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Landmark hairstyles help make wishes come true

Mykey O'Halloran brought a special kind of hair artistry to Nimbin at the end of September.

Mykey is a Brisbane hairdresser moving to Melbourne, and along the way he's creating 30 different hairstyles replicating features of the towns he goes through in 39 days to raise \$30,000 for the Make a Wish Foundation.

So far he has done the big prawn of Ballina (pictured), the heart of Lismore, big crab of Miriam Vale, the big pineapple of the Sunshine Coast etc., and has the big apple, big banana, the Sydney mermaid, Bilpin fruit bowl, Three Sisters in the Blue Mountains, the big strawberry in Melbourne and the big wave to go.

Mykey said, "I loved my experience in Nimbin. Everybody was so so lovely and appreciative of the creativity that went into these hairstyles. Penny from Snipping



Myke with Penny Winde in the Snipping Heads salon

Heads salon was so welcoming.

"I am purely volunteering and not-for-profit, and we have raised \$8000 so far for Make A Wish Foundation on this Rainbow Roadtrip. The colours I use are a vegan product called Manic Panic and I am sponsored by them - they gave me hundreds of colours to work with for this trip.

"I support Make A Wish because they grant wishes to children with life threatening illness.

My cousin Meaghan raised over two million dollars for the charity before she passed away in 2008 from a heroin overdose, and I remember her for the good things she did, like help grant wishes for make-a-wish kids, so I carry on doing that, remembering her spirit."

To donate to the Make A Wish Foundation to help Mykey reach his target, use this link: <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/dreaded-rainbow-wishes>



Sarah and Hayley Grono

To see all Mykey's landmark styles, visit his Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/Mykeys-Make-A-Wish-Manic-Panic-Mobil-Tour-of-the-East-Coast-Australia/594417687363787

Enova share offer extended

Enova Community Energy Ltd. is well on the way to achieving its minimum start-up capital target of \$3 million, with \$1.1 million subscribed in less than 6 weeks.

Enova launched in August, unveiling innovative plans to establish Australia's first community-owned,

renewable energy retailer and installation business, of which a minimum of 51% must be owned by the local region.

An integral part of Enova's mission is to keep profits that flow from selling renewable energy and reinvest it in the region by assisting in the development

of new renewable energy projects.

Enova chair, Alison Crook said, "The Enova business model gives people something to be hopeful about. They can see real benefits for themselves, for their Northern Rivers communities and for the wider environment."

The extended share offer will now close at 5pm (AEST) on 27th November 2015. Shares of \$1000 each are required to raise working capital and provide an adequate funding base. The prospectus is available for downloading from: www.enovaenergy.com.au/investors

Another first for Food Co-op

by Mel Williamson

Birthday Celebrations

Oops, slight mistake in the August NGT - October is our birthday celebration and membership renewal month, not September as stated.

The co-op formed very quickly and hit the ground running a year ago - and the development of structure, stock, volunteer roles, and operations has been continuing to evolve and expand over this time. The co-op is now in a good position for its future sustainability, and continuing evolution into an important community asset.

Call in during the week of 12th-18th October for some super-specials on a few of our more decadent foods - come in and treat yourself as a thank-you for the fantastic on-going community support the co-op has received in its first year of operation.

Membership Renewal

On-going community support is vital for the continuing success of our entirely volunteer-run, community owned food co-op - as customers, as volunteers, as members. Membership renewal is due in October - please renew your



Hartje behind the counter

membership, or join up as a new member, and support your co-op. All members receive a 10% discount on their shopping. A year's membership is just \$25.

As you may have noticed the co-op has been steadily extending its range of fresh, bulk, and shelf foods; and as such we need to do some shop re-fit to accommodate the amount of products on offer. This year's membership renewals will be used for this purpose, particularly better storage and display (so we can fit in even more yummy organic options).

Volunteers

The co-op could not exist or operate without all of our lovely volunteers. There are many roles and ways you can help your community food co-op, just drop in anytime and have a chat (we're open 7 days a week).

If you need to fulfil 'work-for-the-dole' requirements, we can also help you (to help us).

AGM

The commitment of all our volunteers this past year has been amazing - to everyone who has stepped in to help in any way, a very BIG thank-you - not least of all the steering committee members (past and present).

To those who would like to get more involved all members are welcome to come along to our AGM - Sunday 18th October, 10.30am at Birth & Beyond.

Find out how the first year has been for the co-op; what you can do to help and ensure its future existence; and where the co-op is heading in its goal of long-term sustainability. Remember, it's your community co-op.

The Nimbin Organic Food Co-op is open 7 days a week.

Just another night at the Bowlo...

by Warwick Fry

Drifted into the Bowlo the other night. Expecting the quiet buzz of post-bowls chill out, conversation and gentle socializing.

But I wandered into some kind of hyperchronistic surreal time-whorl.

Pocahontas was having a deep and meaningful conversation with Cleopatra, and Hiawatha was trying to convince the Pirate King that the Resident Zombie Living Dead could not be incapacitated with a mere cutlass. Meanwhile Janey Woolfe was making a passable Imitation of Little Red Riding-hood, while Cheetahs and Cougars looked on enviously.

I had to trace the origin of this space-time anomaly. I found it in the persona of Cath McKenzie.

Cath was the source of this weird, weird night. Sixtieth birthday party! But why do hundreds of people turn out for a 60th Birthday Bash? (Only 30 or 40 turned up for mine).

"Why are there so many people here tonight?"

"I ran a restaurant. You get to know people in town when you do that. People would come to me because I took an interest in them. And I became involved in the youth community centre. Over ten years I worked, took an interest in alienated young people. We established a youth refuge. We got recognition from DOCS and referrals. It took a while, but we did it".

As well as being instrumental in establishing a youth refuge, Cath has put in time at a children's home, and declares she loves what she does. She is certainly

loved for her work. Among the Indians (Cath is involved with indigenous community work), Egyptians, fairy-tale characters and pirates, were a few of the Rainbow Lane boys who swore that Cath's work had kept their lives on course.

Quite a manifestation of community spirit and solidarity. And recognition of an individual quietly achieving at the heart of a process that helps others.



Jayne



Cath and her sons

Treats galore for Nimbin filmgoers

Film buffs throughout the Nimbin valley are being spoiled for choice, with film screening facilities permanently set up in three venues in the village.

Nimbin's traditional movie house, the Bush Theatre is back in action, showing two movies a month, in addition to the Nimbin Flix film society screening, plus the pub now has the equipment for future events in its band room.

Avoiding the commercial cinema chains has allowed for personal selections of interesting and thought-provoking films, and this month's offering is a good example.



Spring

The Nimbin Bush Theatre kicks off with a picturesque horror romance: *Spring* (2014, dir. Justin Benson & Aaron Moorhead, rated MA).

An aimless young man (Lou Taylor Pucci) in a personal tailspin flees the US to Italy, where he sparks up a romance with a genetics student (Nadia Hilker) who harbours a dark, primordial secret.

Screening Friday 9th October at



The Nightingale

7.30pm preceded by free live local music by Dinkum Bohos at Phoenix Rising Café from 5.30pm, with dinner available. Film tickets are \$10.

Across town at Birth and Beyond, Nimbin Flix movie night this month is on Saturday, 24th October, screening a French-Chinese drama called *The Nightingale* (2013, dir. Philippe Muyl).

Zhigen, an old Chinese farmer living alone in Beijing, sets out on a journey to remote Yangshuo to honour the promise he made his late wife – to take back their pet bird, now his only companion. He persuades his granddaughter, an only child raised in the lap of urban luxury, to accompany him.

Critics Consensus: *Nightingale* serves up a breathtaking solo performance by David Oyelowo in a film served well by its modest cinematic style.

Movie tickets are \$10 for non-members and can be purchased from the Apothecary or on the night. Memberships are \$50 for the year, and

new members are welcome.

New times for summer: doors open 7pm, movie starts at 7.30pm. Food and drink available.

Banksy Does New York (rated 'M') will screen at the Bush Theatre on 30th October, with dinner and pre-film entertainment provided by local folky soundscape artist, Jolanda Moyle.



Banksy does New York

Recommended by Benny Zable, this HBO film (dir. Chris Moukarbel) chronicles the elusive UK street artist, Banksy's 'Better Out Than In' art-bombing of New York's boroughs throughout October of 2013, using stills and video footage captured by users of social media.

Tickets to the Bush Theatre films are available either at the door or directly from the Theatre's website: www.nimbinbushtheatre.com/events Phone 6689-0095 for enquiries.

So, what are you waiting for? Get out and see a film in Nimbin.

What a game! What a day!

Nimbin Hotel's footy tipping club gathered on grand final afternoon to have a sumptuous BBQ seafood lunch, declare the tipping comp winners and watch what would be the most exciting grand final ever.

Long-time tipping club organiser, Pixie (pictured) once again caught the fish and arranged for an array of barbies to cook them, and everything else, on the pub's deck, resulting in a mouth-watering spread.

Tipping comp winners, Gilbert and Greg, came away a bit richer, and everyone else was certainly well-fed and watered, even if the wrong team won!



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Campbell Road, Stony Chute \$345,000

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- Good internal fencing, frontage to Webster's Creek
- 1 bay, annexed lock-up machinery shed on slab with septic
- Power at the front gate and great phone reception



City View Drive, Lismore \$550,000

- Circa 1960s low-set brick home with 3 bedrooms.
- ***BONUS*** DA approved for subdivision into 3 lots
- 2 x bay carport with a concrete floor plus 1 x bay, lock-up garage
- The property has an alluring 180' view of the Lismore basin
- The outlook takes in the Border Ranges and Blue Knob



Martin Road, Larnook \$175,000

- Elevated, strata-titled acres with enchanting cabin
- The cabin boasts a large open plan kitchen/living/sleeping area
- There is an additional room at the front of the dwelling
- Lock-up 6x6 colorbond shed
- Solar power and phone reception, 3x 1000g water tanks



Thorburn Street, Nimbin \$220,000

- Comfortable unit located on the outskirts of the village
- Unit is one of 3 and features 2 large bedrooms with built-ins
- Open-plan dining and living area accessing a quaint balcony
- Recently painted and carpeted, with one-bay lock-up garage
- Mains power and access to town services



Stony Chute Road, Stony Chute \$459,000

- Approx. 10 acres, 5 minutes from Nimbin on a sealed road
- Large front verandah with great views
- 3 generous bedrooms with built-ins and a sleep-out
- Complete with new wiring and plumbing, with 2x 5000g tanks
- The majority of the acreage is black soil, cleared and fenced



Silky Oak Place, Cawongla \$145,000

- Situated in Cawongla Views Estate on approx. 1 acre
- 3 bay lock-up and annexed, council approved machinery shed
- 5000g rainwater tank, sealed road frontage, underground power
- Beautiful building site taking in views of the Cawongla valley
- Minutes from Cawongla village and 25 min to Nimbin & Kyogle



Thorburn Street, Nimbin \$475,000

- Architecturally redesigned period home on 800sqm
- Three large bedrooms, all with ceiling fans and 12ft ceilings
- The master bedroom has an adjoining light filled sunroom
- Brand new kitchen with gas cooking, self-closing cupboards
- Views of Nimbin Rocks and a patio with views of Blue Knob

Making Dreams Come True

Peace sign commemorates people power at Bentley blockade

by Scott Sledge

On Market Sunday 27th September, the Peace Sign “fingers salute” sculpture in front of the Nimbin Community Centre’s Cullen Street entrance was the focus of a ceremony celebrating a new sign describing the significance of the artwork.

Text for the sign was written by Nimbin’s Neil Pike, who also provided original music for the event, along with Bentley songwriter Luke Vassella.

Jiggi artist Graham Knowles (pictured) said his stone statue was displayed at the Bentley Blockade Info Tent

during the 4-month long vigil to protect the Northern Rivers from unconventional gas mining last year.

In his speech, Graham acknowledged the work of Sam Herren, the Nimbin Community Centre Committee and Co-ordinator Kerry Liddell.

On the back of the sculpture Graham implanted what he called a “Podcast” sculpture showing defenders Daniele and Lee from Nimbin coiled yin/yang inside the concrete bunker, blocking entry to the Rosella site.

The ceramic work was glazed and fired by Francisco of Blue

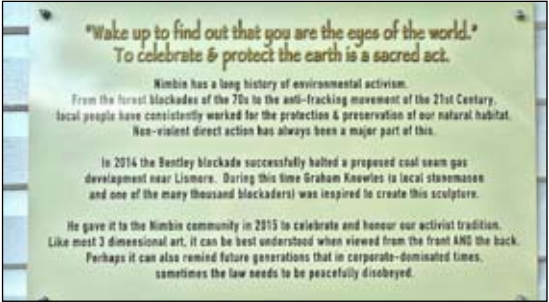


Springs.

The story of how Northern Rivers people from all walks of life came together to stand arm-in-arm, in solidarity with the Original people

to protect Bundjalung country from gas mining, was told by Wyabal Elders Cec Roberts and Gilbert Laurie.

Following suspension



of the Rosella drilling licence in May 2014 Liberty Camp closed and Graham donated the sculpture to Lismore Council who offered it to Nimbin.

Lismore Deputy Mayor Cr. Simon Clough, who bravely served the community at Bentley, was keynote speaker and officially unveiled the sign near The Fingers.

He said, “Despite many years with Lismore City Council this is the first unveiling I have ever performed.”

Lismore Regional Art Gallery’s Director, Brett Adlington, was thanked for supplying the sign. The weather gods shone happily on this event.

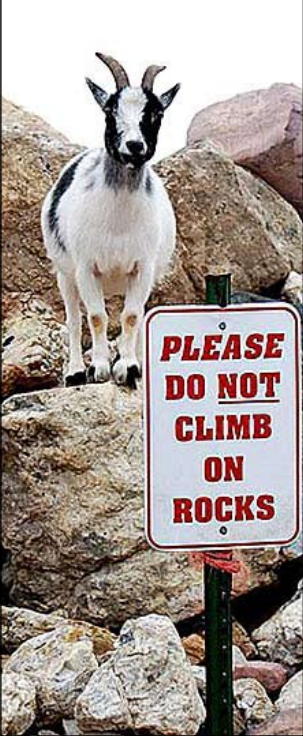
Onlookers were reminded that the gas drilling company has

threatened to come back and attempt its dirty work again. It’s not over yet!

Graham told the crowd, “I would like to celebrate our relationship to this planet. That although from one perspective, clearly we are individuals, if we stand back we might see that we are also the earth evolving from single cell life to self awareness.

“So, fellow earthlings and others, I would suggest that protecting the natural environment is not just rational, it is in our bones, and a sacred act and I would like to thank all who hear the call.”

WHO, ME?



Weaving techniques prove a big drawcard

Nimbin’s Weave and Mend Festival this year was the biggest so far, with people from all over the region, as well as many locals and people new to the area, getting together to learn age-old crafts.

Many people, including a men’s group, made baskets, small and large; some constructed a shelter with a bamboo frame and woven palm fronds; and loom weaving demonstrations attracted a lot of interest.

But the greatest interest this year was in natural dyeing, with two workshops held concurrently throughout the three days, creating vivid colours from plants, spices and even rusty nails.

Festival-goer Nina Boddenberg said, “It was really busy this year, the weather was warm, and it was great to see lots of people developing their interest in weaving.”

People wishing to pursue their new-found interest can find support in the Wednesday Women Weavers group that meets weekly from 11am to 3pm in the grounds of the Nimbin Community Centre.



Traditional basket making

by Vanessa Morris

A group of local women have been working alongside the Australian Museum researching traditional Basket Making techniques to coincide with their upcoming exhibition, *Encounters*.

In November this year the Australian Museum will host an exhibition of Australian artefacts that are housed in the British Museum. In this collection are two natural fibre baskets made by local aboriginal women that form part of the Mary Bundock collection.

The Guli Bal Living Culture group has been exploring the information in the Bundock diaries and researching the techniques and fibres of the Githabul people at the time of first white settlement. The research reveals close links between food, containers (baskets) and shelter. It also reveals the interdependency of the two communities when the first European settlers arrived.



Interdependency was demonstrated in the identification of food, plant use, objects and tools and technology. It also reveals the difficulties that the first white settlers had in coming to terms with the one big difference that existed and still exists today. However, both communities had much in common.

With the support of Arts Northern Rivers and the friends of the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens, a series of five workshops have been conducted. These workshops have revolved around two topics close to me

heart: traditional indigenous basket making knowledge and using fibres that grow locally. The workshops have been run by four amazing women, Lauren Jarrett, Janet Wilson, Ben Radic and Ruth Tsitimbinis, with many eager participants in attendance.

After weaving in this area for more than ten years, I have been very inspired to have been introduced to native fibres I haven’t used before, and to be guided and encouraged to use familiar techniques in new ways. I have also been deeply moved by the images available at these workshops of woven items from this area of the Bundjalung that have a very distinctive style and feel excited about the prospect of a revival of these traditions.

In November this year to coincide with the Australian Museum exhibition, the Roxy Gallery in Kyogle will hold an exhibition around the story of Mary Bundock’s diaries and the basket making skills of this era.

Halloween cometh

On Saturday, 31st October from 4.30-8pm, the Nimbin Bush Theatre is holding its annual Halloween Party – a celebration of nature, magic and the little people. The theatre’s gardens are bursting with flowers and bees, Mulgum Creek is sparkling, Elvis the rooster is strutting about, winter is gone, and it is time to celebrate.

Since last year’s packed-out Halloween, the Nimbin Bush Theatre has been inundated with requests for another such party. So this year it is back, with even more magic and surprises in store!

This is not an American-style Halloween, but more of a medieval faire to celebrate magic in the renewal of nature and the change of seasons.

Come dressed in your most splendid and magical Halloween costume. It may be a faerie, a pirate, a troll or anything you like. Join the costume parade to win fantastic prizes.

There will be lots of games to play, including ‘pin the tail on the werewolf’, the troll slime lucky dip, apple bobbing, craft workshops, wand making, faerie-house building, storytelling and the hit of last years event – Dr Frankenstein’s live experiments in the Operating Theatre.

New this year is the chance to meet with the beautiful Queen of the Faeries and receive a nature spell to plant. Only a few are brave enough to steal treasure from the



sleeping Troll, but watch out, the Troll sleeps with one eye open and has an inclination to be grumpy. Can you creep into his lair and snatch a piece of gold from his treasure chest? Only the most stealthy will succeed.

We will have lots of yummy and healthy kids’ finger food and treats available in the Phoenix Rising Cafe, along with excellent coffee, meals and cakes for the mums and dads.

All this for an entry fee of \$5 for grown-ups and \$2 for children (under 15 years). Be there early, as there is a limited capacity and last year it was packed. Gates open at 4pm.



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Government procrastinates while Metgasco plans return



by Aidan Ricketts

Halloween is approaching, and with it Metgasco is preparing to come back and haunt the valleys of the region like some demented gas seeking vampire looking for one more gasp of stinking methane.

Corporations are by their very structure sociopathic, but Metgasco takes it to new lows. Who isn't Metgasco in conflict with? They are suing the state government, wrangling with Lismore council over seismic testing on council roads and threatening to return to Bentley the scene of the largest mainstream community uprising in Australia's history.

But the blame for this ongoing state of affairs has to be placed at the feet of the LNP state government. What a farce the March state election turned out to be. The spectacle of Thomas George standing with Nationals leader Troy Grant eight days before the election promising that PEL 445 would be bought back, has turned out to have been the very cynical and desperate pre-election ploy that it looked like at the time. Most of us saw through Thomas George's last minute conversion to the gasfield free cause, but just enough people were evidently sucked in to allow him to creep over the line on preferences. Well the deadline for the buy-back has passed and Thomas 'gasfields' George has completely failed to represent us yet again.

The state government's



Photo/artwork by Rosie Lee

entire gas plan is a monumental fail, failing even to implement the recommendations of the Chief Scientist and merely buying back defunct licences and leaving the seriously problematic ones like Northern Rivers, Gloucester and Pilliga very much alive. The state government is either being disingenuous, outright dishonest or at best utterly cowardly in its failure to tackle the issue of licence cancellations head on.

Premier Baird, Minister Roberts and our local National Party MPs all like to feign powerlessness when it comes to the issue of licence cancellations. Pretending their hands are tied and that they can't do anything unless they get agreements from gas companies. This is utter nonsense.

Under the NSW Constitution the parliament has the undisputed power to cancel gas licences with no issue of compensation arising. How weak and pathetic to have a government afraid to govern and a parliament afraid to legislate. Twice now the ALP and the Greens have put forward legislation to cancel the Northern Rivers licences and twice it

has been voted down by the state government, and the Shooters Party (who also pretended to be anti-gasfields prior to the election).

Meanwhile, we have Metgasco threatening just about everyone in the region with plans to do seismic testing in Rock Valley and return to drill at Bentley. It looks a lot like just another ploy to screw more compensation dollars out of the state government, but we do need to take it seriously. What is certain is that state government could end this high-stakes game playing by Metgasco tomorrow if they had the political will to do so.

With half the parliament already in support of cancelling all the Northern Rivers licences, it would be a no-risk political action for the government to introduce its own cancellation legislation, it would probably pass parliament unanimously, which is a rare thing indeed.

The community of the Northern Rivers region is being used as a political and financial football by Metgasco and the state government. We all know that that if required we will fight any plans to commence any gasfield development,

including seismic testing, but it's a travesty if it comes to that again.

87% of the region want to remain gasfield free; over 5000 are prepared to stand and fight; the local councils of the surrounding areas have all indicated their opposition or at least serious lack of support for the establishment of gasfields in the region; and we are only seven months on from a state election in which every candidate at least pretended to be against gasfields. How on any reckoning of democracy can we still have this friendless corporation still threatening the life of this region, while the state government procrastinates?

Metgasco may think it can use the protectors for its own purposes to pressure for more taxpayer dollars, but sooner or later the government needs to wake up and put an end to Metgasco once and for all with cancellation legislation. It's building to fever pitch again, and the government needs to know how we feel.

Let's face it, Metgasco has no friends, no-one outside of their company will shed a tear if they cop what they deserve, cancellation without compensation.

COREM proposes a bright future for Mullumbimby

The activists who've founded COREM (Community-Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby) believe the town can be the epicenter and worldwide model for a town free of fossil fuels.

Co-founder Ella Rose explained, "Our vision is for 100% renewables. The urgency was highlighted last year when my heart was blown open at the Protectors' Camp at Bentley. This experience showed me how positive change happens when we act on what we see needs changing, individually and collectively.

"COREM is a joyous community movement, a path

of action!"

With initial seed-funding from the Office of Environmental Heritage, COREM's Community Awareness Day Launch, on Sunday 18th October, 4pm - 10pm at Mullumbimby Civic Hall, will bring together dozens of bright sparks from the renewables industries on panels, forums, stalls with information, community activists in alternative power, and many more.

MC'd by Mandy Nolan, speakers will include Katrina Shields, Mayor Simon Richardson, SEED, ENOVA, Kindred Youth, Rainbow Power, and many more.



The Mullum community will supply fantastic fresh food, not to mention some great musical entertainment for the latter part of the event. This is an all

ages event.

For tickets and info, please visit the COREM website: www.corem.org.au and Facebook group: [corem.org.au](https://www.facebook.com/corem.org.au)

Mobile phone tower proposed for Nimbin

by Rob Lonetree

Aurecon, on behalf of Telstra Corporation Ltd, has now formally lodged a Development Application (DA) with Lismore City Council (LCC) for approval to erect a 30-metre high monopole and ancillary equipment on privately owned land 15 metres east of the water reservoir where High Street meets Falls Road. The tower would loom right above Nimbin village.

The address of the private landholder who has offered to host the tower is 2 Falls Road, (Lot 2, DP1068380). The owner of this property is Nimbin Lifestyle real estate agent Peter C Elder-Robinson.

Note: This proposal is new, and has nothing to do with the 40-metre NBN tower that was erected in late 2014 at the Nimbin showground on Cecil Street.

A most inconvenient truth

The corporate propagandists of 'acceptable journalism' maintain the great conspiracy of our age, that of silence. They do so with regard to any inconvenient truth that, if acknowledged, would undermine the corporate neo-fascist agenda and corporate profiteering.

Perhaps the most inconvenient truth of our age is the real facts about electro-magnetic radiation (EMR) from communications devices and towers. The telecommunications boom since 1991 that has seen the remarkable efflorescence of mobile telephony continues to promise untold profits to telcos (and to governments through licence fees). This explains the corporate media's silence about EMR dangers and also explains the extraordinary powers granted to telcos through the Federal



Telecommunications Act 1997, which ensures local and even state opposition to the construction of towers can be over-ruled.

Despite the deafening silence about the dangers of EMR from the mainstream media, anyone who cares to educate themselves about the truth of EMR can do so. I have personally collected over 1800 scientific peer-reviewed scholarly papers about the dangers of EMR. (I got most of them from BioInitiative.org). I have noticed that the papers denying any danger associated with EMR are those funded by the telecommunications industry itself. Most of the studies come from Europe, Turkey and the Middle East, because US telcos will not give subscribers' usage data to epidemiologists. This is asbestos and tobacco all over again folks!

Action plan

We can prevent Telstra from building a tower and can even have the existing NBN one removed. There exists a growing body of positive case law that our legal eagles are considering, and legal challenges against the land-

holder and Telstra are being prepared. There are other steps that may be taken by anyone concerned.

The DA may be inspected during business hours at the LCC Goonellabah Corporate Centre or via Council's DA Online tracking facility accessible on the LCC website using reference number 229/2015. It is vital that anyone opposed to the proposal make a submission to Council. Submissions must be in writing, be addressed to the General Manager, and received by 4.30pm on the final day of exhibition. The closing date for submissions is 14th October.

Make sure you list the grounds of your objection. I have written my own submission opposing the DA and can email it to anyone who requires a guide when preparing theirs. I can be contacted on: medicineroadmusic20@gmail.com My model submission is far more authoritative and comprehensive than this brief article can be, which, in the confines of the NGT, is a mere alert.

I can also provide literally hundreds of authoritative scientific/medical scholarly papers and media articles about the harms associated with EMR and about ways to beat the telcos. Of particular interest are the links and articles I have concerning; (a) the sudden rise in childhood brain and blood cancers associated with EMR; (b) the current weaponisation of microwave technologies; (c) surveillance aspects of the technology and police co-location plans; (d) plans by telcos to cover our region in dozens more towers; (e) plans to increase the EMR output on existing and new towers and to co-locate ever stronger and more dangerous equipment on them; (f)

information about European safety standards which are in many cases thousands of times stricter than those in Australia; (g) the remarkable rise in successful law suits against telecommunications companies for illnesses caused by their technology, for loss of visual amenity, declining land values, etc; (h) the growing number of Australian communities that are winning fights against Telstra, Optus etc., and preventing towers being built and even having existing towers dismantled.

Councillors at LCC should be contacted individually and petitioned. Their contact details are on the LCC website.

Attend the council meeting at Goonellabah LCC Corporate Centre at which the councillors will vote on the DA. I will book to speak at the meeting, but I'm happy to defer to anyone else with greater knowledge and experience in resisting phone towers. Whoever speaks will be up against a Telstra representative who will speak in favour of the proposal. To get the opportunity to speak however, we first have to lobby councillors to 'call up' the matter to vote on it. This will only be done if there is enough public interest, so lobby the eleven councillors!

A public town meeting will be held on Saturday 10th October, 11am-12pm at Birth and Beyond, Cullen Street, Nimbin at which our legal options will be discussed, submissions to LCC completed (prior to the 14-10-15 deadline) and other action plans finalised.

Education is the key. If people knew how dangerous this technology is, they would never support it. Anger and hatred will not advance our cause. It is only ignorance we are dealing with, not evil.

Law Awareness Forum

by Pam Bourne

Have you felt trapped by unpaid fines? Wondered where to turn when faced with domestic violence? What to do when a child protection officer comes to your home? Or a sheriff comes to your door over a debt? What are your rights with door-to-door salespersons?

Kyogle Council and Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre brought together speakers and community groups at the Law Awareness Forum. Legal Aid and Child Protection issues shed a light on family safety and the role of family and community services. Senior Constable Tara Wood spoke of changes in the handling of domestic violence issues, which can give better protection to victims of violence and make the community a safer place. Maryanne Brown (pictured) discussed the courtroom and advocacy support services available.

Emma from Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre discussed Work and Development Orders as an option for paying off fines. Legal Aid NSW spoke about discrimination and

what to do when we are faced with it. Legal Aid offers Civil Law Advice through clinics in Kyogle on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, and Nimbin on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, phone 6621-2082.

Door-to-door selling has rules and you also have rights. As a consumer, be aware that if an item is going to cost over \$100 there must be a written contract. There must be a cooling off period. No pressure may be used to sell to you at your door. A door-to-door salesperson is restricted to only visit between 7.30am and 6pm, and not on Sundays.

As we age, or for those with disabilities, different matters may need addressing. Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre spoke about wills, power of attorney, enduring guardianship and advanced health care directives 6621-000. Tenants Advice 6621-1022.

Among other groups offering information on their services were: Grow, a program for mental well-being with a 24-hour phone outreach service; Beyond Blue 1300-224-436;



Kyogle Family Support Services 6632-1588 (Nimbin 6689-0423); Ability Link helping people with disabilities link to services; Australian Drug Foundation; Aboriginal Legal Service 1800-765-767; Law Access NSW 1300-888-529; Anti Discrimination Board 1800-670-872; Women's DV Advocacy 6621-1044; ACON Counselling Service 1800-633-637; Police Assistance Line 13-14-44.

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