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Quilters Group party in the garden

by Christine Riley

On Sunday, September 13, the Nimbin Quilters Group hosted a garden party.

The garden looked glorious, the weather was perfect and there was a wonderful display of fine quilts and collectables, plus handmade items, small quilts and plants for sale.

The \$8 entry also included endless tea and coffee, two small freshly-made sandwiches and two small home-baked cakes of your choice, but the icing on the cake was the beautiful garden setting to enjoy the food.

It was an enormous effort from a very small group of people for the pleasure of others, in order to raise money for our aged care residents. The money raised will go directly to aged care.

The quilt raffle was won by an aged care resident, Nina De Vincenzo.

A really big thank you for all your time and effort from myself and those who had the pleasure of enjoying a glorious Sunday. It was very much appreciated.

Nimbin Quilters would also like to thank Nimbin A&I Society, Emporium, Newsagency, Bakery, Candle Factory and Bidvest Lismore for their support and kind donations.

Dreams key to solving problems

If we use about 10% of our intelligence consciously, how can we access more? Through our dreams.

The famous psychic, Edgar Cayce, believed the function of dreams was not only to solve problems but also to awaken the dreamer to their full stature as a person.

Inventors and artists have brought much through from their dreams. But it is often hard to understand and interpret one's own dreams, let alone make a point of remembering them.

A dream buddy is a true blessing in life. My dream buddy is Tiana. Sharing dreams helps us work out the meanings of recurring themes and thus what needs to be healed or acted upon. We remember and acknowledge the miracle of each other's prophetic dreams. We often appear in each other's dreams, dancing at music festivals, travelling and generally having fun, particularly when waking life gets very stressful.

Recently a woman, who came to my adult's dream class, asked if I would run a kids' dream class, so I did. Each week we blow each other's minds. I wish there had been a dream class when

I was little. In their words:

"After I started dream class I loved the dreams. I really like listening to people's dreams. It is really fun." – Yael, 6 years.

"Super dream class, wow, I love it!" – Samantha, 10 years

"You get to think about stuff you never think about. You might even be excited to go to sleep!" – Tal, 9 years.

"Since I started dream class, it has become my favourite day of the week. Since I managed to read the future using my dream, it became the favourite class of the year. Since I had a lucid dream, dream class became my inspiration." – Yoav, 11 years.

Sweet dreams!



The world according to Magenta Appel-Pye

Dear SSHS,
 My partner is an obsessive shopaholic and always insists on dragging me along to shopping malls while she spends hours trying on clothes and asking my opinion. I can't take any more of this. Help! – Frank Lowy

She says

Dear Frank, what you have to realise is that for women, shopping is sport. For us finding a nice dress on special is like you kicking a goal. It's the old hunter/gather instincts again. He shops for meat and goes home to eat. She has evolved to go hunting for hours, not even caring if she doesn't come home with much. It is the searching she finds stimulating

The only problem is that we really need to be doing it with other women. Men are drags. He sits around with a hang dog expression, constantly looking at his watch, longing to get home to the footy. In the lingerie department he's either a perve, is more into the underwear than you are, or completely embarrassed. It just doesn't work.

However it is important to keep her out there in the field because if she stays home she'll go shopping on-line and spend even more money because it's not as satisfying as the real-life experience.

My suggestion is to encourage her to go shopping with her girlfriends. Tell her it will be more exciting when she comes home and models the new clothes for you and promise to do something together that you both enjoy. Good luck.

She says / HE says
 with Auntie Maj and Uncle Norm

He says

Dear Frank, I've dealt with many a poor bastard's problems in these pages but this one is truly horrific. I'm wiping away the tears as I write.

The women folk should know right here that we men don't give a shit what you wear or what it looks like. We really don't. In fact we'd rather you wore nothing truth be told. So if you insist on going to shopping malls (horrible places really, sorry Frank) to rummage and plunder, do it in your own time, not when the footy finals are on.

Don't worry Frank, I've been there myself. I hate it. There's the traffic, parking, the crowds of inbreds and having to put on underpants. I just can't see the fun in it. Sure, the lingerie shops can be amusing, up to a point. They'd be far better if they had live models at least.

I don't even like buying clothes for myself. Being a bit full figured, I can never find anything that fits. Worse, if I find something I do want, like a new fishing rod, my wife says we can't afford it. At least I can find some solace in the food court. So Frank, here's a chance for you to really make your mark on history. In the film *Planet of the Apes*, Roddy McDowell is explaining to Charlton Heston how for centuries humans enslaved the apes until one day one of the apes got up and said "No!" Go for it Frank, do it for all of us. God bless.

Beekkeeping news

by James Creagh

Spring

It may still be cool, but the swarming season is here with many reports of swarming all over the Nimbin and surrounding area.

It seems right now most of the honey collected is being used to build up the numbers getting ready for the summer season. I think spring temperatures will rise very soon, so be prepared for the honey flow to occur then. Oct – Jan are the busiest time for harvesting in our area. BOM are predicting a similar weather pattern to September with occasional showers throughout the month, not so easy for the bees with the nectar in flowering trees becoming fermented.

Recently I met up with Tarang and Darshano at Rikki's home just outside Nimbin to try and catch a swarm for the Moondani community beehives. We caught it and left it there to allow more of them to enter the hive, but unfortunately they decided to move on. This sometimes happens, but there will be plenty more opportunities.

Swarms

If you see any swarms and don't need them, please let us know and we will come collect them. There are a good number of new beekeepers asking for swarms, and it would be great to be able to get them going with bees. Give us a call on 0434-892-466.

I have a list of people needing bees. If you would like to be added to this list, let me know: jamescreagh@hotmail.com or phone 0434-892-466.

Nimbin Show

As part of the Annual Nimbin Country Show, Sustainability Alley came together

thanks to Nat, Guy, Jim and the team of helpers. Unfortunately there weren't enough members available to bring our bee stall space together, and many really missed us being there.

However, I gave a talk on Sunday at the Speakers Tent about natural beekeepers and the challenges bees face, including: global warming, pests and diseases, the effect of agricultural chemical use and also about the many positive things we can do to make their lives easier.

The second half of the talk was presented by Chris and Mirabai Anderson, brother and sister to Cedar Anderson, the inventor of the new 'Flow Frame'. They shared their practical experience using the frames and some of their amazing journey to bring the honey flow frame to the attention of beekeepers and the general public, and the amazing support they have received.

Emission towers

For any that didn't know, Nimbin recently had two NBN fixed wireless towers erected, which are now beaming emissions as part of the NBN roll-out plan. One is near the showground and the other on Anderson Road outside of town. For some time there has been some suggestion that the emissions from these towers may affect honeybees, specifically the navigation ability of the bees. Two of our members live close to one of the towers and will be letting us know how their bees go.

Facebook page

The Nimbin Natural Beekeepers now have a facebook page. Feel welcome to like and you will receive future posts and also please feel welcome to enter any bee related info you



Chris and Mirabai Anderson, brother and sister to Cedar Anderson, the inventor of the new 'Flow Frame' Photo: Guy Stewart

find or photos of your hives and bees. www.facebook.com/NimbinNaturalBeekeepers

New species

A new species of native bees have been discovered in the harsh outback of Australia. The bee specialists from South Australia uncovered four new native bee species – three of them with special narrow heads and unusual long mouth part, allowing them to feed on slender flowers found on emu bush, a hardy native of the Australian desert environment.

"Three of the species belong to the group of bees that feed on the flowers of emu bushes," says Dr Hogendoorn. "The way they have adapted to be able to feed on these flowers is a great example of co-evolution."

"These bees have narrow faces and very long mouth parts to collect the nectar through a narrow constriction at the base of the emu bush flowers. The fourth species belongs to a different group within this large genus and has a normally round-shaped head."

Dr Hogendoorn says that despite



James and Darshano catching a swarm at Rikki's place near Nimbin Photo: Tarang Bates

native bees' environmental and economic importance as pollinators of native plants and agricultural and horticultural crops, only an estimated two-thirds of Australian bee species are as yet known to science.

"Habitat loss and pesticides are the main cause of native bee declines in Europe and the United States but the conservation status of native Australian bees is largely unknown," she says.

For more, see: www.theleadsouthaustralia.com.au/industries/education/new-bee-species-discovered-in-australia

Next meeting

Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome, including beginners as well as experienced beekeepers. The meetings are an opportunity to learn about bees and share knowledge and experiences about keeping bees.

Next meeting will be held at Lillian Rock on Sunday 7th October, 10am. Weather permitting we will view a hive. For more info phone 0434-892-466 or 6689-7575.

Politics, religion and a Green Pope?

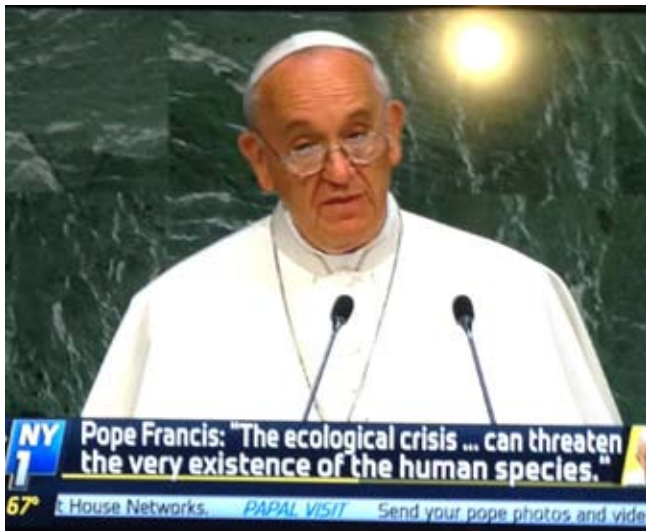
by Warwick Fry

Fidel Castro famously said in 1973 that Cuba might be able to resume diplomatic relations with the US when there was a black President in Washington, and a Latin American Pope in the Vatican.

Both of these events have come to pass. Cuba can now open an Embassy in the United States, and the US can now have an Embassy in Cuba. While there is still a trade embargo on Cuba (in place for nearly 60 years now), US citizens can now freely travel to Cuba and Cuba has been taken off the US list of 'terrorist' states.

Perhaps most gratifying for the Cubans is the release of the 'Cuban Five' – five Cubans working for Cuban intelligence who identified those responsible for shooting down an airliner carrying a team of Cuban athletes in 1982. They reported their findings to the FBI and the CIA and were promptly gaoled.

But the apparition of a 'Green Pope' is perhaps the most interesting aspect of Fidel's prophetic vision for the future. Pope Francis (the First – named for St Francis of Assisi), first Jesuit Pope, first non-European Pope (since a Syrian Pope Gregory



3rd in 741 AD) and much to the satisfaction of Fidel, as an Argentinian, the first Latin American Pope.

Wiki notes this about him: "Francis opposes warming, consumerism, and irresponsible development, a focus of his papacy with the promulgation of 'Laudato si'. In international diplomacy, he helped to restore full diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba."

He is not another Pope John the 23rd, a 1960s Pope of liberal bent who saw the rise of Liberation Theology – a movement within the Catholic Church that supported social change and community projects rather than blessing the births, deaths, marriages and

weapons of a spoiled elite. Liberation Theology has been on the back foot since the neo-liberal backlash to the liberation struggles in Latin America of the 1980s.

Pope Francis is picking up the sticks from that backlash. While he distances himself from Liberation Theology he apparently has the same agenda. Interestingly, he was a bouncer in a night club before he entered the seminary. Maybe he is taking a 'softly-softly' approach?

What fascinates me is his powerful recognition of green issues in his latest encyclical. It doesn't start with the Pope. Last year I was privileged to have been in contact with, and record interviews with Liberation

revolutionary government of the Sandinistas.

Pope Francis has since lifted these restrictions on Miguel D'Escoto and other Nicaraguan Liberation Theology priests for being involved in political processes that included marginalised people.

The gag did not stop D'Escoto. He served as the President of the General Assembly of the UN in 2008 and is currently engaged in rewriting the constitution of the UN to include 'green clauses' (respect for the earth) that reflect the clauses that Evo Morales, President of Bolivia, has had written into

the Bolivian constitution, empowering respect for the 'Pacha Mama' – the Earth.

The Latin American influence on the Catholic hierarchy seems to be taking root. Whatever one might think about the Catholic Church, many of the agonising blocks to thinking rationally about issues like climate change and unfettered corporate domination of our society are being removed by a sensible person at the top of the hierarchy who seems to know more about what he is doing than his predecessors. (John Paul the 23rd being a remarkable exception, of course.)

Nosin' around with PAC



This photo of a wood duck and chick was taken near the little creek at the bottom of the hill in Cecil Street, Nimbin.

Bushwalkers roll up for mystery tour



On the Mount Cougal walk

The Mystery Walk

A twisted knee, a couple of bruised shins, a wet bottom, and a leech did not dampen the spirits of six intrepid bushwalkers who ventured up a rocky creek in the Nightcap range on 30th August. Ably led by Judy, who had done a reccy a couple of days prior, we scrambled over boulders, skirted cliff faces and reached our destination in time for lunch.

The salubrious dining spot was the confluence of two creeks each arriving in a spectacular cascade over a curving rocky cliff. Escarpments such as these abound in Nightcap creating waterfalls on every watercourse. Ancient geological faulting sure makes for photogenic water features and pleasant picnic spots. The moist zone at the bottom of the falls was rich with ferns, mosses, Bangalow palms, orchids, staghorns, bird nest ferns, and sadly, a good size patch of crofton weed.

The route we took went mainly up the creek – sometimes on one side and sometimes the other. At times a high, almost vertical, creek bank dictated which side we chose. Some of these banks were covered in lantana. Others had a more diverse vegetation with palms, ferns, and stream lilies.

Rock-hopping creek crossings were made safe by Judy's steady arm as she stood barefoot in the water. In typical Judy style she shed her shoes early in the walk and happily paddled through the creek. Catherine also adopted the no-shoes approach. Sometimes we left the creek to wander through the forest, trying to avoid being snagged by the lawyer vine with its treacherous hooked tendrils, or tripping over other vines



Mystery walkers

and fallen logs. A couple of creek access spots were blocked by lantana, but Judy had previously forged a trail through so we proceeded without delay. It was another fabulous walk with the Nimbin Bushwalkers.

– Triny Roe

Mount Cougal

The morning of Sunday 13th September was fine with a gentle breeze and light cloud above. We were blessed, as this walk had been postponed six weeks earlier due to inclement weather. Seven keen hikers set out intrepidly from the base of Garden of Eden Road, destination the summit of Mt Cougal east peak. We welcomed two first-time Nimbin walkers who along with some very long-term club members experienced what turned out to be an invigorating and rewarding hike.

After the initial steep scramble, the walk levelled out through tall banana grass then open fields giving us glimpses of the majestic views to come. Before long we entered the rain forest

section of the walk, which cooled us down considerably and continued that way until we began to ascend the summit. On the way up we searched for the cave that goes right through the mountain (mentioned in Michael Smith's book *Bush Walking in the Rainbow Region*). Fortunately Judy found it in no time at all, recalling the surrounds from a previous hike.

We scaled the sheer rock wall and worked our way to the top to find the most breathtaking views. A 360-degree panorama including down the Tallabudgera Valley and beyond the coastline and around to Mt Warning to the south-west. We all enjoyed a well earned lunch and rest.

The return walk was highlighted by the distinctively clear call of the Wompoo fruit dove (*ptilinopus magnificus*). Also the tree we spotted with the impressive dark berry drupe has been identified by Roly as Brown Beech (*pennantia cunninghamii*). We found this walk to be both exhilarating

and challenging. Special thanks to Judy Hale and Bill Potter who both encouraged and guided me to lead my first club walk.

– Tony Isaac

Condong Falls

Six of us set out from the Minyon Falls car park on the last Sunday in August, just before the school holiday crowds appeared. Because of recent light rain, we had a dust free walk, rewarded with a bevy of both larger grass trees with trunks and the smaller diameter



Mount Cougal walk

Nimbin Bushwalkers Club

October-November walks program

11th October

Mt Jerusalem National Park

Leader: Bill West (0429-933-544)

Grade: 4 All day 12 km walk to Mt Jerusalem Summit return. Meet: 9.30am at 689 Commissioners Creek Road. Go through Uki on Kyogle Road turn left into Doon Doon Road leading to Cramms Farm, turn into Commissioners Creek Road at the entrance to Cramms Farm – 689 is past the second creek crossing.

Bring: Water, lunch and hat

24th 25th October weekend camp

Forest Tops, Border Ranges National Park

Leader: Michele Alberth (02 6632-1214)

Saturday: Set up camp at Forest Tops, drive back down to Sheepstation Creek for shorter walks – palm forest walk, possibly rock hopping down Sheepstation creek.

Grade: 3 Sunday: Brindle Creek Walk: 5 km, 3 to 4 hours through very beautiful rainforest. Car Shuttle.

Meet: Saturday 24th October, 10am behind Kyogle Visitors' Centre. Bring: Food, camping gear, water, rain protection, National Parks camping fees as well as NP vehicle access fees

Sunday 8th November

Brummies Lookout

Leader: Bill Potter (0428 737 747)

Grade: 3. Walk along Brummies Road in Mebbin National Park and ascend steep track to lookout with a spectacular view of western side of Mt Warning. The lookout is 600m above sea level and the southern view extends all the way to the Byron Bay lighthouse. Be warned that there is a risk of falling off a precipitous cliff if you get too near the edge.

Meet: 9am at car park just over the bridge on Tyalgum Road as it enters Tyalgum. We will car pool to start of walk on Brummies Road.

Bring: water, lunch, hat

Sunday 15th November

Brunswick Heads Beach/Management Trail/AGM

Leader: Catherine Baker (6684 2160)

Grade: 1 – an easy walk for an hour or so along beach and management trail prior to our AGM.

Meet: For the walk, meet at 9.30am at the Brunswick Heads Surf Club;

For the AGM only, meet at the Surf Club at 11am (all welcome, only members may vote)

Bring: Water, hat, sunscreen, picnic lunch

variety, both flowering after a minor fire a couple of years back. National Parks has done some excellent track and fencing maintenance, particularly on the steeper and more dangerous sections.

We remarked on how many large trees had been logged in the era when foot holds, still evident at the base, and two-man operated crosscut saws were the order of the day. We gave thanks to the energy and commitment of all those environmentalists whose protests in the 1970s led to the creation of the Nightcap National Park in 1983, gaining World Heritage

listing six years later.

Sandy, our in-situ ecologist, identified some rare brush cypress trees. He also pointed out that the many camphor laurel seedlings that we saw, possibly dropped by birds, would be unable to establish themselves in this environment. Anne, the leader of our small posse, checked our balance as we teetered atop the Condong Falls. Walking back uphill on a fire track with enough detritus to be soft underneath, led to our reward: a convivial lunch.

– Peter Spearritt

Swimming Pool study tour

by Sue Edmonds

If a hole could be drilled through the earth and we managed to walk through the tunnel avoiding the molten bit, we would surface in Iceland.

The secretary and treasurer of the Friends of the Nimbin Pool decided to take a self-funded study tour of swimming pools in other places and examined the pools in Iceland for starters. They have a small population, only 330,000 people, (less than Tasmania) on a small island perched out there in the north Atlantic Ocean, with a difficult climate, yet swimming is one of the most popular sports of this tiny interesting nation.

All children have compulsory swimming lessons from the age of 6 and continue until they leave secondary school at 16. There are 170 swimming pools dotted around the island and all are very well used throughout the year. Admittedly they have an advantage of endless geothermal heated water, which is piped into the

pools. One conclusion the representatives of the Friends of Nimbin Pool arrived at, was considering applying for funding for a big bore to drill until we hit hot water, then we could open all year.

The Icelanders are a very hearty and cultured lot, riding bikes against the wind and rain, hiking over lava fields avoiding fissures, chasing sheep and riding the idiosyncratic Iceland horses which were first bought to the island by the Vikings. Iceland horses have a fifth gait they are born with. There is a law prohibiting the importing and exporting of horses: when an Iceland horse leaves the country it can never return, as it may contaminate the pure stock. Reciting poetry is a favourite pastime, along with singing. Every tiny village has a choir, and farmers don't hesitate to travel for practice after a day of chasing sheep over the hills.

Icelanders love the Puffin, a pretty little sea bird which has the ability to carry many small fish in its beak to its chicks by balancing them sideways. They make stuffed

toys of Puffins, posters of Puffins, puppets of Puffins, glass models of Puffins, and they enjoy eating Puffins. In Australia we don't make puppets, posters or models of Shearwaters, (Mutton Birds), we just eat them.

Despite the lack of hot water, the Nimbin pool is open again for the spring and summer. The hearty ones have been down there sampling the invigorating atmosphere and preparing for the next Olympics which happen every Australia Day, rain, hail or shine, a bit like the attitude of the Icelanders.



Horse whispering

by Suzy Maloney B.Eq.Sc.

We've all heard about those mythical beings, horse whisperers. These special few can work magic with horses and do things the average person can only dream about, or maybe not, maybe they can also do them.

What if everyone had a bit of horse whisperer in them just waiting to be awakened? This is what I believe and I've seen it over and over as people have the veils removed from their eyes and their hearts and actually see and feel a horse for the first time. A lightbulb goes off and nothing is ever the same again, this is what I live for.

People start whispering after they start listening. Listening is the key that opens the door to connecting with a horse on a magical level. Horses are always completely and totally in the present moment. They do this naturally and effortlessly. For most of us humans we spend

numerous hours meditating or using other methods to find those allusive moments when we are fully present. It's no wonder there can be such confusion between the two species.

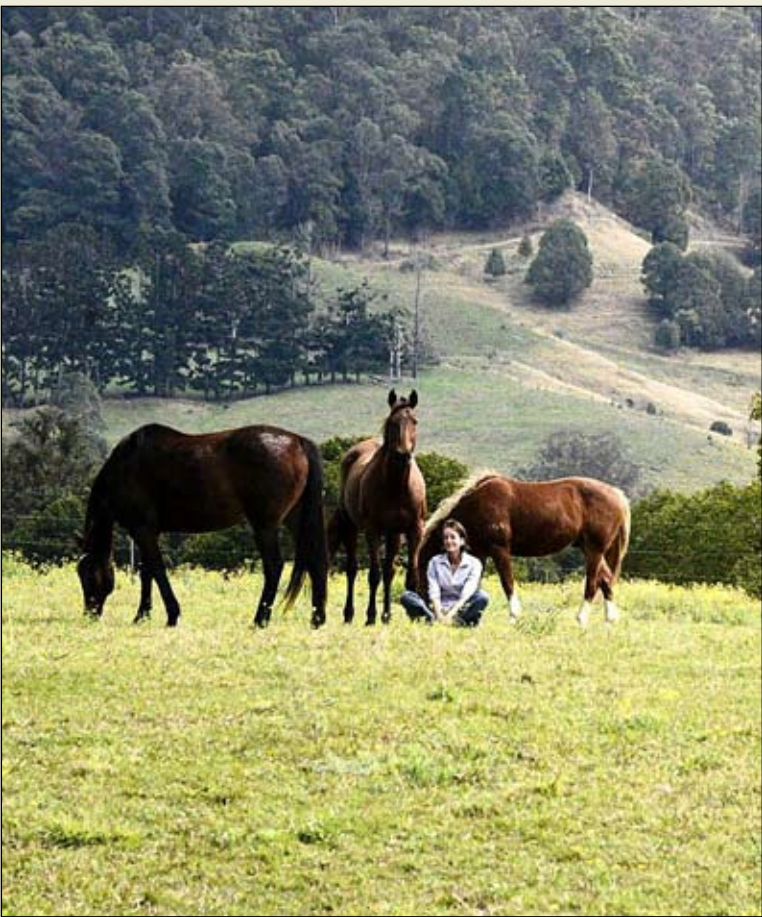
When we go to our horses we need to leave everything in our lives behind. As we enter the paddock from the first moment of contact, we need to meet the horse where they are, in the present. Only then is it possible for us to truly communicate with the horse. For this reason we can learn so much from them and spending time with horses can be a truly humbling and healing experience as we begin to be present with them.

When the human is present with the horse and listening to them completely, we find they are talking all the time. These animals are the grand masters of using energy and body language for communication. We can then talk back to them, in their language. Because we are now

'speaking horse' there is no longer any need for large, brutal cues and anything we ask of the horse is done with smaller and smaller cues. In time these cues are so small that an onlooker can't even see them, and yet the horse is willingly and happily doing whatever is asked of it, this is the magic of horse whispering.

I truly believe that anyone who is willing to put in the time and effort can learn to do this. It is a skill like any other. It does not belong to a select few but is available to us. And the time spent with horses then becomes a constant joy without frustration or battle. The old saying 'less is more' becomes a reality as you and your horse become one.

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Mindful living retreat

Gaia Dreaming: Saturday 24th October – Sunday 1st November at Doon Doon, Tweed caldera

'Gaia Dreaming' is a unique retreat to nurture the body, cultivate the mind and open the heart. Drawing from ancient wisdom as well as modern science, the retreat aspires to reveal a deep interconnection with all things and foster our intrinsic relationships with self and other.

Director of the Rainforest Information Centre, Ruth Rosenhek said, "This is a nine-day retreat where we will gather

as a supportive community in our beautiful natural environment, to foster our passions and share our wisdom as we embody our natural state of wellbeing."

Facilitated by Ruth Rosenhek, Ronny Hickel and Claire Dunn, the daily program will include mindfulness meditation, yoga, deep ecology processes, nature skill workshops, discussion, music, ritual and a three-day yatra/walkabout into the adjoining National Park.

The base fee for Gaia Dreaming at Cloud Mountain Homeland is \$450, which includes all meals, catering, infrastructure and basic



running expenses. There are some work-trade options available. Full details at: <http://yatra.org>.

au or for more information, email: yatracontact@gmail.com find on Facebook, or phone 0422-075-488.

Crossword Solution

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Activism in New York

by Benny Zable

September has been a busy month, beginning with the arrival of my son Wanagi on 3rd September.

The following day we travelled up to Woodstock for the annual Woodstock Museum Free Film Festival. A highlight of the festival was Gary Null's *Poverty, Inc.*, a documentary examining the destructive nature of corporate globalisation, and corrupt modern-day financial systems.

Gerald Celente spoke after the showing about US wasteful damaging wars, followed by a Q&A and an Occupy Peace action launch planned for Kingston, New York (Woodstock's equivalent of what Lismore is to Nimbin).

Back to New York on 17th September, Occupy Wall Street celebrated its fourth anniversary with a series of actions at the scene of the crime. Police presence was thick to prevent what transpired four years ago. Wanagi was on hand, photographing this and other actions I participated in and set up (see photos on Facebook pages).

On Sunday 20th September, I decorated and performed during the annual Vigil for International Peace and Ecology, at the bandshell in Central Park. This event has been taking place annually since, the World Trade Center 9/11 tragedy.

On Tuesday 22nd September, I attended a preview of *Time to Choose: You Can Change Climate Change*, arranged by Just Films at the Ford Foundation. A panel discussion with Charles Ferguson the filmmaker, Jane Goodall and Avery



Lovins followed the screening. In attendance was Josh Fox, who told me he will be back in Australia next year, following the launch of his latest *Gaslands* doco.

On Thursday 24th, Wanagi and I were on board the Hudson River sloop *Clearwater's* annual sail around New York City. The *Clearwater* is an educational peace and environmental outfit, founded by American folk singing legend Pete Seeger and his lifelong partner Toshie.

The sloop is run traditionally. We all become part of the crew to hoist up the sails, singing sea shanties to help co-ordinate the hoisting.



On Saturday 26th, I attended a round table *Ecocide vs. Sustainability Energy* on an Increasingly Irradiated Planet conference. Another serious time bomb. Nukes are part of the problem, not a solution to Climate Change, as we are told by certain environmentalists and organisations.

Pope Francis' visit to New York was a blessing in disguise, excuse the pun. He just had everyone here listening to issues I and many of us have been struggling to get to the attention of world leaders, press and the public in general. Actions are being planned around the world leading up to the Paris climate summit. Keep an eye out for actions or organise one.

I was fortunate to get a complimentary ticket to see a preview of the latest Phillippe Petit movie *The Wire*, to be shown at 3D IMAX theatres around the world. The real story and inspiration for that walk on the high wire has its roots in Phillippe's visit to Nimbin, actually.

Local folklorist wins prestigious national award

The 2015/16 National Folk Fellowship has been awarded to local musician and scholar, Chris Sullivan. The annual Fellowship is jointly given by The National Library and the National Folk Festival.

A Folklorist and Folk Music collector with important collections in the National Library of Australia (850 tapes), The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and the National Film and Sound Archive, Chris is currently undertaking a doctorate degree at Southern Cross University. His National Folk

Fellowship project is to learn and record concertina music from the National Library's Folklore Archive. Chris plays his music in styles learnt directly from the old bush musicians and his aim is to apply that knowledge to tunes collected in a variety of styles on the concertina. The fellowship culminates in performances at the National Library and the National Folk Festival.

On the importance of the concertina in Australia, Chris says that it and the fiddle were the two main instruments played for dance music in the 19th Century. In his poem, 'The Good



Old Concertina', Henry Lawson wrote:
From the distant Darling to the sea,

*From the plains to the Riverina,
Is there ere a gum in all the West
Not heard the concertina?*



Above left: Chris Sullivan & Albert "Dooley" Chapman (1892-1982), National Folk Festival, Sydney, 1982
Above: Chris Sullivan & Jacko Kevans, Glen Innes Folk Festival, 1989

Fruit and vegie seeds needed for Northern Territory indigenous community

by Frankie Lee

This is a message from my family's community in north-east Arnhemland, Northern Territory, on an island called Milingimbi, also known as Yurri.

We are rebuilding our lives and island after two cyclones earlier this year that tore through our homes, gardens, beaches, rivers and swamps. The first impact was at Cat 5 and left the island as Cat 4 cyclone Lam. The second impact was Nathan at Cat 2, which left the island as a low.

I took seeds with me, and friends in the Northern Rivers communities continued to send me seeds whilst I was back home on my homelands.

My family and the community of Yurri are truly grateful for all the seeds so far, and thankful for your support in helping rebuild

our homes and lives. Pics will come later.

The community garden project, working with all sectors of the community, is well underway. Families are really happy to have the gardens growing again. We have a great nursery and are building a permanent shaded nursery in the community garden.

The shop supports the community in many ways, however the price and limited quantities and qualities of products is problematic.

We welcome any seed offerings in relation to the garden.

- Corn
- Nut trees
- Tamarind
- Mango
- Avocado
- Bush lemons
- Herbs
- Vegetables

- Onion
- Watermelon
- Rockmelon
- Honeydew melon
- Cucumbers
- Cabbage
- Pumpkin
- All different kinds tomatoes
- All the different colours of capsicum
- All the different colours of carrots
- Eggplant
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Any other salad vegetables
- Paw paw
- Passionfruit
- Tamarillo

Basically, all seed offerings accepted and warmly appreciated. Climate up here is pretty much warm all year round, summer is hot, and winter temperatures don't go below 20C very much. Seed for food plants that do well in warmer climates rather than

cold winter places will be most useful to us.

Please only donate clean, dry seeds that are re-harvestable and have been cultivated naturally, that you have saved yourself, that are non-hybrid and proven performers.

Label seeds clearly (add a picture of the plant on the label if you like):

- Purpose of the seed*
- Plants needs (sunlight and conditions)*
- Your name*
- Date harvest*
- Where grown*

Seeds can be dropped off at Blue Knob Farmers Market (on Saturdays) with Michelle, the stall next to the Backyarder's table.

Nimbin Seed Exchange has a Facebook group in which you can contact me through. I'm happy to answer any questions

Artisan food

Hi folks, Greg here from Farmer's Choice Organics, the seedling people from Murwillumbah.

This month at Blue Knob Market we are seeing the first of the spring veggies appearing on the stalls that offer up a wide variety of biodynamic, organic and spray-free fresh picked seasonal veggies. Along with the more unusual yacon tubers and daikon radish you will also find avocados, kale chips, raw food snacks, honey, baked goods, fermented foods, soaps and body care products, and so much more.

On any Saturday you can buy one of James' salad mixes; your taste buds will be delighted by the refreshing flavors of crisp green leaves, herbs and edible flowers, or Tomo's miso paste or hot miso soup with some of Jo's freshly baked light rye or sourdough breads, or take home some Nimbin Delicious Mulberry Jam, or Michele's relishes and chutneys, Earth Belly's sauerkraut or maybe some of Jenny's bush tucker delights and fresh organic Dovo plums to make something special at home and after your coffee at the Café, grab some freshly made ice cream from Genevieve.

These are just a few of the unique artisan signature creations that have found their mark on the tables of market goers from around the Northern Rivers, those who take the time to step out of the mundane commercial world, and experience ordinary people creating extraordinary natural food, to delight market goers each and every week.





Over the airwaves



with Bob Tissot

Hello and welcome to *On Air*, Nim-FM's zero-decibel radio. It's great to have you tuned-in.

It's been a happy month of acquisition, with the arrival of new carpet for the studio, and hopefully next month I can report on the upgrade in the past tense. I'm so excited I'm quivering.

It's also been a month of mystery and wonder in regard to our audio stream, which you can access by going to the website and following the "listen" links. During the last week or so there has been a lot of interest in listening to Nim-FM coming from China!

Up to half the available

slots are streaming off to Beijing and Guangzhou, for periods of up to 11 hours. So far, there's been no "apparent" attempt to hack anything, so have we suddenly become popular in China? And if so, with whom? Watch this space!

OK. This week on "Spotlight" we focus on Mim, who, for many years produced *Rancid Candy*.

OA: So Mim, why did you get involved with community radio?

M: I've been a fiend for radio since I was a little tiny child. We had no TV when I was growing up, only a radio.

OA: No TV at all?

M: Before I was born, my family won a TV. When I was three my father cracked the shits with us all just sitting around. He removed a wire, said it was broken and we never had a TV again! (laughter) So

we were radio... music and sound... lots of vinyl. My mum taught music and I remember a string quartet practicing Vivaldi in the lounge room. So radio was a really important part of my life. Saturday afternoon *Goon Shows*, Paul Petran's *Radio Deli* on Radio National. Radio was my lifeline, especially when you're in rural Queensland and the local bogans treat you like a weird Jewish girl from Victoria. I was born in Queensland, but we were always treated like Victorians. (More laughter.)

OA: So what got you behind the desk?

M: It was when I came to Nimbin and got settled here, I came down here and met you. I remember you asked what I wanted to do and I said, "I wanna do Raunch," and boy did your eyes light up! They did! (Raucous laughter.) But my first show was 'Ecocentric', the environment show that I did with Keiren. We used to yell at John Howard and have a lot of fun.

OA: So did you get a chance at raunch?

M: Yes. Yellow Dog's Kitchen, first on Saturday afternoon and then Sunday mornings after the really religious Christian show. I loved playing really unreligious music. Then I found my perfect spot with *Rancid Candy* on Thursdays, and there was plenty of raunchy, sexy music in that.

OA: Mim, you haven't currently got a show, but I've heard a rumour...

M: It's true. I'm coming back on Saturday nights from 6pm. I'm not sure what I'll be playing yet, but it's sure to be raunchy.

OA: So what does Mim do away from the station?

M: I've got a fetish going on with Sourdough right now. Two cultures: Horace, who is rye-based, and Sweetie, his girlfriend who is a wheat-based Queenslander. I've also got a passion for preserving... my little sister says it's because I'm getting older and I'm trying to preserve my youth. And of course my garden. It's my best friend.

OA: Mim, thanks for chatting.

M: My pleasure, Bob.

A new road

by Marilyn Scott

The recent Eclipse was massive and not just in size. I reckon there was life before and life after September 28th. If it's not yet obvious, I'm sure it will be soon.

It was Super Full Moon Eclipse eve ~ I was outside drinking in the sunset. The cloud formation was stunning ~ snap, snap, snap ~ my ever present camera. The sky morphed into incredible swirls and amazing shapes of grey, black, yellow and red; this wondrous spring season with its generous moisture greening the valley. Impossible beauty... snap, snap, snap ~ sensational sunset on this super Eclipse eve. I turned to look behind ... and there the 'crown' of Mt Lindesay glowed radiant gold ... 'my god' I gasped. I'd never seen it happen before. A breathtaking sun set in the west and directly opposite in the east the tip of Mt Lindesay turned molten gold. Snap, snap, snap ~ I must have taken hundreds ... I turned back to the sunset ... another 'my god' was expelled from deep in my chest ... the sky was rippled with the most breathtaking red ~ this was certainly a 'WOW' event.

I turned again to look back at Mt Lindesay, and there above me a double

rainbow, joined together... arched over the house and the golden mountain. What a finale. At this point it became obvious ... this Eclipse was a major event. The blessings were abundant. It felt new and exciting, not just on the outside but on the inside as well. Something new, real and solid was taking shape. A new adventure, a new road was revealing itself. And with the surety of 'I'm ready' ~ I'm ready to walk this new road.

Much has transformed over these last few years ~ especially since 2012. And with the support of our Galactic friends we've been given the opportunity to shed the old ~ the no-longer needed parts of ourselves ~ and immerse in our sparkling newly refreshed interiors. In lots of different ways we've been reborn. Happening all under the surface it may not have been visible... especially with Saturn transiting Scorpio ~ the cleansing was deep and sometimes painful. But it's a new time ... Saturn's now residing in Sagittarius until December 2017 ... building new roads and highways for our brand new Truth adventures ... we're on the Hero's quest. It's an exciting time ~ being a part of this powerful evolutionary process that's happening all around.

Step by step ... we move ahead.

Moment by moment we experience this life ~ our life; the opportunity we have to be conscious and to choose. So much is possible now ... so much is shifting and changing ~ morphing into new forms; people awakening, finding their power and the gifts they have ~ innately, to take charge of their life. It's incredibly exciting times to be alive on planet Earth. Yes the old decayed bits are still hanging about ... but they don't need our focus. Whatever we focus on grows. Our energy is needed for the new ~ all the wonderful things about to birth that will transform our world from the inside out.

Our focus and intent are powerful tools. 'Don't curse the darkness, light a candle' ... an old Chinese saying reminds us that we can be a part of the solution. Invest our heart and soul, our clarity and intelligence ... our wondrous spirit ~ into creating a world that maybe has never happened before. I believe we sit at a unique and unprecedented time in our human evolution. So much is being offered. And so many more of us each and every day are awakening to who we are ~ a beautiful human being. And when we are a human being all the rest... all the good stuff ~ just comes naturally. This a powerful time of rebirth... an amazing Springtime.



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8.00am	8.45am	12.00pm	12.35pm *
12.00pm	12.35pm *	2.35pm	3.10pm
2.35pm	3.10pm	5.30pm	6.00pm
3.20pm	4.15pm		
5.30pm	6.00pm		

Leaving	Arriving
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7.52am	8.50am
9.00am	9.35am
12.45pm	1.15pm *
3.25pm	4.10pm
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6.05pm	6.35pm

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Wheelchair access available

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* Mondays & Thursdays Only

FABULOUS NEW LISTINGS



AWAITING YOUR DREAMS \$170,000 499 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin

Just a short drive north of Nimbin and set upon a plateau surrounded by trees with glorious views of Blue Knob is this lovely private 10 acre share in a small community. Much of the hard work has been done in preparing the land for building. The vendor has had a 12m x 7m x 5" cement slab laid professionally and while you are building on that you can live in the 2 bedroom shed with all amenities and solar power. Completely set up with water tanks, fencing and driveway.



HOBBY FARM HEAVEN \$560,000 25 Kirkland Road, Nimbin

This hobby farm has so much to offer. The twenty rolling acres are lush and fertile, perfect for a few horses or cows and was once a productive horticulture property. In the middle of the block sits the huge lake-sized spring-fed dam, making the property drought proof. The 3 bedroom home is light and airy and the large dining area flows outside to the covered patio. Large 14x18m shed & a second large 9x6m shed, also a landing strip with its own hanger.



IN THE CLOUDS \$795,000 711 Mountain Top Road, Nimbin

Lovely flowering gardens surround this 3 bedroom hardiplank home in excellent condition set on 57 acres of rich soil. The home has been built to take in the expansive views to the North that features National Park mountains and rich creek valleys. The property has an abundance of water from 7 spring dams. There are established orchards of mangoes, avocados and mixed fruit trees, lots of out buildings, machinery sheds and a sealed road to town.



SPACIOUS COUNTRY HOME \$415,000 5149 Kyogle Road, Cawongla

This large 4 bedroom property on 11.8 acres is perfect for the growing family. It has 4 good-sized bedrooms and 2 lounge areas flowing into the spacious kitchen diner and a spacious undercover outdoor area. The kitchen has had a total update along with the large bright family bathroom and benefits from a 1.5 KW Solar power system and heat pump hot water. Outside the home is surrounded by fruit trees and flowering shrubs and is ideal for pets.



GRACIOUS LIVING \$979,000 9b Noble Road, Blue Knob

Feel life's pressures melt away as you travel along the tree-lined driveway through resort-like gardens to this premium country residence. Set on 45 acres of exquisite tropical gardens, orchards and native bushland, the 3 bedroom home is fantastically stylish with exquisite attention to detail and extensive use of timber. Huge open plan living area, timber and stainless steel kitchen, paved BBQ area (with pizza oven), in-ground saltwater pool and secluded studio.



HOW CONVENIENT \$150,000 154 Gungas Road, Nimbin

This gentle three-quarter acre corner block has a majestic view of Blue Knob, Sphinx Rock and the Nightcap National Park. This view can never be built out and the block's elevation above Gungas Road means you can plant out the road and enjoy the view in seclusion. The road to Nimbin is flat and sealed and perfect for cycling. Build the home you want in this beautiful and convenient location with power and telephone to the block and school bus to the door.



HOME SWEET HOME \$695,000 259 Stony Chute Road, Nimbin

This home is a real surprise. Tucked away on 12.5 acres of park-like beauty with stunning views across the Nimbin Valley and Nimbin Rocks sits this immaculate 4 (large) bedroom brick and tile home. The magnificent country-style kitchen has granite bench tops and modern appliances. The large lounge room has a combustion firebox set into a brick fireplace and the whole house has reverse cycle, ducted air-conditioning. In-ground pool and big jacuzzi, too!



SITTING PRETTY \$235,000 33/265 Martin Road, Larnook

This magical home sits atop 2 acres, making the most of its lush views to the Mackellar Ranges. The light and airy 2 bedroom cottage is full of charm and ambience, with sunny wrap-around verandahs providing the perfect spot to soak up the views. Outside, the rich, fertile gardens have been lovingly maintained with permaculture practices, providing fruit and veggies in abundance. An inspired earth dome space and separate caravan/cabin are also included.



TROPICAL GETAWAY \$485,000 43 Basil Road, Nimbin

Surrounded by palm trees and tropical gardens, this home sits on 3.55 acres with 5 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms over 2 levels. On the top level, wrap-around verandahs on 3 sides. On the lower level, a separate fully self-contained 1 bedroom flat. Stunning panoramic views of surrounding mountains and valley, it's only a few minutes' drive to Nimbin. Excellent investment opportunity, rental returns are \$700 a week plus the potential to subdivide!

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