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The 'perfect host' raises funds

A host of angels with skills on offer is gathering above the online 7 Sibley Street Angel Auction – and one of them can be yours!

The online auction running until 30th July will help raise an outstanding \$9000 to settle the loan for the purchase of the 7 Sibley St site.

To participate, go to the website (www.sevenonsibley.com) then click on "Angel Auction". There you will find a list of 25 Angels offering a range of heavenly services.

To bid simply enter a dollar amount in the box below your angel of choice.

Services on offer include

a one-day cheese making workshop, two separate dinners (one for four people and one for ten), bridge lessons, guitar maintenance, herbal medicine consultation, massages, German language lessons and a host of other great stuff.

Some people thought that Nat Meyer and a few others were in cloud cuckoo land when they decided to raise \$150,000 to purchase 7 Sibley Street for the community sustainability hub project just over two years ago.

A loan from another community angel helped out and most of the clouds have

since disappeared, with less than \$9000 left to be raised.

So get on line and place your bids to ensure you don't miss out on this once-in-an-earthly-lifetime chance to book your very own angel.

If you are not a computer user or not online, you can also make a bid on the available forms at the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre – drop them in on weekdays, 10am to 4pm.

The highest bids will be announced each week on the Sibley Street website or at the Neighbourhood Centre, allowing you to increase your bid if you want to.



The winner of each bid (and their angels) will be contacted in early August.

For further information call Cat at the Neighbourhood Centre on 6689-1692.



Hear the music, feel the love

by Maz Webb

The power of music filled everyone's hearts at Café Central on the last Wednesday in June. Youth bands cranked, a solo harpist wove spells, young singers shone, and teachers rocked to some ska tunes with full horn section and cigar-box guitars. This fourth Café at Nimbin Central has been voted the best yet.

Two bain-maries were purchased with the funds raised, so that the Hospitality students who catered and served meals had an experience of commercial catering. Their teacher Ms Reid has initiated the new course to help students gain experience for work around town and further afield.

The meals served were outstanding, filling many bellies with warming veg and non-veg meals and sumptuous desserts. As always, the community was very supportive, with many parents and staff also donating food for the evening.

Students assisted with stage crew, sound and lights in a focussed, professional way. But best of all, the music continues to grow in quality and diversity as our young people explore new ideas and gain confidence as performers.

In your neighbourhood...

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre news



www.nnic.org.au

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre (NNIC) is a local charity and community organisation run by locals for locals, and is funded by NSW FaCS as a Community Hub. Our main service delivery role is to provide information and referrals to disadvantaged community members.

For information about all services available in Nimbin, Lismore or the Northern Rivers region drop into NNIC and ask at our front desk or else make an appointment with our Community Workers for referrals, support and assistance including material aid. If we can't help we probably know who can.

Memberships due

All NNIC memberships fall due on 1st July. Membership fee is \$5.50 inc GST. You can help us to support the local community by renewing your membership or joining NNIC now! Membership of NNIC also entitles you to membership of the Food Equipment Library.

Food Library memberships also fall due on 1st July. Please contact us or drop into NNIC to renew your membership (\$22 inc GST). If you want to join the library also contact us or drop into NNIC.

Design the ultimate green granny flat

Don't forget to get your entries in. Various categories and prizes on offer. Entries close 15th August 2014. See the Sibley Street project website for all the info you need about the Sustainable House Day events in September, including entry forms and guidelines for the Design a Granny Flat Competition. www.sevenonsibley.com/shd2014/

Entry forms etc also available at NNIC during our opening hours.

7 Sibley Street fundraising

Less than \$10,000 to go. Thanks to the School of Arts which recently donated an additional \$1000 to the project. Thanks to everyone else who donated during June. The current fundraising event is the Angel Auction, which goes live on-line in July. Don't miss your chance to bid on one or more of the Angels of your choice and help us to raise those final funds to pay off Sibley Street while your Angel is helping you! To participate in the auction, go to the website: www.sevenonsibley.com

Wanted – Fabulous gardens, amazing hand-built/owner-built houses, sustainable farms

Final call for people who are interested in opening up their homes, farms or gardens for this year's Nimbin's House Farm and Garden Weekend, to be held on Sat 13th and Sun 14th September. If you have a green thumb and have grown an oasis in your back yard or you live in a creative, owner built or sustainable home, we'd love to hear from you. We are especially keen to hear from people who have straw bale, mudbrick, sand-sawdust-cement, bamboo, hemp or earthship buildings. Contact Cat at the Neighbourhood Centre on 6689-1692 or email: catanderson6@gmail.com

Nimbin Show September 20-21

Now is the time to start thinking about your entries in all or any of these:

- Most Sustainable in Show. Can be individual produce or whole/part of a farm operation. Food or Fibre.
- Local Food Bytes short film competition. Anything to do with local

food. Max 15 mins.

• Best Show-Themed Shop Display. Can you wrestle the trophy from last year's winner, the Nimbin Bakery? Displays will be judged in the week before the show.

Details and entry forms will be available on our website and at NNIC.

Community Energy Congress Canberra

Nat attended this event on 16th-17th June and found out lots of useful and technical information related to community renewable energy projects. It was exciting to see how the renewable energy movement is growing and energy literacy is increasing in the sector, with many opportunities emerging on the horizon. Of course, support from all levels of government is crucial. Lismore City Council is leading the way by setting its own renewable energy target, and this was mentioned and recognised several times during the Congress.

Are you struggling with unpaid fines?

You may be eligible to apply for a Work Development Order, which enables you to pay your fines down by doing volunteer work at NNIC. Make an appointment with one of our Community Workers to find out if you are eligible.

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by Cr Danielle Mulholland, Mayor of Kyogle

Kyogle Council notebook

the community to commemorate the 21st anniversary of his landing at Tabulam following his 1993 trans-Australian balloon flight. What a day!

ALGA Conference

By the time this is published, I will have returned from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) annual conference in Canberra.

For those not familiar with the annual ALGA conference, it's a valuable opportunity to meet and discuss issues with other similar sized councils from around Australia and see how they're tackling some of the same problems that we confront and of course, get suggestions on better ways to deliver services to our community.

There's lots of innovative work happening in other areas, and this is a prime opportunity to mine that knowledge and bring ideas back for implementation in our own area.

My aim while in Canberra was to chew a few Ministers' ears post-budget, and to advocate as strongly as possible for appropriate funding and consideration for our area.

Neighbour complaints

One of the most vexing issues that Council has to deal with is complaints. Now – you may think I'm talking about ratepayers and residents that aren't happy with Council, but what I really mean is neighbours complaining to Council about each other.

Come on everyone, there has to be a better way of managing issues between people than fronting up to Council to complain! Sure – there are some difficult and challenging folks out there, but at least try to sit down over a cup of tea and resolve things face to face.

Council is happy to help if it can, but we should be the last resort, not the first port of call.

Mayoral meetings

A big thankyou to everyone who came along to the last Mayoral meeting at Wiangaree on Wednesday, 11th June.

I'm really enjoying getting out and meeting with people across the LGA and its pleasing to note the meetings have been well received. It's also great that we've been able to get some long standing issues resolved.

The next Mayoral meeting will be on Wednesday, 16th July, 2014 at the Ettrick Hall, so if you have issues you would like us to know about, or if you'd just like to come along and say hello, I'd be very pleased to see you there.

Simply ring and book a time with Ms Janelle McLennan at Council on 6632-0214 so that you won't be kept waiting. If you can also advise her of your issue and contact details, this will help me to make some background enquiries so that any information you receive is correct and up to date.

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Cr Mulholland with Dick Smith and John Wallington in Tabulam



Cr Mulholland with Costa Georgiadis during his recent visit to Bonalbo

Kyogle of yesteryear



by Noelle Lynden-Way,

After my last column, in which I mentioned the 1904 arrival in Kyogle of two nurses, Sr. Agnes Knaggs and Nurse Mabel Henshall, I was contacted by Fay Finch, who is Mabel's youngest child.

Subsequently I met with Fay and other members of the family for a good yarn about the old days in Kyogle. It was very educational, and one can only "dip one's lid" to the pioneers of our towns and farms in the Northern Rivers.

Fay, 86 years old and her sisters Ada Baker, 97 and Lou Reeves 103, are all testament to lives well lived, full of hard work, joy, hilarity, well-remembered stories and lots of love and care towards family and home. Their brother Tom is 92 and lives in Bonalbo.

In the early 1900's the big stations were being broken up and, as more land was becoming available, there was a big influx of people into the Kyogle area. The two adventurous young nurses, Agnes Knaggs and Mabel Henshall travelled all the way from Melbourne by boat to Byron Bay, up the Richmond River to Casino and then by coach to Kyogle. There is still an existing photo of Sr. Knaggs and Mabel Henshall on the verandah at Dr. Greer's Private Hospital on Kyogle Road in 1906.

Fay and Ada on Ada's 80th

birthday participated in a fundraiser for cancer in conjunction with Beef Week. They travelled cross-country by coach from Casino, following the same route to Tenterfield of the old Cobb & Co. coaches. The trip took five days, sleeping in a tent each night with damper for breakfast. In the old days there had been staging posts and fresh horses. A week later they did the return trip. Fay says the restored coach was very well sprung and comfortable to ride in.

Their mother, Mabel Henshall married John Thomas Hale (known as Tom) when she was about 24 and Tom was ten years older. When they had first met and Mabel was working as a nurse at the hospital, Tom, who loved fishing, used to bring fish he'd caught to the hospital.

Mabel and Tom went on to have 12 children over the next 20 years. Mabel made all the children's clothes by hand, and the family had their own pigs for bacon), vegetable garden and a cow for milk. Mabel loved to play the piano, and was a good singer.

Tom Hale worked with Bill Hale and a horse team carting goods for many years. They often transported full loads from the Irvington Wharf on the Richmond River on the outskirts of Casino to Kyogle. Goods were unloaded from the boats that had come up-river.

Fay, Ada and Lou told me that a regular load for the hotels in Kyogle

was big, wooden barrels of "grog". One summer it was so hot after they had left Casino, their Dad and his mate opened a keg, had a drink and didn't get any further that day!

Tom moved the family home by horse team and cart from the corner of Ettrick Street and Wyangarie Street (where Crowe Howarth is now located) to Highfield, with chains wrapped around the wheels for stability. The house at 45 Highfield Road is where Fay, Ada and Lou lived with their parents and brothers and sisters. Fay still lives there with her retired merchant



Above: Ada Baker 97 years, Lou Reeves 103, Fay Finch 86
At left: Tom and Bill Hale and their horse team

seaman husband, Frank and raised their own children there.

Tom worked eventually for the local Council and spent time up at the NSW/Queensland Border loop. The men would camp alongside where they were working and he'd come home once a fortnight. They would put gravel in the holes on the roads. Tom died in 1946 and Mabel in 1953 – two wonderful people who contributed a lot to life in early Kyogle.

You can see Tom Hale and Oliver Green, who both had a team of horses, in action on the mural outside the Mitre 10 Store in Kyogle. Next time you walk down Summerland Way, just pause at the corner of Geneva Street and take a step back in time as you look at these men who helped build Kyogle in 1908.

Many, many thanks to Fay, Ada and Lou for sharing their memories of their family.

Bards of the boards

by Lynette Zito

Village Hall Players (VHP) is pleased to announce the awards for the 2014 inaugural Playwrights' Competition.

First place in the open section goes to Michael Lill (pictured) for *In This Waking Hour*, which is described by competition patron and senior judge John Summons as "an effective and moving play".

Mr Lill, a Murwillumbah resident, is an actor, a former drama teacher, and currently runs a theatre company called Dream Run. He has received awards for other plays.

There were joint Highly

Commended awards for Vicky King, of Wilsons Creek, for *Brandy And Chocolate*, "a poignant short play about the end of a couple's lifetime journey together"; and Michael Lill again for *Looking For A Place To Land*, judged "an effective play – poignant, moving and with light and shade".

In the Under-18s Section no first prize was awarded, but a Highly Commended award was made to Kyogle schoolgirl, Jordan Coote-Shortis, for *Pesadillas*, "an interesting play [with] a good feel for poetic language in a dramatic setting". Jordan, now in Year 11 at Kyogle High School, was only 15



when she wrote *Pesadillas*.

In this Waking Hour will be the centrepiece of Perform Kyogle, a festival of theatre, music and art to be held in the town on 13th and 14th September. *Pesadillas* will also be performed.


All winners will receive their prizes at Perform Kyogle in a ceremony with VHP patrons Liz Deep-Jones and John Summons.

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Fighting the Nationals' pro-CSG agenda

by Justine Elliot MP,
Member for Richmond

Last month I spoke in Parliament on the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014. (EPBC Act)

This bill is about the Abbott government changing the EPBC Act to delegate environmental approvals to State governments and local councils.

Here's some of my speech: I have grave concerns about this proposal as it could mean that State and Local Governments could be involved in determining issues like World Heritage listed properties, activities like uranium mining, or even approvals under the Water Trigger Amendment.

This bill paves the way for the Prime Minister and his Environment Minister to irresponsibly hand over those environmental approvals to the States and Local Councils.

The North Coast State National Party has demonstrated time and time again their pro-CSG agenda and total disregard for the community and our opposition to harmful coal seam gas mining and unconventional gas mining on the North Coast. Time after time, the state National Party MPs like Don Page, Thomas George, and Geoff Provost refuse to listen to our community and to oppose the rollout of the unconventional gas industry on the North Coast.

We are seeing the National Party ridiculing those who oppose coal seam gas mining. At the recent New South Wales Nationals conference in Queanbeyan the NSW Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner, who is also Minister for the North Coast and the leader of the NSW National Party, commented about the protesters at the recent blockade calling them 'bludgers'.

Mr. Stoner was reported to have said:

"Mark my word, we were prepared to go head to head with that protest group."

Labor has a strong history of protecting the environment. This was seen in our amendment to the EPBC Act in 2013 in relation to the water trigger. The water trigger as part of the amendment to the EPBC Act meant that for the first time water resources could be considered as a matter of national environmental significance in relation to environmental approvals.

The intention of the amendment of the process relating to water was specifically in relation to providing safeguards against any dangerous environmental impacts from coal seam gas and large coal mining developments which could be of national significance to our water resources. It has become known as the

water trigger. It means that coal seam gas and large coalmining developments require federal assessment approval if they are likely to have a significant impact on a water resource. To give approval of potentially harmful coal seam gas mining projects back to a state government which is essentially environmental vandalism, is reprehensible.

Federal oversight through the EPBC Act is a necessary requirement as each State and Local Government have different perspectives on environmental issues. This bill lacks clarity and it lacks cohesive structure to ensure adequate environmental protection at a national level.

My speech in the Parliament can be found on my facebook page at: www.facebook.com/JustineElliotMP



Careers Market Day

"I was invited to the Nimbin Central School's 'Careers Market Day' last month to speak with students. Thanks to all the students for some really interesting questions. It was inspiring to visit the school and talk with such enthusiastic young people. The Careers day was a huge success with an impressive array of local businesses and trades people assembling to talk to the students about career options available to them. Principal Mary-Jane Pell, her staff and volunteers did a great job." – Justine Elliot

Busting the budget before it busts us

The first federal Coalition budget in six years demonstrated a heart of darkness that has shocked voters across the country.

The summary figures are appalling. A working family of four with an income of \$65,000 will lose 12 percent of their earnings in increased costs on essential spending. A very much wealthier family with an income of \$200,000 will see no losses, while corporations are rewarded for their support of the Liberals and Nationals with a very healthy 1.5 percent tax cut.

This is not about "fixing the budget". It is not about addressing a mythical debt crisis. Australia has one of the smallest public debt levels per GDP of any developed nation.

It is about delivering to a wealthy constituency, off the back of increased pain for middle and low income earners, pensioners, young people, the unemployed, school children, university and TAFE students and the environment.

Severing the crucial last two years off the Federal-State Gonski school funding agreement means the average public school will miss out on four additional teachers, from 2018 and for all years thereafter. For schools dealing with communities facing substantial challenges this is a tragedy that will affect the students, their families and their teachers.

De-regulating university fees will see an entire generation of working people excluded from higher education. It is a terrible return to the days of old where becoming a professional was a matter of who your parents were, not how hard you worked.

The attacks on universal health insurance are another step back to a much less

Green Scene

by Dr. John Kaye,
Greens NSW MP

fair past, where access to quality care was determined by the depth of your pocket, not how sick you were.

The attempted closure of the Australian Renewable Energy Authority and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, along with the assault on the Renewable Energy target and the price on carbon will leave Australia as one of the most carbon pollution intensive nations on the planet.

Without these programs and support, the opportunity to create tens of thousands of new jobs will be lost forever. Developing and manufacturing the new technologies will inevitably go overseas. Australia will become a sad coal-and-gas-dependent backwater, made worse by the assault on the nation's powerhouses of innovation: the universities, TAFE and the CSIRO.

Rural and regional communities are particularly vulnerable to the spiteful attack on services in this budget. North Coast communities, with their mixed economic and social profiles, and fragile employment base are being robbed of the renewable energy future.

Younger people will never experience the blossoming of a public school system resourced with the promised Gonski funds. Nor will TAFE colleges, starved of funds, be able to provide them with the skills for the new economy.



People under the age of thirty who lose their jobs will be shut out the door from Newstart and other income support for a lean and terrifying six months. Treasurer Joe Hockey is yet to explain how they will survive without turning to crime or ending up homeless.

This is a budget that targets all age groups but earn-or-learn is downright spiteful in a tight regional employment market where TAFE is being slashed.

This is a budget that denies the reality that Australia's successes are the product of the labours of working people, past and present.

It is a budget that reneges on the promise of decent retirement that is supported by pensions, superannuation, health care and social payments that recognise lifetimes of contribution.

It is a budget that turns its back on working people and their families.

But it does not have to be this way.

The Greens, unions, the environment movement and the community are mounting a campaign that tells the Abbott government that manufacturing a fiscal crisis is no excuse for cruelty and short-sightedness.

Busting Abbott's first budget and everything that goes with it is the first step towards a fairer and more sustainable Australia.

John is coming to Northern Rivers to ramp up the pressure on Tony Abbott at Bust the Budget together at Heritage Park Lismore at noon on Sunday 6th July.



by Cr Jenny Dowell

From the mayor's desk



Federal Budget
 Councils throughout Australia met recently in Canberra and, as expected, the impact of the Federal Government cuts on our sphere of government was a topic of debate. Our Council is affected too and while we might expect to receive additional funds under the Roads to Recovery program, Council's general funds have been hit hard by the freezing of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) for the next four years with no increases to take account of the Consumer Price Index. In response to what is effectively a cut, Lismore City Council voted at our June meeting to write to the Prime Minister, the Treasurer and the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Minister for Social Services and the Federal Member for Page, Mr Kevin Hogan, strongly objecting to the Federal Government's decisions to reduce the following funds to local government:

- \$287.7 million for NSW

Councils over the next 4 years from FAGs.

- \$68,000 pa loss specifically for LCC through removal of Commonwealth support for pensioner rate concessions
- \$16,000 pa cost with the reintroduction of CPI indexation on fuel.

The State Government has announced that it will pick up the Commonwealth's share of the pensioner rate concessions and while we are grateful, the assistance is only for the first year. This cut is the cruellest of the lot as it hits the most vulnerable members of our community. It is an added blow as the \$250 maximum pensioner rate concession has not increased since it was introduced in 1993. If it had been indexed over those years, the rebate would now be \$424.70 or 70% more.

Council's Budget
 On June 17, Council held its annual Extraordinary Meeting to adopt our One Year Plan or Budget for the coming financial year. Council has allocated \$28.3m, the biggest slice, of the \$134m budget to roads and associated works. Other major capital expenditure goes to infrastructure for waste water \$11.2m and water \$5m.

Council has also budgeted for \$2.3m to be spent on waste including \$145,900 on a kerbside organics collection for our

villages as we strive for continual improvement in managing our waste and resources stream.

Ratepayers can expect increases in their rates accounts for the coming year. While the general rates component of the bill will rise by the capped 2.3%, charges for wastewater, waste and water will all increase by higher percentages to reflect actual costs.

Unfortunately the late notice of the Federal Government budget cuts as outlined above, has meant that, instead of a surplus, Council is starting the 2014/15 year with a \$60,600 cash deficit. Our aim is to return the budget to a balanced cash position within the first quarter.

Tennis club
 After putting the proposal on exhibition for a month, Council again considered its recommendation to donate the \$2500 outstanding rates accrued by Nimbin Tennis Club. The decision was unanimous and is no doubt a relief to the new managers of the Tennis courts, the Nimbin Headers football club.

"No go zone" for gas mining
 At the June meeting Council also voted to write to the Premier, the Minister for Resources and Energy and the Minister for Planning and Environment and our state members of parliament calling for

the withdrawal of all Petroleum Exploration Licences from our local government area and that our Council be declared a "No Go Zone" for all gas mining.

This is the 19th resolution by our council related to gas mining. You would hope our State politicians would have heard the message by now but sadly it appears that they have not.

E zones
 Council staff, after holding a workshop with Councillors on June 17, has lodged a draft response to the State Government's review of Environmental (E) zones that the State Government removed for Northern Rivers Council's Local Environmental Plans (LEP). The lack of community consultation sessions and the short period for a response meant that Council could not formally consider its position until after the deadline had passed. It is some consolation that the Department of Planning and Environment has indicated that they will not act on the staff's interim response until the Council has formally considered it at our July 14 meeting.

Traffic meeting
 Over the past few months residents of Thorburn Street have raised concerns about speeding traffic so Council has endorsed the recommendation from the Traffic

Advisory Committee (TAC) to install classifiers across the road to measure not only speeds but traffic volumes. The results will come back to a future TAC meeting.

\$356 applications
 Council has closed the application period for 2014-15 section 356 (s356) community donations and ex-Council computers. The staff will collate the s356 applications for Councillors' consideration. It is planned that the cheques and computers will be distributed on August 28 at a Local Government Week celebration. At the same event we will also hold a citizenship ceremony. It's a good opportunity for new citizens to see the breadth of community organisations we have in our Local Government Area and for our established community groups to welcome those who have come from around the world to call this fabulous place home.

Protest Songs: Artful Actions
 This exhibition of art with a political intent opens on July 18 at 5.30pm at the Lismore Regional Gallery. The exhibition celebrates the role of creative actions in important social movements of our time – and of course it features many local artists and activists.

Simon says...



by Cr Simon Clough, Lismore City Council

There was widespread relief when Anthony Roberts Minister for Energy and Resources finally announced the continuation of the suspension of Metgasco's licence for its Rosella well and Bentley. Am I being too optimistic/cynical (I think English needs a new word here: "optnical"?) to think that the suspension might be in place until after the state elections in March 2015?

Congratulations to our Sydney lobbying team Ian Gaillard, Dean Draper and local landowners Meg Neilsen and Rosemary and Ross Joseph. This has been the third self-funded trip for most of them. Ian in particular has played a major role in the lobbying and the blockade and must be congratulated.

At last Council meeting, I put forward a motion which resolved "to write to the Premier, the Minister for Resources and Energy and the Minister for Planning and Environment and our state members of Parliament calling for the withdrawal of all Petroleum Exploration Licences from our local government area and that our Council be declared a "No Go Zone" for all gas mining". Councillors Battista, Bennett, Clough, Dowell, Ekins, Houston Ritchie and Smith voted for the motion and Councillor Scheibel voted against.

This is the first time that Council has requested the total removal of PELs.

I'm hoping that Lismore City Council will sponsor a motion at the state-wide Local Government Conference that calls on the state government to prevent gas drilling and mining in areas that adversely affect our water, food security, health and future.

I've put together some of my thoughts on the key elements of the Bentley blockade. I've posted it on Facebook, but here's a summary:

The Six Pillars of the Northern Rivers Social Movement Against Unconventional Gas evident in the Bentley Blockade

- Social movements promote participatory democracy. They are a grassroots response when the existing democratic system fails to respond to a major issue.
- Social movements understand that ultimately the power in the community lies with the people themselves and that the powerholders and politicians will eventually have to change or be swept aside by the power of the social movement.
1. **A commitment to a whole-of-community approach** – deliberately setting out to bridge deep political and social divisions within the community
 2. **A clear common purpose** – providing a single values focus across the whole community
 3. **A commitment to non-violent direct action** – involving both a wide understanding of the principles and values of non-violence and the building of practical non-violent skills
 4. **Distributed leadership** – a real commitment to empower people to take leadership whenever circumstances required it
 5. **A cultural underpinning** – expressed through creating specific opportunities to celebrate and enact the shared values of respect, compassion and solidarity
 6. **Courage** – to go beyond comfortable roles and taken-for-granted assumptions and step into the unknown
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