

# Intergenerational equity and the environment

by Dr Lynne De Weaver

The concept that underlies current research on Intergenerational Equity (IE) states that all people hold the natural and cultural environment of the Earth in common, both with all members of the present generation as well as with all members of past and future generations.

But IE must also include economic as well as environmental considerations.

Although Economist Paul Krugman, Professor at the Graduate Centre of the City University of New York, was referring to the United States when he wrote about IE, the same issues are applicable in Australia. He noted that by neglecting public investment and failing to create jobs, far more harm was done to future generations than

merely passing along debt: "Fiscal policy is, indeed, a moral issue, and we should be ashamed of what we're doing to the next generation's economic prospects... Young workers face high unemployment and studies have shown their income may lag throughout their careers as a result..."

Greens Senator, Christine Milne said something very similar in the lead-up to the 2014 Carbon Price Repeal Bill, naming the Liberal National Party and its ministers, as intergenerational thieves. Her statement was based on the coalition's reversal of Labor's progressive carbon tax policy and the impact this would have on the intergenerational equity of future generations.

Unfortunately, our quality of life has slowly but surely been eroded by both globalisation and laws which



favour corporations and the wealthy at the expense of the average wage-earner and the next generation.

So while many of us 'baby-boomers' turned out years ago to raise our voices on a range of issues, we were also the last generation to graduate from college or university without a crippling debt thanks to Gough Whitlam's government. And, when we finished our education there were also plenty of trades, jobs and other

opportunities for us too including a world class free health-care system. But somewhere along the way, when we were busy raising our families and getting on with our lives, all this changed.

While our economy was becoming 'globalised' and we had more choice of things to purchase at ever lower prices, we all paid for these choices in other ways. Unions no longer protected workers, jobs disappeared overseas and slowly but surely our economy became less equitable.

Additionally, our environment has been heavily impacted as Australia's resources boom turbo-charged our economy and progressive governments were driven by short-term profits at the expense of long term sustainability.

Instead of creating a Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) to benefit

future generations of Australians, our government handed out tax cuts!

So while the fossil fuel industry created a boom economy for most of Australia, subsequent governments have allowed most of the profits to head off overseas. (Typically 85% of the profits from this industry have gone off-shore.)

The mining boom has turned into a bust, and our budgetary surpluses have fast become a thing of the past. Unless we can get our elected representatives to factor Intergenerational Equity into the economic equation, the future of the next generations of Australian is looking decidedly bleak.

It seems that far too often many of us have forgotten that "The future does not belong to us; we borrow it from our children and grandchildren."

## ASTRO FORECASTS

by Tina Mews

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS?

### Aries

Use the weeks before your birthday for finalising current projects and plans. Then envision future goals without necessarily acting on them yet; instead allow them to ripen according to their own timing. The lunar eclipse on March 23 could activate themes and issues that involve others. Try to resolve any controversial issues before Mars turns retrograde (April 17).

### Taurus

During this month old friendships could end while new ones are about to begin. Over the last weeks you have gained more clarity about the effect others have on you and how this influences the ways you approach any relationship. It is essential that you maintain the inner space and freedom to express your own truth and beliefs.

### Gemini

At the moment you are challenged to balance your commitment to others with your need for independence. Stay as clear as possible in your responses. Important endings could bring about changes to your life direction and you might feel called to do some kind of service work. Trust your intuition.

### Cancer

You are challenged to believe in your own abilities without needing recognition from others. If you feel unclear about your future direction, relax and take a step-by-step approach. It is not the time to push ahead with your projects. Daily exercise will keep body and mind in balance.

### Leo

This is a time where you feel like getting serious about your creative self-expression, even though this could challenge some of your most cherished values and beliefs. Nevertheless, benefits could follow, especially if you break through old barriers. A joint artistic endeavour may be a possible development, even though it might take on an unusual course.

### Virgo

This is a time when you have to be persevering in searching for the correct information so that you can build the right foundation later on. Nevertheless, do not push yourself or others too hard. You want to grow right now; however, the emphasis is more on 'inner' than 'outer' growth.

## March

In our yearly round we have reached Pisces, the last sign in the zodiac and the end of the cycle. In many ways Pisces is associated with the urge of fusing the material and spiritual realms without getting lost in either of them. More often than not, the choice seems to be either saving others through self-sacrifice and service or suffering the consequences of escapist tendencies. Pisceans can dream big dreams, but might easily be discouraged. Being a water sign, makes it difficult to define boundaries, since water is formless and can take on any shape or colour of its environment. Thus, they are like psychic sponges that absorb - mainly unconsciously - the moods and vibes of those around them. On a lighter note, the Piscean individual has a vivid imagination and can excel at dance, acting, music and many other forms of creative self-expression. Equally, many of them are gifted healers or dedicated health and welfare workers.

The wave of ongoing transformation presents us with a number of new challenges. The years from 2010 - 2015 were marked by many political and cultural revolutions, radical paradigm shifts, as well as important technological inventions. Collectively and personally we have entered the time of transition that follows such an up-rooting and shape-shifting period. Currently, the main stage is set up by the planetary constellation formed between Saturn in Sagittarius, Jupiter in Virgo, and Chiron and Neptune in Pisces. This combination symbolizes a lot of uncertainty (Chiron & Neptune in Pisces) and a need for a new focus and overall re-orientation (Saturn in Sagittarius). The question is for many people or groups of people: "Where do I/we go from here, which path shall I/we take?" (Jupiter in Virgo). Learnt or socially prescribed values (Saturn in Sagittarius) might not fit with our inner sense of spirituality (Chiron/Neptune) or moral codes anymore (Jupiter in Virgo). We are forced into examining what we truly do believe. Additionally, Mars, planet of desire and passion, enters truth seeking Sagittarius on March 6 and will remain in this sign until May 28, during which it will move into its once in two year retrograde period (April 17). Mars in fiery Sagittarius is highly energetic and strong-willed, but lacks patience to wait things out. However, the need for reflection and slowing down will become more obvious from mid next month.

The current instability and uncertainty is accentuated by two eclipses: a total Solar eclipse in the sign Pisces on March 9 and a Lunar eclipse on March 23 (11 pm) in Libra/Aries. Eclipses are powerful New Moons (solar) and Full Moons (lunar). They are 'gate openers' as energies can shift unexpectedly. They work in pairs: and this current pair of eclipses re-activates the ones of last September (Sept 13 & 28). Important themes that were brought



from shadow into light then could be reactivated now. Eclipses can begin or terminate activities suddenly and mark the milestones in the changes of a cycle. However, in the period prior to an eclipse we are in a shadow, not seeing the complete situation. Therefore avoid major decisions one week before and after an eclipse. The Solar eclipse in Pisces (March 9) signifies important endings which lay the ground for new beginnings that might indeed be very positive, as Jupiter, planet of good fortune, is involved in the eclipse pattern. Saturn squaring the eclipse might indicate the possibility of ending old, unfinished business. We might be able to lay things to rest,

people, beliefs or goals that are outdated and do not fit into our life anymore.

Then new gates can open.

The Full Moon Lunar eclipse takes place on March 23, three days after the Aries ingress, the Spring equinox on the Northern Hemisphere and our Autumn equinox. This coincides with the second Jupiter/Saturn square (the first one took place in early August 2015) symbolising a very significant turning point. Jupiter and Saturn are in the waning phase of their 20 year cycle that started in 2000, which is associated with the acceleration and intensification of economic contraction. Saturn dampens Jupiter's natural confidence and optimism. However, this can be regarded as positive, especially when things have grown out of proportion and are beyond their healthy limits. Nevertheless, these are testing times during which contracts that do not mirror anymore who we truly are will be terminated, which ultimately leads to important insights and understanding. We are challenged to search for our own truth (Saturn in Sagittarius). It is our right to choose and carry responsibilities according to our own inner principles (Jupiter in Virgo), and it is up to every one of us to become a self-determined individual and not a follower. During the Saturn retrograde phase (March 25 - August 13) we can reflect on current projects, plans and ideas and make adjustments and correction where needed.

*Navigation by the Stars: Personal and/or Relationship Astrology; Life Cycles and Your Year Ahead: Plans, Directions, Concerns; contact Tina on 6689-7413 or 0457-903-957, email: star-loom@hotmail.com*

#### Astrology classes at the Lillfield Community Centre.

• *The Many Layers of the Horoscope: a Guide to Wholistic Chart Reading' Wednesday mornings at the Lillfield Community Centre, 10am - 1pm*

• *'Soul Astrology: Lunar Nodes and Karma', Saturday, March 12, 10am - 4pm, bring your own lunch, morning tea provided*

#### Astrology workshop at the Mullumbimby Yoga Peace Centre

• *'The Mars Retrograde Cycle of 2016: the Transcendence Phase of Passions, Drive, Desire and Ambitions', Saturday, March 19, 10am - 4pm; booking is essential!*

### Libra

Too many options are confusing and you might find it difficult to focus on your daily routine. Consider some changes to free up time for yourself and your own inner development. Relationship issues might be triggered during the lunar eclipse on March 23. Discuss sensible alternatives with others.

### Scorpio

Good connections and contacts that you are making now can turn potentially into real opportunity later on. Nevertheless, there will be a lot of starts and stops over the next few months, with things not really resolving themselves until mid year. The challenge is to do more with fewer resources available.

### Sagittarius

Mars, the planet of passion and desire is in your sun sign from March 6 until May 28 increasing your drive for self-expression and independence. You want to meet life head on, and may become frustrated if your path is blocked. You need to proceed carefully, addressing feelings of uncertainty with wise decision making.

### Capricorn

Your powers of intuitive perception have grown and are accentuated at the moment, allowing you to grasp a broader transpersonal reality. This might be confusing for the rational mind and you could experience a sense of loss of direction. Take a step-by-step approach and trust your own wisdom to guide you.

### Aquarius

This is a time where you best focus on your own priorities, even though there might be opportunities for working together with others later on in the year. At this stage it is important to align your vision of a better society with your own psycho-emotional reality. Old contracts might end now to make space for new developments.

### Pisces

The Solar eclipse in your sun sign on March 9 might mark the end of a cycle, but also the beginning of something new. There might be a direct connection to issues that were surfacing last September which causes some anguish or grief now. Whatever is happening, trust that it will be for the better and will have some very positive outcomes.



# Nimbin Garden Club notes



by Lorraine Keen

We had the pleasure of visiting 'Ell Rose' garden, hosted by Janice Rose at Gungas Road, Nimbin.

Janice has spent the last six years creating a garden wonderland for her grandchildren at the rear of their 100-year old homestead, comprising a fairy garden, native garden, water garden, rose garden and self-designed maze of purple flowering Cuphea shrubs.

A vintage caravan has been renovated

into a charming cottage cubby with its own special 'garden bed'.

Lots of quirky interesting recycled vintage household items collected over many years, along with several birdbaths, are hidden and displayed throughout the numerous garden beds. Even the Hills Hoist has been converted, and now provides a shaded seating area. One of the thirty acres of the property is dedicated to growing garlic, which has been recently harvested.

Afternoon tea was served under the much-welcomed shade of the many large trees in the older part of the garden amongst hundreds of potted plants, hanging baskets and bromeliads.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday 19th March, 2pm-4pm at the home of Triny Roe, 399 Gungas Road, Nimbin. All welcome, please bring a chair and plate of food for afternoon tea.

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## trivia

Devised by Martin Gill

### Questions

1. In which country did a Green Party first rise to prominence?
2. Name the three bands that featured or were led by Janis Joplin during her recording career.
3. What were Archie, Veronica and Gopher in the computer world?
4. Who wrote 'The Loaded Dog'?
5. What is Craquelure?
6. What is the most widely used opiate in the world?
7. For silver to be classified as Sterling, what percentage of pure silver must it contain?
8. The origins of the NSW Police Force go back to 1789 when a night watch was formed. Who were its members?
9. Where on a horse is the frog?
10. What are classic Akubra hats made from?

1. Petra Kelly founded the Green Party in Germany. Faking ceramics. Faking on old paintings and craquelure is an art form in itself.  
6. Codeine, one of the two major political alkaloids extracted from the opium poppy.  
7. Sterling silver is 92.5% pure. It is often called 925 silver.  
8. Eight of the best Holding Company, Boogie Band. I've always Band and The Full Tilt police force made up of criminals. What could possibly go wrong?  
9. It's the soft bit on the underside of the hoof. It's also the handle end of a violin bow and a part of a search tool in the days before the Web. Green screens, command lines and Telnet. Ah, the good old days.  
4. It's a classic Henry Lawson yarn about a dog time you see Bob Katter, running around with a picture him with a rabbit on his head. This will increase his credibility.

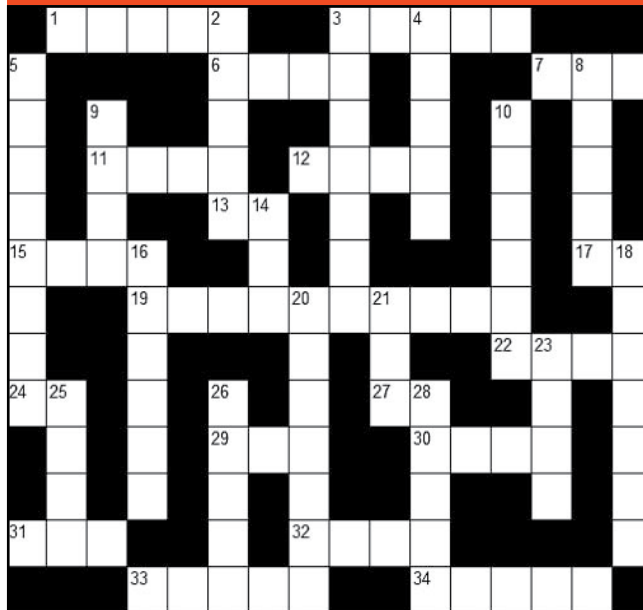
5. It's the fine crazing stick of fused dynamite.  
2. Big Brother and the Greens. Fast learners.  
3. They were all Internet recognition.  
8. Evil  
9. Mass of tight curls (hairstyle)  
10. Liquid impact  
11. Energy source  
12. 13th century Persian poet  
13. Games company (The Sims, Mass Effect, Crisis...)  
14. Legendary vessel  
15. Pokie?  
16. Dozen  
17. Saint  
18. Crowds  
19. Evil  
20. Drug or element obtained from a plant – usually by distillation  
21. Member of a religious order?  
22. Time?  
23. Set to permit passage  
24. East Asian boardgame played on a 19x19 grid  
25. Spheres  
26. \_\_\_\_\_ or 29 across!  
27. Note  
28. Help up  
29. Throwable random number generator  
30. Double reed woodwind  
31. Remnants after fire  
32. Automobiles  
33. Base unit of measure (vol)  
34. Bronze

Answers

## Nimbin Crossword

2016-3

by Synic



### Across

1. 100 in a pound
3. Flowering trees and shrubs (birch family)
6. A short Christmas
7. An active ingredient in cannabis (init.)
11. Energy source
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### Down

2. Involuntary expat?
3. Took over? Taken for granted
4. Giantkiller
5. Injury – discolouration and swelling
8. Pre-knockout rounds?
9. Mass of tight curls (hairstyle)
10. Liquid impact
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## Nosin' around with PAC



(above) Young Butcherbirds *Cracticus torquatus* sunning themselves in late November last year. There are two other genus, *Argenteus* silver-backed (northern N.T.) and *Latens* (northern W.A.), like *Argenteus* but with a partly developed black bib on breast, and small black chin patch.

(left) Satin Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus* snapped in Nimbin. Sizing from 27 to 33cm, they range from Victoria to mid-Queensland, plus a patch in north Queensland, from the coast into the hinterland of the Great Divide.

## On-line dating

It seems the way people try to find love these days is through on-line dating.

But you have to be careful not to believe everything you read on these sites, there's a lot of misrepresentation going down, so I hear from friends who have had disastrous dates where both parties have been disappointed through being misled.

I'm thankful I'm married as I don't think I'd do too well because of my pathological inability to lie. I'd have to tell them my true age is 55, but due to Lyme disease I feel 85.

I'd also have to admit to loving classical music and hating doof, which would cut out most Australian men under 70.

I'd have to mention mood swings, food intolerance, illnesses, my scatological sense of humour and that I hate cooking. I would post a photo of me first thing in the morning so they

would get a pleasant surprise if we actually met.

I reckon they should have a dating site called Bad Habits. It's bad habits that can break people up, particularly if they didn't know about them in the beginning, but it's also bad habits that make people attractive to each other and you might as well warn them in advance.

Let's face it, no-one wants to drink alone, and being stoned with someone else is always more fun.

I could brag about being a champion burper – I can do bi-tonal burps. I practised for years, and I certainly want a partner who appreciates such a skill.

Luckily my hubby, who happens to be a champion farter, is in awe of my burps and loves me the way I am, except he wishes my bum was bigger.

I can't help it if all the fat goes to the front.



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

### She says / HE says

with Aunty Maj and Uncle Norm

#### She says

It's so typical of men – everything of theirs is precious and nothing of yours is, even a beautiful piano.

Uncle Norm thinks every ashtray (overflowing) he's ever collected is precious, and don't even think about donating his Wheels magazines to the doctor's surgery, and definitely keep your hands off his model cars. No matter how crappy, if it's his it is precious, but if it belongs to me then it's just a schmonza.

This became blindingly obvious when he knocked over my crystal ball. I had saved up to buy this beautiful crystal and have been peering into it for 25 years. When I got upset because it was scratched he said, "Oh, it's just a bauble." I had never seen anything in that crystal ball previously, but now the truth was suddenly illuminated.

So I sympathize with you over his pathetic aesthetics. If you were a subservient woman you could take up the flute, which is compact and would easily fit into his bloody dresser, that is if it's not full of his old magazines. Or you could learn the ukulele which, though being a much lesser instrument than the piano, nevertheless can easily hang on the wall. But I can see from your letter that you're not going to take this lying down.

No, you have to make a stand right from the get-go or you'll never have a fair go, and neither will your relationship. Tell him he should be thankful it's only one piano. I have to live with four upright pianos and a grand because Uncle Norm is a piano tuner and repairer. So tell him to move over, stop whinging and count his blessings. He's got you hasn't he?

Dear SSHS,

I have recently moved into my lover man's unit where everything is aesthetically perfect, though space is tight. I want to move my upright piano in, which means a prized sideboard must go. Help! – Mary Q. Contrary

#### He says

"Piano: a parlor utensil for subduing the impenitent visitor. It is operated by depressing the keys of the machine and the spirits of the audience."

Dear Mary, the above quote from the Devil's Dictionary unfortunately sums up the attitudes of many people towards the piano, and music in general. Let's be optimistic and hope that your lover man is not one of these.

After all it's said that music is the highest expression of the arts and you, dear Mary, perform on the piano, the King of musical instruments. I would think it is one of the many attributes that made you attractive to him in the first place.

No, he shouldn't complain – it could be a lot worse. My whole life revolves around pianos and my wife has to put up with five of them hogging space like wooden hippos. And that's down from 12 at one point!

You could have turned up with a violin, an 'instrument' that at best sounds like a rat caught in a trap, and at worst a braying donkey. Or perhaps a trumpet which imitates the sound of a left cheek sneak on a leather couch. Indeed, I think lover man should be most grateful to forgo his sideboard for a bit of music and culture in his oh-so aesthetic world.

Besides, if it is so prized, he can probably pocket a few bob for it on eBay. Thing is Mary, if he is prepared to get rid of the sideboard, what are you going to do for him in return? Hmmmm?

Send your relationship problems to Norm and Magenta:  
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with Bob Tissot

Hello, and welcome to On-Air, Nim-FM's monthly hard-copy radio program with your horoscope on the other side. (But then with Mercury in your ascendant, I knew you'd tune in.)

It's been hunting season at Nim-FM this month with some pretty spectacular results. After on-going problems with the phone, it was discovered that the cable had been severed by rats (probably in the employ of the government). Live-capture traps were obtained and the pogrom commenced. It was 13 caught and resettled at last count; the committee has sworn an oath of Eternal Vigilance and the beat goes on.

And now it's time for Spotlight and this week I'm talking to Gail Clark (pictured) who brings you *Absolutely Fabulous* every Monday between 8am and 10am.

OA: Gail, thanks for coming in. So, how did you get involved in radio?

GC: Well Bob, I started out at 2NCR in Lismore. That's where I did my training... lots of training. In fact, believe it or not I had the midnight to dawn shift. Marge Graham would come



on after me at dawn with Country & Western. It was amazing how many people were listening after midnight. Farmers, mums feeding babies and blokes in trucks. So I used to chat...you know I like to chat... I chatted like I was talking to friends out there.

OA: So how did you get out here?

GC: Well, 2NCR was about to move, there was restructuring going on and I heard about Nim-FM about to get started so I jumped in. I think I'm member number ten.

OA: I'll have to check that out. Have you always done Mondays?

GC: No, I started on Thursday nights. The Oasis was a different café back then and I think they were my prime listeners. People would listen and then come over and join in with their opinions. It was a lot of fun.

OA: Then you moved to Mondays.

GC: That's right. Start of the week and people need a positive, uplifting show on Mondays. I don't touch much on politics, I want people to feel good. Social issues are where I like to go;

pharmaceuticals vs natural remedies. I feel very strongly that people should be able to grow their own medicines if possible. Not just marijuana but a whole range of plants. I had a very bad addiction to pharmaceuticals when I was in my early twenties, all prescribed by my doctor, and I know there are others out there like I was.

OA: What sort of music can your listeners expect Gail?

GC: I'm never sure Bob; I try to play music relevant to what I'm talking about and a decent amount of new music from the "Rack at the Back". It's nice to show respect for the work a musician has put into a CD and share it with our listeners.

OA: And what do you get up to outside of radio?

GC: Well poetry is the big one, the Poetry World Cup. I've managed to get a couple of work-for-the-dole people to take over the soup making and serving for the soup kitchen on Fridays so that's given me some time. And of course my family Bob, same as you. Grandkids growing faster than the eye can see. We're so lucky, and that's something I like to push on my radio show. No matter what dramas you have, step back and look and see how lucky we truly are.

OA: Gail, thank you for chatting.

GC: Thanks Bob.

That's it for me, it's been great having you listening and I'll see you all next month. Ciao.

## Back from the Big Bubble

by Mookx

I recently flew down to my old hometown Melbourne to visit friends and relatives.

Leaving Nimbin, flying out of fairly user-friendly Ballina and arriving at Tullamarine is a visceral, existential oxymoron. From laid-back seaside "place where old people go to die" to megacity where living means always spending money whilst maintaining life somehow in a largely carbon monoxide atmosphere, eating non-food and drinking sugary stuff from cans instead of water. Too many cars, roads, freeways, not-so-freeways (clicking the little dollar-counting gizmo on your windscreen every couple of k's), too many people, dogs, cats, elephants in the room... you name it!

And not enough trees!

First up, I went to visit my dear friend Hans Poulsen in an old folks home in what used to be derogated as the "dry suburb" (no pubs)... Box Hill... which is now a Chinese city state with its own lonely, black, mini-skyscraper plonked in the midst of all the shops. The receptionist, attendants and nurses at the home were mostly Chinese. I opened the door to Hans's room to find him propped up in a wheelchair, watching the box. We had a great reunion. Way overdue... I rarely go to Melbourne. Despite the stroke that debilitated him all those years ago, he is still full of light and love. Medicated no doubt, he converses brightly despite a slight speech impairment. He can't play guitar and sing any more but manages to keep on a positive tack anyway. He is an amazing soul... always was... always will be. Bless you Hanzo!

Stepping out into Box Hill CBD, looking for just one of Melbourne's famous plethora of Italian Espresso bars is a shock. It's Asia mate! Asian shops and businesses festoon (didn't say fester) on all fronts. You turn into a pedestrian-only shopping zone, and further into a food mall that literally takes your breath away. Massive vegetable and fruit markets hawking stuff you've never seen before... as well as more familiar orchard and garden produce by the tonne. There are hundreds of food stalls and cafes flogging



everything from noodles, dumplings, yum cha, tasty treats of all kinds all the way up to gourmet Cantonese. The whole place is packed with chattering Chinese and assorted Asians. It's a riot of bright lights. It's colour and aroma central. Richmond has a similar Vietnamese presence... there are enclaves growing all over the place. China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Korea... National restaurants and coffee shops in every suburb announce the latest arrivals to the 'hood. Tables clutter suburban footpaths everywhere... in front of small cafes that used to be bike shops, groceries, butchers, bakers and candlestick makers. It's a strange feeling for an old expat like me to handle. Nothing to do with racism... just a weird transformation... a "Victorian" city morphing into Asia.

One day I took my friend Megan (pictured above) on a lightning tour which covered the art gallery, picnic at Alexander Gardens, walk by the Yarra, Young & Jackson's (visit Chloe), check out The Block and other famous arcades (including a visit to Gog & Magog), the Bourke St. West police station where I lived circa 1956 (now a hotel/restaurant) and the historic bluestone cell-block still intact. St. Augustine's, St. Patrick's, the Museum (fantastic Aboriginal section) and finally a tram to St Kilda and a sunset gelati by the sea beneath the Luna Park roller coaster. What a day! Another day I had a sing with some of Melb's top New Orleans Jazz players and dropped in on a Melbourne Ukulele Kollektive rehearsal. Awesome times!

Getting lost in Melbourne (yes... even

an old native!) or needing to ask someone how to operate the tram ticket machine is no fun at all. On the two or three occasions I needed directions or help, I came to realise that most of the people around me were Asian and either didn't speak English or didn't want to. Or more likely... people of any race or colour with their face in a screen and wearing headphones. They might just-as-easily have been holding big signs saying, "Piss off! Don't bother me!" I actually flagged down a passing cyclist to get directions once. The footpath traffic was too reminiscent of Saigon!

Dunno if it's the fluoride in the water or what... but the planetary awareness level that I bumped into... well actually didn't bump into... umm... Let me put it this way! They've never heard of Terania, Bentley, Mount Nardi, full moon dances, magic mushrooms, Nimbin, even CSG! They live in a big bubble like Jim Carrey in *The Truman Show*. Truth is what you are told on the screens that fill your day. Benny Zable has it painted on his famous gas-mask outfit:

"Work, Consume, Be Silent, Die. I rely on your apathy. It's costing the Earth!"

I missed our great local bread first up, and searching for health food shops was a sad affair. Interesting to note that Paleo diet and soy-free seem to be the leading edge of fadsville. What comes after you toss soy out the door? Back to beef?

Can't even breathe the air down there. After three or four days I developed a nasty, tight cough coming from lung-central and hurting my ribs after a while. Then came a runny nose and incessant sneezing that didn't stop until I was back home for a few days breathing oxygen again, back amongst the trees.

My last adventure was to meet and stay with three first-cousins I had never met before, down at Pt. Lonsdale, near Queenscliff and the Port Phillip Bay heads. That was a very musical and profound time... and deserves a story of its own. Later maybe.

Leaving from Avalon is a great experience... small airport like Ballina... friendly people. Nice way to say bye-bye Melbourne for now.

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# Nimbin Headers



Forward Phil Courtney scoring the Headers 4th goal



Headers toying with the opposition

## 2016 Anzac Cup Open A group pool C Sunday 28th February, Round 1 Nimbin Headers V Mullumbimby

A couple of minutes from the start, Beau Grabovsky for the Headers fires a shot just wide. Then with Mullum on the attack, a Headers defender in trying to clear brings a great save from the Headers keeper to stop them from taking the lead.

A nice ball over the Mullum defence and Headers forward Phil Courtney chips the keeper but is given offside by the referee.

With 22 minutes gone, Mullumbimby take the lead as a shot comes in from the left hand wing and into the right hand corner of the goal. Up to this point, the Headers had created more chances on goal, but the Mullumbimby keeper was in fine fettle making at least three great saves, one of them just getting his fingertips to the ball to push it out for a corner, and another one getting his boot to the ball at

full stretch.

Another Headers attack: a forward beats a defender, kicks the ball past the keeper and then runs around him but couldn't stop the ball crossing the goal line.

Mullumbimby on the attack, but are stopped in their tracks with a tackle that brought out a yellow card for one of the Headers defenders.

So at half-time the score was Nimbin Headers 0 Mullumbimby 1.

Mullumbimby came to Nimbin with the bare essentials, no-one on the bench, and it was to be their downfall as the Headers were now taking control of the game, and not too much longer the goal came to even things up. A free kick just outside the box for the Headers produced a fine tip-over-the-top save from the Mullum keeper.

And from the corner Phil Courtney finds forward Ruben Mack in the box who slips the ball past the keeper.

The goal to take the lead

comes within two minutes – a lovely pass from Dillon to front-runner Beau Grabovsky. By now the Mullum keeper had used up all of his nine lives.

A mishap in the Headers defence allows a Mullum forward to have a shot which beats the keeper but misses the far post.

With half an hour gone, some great passing from midfield to forward Ruben Mack lays a ball on to Huon Campbell who makes no mistake: Headers 3-1.

The Headers give a free kick away and the culprit kicked the ball away and was duly booked.

Some lovely play by Headers forward Beau Grabovsky who shoots, but it's saved and the ball rebounds back to him and he shoots again, and this time the ball comes out to the right hand side of the northern goal and is pounced on by Phil Courtney who pushes the ball back across the keeper to make the score 4-1.

Then a bit later a Mullum player gets booked, to leave the yellows at 2-1 to the Headers.

With just about the last kick of the game, Headers Beau Grabovsky deservedly gets his brace to make the score Nimbin Headers 5 Mullumbimby 1.



Forward Beau Grabovsky

## Bushwalkers explore Flat Rock



by Peter Moyle

Another Nimbin Bushwalker's camp-over walks weekend, this time at the beautiful Flat Rock Tent Park near Ballina – a commercial park with first class amenities, but with the feel of a bush retreat.

Some arrived Friday afternoon and the rest Saturday and all up we had nine walkers. It can be uncomfortable weather wise this time of year but we enjoyed mild temperatures and some isolated showers all weekend and all up it was almost perfect walking conditions.

Trip leaders Leonie and Kathy know this area well as it is in their backyard and had arranged a walk north on the Saturday to Lennox Head. This took us over a few different headlands and along some lovely beaches and the variety of terrain made it most enjoyable walking, on the steeper sections formed paths have been constructed making for safe walking in the otherwise slippery conditions.

Once over the Lennox Headland we followed the coast past the township before an enjoyable rest at a casual coffee house just off the beach. Returning to camp all up we covered about 16km in 5 hours and as we had left early we then spent a lazy afternoon socialising, playing cards wandering on the local beach and swimming.

Sunday had us up early for the walk south to the mouth of the Richmond River. The showers were a little more persistent but not annoying and still very good walking conditions with the low



temperatures. The first part of the walk was through a significant stand of littoral rainforest some natural and the rest due to a concerted reforestation project. The significant birdlife with their constant chatter had us all glancing about trying to identify them.

As well as a few diversionary lookout views, we eventually made it back onto the beach before meeting the imposing Richmond River. Backtracking on different tracks after another coffee stop gave us more of a perspective of the lush rainforest.

Even though the walking was close to civilisation the natural beauty of the coastline gave the weekend a rewarding experience and some regular members being joined by three enthusiastic newbies highlighted the advantages of being members of the friendly Nimbin Bushwalkers Club.

I thoroughly enjoyed the companionship and a big thank you to Leonie and Kathy for their effort in organising the weekend and I hope to catch up soon with members and prospective members on the trail.

[www.nimbinbushwalkers.com](http://www.nimbinbushwalkers.com)

## March Walks Programme

### 11th-12th March Weekend Camp

#### Clarrie Hall Dam

Leader: Carol Evans (0481-314-372)

**Grade 1:** A weekend private property camp, walking, swimming, boating and fishing in pristine section of the dam. Option to camp one or two nights

### Sunday 27th March Nightcap N. P.

Leader: Judy Hales (6689-1477)

**Grade 4:** Full day walk through wild rugged rainforest. Climb the spire for a view from above the tree canopy around the basin (weather permitting), or second option:

**Grade 2:** Walk to Protestors Falls. Easy walk 1.4km return; well sign-posted, some slippery rocks.

**Meet:** 9.30am at the information board in the picnic grounds at the end of Terania Creek Road.

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12.45pm	1.15pm *	3.25pm	4.10pm
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- Large 3.2kw solar system, creek that runs through property
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- Views of Mt Warning and the Border Range



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- North East views situated on approx 100 acres of undulating land
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