were in Australia as a part of their Troubadour reunion tour in 2010, and it was then that the pair decided to create a show to pay homage to their idols.

"Elizabeth and I were taken by the very humble and natural essence of these two luminaries," Leigh said. "There is something about his

finger-style guitar technique, and the beauty of the lyrics and melody that really took hold, back when I was 15."

With great respect and musical integrity for their idols, Elizabeth and Leigh play and sing the music with an obvious underlying love for both the songs, and the tradition that they come from. The show also shares the history of the King and Taylor success stories, and Leigh and Elizabeth also include several of their own compositions.

Tickets are \$20 (\$15 Ukitopia members) and will be available in advance from the Uki Supermarket and Uki Happy High Herbs store, online at www.ukitopiaartscollective.com or at the door if available. Hot chai and snacks will be available.



by Jennifer Bongiorno

Keep your diaries free for October 5 and 6 when local artist/designer Judy Who collaborates with some of the North Coast's biggest names in artistic, erotic performance.

"In this event I intend to showcase the most cutting edge performers who will enchant and mesmerise – taking people way out of their comfort zones," Judy said. "It's beyond the conventional shows of the past and more of a cabaret than a fashion show. It is an event not to be missed."

The show will feature wearable art by Jaz Who, Harji swing circus, and Crystal Grid Studios will be doing a mega AV production extravaganza with surround sound system, amazing indoor

and outdoor lighting and a multi-cam video projection environment.

Music will be a live Nimbin-Mullum electro/acoustic jam set with Tone Wonderland on midi synth bass, Kavi on flute and vox, and Nimbin drummers Michael Skinner and Pauly Stephens. Then dancing with the popular DJ, Pop.

Tickets are available from Main Arm shop, Mullumbimby Book Shop and Who Designs, 44 Cullen Street, Nimbin. Book early as events such as this one at Kohinur Hall, Main Arm frequently attract a sell-out crowd.

Artists wishing to take part in this unique event should contact Judy on 6689-0136 or Jaz on 0431-111-792.



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September Gigs

Thursday 6th	6pm	Adam Brown
Friday 7th	7.30pm	Broadfoot
Saturday 8th	5.30pm	Angry Penguins
Sunday 9th	5pm	Fairweather Freaks
Thursday 13th	6pm	Dr Baz
Friday 14th	7.30pm	The Richie Williams Band
Saturday 15th	5.30pm	Blake Saben 3
Sunday 16th	2.30pm	Kurtis Gentle
Thursday 20th	6pm	OPEN MIKE Let us hear You
Friday 21st	7.30pm	Liquid Search
Saturday 22nd	3pm	Innes Cambell
Sunday 23rd	2pm	Two Rivers Blues
Thursday 27th	6pm	Bo Jenkins
Friday 28th	7.30pm	The Method
Saturday 29th	6pm	Lez Karski
Sunday 30th	4pm	The Stillsons

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- **Open Mic Nights** – Wednesdays 12th and 26th
- **Trivia Quiz** – Returns Saturday 15th at 7pm
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Sunday Gig Guide

September 1pm start

9th Sa Ma Sil
Influences from eastern chants & ragas, dub reggae & funky dance

16th Jarrah
Jarrah sings a bittersweet acoustic guitar & voice blend that touches deeply, creating a poetic, meditative experience

23rd The Pepper Boys
The Pepperboys bring their own unique blend of folk, rock, reggae and jazz with lashings of fun

30th Scarlett Affection
Touted as "Australia's best kept secret", sisters Melia and Nerida Naughton will mesmerize you with their vocal harmonies

Oct 7th Sydney or the Bush
From Uki, you will tap your feet and perhaps do an Irish jig – these fun loving performers will certainly leave an impression

Bring your best brews to Brewers Corner

by Terry Beltrane

The Nimbin Annual Country Show Brewers Corner is now into its fifth year and keeps getting bigger every year.

Coopers DIY Beer will again be the major sponsor with all the excellent prizes they have offered in the past, and this year Jude and Graham Hardy, owners of Richmond Home Brewing Supplies in Lismore, are also awarding vouchers for winners in specific categories. Graham has also kindly offered his time and educated palate as a judge this year.

Exhibits must be delivered to the Nimbin Showgrounds pavilion on Friday, 21st September between 7.30 and 10.30am, in quantities that are the equivalent of 2 x 750ml bottle of beer and 1x 750ml bottle of wine and spirits or liqueurs.

This allows sufficient quantity for the judging on Friday, with the balance for the exhibitors tasting on Saturday, 22nd September, from 11am to 1pm in the main

Showground pavilion. Early birds get to taste the winning brews, and prizes awarded to exhibitors can be collected within these hours.

As in previous years, there are several categories, including:

- Light to medium bodied beers – pilsener, ales and lagers
- Full bodied beers and stout
- Dry white table wines – all fruit, vegetable, herbs must be declared on the label
- Sweet white table wines – all fruit, vegetables, and herbs must be declared on the label
- Red table wines – all fruit, vegetable, and herbs must be declared on the label
- Liqueurs – type to be declared on the label
- Spirits – type to be declared on the label

The judges reserve the right to move an exhibit into a different category if they think the exhibit is more likely to be successful in that category.

If you'd like more info on Brewers Corner and your exhibit, phone Terry on 6689-1120. Good luck, and see you at the Show.

Nimbin Natural Beekeepers Group

by James Greagh

The Nimbin Natural Beekeepers will be joining the Sustainability Village at the Nimbin Show on 22nd and 23rd September. The village will be promoting local groups and individuals working towards sustainability in living, growing and producing food. Eric is planning a raffle on the day – any donations are welcome, particularly bee-themed items, contact upsidedownliving@hotmail.com. The money raised will be used as seed money for bee materials that the group will share. Come along and visit us at the show.

Swarms

We are available to remove any swarms. Swarms are a mass of bees that will temporarily nest usually on a branch of a tree or fence while some of the bees search for a new home. They can hang around for up to a few days. Swarms do pose the risk of stinging people and animals and can often struggle to find a suitable home, sometimes ending up in the wall of a

house that can be difficult to remove. Our contact person is Thomas, phone 6689-1423 (work hours) or after hours: 0421-097-776.

Meetings

The next meeting of the Nimbin Natural Beekeepers group will be held on 7th October. If you are interested in getting bees or have bees feel welcome to join us. Meetings are held the first Sunday of the month. The meetings are an opportunity to exchange information and support natural ways of keeping bees.

Bees in the news

Monsanto has bought a leading US bee research firm, despite it (Monsanto) being implicated in bee colony collapse – a major cause for dwindling bee populations around the world.

According to a company announcement, Beeologics handed over the reins to Monsanto in September 2011, which means the gene-manipulating giant will now be able to control the flow of information and products




Beekeeper Massimo Carpinteri

coming from Beeologics for colony collapse disorder (CCD).

It would seem that Monsanto will use more chemicals to treat colony hive collapse rather than explore the effect GM crops have had on bee population. Support the campaign against GM here in Australia – visit: www.madge.org.au www.geneethics.org/campaigns/display/4 www.greenpeace.org/australia/en/what-we-do/Food

Workshop

I am planning a one-day workshop on the basics of bee keeping on 16th September. The workshop will explain how the bee kingdom works, how a beehive operates, how to put together a hive and how to maintain it. We will also look at pests and diseases and OH&S issues. The workshop will offer the many options for natural beekeeping. If you are interested in attending the workshop please contact me at jamescreagh@hotmail.com or phone 6689-7575.



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Sustainability Alley – Blue Knob Farmer's Market at the Nimbin Show

by Jim Arachne

When you visit the Nimbin Show this year be prepared for a different experience. The Blue Knob Farmer's Market is creating a Sustainability Alley – showcasing some of the simple, low-tech sustainable achievements that Nimbin is becoming increasingly well known for.

The Paddock to Plate Café features delicious handmade meals made from local produce. Hand made, local ice-cream is also a feature along with locally grown coffee, roasted on the spot. Several stalls will sell samples of Blue Knob Market's fare as well as organic seedlings for spring planting.

Other stalls include; Northern Rivers Hemp, Rainbow Power with solar pump and cooker displays, Nimbin Natural Bee Keepers, composting toilet displays, locally made compost for sale. The neighbouring Djanbung Permaculture Gardens and Environment Centre will also be there along with a display of quails and their beautiful eggs. Worm Farming is a feature, and many more.

Treat yourself to a different show experience by also visiting the Speakers Tent in Sustainability Alley. The Tent will host a packed series of seminars on sustainability and self-sufficiency. Presentations are 45 minutes long and start on the hour.

Speakers Tent Program SATURDAY:

10am, **Native Bees** – Steve Maginnity. Information on attracting native bees to your garden, setting up a hive and leasing or buying hives to increase crop pollination. Honey tastings after the talk.

11am, **Rainfed Rice** – Brett Slater. Mostly associated with the Murrumbidgee areas of NSW, rice is now grown locally. Brett has been one of the pioneers in successfully growing local organic rice without irrigation.

12 Noon, **Bush Foods and Edible Weeds** – Peter



Lucy with giant daikon (3kg, Aug 2012) at Tutti Fruitti Farm, winner of last year's Most Sustainable Farm award at Nimbin Show

Photo: Adriana Chaparro

Hardwick. What we try and eradicate as introduced weeds were once staple medicinal and forage plants for European peoples. Native plants we ignore in the bush were staple forage foods for indigenous people. Learn to identify some of these plants and try some sample tastings.

1pm, **Growing Alternative Crops** – James Creagh. Many European plants are unsuited to our local climate while food plants from the south/central Americas and South East Asia grow much better. Information about some lesser-known plants that could be staples for our region.

2pm, **Farm Generation of Bio Gas** – Paul Wilson. Biogas is typically made from animal manures and kitchen or green waste and is often used for cooking, heating water or lighting. Paul, from Nimbin Valley Dairy, toured China and Germany studying the use of biogas. He estimates that China has around 30 million households that generate enough bio gas to supply all their cooking and lighting needs.

SUNDAY:

10am, **Making Your Own Bio-diesel** – Dolph Cooke.

An introduction to using

waste vegetable oil as an alternative fuel for diesel engines. Some Biodiesel will be made during the talk and participants can inspect a truck that's been converted to run on bio-diesel.

11am, **Growing and Building with Hemp** – Klara Marosszeky. Learn how its possible, if you have 1 hectare of land, to grow enough hemp to build your own; fire resistant, very economical, hemp fibre house with no need to render, paint or insulate. Hemp houses also have good sound proofing qualities and will easily withstand extreme weather.

12 Noon and 1pm, **TBC**
2pm, **Composting Toilets** – Stuart McConville. Composting toilets make huge water savings and produce valuable fertilizer for your orchard trees. They allow independence from municipal sewerage system breakdowns plus they're ideal for difficult sites such as rocky areas or where there's concern about contaminating ground water or creeks.

PLEASE NOTE: Times and topics may change. Get an up-to-date program by sending a request to Jim, the Market secretary, at: ulborid8@gmail.com

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Hemp Headlines



This is your Art on Drugs

Over a period of time, artist Brian Lewis Saunders took a different drug and drew his self-portrait. Pictured above (left to right): Meth, Cannabis and Cocaine. For more, visit his website: <http://bryanlewisanders.org>

USA: Smoke the Vote

The upcoming 2012 election is, without a doubt, the most important one yet in the world of marijuana law reform. Three states, Colorado, Washington, and Oregon will be voting to legalize marijuana use by responsible adults, and Montana, along with Massachusetts, will be voting on medical marijuana issues. Check <http://norml.org> for regular updates.

Grandmas grow Gold in Swaziland

[New York Times 14/8 Lydia Polgreen] After her daughters died, Khathazile took in her 11 orphaned grandchildren without hesitation. It is what a gogo, or grandmother, does in a country where the world's highest H.I.V. infection rate has left a sea of motherless children. "God will help us," she said. Perhaps. But Khathazile has some insurance in case divine intervention fails: Swazi Gold, a highly potent and valuable strain of marijuana that is sought after in the

thriving drug market of next-door South Africa. In a field deep in the forest, atop a distant hill in this arid corner of tiny Swaziland, Khathazile grows Swazi Gold to keep her growing brood of grandchildren fed, clothed and in school. "Without weed, we would be starving," explained Khathazile, who asked that only her middle name be used.

Online Drug Markets

As well as anonymous marketplace, Silk Road, there are a growing number of businesses selling online at the moment, with or without Tor networks. Pot2Peer has recently appeared: "A compassionate marijuana dispensary utilizing the latest in peer-to-peer and anonymous electronic payment technologies to provide safe and discreet access to high quality cannabis products for personal consumption". Check out pot2peer.com

NSW: Energy firm fails in bid to enforce urine drug testing

[Sydney Morning Herald 15/8 Josephine Tovey] A state-owned energy company has lost its bid to be allowed to conduct urine tests for drugs on its employees, in a case unions hope will set a precedent across the country. The full bench of Fair Work Australia upheld an earlier court ruling denying Endeavour Energy, which is owned by the NSW

government, its call to conduct urine tests on its employees as part of new health and safety provisions. The earlier decision found such tests were "unjust and unreasonable" because they could detect drug use from days earlier, and instead ruled that oral swab testing, which generally only picks up drug taking in the preceding hours, was a better test of impairment. Debate over the best methods for drug testing is highly contested in a range of industries, with unions arguing urine testing unfairly monitors workers' private lives.

Queensland: Concern over school's decision to drug test students

[abc.net.au 9/8 David Lewis] Civil libertarians and health experts have raised concerns over an elite Queensland private school's decision to randomly drug test its students. The Southport School (TSS) on the Gold Coast has written to parents advising them of the new policy, aimed at eliminating weekend drug use. At the beginning of each term, students will be randomly selected to provide a urine and saliva sample for testing. The policy was hatched by the school's headmaster, Greg Wain, who recently returned from a fact-finding tour of the United States.

Cannabis, cannabinoids and cancer – the evidence so far

[Cancer Research UK Science Update Blog 25/7 Kat Arney] This blog looks at the common questions raised about the evidence and research into cannabis, cannabinoids (the active chemicals found in the plant and elsewhere) and cancer, and addresses some of the wider issues that crop up in this debate: scienceblog.cancerresearchuk.org

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Hemp Party plans for Federal election

The annual general meeting of the Australian Hemp Party will be held at the Nimbin Hemp Embassy, 51 Cullen Street Nimbin, on Friday 5th October from 6pm.

The meeting will discuss HEMP Party campaign preparations for the upcoming 2013 Federal Election.

In the next few weeks, the HEMP Party will call for expressions of interest from members regarding the setting up of State Branches in Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, the ACT, and the Northern Territory, as well as setting up sub-branches all over Australia.

We will also consider the founding of the NSW Branch and open

nominations for the positions of the HEMP Party NSW Branch, President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Other important topics to be discussed will include:

- HEMP Party receiving a clean bill of health by an AEC review,
- online membership registration form,
- online donations campaign in the social media,
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy groups on university campuses,
- approaching NSW politicians regarding Cannabis law reform,
- US Elections and the Oregon Cannabis Tax Act 2012.

If you are committed to the cause, you cannot miss this meeting.

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STREET SHUFFLE

Journal of the North Coast's longest serving covert

by Undacuva

Undacuva family breakup

The Annual East Coast Undacuva Ball will never ever be held again says the Boss. It was a mistake to have it at Palm Beach anyway he says, but as well there is so little unity in the troops and the damages bill was ridiculous.

There was simply too much first class coke and mixed with the unlimited free booze it was more than the troops could handle. Add that to morale that disintegrates further every year, like a rusting car in the paddock, bits start to fall off and suddenly we're not one unit anymore. The Old Guards'

ways just don't cut it with the new generation who feel little loyalty to anything except their weekly pay. Why would they?

Patricia flew in from London after spending a year with the WikiLeaks supporters pretending to be a hippy chick in love with Julian. There's no need for her to pretend, she's besotted and made no effort to hide it. The gentleman, as she kept calling him, is an absolute angel she says, her only upset – he insists on wearing a condom. She must have told the Boss fifty times on the night, "I just wanna have his baby."

But she didn't start the revolutionary mood as much as

the crew back from Roxby Downs. They were converted and came to the ECUB looking more than half feral and stinking of the desert campfires. I couldn't help siding with them and undastood their experience. A month camped in the desert, sharing rice and dahl and weed, and trips, with the beautiful people had been the best time of their life. 500 activists 500 cops, it was a joke they said. Plus, the uniforms hated it so much out in the middle of nowhere, canned food and flies, away from their families, protecting a uranium mine. Uranium! Are we mad? Leave it in the ground, everyone agreed. They've refused to return and history may well show it to be as big a victory as the Franklin for the hippies.

The power of the protest in isolated areas has never before eaten so much of the Bosses budget pie. The miners might pay bonus

wages but no one wants to be there anymore. Same in the Kimberleys. All Undacuva reports ticked the same boxes. ITRWEE. Impossible to resolve without excessive expense.

"The activists, sharing food, cars, fines, drugs, indeed everything, are a force to reckon with in the desert. The further they are from a city, the more they appear to thrive, which is the opposite to our Force, and the majority were prepared to live there permanently from all information gathered. It didn't matter if we cut off their food supplies or fined them for the pettiest things like seatbelts not retracting quickly enough, nothing seemed to deter them."

One report mentioned in embarrassing detail, timeless nights unda the stars singing Bob Dylan around campfires before snuggling up with each other to keep warm. Family, community,

humanity. That's the stuff that quickly undamines the troops, but throw in the latest Unda CSG report and the numbers are so stacked against the Boss on every front, and he knows it. As he himself kept muttering into the night, what is the Force doing protecting miners and gas frackers while we are given asbestos houses to live in?

Frustration in the Force is a graph heading skywards fast. The old school is quickly being outnumbered by the newly educated who remain unconvinced about their mission. It's the mortgage running their lives, and not much else. Before midnight, little groups of Undas separated off like street gangs. The Boss gave them names. The Bungled Ballina Bashers and Sydney Drive-Bys kept blaming each other for being the most idiotic, and for once the little village of Bin wasn't in the awards.



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