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## Nosin' around with PAC



Asian House Gecko, *Hemidactylus frenatus*. Total length (including tail): 11cm. Pale pinkish-brown to dark grey, with mottled patterning. Individuals can vary appearance based on the level of physical activity and light exposure (dark with pattern by day; pale and patternless at night). At a distance the Asian House Gecko is very similar to the native *Dtella*, but can be distinguished by a series of small spines or tubercles along back and edges of tail (in its original state) and lower back. All Asian House Gecko toes have claws, but the inner toes of *Dtella* are clawless. More readily identified by voice rather than appearance – a loud and distinctive “chuck-chuck-chuck”. Arriving in Darwin in the 1960s, they are now a part of the Nimbin scene.

### She says / HE says

with Aunty Maj and Uncle Norm

#### She says

I am fully aware of oldies' raging sex lives because my mother insists on telling me all about hers, bragging she is having the best sex of her life. She even has sexier underwear than me.

After Dad died, she had no such pleasures for 20 years, so I listened dutifully. But when she suggested they ring the church bells (forget any conjugal union) after each conipiscence, I rebelled and asked her how would she feel if I said that. She backed down realizing she had gone too far. It's lovely to see, but not too much. My unsuspecting sister walked in on them doing it not once, but twice. How naive is she? Once I can understand, but twice? She has since learnt to ring before she barges in.

I don't know why people are so repulsed by old-age sex. I think it is a wonderful example for the youngsters to realize that, with luck and looking after yourself, you can have fun well into old age. The herbs, saw palmetto and pygeum are excellent help for men in these areas. Physical intimacy is important for your health and well-being and probably more so as we age. Surprisingly, STD's are more common in the over 70's than any other age group. Just because they're old, doesn't mean they don't play around so remember to be safe and get checked before wrangling with the one-eyed trouser snake. Much less embarrassing and annoying than getting a disease.

Bronny, take a leaf from my mother's book and teach those galoots a lesson. You and your boyfriend (one is never to old to be called a boyfriend), are wonderful examples of positive ageing and joyous living. Live the hour in passion and ecstasy!

Dear SSHS,

I am 70 and my new boyfriend is 78 and we're having the best sex of our lives. How do I tell my conservative Christian (where did I go wrong!) children? – Bronny B.

#### He says

Dear Bronny, firstly, congratulations on finding a fella of his age with all his hydraulics in working order. I'll bet you're a pretty hot chick as well.

It's amusing, if not galling, to observe the attitudes of the young to senior citizens having a bit of nooky. They find it so disgusting that they would prefer to think they were actually delivered by the stork rather than by their parents having hot, sweaty, bump and grind, penis vagina orgasmic sex to produce these little bundles of joy. They think that sex is something they've come up with themselves and that it should only be the preserve of the young and gorgeous, conveniently forgetting that every creature on the planet has sex. Even our 16 year old dog is still up for it.

So Bronny, if you feel you want to tell your children (you probably want to tell everybody!) just tell the little fuckers. After all, you're 70 for goodness sake. You shouldn't have to worry about what those smug, judgmental, intellectual midgets think of you. It's none of their business anyway. I think you should invite them over for afternoon tea only for them to find you both at it like a pair of snakes on the kitchen floor. That'll put them in the picture.

Keen on truckin' Bronny.

Send your relationship problems to Norm and Magenta:  
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## Cannabinoid hyperemmesis

We know what a wonderful plant cannabis is with its healing, inspirational and relaxing qualities but, like all drugs, it should be taken in moderation.

I have a friend who has cannabinoid hyperemmesis. Previously considered a rare disease, the medics at our local hospital say people present there with this condition regularly. It is caused by smoking cannabis. The affected person starts to vomit and continues for up to five days.

Afterwards, due to the purge and fast, they feel better than ever, but the first thing they do when arriving home is roll a joint and it builds up to the next time which may be only months for heavy dope smokers, or longer if they can cut down.

It was only after my friend was diagnosed properly that he realized the very thing he was using to self-medicate and try to calm down when he knew he was getting sick, was what

was causing it! This cycle had been going on for over ten years. The cost to his health, not to mention loss of income, has been high. Attacks can lead to complications such as acute kidney injury.

He finally realized that the bad outweighed the pleasure and he stopped smoking cannabis. The first three weeks were the worst as the brain chemicals had to adjust, but he found it was relatively easy once he made the decision. Certainly much easier than giving up nicotine.

By week four he was actually enjoying his own strength when saying 'no thanks' to his friends. His mind became clearer, his energy picked up and his colour got better – not so green.

So if you or someone you know experiences severe nausea and vomiting that recurs in a cyclic pattern over months, you may have cannabinoid hyperemmesis.



The world according to  
**Magenta Appel-Pye**



# The Baird Government's determination to wage war against Nature

by Janine Kitson

Recently on a short bushwalk I was delighted, when stopping for a sip of water, under the cool of a shady tree, I heard and then saw two black cockatoos enjoying the fruits of the forest. It was one of those delightful moments where you were profoundly aware of the privilege it was to see these beautiful birds enjoying their morning tucker.

Yet people who care about our precious wildlife feel utterly dismayed at the Baird Government's determination to massively weaken NSW's environmental laws. New laws are soon to be released that will undermine some of our most important wildlife protections.

Premier Baird and his Liberal/ National Party Coalition seems hell bent on winding back the clocks, so that in 2016 we act as if it were 1916, when the land had not long recovered from a horribly long drought when the land had been flogged to death by overgrazing, ring barking, soil erosion and the rabbit plague. One had hoped we had become wiser and could now appreciate the importance of trees, not just for wildlife but for soil conservation and water quality. Land clearing just made the land hotter, saltier, sterile and more vulnerable to wild bushfires and dangerous floods.

One of the easiest and most sensible ways to stop extinction is to halt the mowing down of existing native habitat. Wildlife cannot survive without habitat. Once the bushland goes so too do the quolls, koalas, gliders and other native animals go. Yet it seems that a vocal minority of unreasonable farmers and salivating developers refuse to acknowledge this. To them habitat means commercial obstacles. They prefer short term profits even if it brings long term devastation.

The NSW Government's draft legislation is due for public release in March 2016. It proposes a much weaker *Biodiversity Conservation Act* to replace the *Native Vegetation Act* and the *Threatened Species Act*. It plans to weaken the state's land clearing laws that was introduced in 2003 to stop broad scale land clearing. The scientifically based *Native Vegetation Act* has saved hundreds of thousands of hectares from the bulldozer and chainsaw. Expert ecologists say that these land-clearing controls have saved more than 1 million animal deaths over 10 years. That's more than 100,000 native animals who have escaped death each year thanks to the *Native Vegetation Act*.

If the land clearing laws are scrapped, then thousands of possums, quolls, koalas and gliders will be killed each year – at a time when so much wildlife is under pressure. Already Australia has one of the highest rates of species extinction in

the world. Almost 1000 plant and animal species are at risk of extinction. NSW's population of koalas has declined by 40 per cent in the last 20 years alone.

'Biodiversity offsets' are also to become the new 'accounting' solution to environmental loss and degradation. However offsets are just another weasel code word for environmental vandalism.

Why would we want to risk NSW going back to the destructive days of land clearing where tens of thousands of hectares of native bushland was bulldozed every year?

Land-clearing controls are also important to ensuring Australia keeps its international promise to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Trees and vegetation are critical carbon sinks and air cleansers.

It is sheer madness for the NSW Government to allow land clearing to return on a massive scale.

We need bold action. We need stronger biodiversity laws – not weaker ones. We need a new vision to protect, restore and ensure resilience for our precious biodiversity so that our future generations can enjoy a walk through the bush and too be delighted by its precious wildlife. Please do what you can to demand this. Visit the Nature Conservation Council of NSW's website and send a message to Premier Baird demanding he stand up and protect nature and not annihilate it.

## ASTRO FORECASTS

by Tina Mews

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS?

### Aries

At the moment it is important for you to engage with different or completely new groups of people. This helps with clarifying for yourself, what kind of interaction you really like to have. You might find that you have outgrown some of them and therefore experience a conflict of values. You might be in the midst of an important transformative process of personal limitations.

### Taurus

Things start heating up during this month, especially with Mars journeying through your relationship sector. It is difficult to compromise and repressed grievances are best brought out into the open which may result in clearing the air. On the other hand you might be called upon to give direction to others, offering guidance and advice because of your common sense and deeper level of understanding.

### Gemini

Relationships can be quite testing at the moment and you may find that your contracts with others are going through significant changes. Accepting limitations will help with moving beyond difficult barriers. Focus on your intent and best outcome, but sit with it instead of acting prematurely. From mid month onward new insights will lift your mood and communication starts flowing again.

### Cancer

During the beginning of the month you might go through a stressful phase, where reaching your goals doesn't seem to be that easy. However, this is a good time for working with your subconscious, as you are going through significant inner changes. The Full Moon (Feb 22/23) might highlight those areas in your life that are waiting for a new impulse.

### Leo

At the moment, your need to be self-determined and independent might be in conflict with an equally strong urge to form good working relationships. If you take the right to be yourself, you must give the same right to others. Nevertheless, you do have a lot of energy, especially for work around the house. Communicate your plans and ideas with those around you, otherwise you might overstep sensitive boundaries.

### Virgo

Stress at the workplace might be an issue because you are more insistent and less flexible in your thinking at the moment. Even though you feel the need for change, you are uncertain about the path to take. Try not to get too worried, sit back and let things develop. The Full Moon in your sun sign (Feb 22/23) will highlight those areas in your life that need attention.

## February

At the moment, the Sun sends its cosmic rays through socially orientated Aquarius, the sign of friendship and equality. It is concerned with the subject of social structuring seeking to reform society and human nature. The impulse to reform can be very powerfully fuelled by an abstract ideal of human perfection. Aquarius is a mental (air) sign even though the mythological background of the waterbearer reveals an association with 'the waters of life' that Aquarius pours out of his vessel (cup) for the purpose of renewal.

Aquarius is a fixed sign, similar to Taurus, Leo and Scorpio. They can be very determined and willful, hold strong opinions and have their own way of doing things. Aquarians are more a leader than a follower, but avoid emotional responsibilities and attachments. They are freedom loving, when it suits their cause. Aquarius is the sign of knowledge, scientific breakthroughs, new discoveries and collective ideals. It appreciates individual differences of cultures, is friend rather than family oriented. Aquarians are interested in the progress of the collective more than individual achievements believing that the whole is more important than the parts that compose it. Nevertheless, head and heart can remain disconnected with the result of being too emotionally detached and too fixed on their at times eccentric ideas. Heart-felt passion and warmth from the opposite sign Leo might be the missing ingredient for shining the light in the dark and grounding a worthwhile cause.

The days until the New Moon on February 8/9 are best used for clarifying our written and unwritten contracts with others. Mercury (communication, information) and Venus (relationships, values, money) are both in serious and structured Capricorn. On February 5, Venus will be conjunct Pluto and square Uranus trying to establish a new sense of security and solidity in a changing environment. Passions might run high, especially if there are any perceived or real injustices, testing our willingness to compromise. Nevertheless, new information and insights have to be incorporated which can set the impulse for developing a new and hopefully fairer order. Every month the New Moon sets the mode for the entire month. Mars, the planet of action and emotional reaction, squares the current New Moon in Aquarius (Feb 8/9). Mars in Scorpio symbolises the archetype of the passionate



warrior who is loyal to his cause, but a vengeful opponent when triggered. Mars is in a friendly alignment with Venus, the sacred feminine, signifying that strength and gentleness can be blended and power used constructively, if we manage to keep the communication channels open. Venus forms a harmonious trine with the wisdom planet Jupiter and the karmic North Node. Seeing the big picture helps with finding lasting solutions and can break old cycles of negativity and pain. Nevertheless, Mars forms a difficult alignment with Uranus, ruler of Aquarius, indicating lots of activity that might not lead to any great results, because plans and ideas might prove to be too outrageous (Uranus) and their shadow points could be exposed (Mars in Scorpio).

The Full Moon on February 22/23 in Virgo, the sign of pragmatism and physical boundaries is opposite imaginative Pisces highlighting a need for a new balance between body and soul, control and openness, work and creativity. On a higher note, Virgo and Pisces are both signs that are concerned with service and the grounding of spiritual ideas into the here-and-now. The Sun is moving towards a conjunction with Neptune, the planet of illusion, inspiration and heightened sensitivity. Intuitive abilities are strengthened and it might be a good moment in time to meditate on our deepest dreams and wishes that we want to realise during this year.

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### Libra

During the Aquarius phase of the year (Jan 21 – Feb 20) your need for freedom of self-expression is amplified. Risk being yourself and tap into your vast creative potential. Let go of the need to be popular, instead develop your own set of values. The challenge is to take full responsibility for who you are, think and feel, even when others may not approve of you.

### Scorpio

Mars, the sacred warrior, is in your sun sign until March 6, and then again from end of May until the beginning of August. This means that you can achieve a lot during this year, especially if you are clear about intent and desired outcomes now. This is the time when you can lay the foundation for a new idea or project, but you will have to sit with it for a while and let it develop until it bears fruit later on in the year.

### Sagittarius

These are times when it is difficult to communicate your inspirational ideas and motivate other people. In contrast, you easily could create the wrong impressions or alienate others without being aware of it. The lesson of the moment is to reflect and find the answers within. Things will become clearer during March.

### Capricorn

Intense discussions in your relationships challenge your opinions and judgements. Others might find you too tough and need a more inclusive and compassionate approach. Maybe your ideals and expectations are set too high. Find a balance between promoting your own personal outlook and opinions as well as being an agent of peace.

### Aquarius

Mars, the planet of action and ego drives, is traversing your solar house of life direction and career path for an extended period (Jan 4 – March 6; 28 May – Aug 3). Therefore it is important that you find a worthwhile project that catches your imagination. However, you may need to work independently, because this is not the time where you like to listen to others.

### Pisces

Your need for questioning and reflection might be accentuated at the moment, because you love searching for the truth and the purpose of life. The Full Moon (Feb 22/23) encourages serious discussions with others about these deeper issues. You might find yourself put into a leadership position and others are listening to your wise counsel.

# Love, love, love

by Suzy Maloney B.Eq.Sc.

'All you need is love, da da dada da', or is it? There is no doubt in my mind that horses are capable of feeling cross-species love, and I know humans do.

I have experienced countless relationships with horses where love played a key component in the relationship. I have a mare who will patrol around me if I ride through her paddock. She is protecting me from the other members of the herd. When working with horses it's always about balance and love is no exception.

Some people love their horses so much they have trouble setting boundaries or using discipline when necessary. What I'm talking about here is not the type of love that people have for their rabbits or kittens. The love of a horse must be balanced with a love of its pure horse nature. The horse is a different species to us, a large powerful flight animal, and its differences need to be respected in all our dealings with it. Sometimes when humans love horses they anthropomorphise

and project a human way of feeling, thinking and reacting to the world onto the horse. This can lead to some very big surprises for the human when the horse behaves as a horse. When this happens, humans can become emotionally devastated thinking their horse doesn't love them, but really it's just being a horse. This is where it is better for the human to step back emotionally from the horse and respect its differences. This then allows an objective perspective from which the human can then ask themselves how they could change their own behaviour when dealing with the horse in order to improve the situation.

And then of course we have the other extreme. One of my clients recently told me that a friend of hers was advising her not to love her horse. The friend said that if they were too close it would negatively affect their relationship when riding and she wouldn't be able to get her horse to do what she wanted. This really got me to thinking.

Could the reason for making a comment like this be because as a 'traditional'



horse person she sat on her horse after putting a metal bit in its mouth, had metal spurs on her boots to poke the sides with and a whip in hand if the horse still wasn't listening? This style of riding (which is normal and seen at shows and horse events) requires the human to physically inflict pain on the horse while riding as a method of control. Could this be the reason for her comment? Could competing really be that important? What is more important – the horse or the ribbon? It occurred to me that if you loved your horse and your horse in return loved you then doing this would no longer be possible.

But really, most matters of the heart are beyond the grasp of the brain, so perhaps this is not a topic to analyse anyway. Coming

from the heart when you are with your horse is always going to be the best way to be. Our minds have an incredibly frustrating habit of getting in the way of true communication, especially around horses.

And of course then there is just plain magic. The attached photo was taken of me sitting in the paddock among my herd. At the time it was taken no-one saw the heart on Sorays rump. Only when the pictures were loaded up on to the computer was it obvious.

How did it come to be there? It most certainly was not put there by a human. Perhaps the power of love is far beyond our ability to understand.

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# Honouring Lilith



by Marilyn Scott

When... January was big. Seem to use that word a bit. Arriving with such exuberance and excitement, visions of wondrous possibilities, this was the year to finally do it.

I visioned and I planned, I felt focused and energised. For more than a week I reviewed, resolved, revisited, cleared and de-cluttered, and opened to my unlimited potential; did new vision boards and affirmations. I knew this year was going to be special.

Then the challenges – boom, boom, boom – right at your central core. Intense, a gross understatement: murmured to myself a number of times, 'they wouldn't give you this if you weren't strong enough to handle it'.

Lilith (Black Moon Lilith), Lilith was the original woman, the one before Eve, she refused to lie under so was ousted from the garden. She carries the wound of the Sacred Feminine and her rage is mighty. She holds the deep, deep, deep stuff, securely stored away from our conscious mind. Big stuff, cellular

memories of things that wounded deeply. It's been a massive detox month, ancient stuff coming up to be released. We need all of our self this year, no lost bits... great things can be accomplished. It's the year of the Fire Monkey.

Lilith was meeting with Uranus and Pluto, in a challenging manner. Uranus and Pluto are preparing the stage for the beginning of the new age. Uranus illuminates our brilliance but can be a bit abrupt with his sudden changes. Pluto cleans up all the refuse, gets rid of all the dead, dying, old stuff. Since 2012 a lot's been happening. So when Lilith joins the dance, it really heats up. She's currently moving on, the intensity eased. But boy there's no-one like Lilith to confront the shadow. Deep, deep stuff has been rising up, needing to be dealt with, ancient memories alive and in your face.

There's so much to do this year... this is the year to be recognised for who you are and what you do. We need all of us to complete the circle, so it can be ignited. I did a bit of 'Circle' work – blew me away. Powerful way of communicating, each person has a voice and is listened to. When ignited the circle comes alive,

magnifies and combines the energy from each and every one: pure alchemy, powerful stuff.

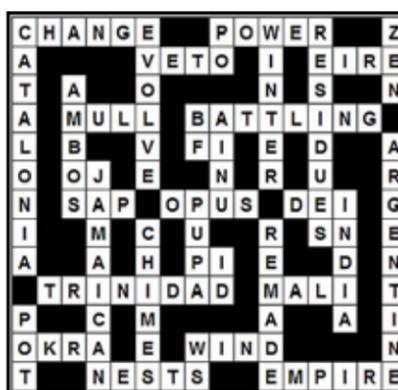
There can't be any bits left somewhere along the way... possibly many bits in different places. A lot of healing has occurred. It's these last hidden bits... the ones buried deep. Been too hard to face... haven't felt strong enough or our unconscious was protecting us from the pain. Lilith not only confronts us, she mirrors our strength. She's been around a while... she's seen a lot.

As February begins we've moved to a new space... yes still lots of work ahead... it's a busy year. Virgo energy is strong this year. Virgo is efficient but she's also wise, representing the Goddess herself, her intention is wholeness. I've always thought she's the Spirit of the Earth, her energy both fine and strong.

It's been a big clean-out time... I've de-cluttered heaps, still more to go: and not just on the outside. I've gone to places I didn't think possible, I've faced the demons and I've become stronger. I laughed out loud as I read Kaypacha's Pele Report for January 27th: "Congratulations. If you are reading this, you are still alive and have not blown yourself up yet (or been blown up by your projectors)." Yes, it's been quite a month, but better out than in, I say.

## Crossword Solution

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# Update on The Cubes

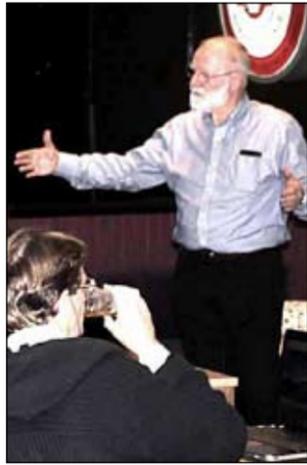
by Diana Roberts

In December, Lismore Council considered the development application (DA) received for The Cubes tourist accommodation, 80-82 Cullen Street.

Council determined as follows:

- the number of motel units be reduced from 32 to 24
- in principle agreement to the prefabricated container style design proposed
- the construction of 6 new car parks on Council land adjoining the development (within the existing car park) and requirement for some line marking of the existing car park
- demolition of the house at 82 to allow for construction of a manager's residence – more details on the design for this are to be provided by the developer
- a redesigned perimeter fence – detail to be provided
- an arboricultural report demonstrating how the significant trees identified for retention/possible retention can be safely retained and incorporated into the development
- a landscape plan to be provided
- a risk assessment by a suitably qualified person of the safety of the proposed driveway onto Cullen Street
- Amended plans, once submitted, will be placed on public exhibition and there will be an opportunity for people to make submissions
- the General Manager has delegated authority to determine the Development Application.

Of major concern to staff was the car parking shortfall. Even with the generous consideration of car parking requirements and reduction to 24 units there was a shortfall of 12 car parks on site. Those of us who were in Nimbin over the busy Xmas/New Year period will know that car parking was at a premium and, at times, not available in the public car park. It is concerning that at busy times when the motel is more likely to be fully occupied, there will not be adequate car parking provided on-site.



Cubes developer John Seymour outlines his vision to the Chamber of Commerce last year

Presumably the same concessions will be applied to the redevelopment of the fire sites. This is concerning, as very preliminary plans for the former Museum site include 19 backpacker units, 4 studios/apartments, 15 shops and no car parking on site. Council staff informed Councillors that this year they intend to commence development of a car parking strategy for Nimbin to ensure consistency in future development assessment. Amongst other things the strategy will determine if future land is required for parking.

It is also concerning that the current design does not allow adequate access for semi-rigid vehicles, including delivery vehicles. Council staff advised that "Given the location and style of development, it would seem reasonable to have the loading/unloading carried out in the carpark area adjacent to the disabled parking space. In this regard, the likelihood of a vehicle seeking to enter/exit the disabled space at the same time an SRV is loading/unloading would be low."

I have looked at this area several times and cannot see how this could occur without blocking the car park exit.

Please keep an eye out for the amended plans, take time to view them and make your thoughts known to Council.

The Cubes is a significant development for the village and we need to do what we can to get the best outcome for the community.

# Multiple occupancies

by Dionne May

Land. It has been fought over for eternity and made or broken man in his bloody minded determination to own and plunder it. The very soil that will ultimately entomb and absorb his earthly remains.

Ownership of land in Australia is the ultimate goal of most white Australians and the sorrow of every Aboriginal Australian since early explorers arrived and simply took over ownership and authority. With all this delicious land to now dangle forever in front of eager early pioneers, working class Australians for decades and now rich gleeful Chinese buyers, the government of this land has profited and yet still wrings it's hands in greedy delight. Move over people, we own what's underneath, and we can take it and poison the water to boot! Ha ha, what a tragic bloody rip off joke. But no one in Australia is laughing except the government and big businesses.

Like almost every small country town of Australia, our own history is stained with the blood of the brutal massacres of the Bunjalung people. Dispossessed and powerless in this white man's system, descendants walk amongst us today knowing exactly where their tribal homeland is, where the local food resources are and their sacred sites reside. All now owned by mostly white Australians still trading, living and profiteering off their originally stolen property.

Enter the hippie. Idealistically dreaming of reconciliation while conveniently buying up cheap land to 'share'. Multiple Occupancies sprang up all over these fertile valleys with visions of utopia, an alternative lifestyle to the rule and regulation driven consumer trip of the emerging modern Australia.

But what is the current situation on these MOs? **Fact one:** multiple occupancies also occupy original stolen land. **Fact two:** many shareholders are ignorant of, or unwilling to research their own land ownership history. **Fact three:** multiple occupancies are now fast becoming inundated with a new breed of hippy. Having served their dutiful time in the rat race, riding the double income boom, have they come to Nimbin too haplessly indoctrinated to a cleaner, more organised, orderly version of what life in these wild mountains and valleys demand? In many ways hasn't it been the letting go of old outdated rules, prejudices and damaging ideals and motivations that has allowed us to grow and thrive in our attempt to live harmoniously with the earth, family and community here and begin the journey to understanding our true history?

Are unresolved issues like original land rights, the huge divide between livestock and permaculture management of land and the personal issues inherent with people sharing land, now being compounded by these money-made alternative lifestyles?

More than anywhere else in Australia, I believe there are the potential, and connections here in Nimbin, to own our past, look at the idea of land ownership and at least open a dialogue to make way for a more harmonious future for all occupants of this land.

# Roundup spraying by Lismore Council

by Rob Lonetree

In November 2015 I observed workers from Lismore City Council (LCC) spraying all along the back carpark adjacent to Nimbin Central School and the Oasis Cafe. They then sprayed around the rocks next to the zebra crossing on Cullen Street. I approached the workers and asked what they were spraying. They said, "Roundup".

Following this event, I have been in communication with "Wendy" at Council, who confirmed with me that LCC regularly sprays Monsanto Round-up around Nimbin Village. I asked if there were any alternatives that could be employed. Wendy told me that steam could instead be used, but that it was 'more expensive'.

Roundup may cost the Council less than steam as a herbicide in material terms, but the health costs of its decision are infinitely greater for the Nimbin community, especially our children. I have seen people lounging around on the grass at the sitting rocks next to the zebra crossing, even eating their lunch there, and lying down amidst the dead yellowing grass.

In 2015, an arm of the World Health Organisation declared Monsanto's Roundup and its toxic ingredient glyphosate to be a probable carcinogen. In the USA, California's Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) declared it as such. In that state, a group called the Watertrough Children's

Alliance has launched a law suit against winemaker Paul Hobbs for converting an apple orchid into a vineyard adjacent to schools and threatening the health of over 500 children through their use of Roundup. The location of these vineyards has the highest rates of cancer in California.

From my communications with LCC staff, I get the impression that a concerted public outcry might convince them to switch to the harmless alternative of using steam to kill the weeds instead of the carcinogenic Roundup.

I encourage concerned Nimbin residents to petition council about their ongoing use of Roundup on Nimbin public lands, and ask that you insist they switch to the use of steam to control weeds.

In the USA, the California city of Richmond banned all pesticide in 2014. Glyphosate is a public health risk, and I am advocating that we petition LCC to ban it outright. Non toxic alternatives are available. Monsanto is a bad actor, and regularly sues people who attempt to stand up to them. They do not scare me.

On January 26 the Huffington Post published an article entitled 'Eight reasons to Avoid Doing Business with Monsanto', by business editor Alexander C. Kaufman. Monsanto has been dubbed 'the world's most evil corporation'. Roundup and Roundup Ready constitute 90% of Monsanto's revenue. Monsanto are desperately seeking a merger, largely in order to ditch their tarnished name.

# Nimbin Headers sign-on



A Headers junior player having a run at the Dunoon midfield in a game last season

We will be holding club sign-on days on Saturday 6th Feb outside the Green Bank in Nimbin (9am-1pm) and at the Headers grounds in Cecil St on Saturday 13th Feb (also 9am-1pm). A much-needed workday at the Headers will coincide with the 13th Feb sign-on, running from 9am-3pm. We encourage everyone to come on down and give us a hand to begin the long process of getting us ready for the pre-season which begins with Anzac Cup games and friendlies in early March for the seniors.

Training has begun for the men and women on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm. As always at the Headers everyone is most welcome to come and train with us, even if you are unsure whether you want to sign up and play. Junior training will officially begin in March. Competitive juniors (age 12-16 years) start on Thursday 3rd March from 4pm. Mini-Roos (age 6-11 years old) begin on Thursday 17th March from 4pm.

We will organise some group games for the kids before these dates to get them moving and involved in the pre-season buzz. Keep checking our Facebook page nimbinheaderssportsclubinc for more upcoming details.

What will 2016 hold for Headers? We can't wait to find out....



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<b>Leaving</b>	<b>Arriving</b>	<b>Leaving</b>	<b>Arriving</b>
Lismore Transit Centre	Nimbin – Main St. (Park)	Lismore Transit Centre	Nimbin – Main St. (Park)
7.00am	7.30am	8.00am	8.30am
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		
<b>Leaving</b>	<b>Arriving</b>	<b>Leaving</b>	<b>Arriving</b>
Nimbin – Main St. (Park)	Lismore Transit Centre	Nimbin – Main St. (Park)	Lismore Transit Centre
7.52am	8.50am	9.00am	9.35am
9.00am	9.35am	12.45pm	1.15pm *
12.45pm	1.15pm *	3.25pm	4.10pm
3.25pm	4.10pm	6.05pm	6.35pm
4.30pm	5.15pm		
6.05pm	6.35pm		

\* Mondays & Thursdays Only

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- 39 acres with 4 bedroom country retreat home
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- 25 acres with 5 bedroom home
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**U**ri was raised on the local Tuntable Falls community where he began school. His parents moved into Nimbin Village for his primary education and completion of his HSC at Lismore High School. Uri moved to the big smoke but finally made his way back to Nimbin where "life just feels normal."

Having worked for a multinational insurance company for the past two and a half years, and ranking number one agent in the country for several months, Uri learned some very helpful life skills and fantastic people skills, plus he has a great sense of humour. Uri has had a taste for real estate from a young age, first conducting work experience in this very office in 2006 and following up with Elders Lismore in 2007.

Since moving away Uri has come to the conclusion that Nimbin is where he wants live, after really appreciating the lifestyle here with a tight-knit community, sustainable living and overall, a safe place to live. Uri is currently sharing a joint vice-presidency role at the Nimbin Headers Sports Club where he has been involved over the last 16 years.

*"Nimbin truly is a unique community with the way it operates and people look out for one another. There's no place like this in Australia and I was lucky enough to be born into it."*



**46 THORBURN STREET, NIMBIN \$355,000**

- Charismatic three bedroom home situated on a large 1000sqm block
- Entertaining is easy as the home boasts a large informal dining area
- Modern kitchen, gas cooking, butcher's bench, ample storage
- Master has walk-in, other 2 bedrooms have built-ins
- In-ground swimming pool paved entertaining/bbq area and bar.
- Front views of Nimbin Rocks, 2 bay carport plus double LUG



**463 TUNTABLE CREEK RD, THE CHANNON \$1,800,000**

- Unique architecturally designed, N-E facing 4 bedroom home
- Entertainment area with pot belly fire pit, granite bench tops
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**135 OAKY CREEK ROAD, GEORGICA \$620,000**

- 100 acre country retreat with 3 bedrooms and a sleepout
- Polished timber floors, 12ft ceilings and elegant interior paint
- Work in progress converted bales with own septic, water connected and wood combustion heater
- Currently carrying 25 head of cattle, functional stockyards
- Main house and bales have mains power & phone reception



**4 THORBURN STREET, NIMBIN \$298,000**

- Large 4 bedroom home with 12 foot ceilings
- 1000sqm block in the heart of Nimbin Village
- Massive open plan kitchen/dining area
- Two brick fire places, walking distance to shops & school
- Rear deck view of Blue Knob to Mt Nardi
- Master bedroom features built-ins and access to large sleep-out



**61 CULLEN ROAD, NIMBIN \$469,000**

- Colonial style 4 bedroom home on 44 acres
- Large front veranda with views of Nimbin Rocks
- Huge open plan living, wood-heater, timber floors
- Expansive, under-cover entertaining deck, dam & creek
- Large fenced yard and enclosed with lock-up shed
- Affordable rural lifestyle on a no through road 5 mins from Nimbin



**25 FARAWAY ROAD, CAWONGLA \$669,000**

- Approx 97 acres of open & timbered areas
- Mud brick home; the pinnacle of sustainable living
- 4 bedrooms, one with en suite, generous modern kitchen
- Assortment of fruit trees, solar hot water, pool, machinery shed
- Slate floors, raked ceilings, water galore
- Boundary on Webster's Creek



**99 ANDERSON ROAD, NIMBIN \$795,000**

- 4 bedroom timber homestead with wide verandas on 3 sides
- Large living area, combustion fireplace and timber floors
- 1 bay carport, 3 bay machinery shed, enclosed timber shed
- Steel stockyards, divided into 17 paddocks,
- Fencing done in last 10 years
- Small fruit orchard, veggie gardens and mixed fertile pastures