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The meaning of Remembrance Day

by Paul LeBars

All are welcome to attend a short ceremony on Wednesday 11th November at the Nimbin District Memorial, Allsopp Park Nimbin, beginning at 10.45am with a one-minute silence at 11am, concluding at 11.05am.

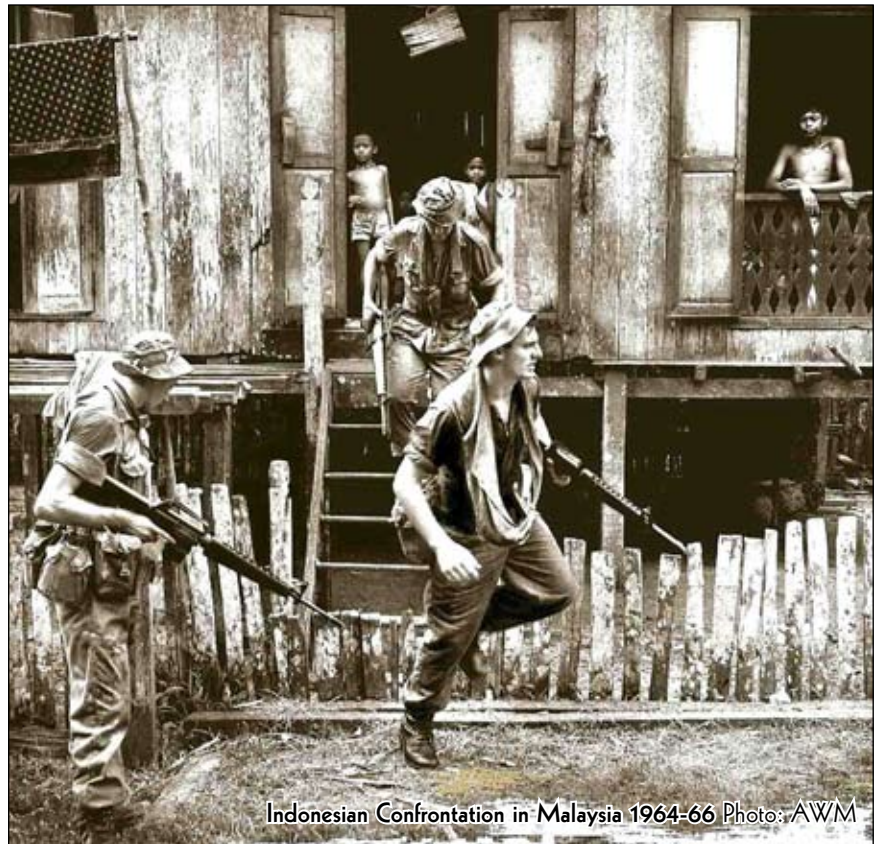
At 5am on 11th November 1918, three German government representatives accepted the armistice terms presented to them by an allied commander, General Foch of the French Army.

The demands of the armistice included the withdrawal of German forces to the east bank of the Rhine within 30 days; immediate cessation of warfare; and surrender of the German fleet and all heavy guns with no further negotiations until the signing of the peace treaty.

The armistice became effective at 11am, 11th November 1918, and as the guns fell silent on the Western Front in France and Belgium, four years of hostilities ended.

More than 416,000 Australians volunteered for service in World War I. Of these, 324,000 served overseas. More than 60,000 Australians were killed, including 45,000 who died on the Western Front in France and Belgium and more than 8,000 who died on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey.

After World War II the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom's proposal that Armistice Day be renamed Remembrance Day to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars and the wars that have followed including those forgotten wars Korea, Singapore, Malaya,



Indonesian Confrontation in Malaysia 1964-66 Photo: AWM

Indonesia, Vietnam, Sudan and most recently the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

As the commemorations become more inclusive, let us not forget those families of the fallen, the returned, physically and psychologically broken from the experience of battle.

Those who lost their battles at their own hands after returning home. The nurses who cared for the wounded and maimed, many who also perished in the

vagaries of war.

The Merchant Navy who put their lives on the line, and lost many times, to ensure supplies for the troops and the war effort. The young, women and the elderly who propped up the workforce and laboured at home, farming and manufacturing to maintain supplies to the front lines.

And let us not forget those who died in innocence.

"Lest We Forget"

World Climate Rallies



Lismore people's march, 2014

by Greg Reid
Tweed Climate Action Now

On the weekend of 28th/29th November, protest rallies will be

happening all around the world to make a stand for action on climate change.

The reason for these rallies is that the following week in Paris, governments from all around the world will be

meeting to set legally binding limits on greenhouse gas emissions.

If this summit fails like the one in Copenhagen in 2009, then the Earth will be on a trajectory for between 4 and 6 degrees of global warming. This cannot be allowed to happen, but waiting for a hero or a leader to save the world is just wishful thinking.

Nationally, more than eighty environmental and community groups have joined to organise rallies in every city and scores of towns.

Locally, rallies will be held on Saturday 28th November in Lismore at Spinks Park from 10am; and from noon at Knox Park in Murwillumbah. The Byron Bay rally will be held on Sunday 29th at 11.30am in Railway Park.

The Bentley Blockade showed that ordinary people can make a difference if they get off the sidelines. The weekend of 28th/29th November is an opportunity to demand a better future.

One thing is for sure, unless ordinary people take a stand, the politicians will delay and the fossil fuel companies will destroy your future for profit.

Day of the Dead celebration

Sunday 29th November at the Nimbin 5th Sunday Market

Come along to celebrate and remember the life and love shared with those who have died, Nimbin style.

Bring a photo or other memorabilia to place under the tree or on the altar, and join with others on this occasion to remind us that death is a part of daily life, a transition that affects us all.

Join us for conversations about death and dying your own way, and get information about local resources and regulations regarding death, dying and funerals.

Find out about support for grief and loss, and ways to support your family

and friends, and prepare yourself for the inevitable end of life.

A collaborative effort by Nimbin Death and Beyond, Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre and Nimbin Market Management, who are often recognising the need for common conversation and information sharing about all things death and dying.

And on the eve of The Day of the Dead, Saturday 28th November, Nimbin Death and Beyond will be screening two films that inspire deep thought and conversation. 'Grief Walker' takes us within to explore our own relationship to living and dying, while 'Tender' offers



beautiful insights into how community can redefine our collective and personal experience when taking ownership of our dying time and funeral rites.

For more information, email: nimbindeathandbeyond@yahoo.com.au

Campaign to make sure Nimbin makes its mark *Art competition to beautify bins*



Nimbin's largest-ever marketing campaign kicked off on Sunday, 1st November.

Designed to encourage visitors to spend more time and money in the village, with a focus on both the existing day-tripper market and encouraging more overnight visitors, the campaign is funded by Destination NSW, the North Coast Destination Network and Lismore City Council.

The campaign includes the making of a new TV commercial and YouTube clip, which will occur in the next few weeks. Watch Nimbin Hook-ups to find out how locals can be involved in filming a live music scene at the Bush Theatre. Many other village locations will also be filmed, so keep your eyes out so the commercial can have a strong local content.

Interpretative signage will also be installed at the Nimbin Rocks viewing area on Nimbin Road, to ensure visitors are aware of the significance of this sacred site. An application (app) is



also being developed, which depicts stories of different historical sites and attractions around the village. Visitors can download the app and it will activate at different locations, via satellite technology.

"Local businesses are offering a range of special deals and offers available for visitors, through ad campaigns and tourist guides, via traditional and social media," said Andrew Walker, Nimbin Visitor Centre Co-ordinator.

"There are also printed touring guides so visitors can enjoy self-guided tours around Nimbin. The aim is to showcase to potential visitors all the fantastic things

to see and do in and around Nimbin," he said.

Project partners included the Nimbin Advisory Group and Nimbin Chamber of Commerce while direction has been with the support of local business owners, including Peter from Tribal Magic, Dave from Bringabong, Kylie from The Green Bank, Liam from Nimbin Rox YHA, Darren from Nimbin Bakery and long term community member Max Pike.

A big thanks to them all for offering such great input and ideas, and being so generous with their time.

For more information, visit: www.visitnimbin.com.au/ imagine

Lismore City Council is running an art competition to spruce up six new dual waste and recycling bins in the main street of Nimbin.

While the front of the bins is purely educational – advising the public of what can go in each bin – the space on the sides has been left for artworks that reflect the spirit of the village.

Council's Waste Education Officer Danielle Hanigan said the Nimbin Street Bins Art Competition is open to all ages, with preference given to people living or working in Nimbin.

"We are looking for artworks that reflect the beauty, character and flair of Nimbin and its surrounds," Danielle said.

"The bin enclosures are dispersed throughout the street, and this is a simple way to display some public art, beautifying something typically seen as an eyesore.

"With six bin cabinets installed thus far, that gives us the potential for 12 pieces of artwork to be displayed."

The winning entries will be printed on vinyl by the Lismore Sign Shop and wrapped onto the bin cabinets.

Application forms and specifications



for size and shape can be found on the Northern Rivers Waste website: www.northernriverswaste.com.au

Entry forms and artwork can be posted to: Nimbin Street Bins Art Competition, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore NSW 2480. Entries are due by 30th November.

Sport of kings?

Horseracing may have once been an all-male domain, but now our first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup, Michelle Payne reckons more women will show interest in the sport.

In Nimbin, there's no shortage of women interested in horses, racing or not, and there were a few who made the effort for a fun lunch on Cup Day, including Deb and Linda at the pub (top), and Bella, Sara and Nick with David at the Phoenix Rising Cafe, where Jaz (right) was modelling some rather racy spring carnival fashions.

Photos: Sue Stock



RAINBOW RISING

by Megan James

Things are starting to move along a little more with the Rainbow Café rebuild, albeit very slowly.

The anniversary of the fire on 13th August was a great opportunity to involve the wider community, and Gilbert Laurie led the way with a traditional smoking to help clear the way for a new beginning.

The event was mellow, with almost as many media folk as locals attending. David Piesse, one of our new neighbours, attended, and Dave Fawkner outlined the footprint of the proposed new building.

We had some good discussions, there was good media coverage and it was a lovely day. Other Nimbin community members held a market/music day on the following Saturday also.

Back at the drawing board, the sketch design phase is rapidly coming to an end and the process of making a development application with Lismore Council is beginning.

Many hours of meetings have refined the design to include the cafe, plus a basement room and one studio



upstairs, with a south-facing balcony. Pre-lodgement meetings with Lismore Council staff may result in some alterations, we will have to wait and see.

We have now employed Malcolm Scott as our Planning Consultant. We have taken Malcolm's advice on board, as well as that of Charlie Cohen and Mark Norris (who is now our Building Consultant) and various adjustments to the design have been made.

We have also employed Karlin Bracegirdle as a Finance and Admin Co-ordinator, to oversee the budget and work with the committee as needed for any work not able to be covered

by them. We anticipate employing various other consultants (engineering, stormwater etc) in the near future.

The Tuntable Board of Directors is the body responsible for all employment and financial matters, and the Tuntable Rainbow Rebuild group continues to meet fortnightly to make recommendations to the Board.

The Rebuild group will be available to answer questions once the initial Development Application phase is underway with Council, and we anticipate eventually holding a public meeting which will be organised and attended by Council staff also.

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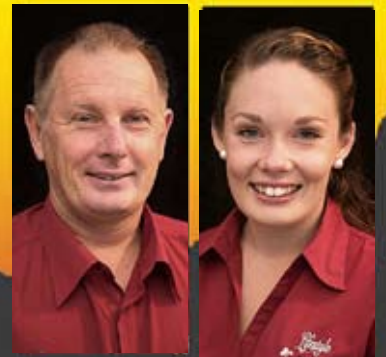
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Making Dreams Come True

Local wins showgirl competition

by Gabriella Elder-Robinson, North Coast National Showgirl 2015

Before the iconic Aquarius festival and the collapse of the dairy and beef industries, Nimbin was an agricultural centre.

Boasting high annual rainfall and rich clay soils, Nimbin had all the elements of a farmer's paradise (if such a concept exists). This meant that the annual Nimbin Country Show was held in high regard by locals in the region.

Interest in the showgirl movement was high around this time, with my mother, Linda Giacobetti, and my Aunt, Margherita Giacobetti, both winning the Nimbin Showgirl sash in the 1980's. Today, Nimbin is lucky enough to have prospered through tourism, hospitality and business industries while still holding an active interest in small scale, sustainable farming. Obviously, the face of agriculture has shifted, and so has the face of the showgirl movement.

Despite having a family history in the showgirl movement, entering a



showgirl competition was not something that I had always strived for. At the suggestion of my family, I entered this year's competition at the North Coast National.

Naively, I thought that the competition was solely judged on the quantity of community involvement and interest in agriculture. How wrong I was.

The showgirl movement is centred on the traditional, but still relevant qualities of ambition, passion, community, presentation, speech, personality and most importantly, vision.

Through my success in this

competition, I have been able to refine my vision for not only my future career but also for agriculture and sustainability in the Northern Rivers. Now, I see that my current career as a local sales agent can parallel my degree in agriculture/business and contribute towards a greater good. Additionally, I realised that to achieve success in the showgirl movement, you do not have to have the knowledge of a farmer, rather an enthusiasm for your local community, a vision for agricultural shows and a willingness to learn and further your own personal development.

A huge thank you to Nimbin Lifestyle Real Estate for sponsoring myself in this endeavour, to Nimbin A & I Society for enabling my interest in the show movement and a special mention to my family, past and present, who continue to contribute to this very special place we live in.

If there are any local girls who would like to enter next year's competition, pop your head into the Lifestyle Office. There is only gain in a process such as this, and it is well worth a red hot go!

Young organic farmer finalist

'Green Goddess' predicts trend towards community-shared organic agriculture

National Young Organic Farmer of the Year finalist, and owner of Green Goddess Farm, Sasha London-Welker believes it won't be long before we see organic consumers pre-paying for their food.

"These days people are becoming more concerned about where their food has come from, and what they are putting into their mouths," Sasha said.

"The demand for organics is doubling year on year, but for supply to keep up, the industry model will likely see a shift, where the community becomes more engaged in the market place."

Sasha London-Welker passionately farms five acres near Kyogle in Northern NSW using an intensive closed loop organic system, selling her produce at local markets and distributing across organic food stores and cafes.

The 27-year old, a young female farmer without a tractor, 25 years below the average age of an Australian farmer, knows all too well the challenges of the industry.

"It's the customers that keep me growing! I enjoy feeding people and seeing the same



faces, passionate about my produce, week on week.

"We're seeing a huge movement back to clean food and organic methods. It can only grow from here," she said.

"But the biggest issue we face is who will grow it?"

"A community shared agriculture model, would see consumers paying farmers in advance for their harvest, and would

enable more farmers to obtain the capital to produce organically, and more interaction from consumers within the organic marketplace.

"It's also a scenario that would help break down the barriers for young farmers to enter the industry, and sow the seeds of a strong future for organic agriculture," Ms London-Welker said.

Sasha London-Welker is a vocal advocate for organic food production and sustainable living, and now finalist in the Organic Consumer Choice Awards for 'Rising Star Farmer of the Year'.

For more information and to cast your vote for Sasha, go to: www.organicweek.net.au/core/organic-consumer-choice-awards/rising-star-farmer-of-the-year

Don't forget Nepal



by Helen Simpson

Well, I have returned from Nepal and along with two other volunteers Angie Gittus and Liz Wilson (we were two registered nurses and a microbiologist).

We got to go to earthquake-affected areas in Eastern Nepal near the epicentre of the April 2015 earthquake. Those areas are serviced by Dulekhell Hospital in Kathmandu, an independent not-for-profit university hospital, which runs outreach programs via health centres in remote and isolated areas and with whom I organised the trip. They do great work with very little government funding, limited staff, a hole of needs and they looked after us wonderfully.

We were privileged to stay in a health centre at Manakharka, up in the mountains near Lantang, about seven hours from Kathmandu by jeep. A non touristic area, so we lived on Dahl Baht and vegetables – love it – for the duration, but

resilience astounded me, always smiling, and offering food and blessings, never taking any money yet being subjected to such trauma and grief and mostly in temporary makeshift dwellings with tarps.

Because of the monsoon, rebuilding has been hampered, as roads are blocked and inaccessible. Washing facilities are very makeshift with communal toilets and wash areas, however water was quite pure, coming straight off the mountains. However, their health was reasonably good with local organic food (no processed foods) no cars, no pollution, and lots of exercise, so mainly skeletal and breathing issues. Not a high incidence of heart problems, obesity, diabetes, and mental illness as we have here.

Rebuilding is a mammoth task and to know where to start is difficult, local politics and priorities confusing. One village I could see across the valley on the side of another mountain had been totally devastated by the earthquake and now totally cut off by landslides after the monsoon. 50 people out of 250 people perished. To rebuild the whole village's 50 houses would not cost much more than \$25,000 (\$400 a house) so I am considering this my next fundraising project in liaison with village elders.

A week later we went to another devastated area up in the Gaurashanka range in Dolakha, Eastern Nepal. Management of a small hospital there had been

handed over to Dulekhell Hospital so we, along with some Doctors and staff from Dulekhell, helped the process of organising new systems and get the hospital which had been earthquake-damaged up and running.

Wards and the nurses' station were still in tents and conditions in the hospital were quite shocking. No facilities for staff to wash hands, dangerous biohazardous waste (needles and syringes) piled up around the tents where children played, cracks in the walls, broken windows with shards still in the frames, no proper grouping of patients and overcrowding.

Our brief was to try and organise new systems, liaise with the nurses about documentation, waste management and infection control and generally help out. We spent a lot of time scrubbing, cleaning, packing shelves and looking at areas that needed attention such as hand gels, bins, ward groupings, equipment needs, having meetings with the doctors and nurses regarding their needs, rosters, talking about our recommendations...things we take for granted here in Oz.

We also checked out the kids in the schools again and talked to every class on hygiene, ear health and nutrition. By the end of our week there, the operating theatre, delivery and labour ward, emergency department and nurses' station were all up and running, tents not used, hands were being washed and sharps containers strategically placed in many areas. Once again, a crater of needs.

So the funds I took over,



generously donated by the Nimbin Community, have been earmarked for an X-ray machine in Manakharka, (people with simple fractures will not need to go all the way to Kathmandu), hygiene packs to be handed out to the poorer people, equipment such as monitors and blood pressure machines for the small hospital.

We bought books and pens for every schoolchild we screened, plastic for beds, bowls for washing hands in the wards. We paid for medicine and clinic visits for the children who were referred to from the schools with acute ear problems.

Clothes and medical equipment taken with us were distributed between Manakharka, Gaurashanka and a women's project in Kathmandu. This project is run by a woman called Beni who was married at the age of 10 and who managed to extricate herself from the marriage and go on to be educated and become a midwife.

She is running the women's collective, collecting rubbish in Kathmandu and making products for sale, with the profits going to help women in the rural villages. Their

shop was devastated in the earthquake. She is wanting to rebuild and needing funds for rebuilding and wants to incorporate a refuge/factory/shop and health centre in one building. An amazing woman.

So thank you Nimbin Community for your kind donations. I took over a cheque for \$11,150 and it has gone a long way. Over there people do not have welfare, or medicare and have to pay to go to a clinic and for all their medications including cannulas and injections.

Most people had family members who perished in the earthquake but there is no counselling or psychological support for these issues. And in the mountains, mainly subsistence farmers so little cashflow, therefore access to health services prohibitive.

I will be continuing to fundraise with the aim of becoming a charity in the next six months, and I also want to go back in April next year if any people are interested in coming. My phone number is 6689-1417 if you need more info, and Nepal Relief Fund bank account is still open at the Summerland Credit Union Account number 22305642. BSB 728728

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Chamber of Commerce achievements

by Eugenie Stephans, Secretary

Nimbin Chamber of Commerce is an incorporated association formed to represent the interests and the voice of businesses within the Nimbin Valley. The Chamber will be holding its Annual General Meeting at Birth & Beyond at 6pm on Tuesday 1st December.

Over the last eight-year term, the current executives, with the support of the chamber membership, have achieved many positive outcomes for Nimbin businesses and the community such as:

- Successfully lobbying Council for the removal of communication tower at Nimbin Police Station
- Initiating Nimbin's first Community Safety Audit which resulted in many safety improvements in the village such as pedestrian crossing lighting, solar lighting upgrades in the Western car park and Allsopp Park (with a \$75K Council budget allocation of street lighting upgrades throughout the village still outstanding).
- Lobbying Council to complete major drainage works outside the Emporium
- Instrumental in the provision of extra bus services between Nimbin and Lismore
- Developed a plan and strategy to raise funds for the restoration of Nimbin Murals
- Joined the NSW Business Chamber Alliance, giving members access to many benefits of this peak body providing professional advice and assistance in all aspects of their day to day businesses.
- Management with Council of the Nimbin Special Business Rate Levy. Chamber has written a draft plan in order that accumulated funds can be spent on projects



such as an Indigenous Village Entry sign and streetscape beautification.

- After a near fatal family tragedy, the President, Peter Wise put in a submission to Council requesting a safety audit of Nimbin road. With the support of Council and RMS, the recent major upgrades and safety railing installation have been completed on the Nimbin to Lismore road.
- Working with Lismore & Nimbin Tourism to advocate Nimbin as a destination and incite a positive visitor experience. After last year's fires and the tragic loss of the buildings and businesses in the heart of Nimbin, Chamber assisted Council to gauge the economic impact. This resulted in Lismore Council announcing \$120K funding to kick off a tourism marketing campaign which is now underway.

Businesses are encouraged to join as the village is about to embark on major development works (upon the fire sites) and we need maximum team involvement to share many burdens to achieve our goals.

Application forms can be obtained from the Treasurer, local accountant Peter Hughes and must be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 12th November to join. The annual membership fee is \$75.

Community Centre annual report

Overall, the past year has been a positive one for Nimbin Community Centre (NCC) but not without its challenges.

In March we said goodbye to Nina Boddenberg who had been the Centre's Coordinator for many years. To replace her we welcomed Kerryn Liddell and are enjoying the significant skills set Kerryn brings, particularly her grant writing skills.

After the fire in the main street, we undertook a major review of our insurance policies resulting in a slightly increased premium but a better understanding of our cover. Some members also undertook governance training to gain valuable insights into proper and accountable management.

We have welcomed new residents including Jodi (Spiral) and colleagues from the Healing Arts Collective, and Peter Hughes from Nimbin Tax and Accounting.

While we have seen some small changes in tenancies we have had a significant long-term vacancy in Figtree, despite many creative attempts to utilise the space. Recently the committee decided to partition the building into 4 or 5 office spaces. While preference has always been to accommodate community groups and services within the Centre, as government funding for community initiatives dries up we have to be more flexible in our approach.

Over the years many people have approached us for small office space so we are hoping retrofitting Figtree will meet a community need. We have done a similar thing at Birth & Beyond, creating an office space for Nimbin Tax and Accounting.

NCC continues to operate from a sound financial base. We are slowly repaying the personal loan that was provided to acquire Birth & Beyond. Once repaid, this building will contribute significant funds to NCC while also serving as a valuable and valued community space. We have also made other investments this year to strengthen our financial position.

This year saw NCC released from the mortgage that was taken out when purchasing 7 Sibley Street for the sustainability hub. Having facilitated acquisition of the land, NCC is in the process of transferring part ownership of

the property to Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre, who are the drivers of the project.

We have also been investigating our proposal to establish a museum on NCC grounds. As we need to set up a separate entity to ensure deductible gift recipient status the project is being progressed outside of NCC, although some committee members remain involved. The Rainbow Road or walking track project is on hold awaiting suitable funding sources to emerge. It is possible a well-coordinated and inspiringly designed crowd-sourcing initiative could deliver funds for both projects.

Some time ago Rainbow Power Company suggested NCC install additional solar panels as a long-term investment. Following months of consideration by the management committee, including calling for tenders, NCC invited Rainbow Power to install a 10 kilowatt system at a total cost of \$14,282. The system will be battery ready although it is unlikely the Centre will generate much excess power to store. NCC is fortunate to have a fantastic bookkeeper, Helen Lynne, who recommended the investment in solar as an excellent return on investment with payback estimated to result from the 4th year.

In addition we decided to utilise our reserves to purchase 2 shares in Enova Energy. Enova is an initiative of local people seeking to establish Australia's first, community-owned, renewable energy retailing and installation business. Given the considerable community and environmental benefit and the possible return for NCC, we consider this to be a sound investment for the future.

We have made many improvements to the grounds this year. Significantly, in line with changes to government policy, Nimbin Community Centre is now a smoke free site. Robyn Berry is our gardener and we really appreciate her weekly efforts to beautify the grounds. Samuel Herren and others have undertaken significant maintenance and improvement work. Specifically we have renewed extensive sections of walkway, given the Environment Centre a good coat of paint and sealed the ceiling, and replaced a badly leaking box gutter

at Birth & Beyond. Currently we are building a new bin storage area adjacent to Cullen Street. We are also in the process of removing a large lemon scented gum that has been dying over time, and are planning to convert the trunk into outdoor seating.

Late last year local sculptor, Graham Knowles, donated the large sandstone sculpture he made for the highly successful anti-CSG blockade at Bentley to Lismore Council. It was subsequently offered to the Nimbin community and NCC welcomed it into our grounds. This year we officially unveiled a plaque explaining the sculpture and the significance of environmental activism in our local area. We also installed a donation box for the many visitors to the sculpture encouraging them to contribute financially to environmental campaigns. Thanks to Graham for such a generous contribution to our community and Neil Pike for crafting the wording on the sign.

The \$22,000 funding allocated to NCC some years ago to resurface the old skate park site has finally been spent, following an additional funding contribution from Council, who undertook the work in consultation with the community.

As part of our commitment to supporting the Nimbin Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre, Nimbin Community Centre, Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council, Nimbin Aged Care and Respite Service and Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre are partnering with the local Aboriginal community. We await the outcome of applications for funding to undertake capital works, and to run an arts and culture project. We would like to specially thank those individuals and businesses who contribute towards the rent of the NAACC, including Nimbin Aboriginal Broadcasting, the Hemp Embassy, Happy High Herbs and Scott Sledge.

NCC's 2015 Annual General Meeting will be held on 26th November, 5.30pm at Birth & Beyond and everyone is encouraged to attend. Membership is due (\$15, \$10 seniors/unemployed, and \$5 under 25s). Please arrive early if you haven't paid your membership or go to the office before the meeting.

Phone 6689-0000 for more information or email: nccci@nimbincommunity.org.au

Organic Co-op looks ahead

by Phoebe Torzillo

Nimbin Organic Food Co-operative is one. We've settled in, found a rhythm, and overcome a number of sink-or-swim moments.

Like a turtle hatchling, we've overcome the odds and are truly out past the breakers, in the open ocean of an established community enterprise.

Deep breath – and on to the next challenge!

October's birthday celebrations were low-key and kooky... congrats to our coffee bean counting comp winners, and everyone who experienced the sexiness of celeriac.

Birthday month is the time to renew your membership, so please do so in the shop. Just \$25 a year gets you a 10% discount on every shop, plus the opportunity to volunteer, member specials, and more.

The Co-op is looking amazing, positively bursting at the seams with new lines of bulk foods, and local artisan produce. Literally, bursting at the seams. Our next and pressing challenge is a shop redesign/reshuffle/rejig to fit more stock lines in all departments, particularly our bulk and refrigerated items.

October also saw our Annual General Meeting



New volunteers Nicole and Vish of Mount Burrell

take place at Birth and Beyond. It was well attended and briskly undertaken.

Farewell and many thanks to departing committee members Mel Williamson and Richard Parsons. Welcome to new committee members Dolph and Gillian, and thank you to returning members Frank Pony, Rhyanna Smedley, Jenny Creasy, Guy Stewart, Laurindi Harridine, and Marco Bobbert.

Welcome to new volunteers Rebecca, Marco, Danielle, Nicole, Vishaal,

Goodie, and Megan. We also have new coordinators – Danielle Sledge moving into Bulk Foods, and Rindi Harridine taking over our admin co-ordinator role.

Co-ordinator vacancies still exist in delivery, and cleaning and maintenance.

Current volunteers or any interested new Keen Beans are encouraged to apply by getting in touch with us at: thenimbinfoodco.op@gmail.com

Our Logo Comp has a winner, and the design is undergoing the last stages of tinkering. Watch this space!

Delivery days for fresh fruit and veg and some grocery lines are Tuesdays and Fridays. Sol Breads delivery is Monday and Tuesday, Jason's Nimbin Sourdough comes to us fresh on Thursdays and Artisan Breads Sourdough is fresh on Saturdays and we're soon to be adding another artisan delivery on Tuesday.

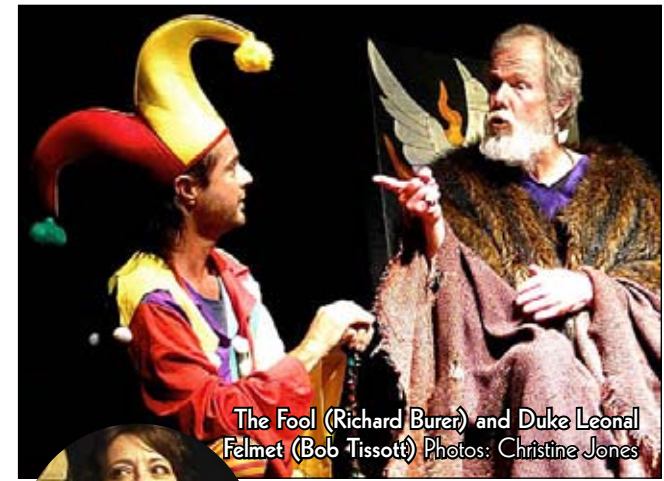
Heads up, bread orders are moving to pre-paid to avoid wastage.

Love, Light and Shop Local!

Very Wyrd



Granny Weatherwax (Cath Smith), Nanny Ogg (Megan James), Magrat Garlick (Alkira Finegan-Smith)



The Fool (Richard Buret) and Duke Leonal Felmet (Bob Tissott) Photos: Christine Jones



Duchess (Sian Evans)

Huge congratulations to the amazing cast of the production of Terry Pratchett's Wyrd Sisters at the Bush Theatre! Their hard work putting together the show was received warmly by the folk of the valleys nearby, and resulted in full houses nearly every performance.

The talent and support for the arts in the community here is an awe-inspiring thing. Here's to the next one.

James Straiton, Director



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