



by Kevin A. Harris

On the Bangalow Road, heading out towards Byron Bay, no more than 15kms outside Lismore, there's an old park that has a dark history attached to it. The Lions Park it is called, located on the banks of the Wilson River.

Lions Park, or Boat Harbour as it's also known locally (the original name of Lions Park is Boat Harbour), was where they used to bring down logs from the mountains, or pleasure cruise up the Wilson.

Boat Harbour was first explored in 1828 by Captain Henry Rous. Throughout the 19th century, Red Cedar was transported through Boat Harbour and to Lismore. Also, until the early 20th century, goods were regularly shipped down the Richmond and into the Wilson,

including food such as eggs, bacon and veggies.

Families started coming here to mix and enjoy a pleasant Sunday afternoon, picnicking during summer, with kids splashing in the river, laughing and squealing with delight.

And on the only set of swings they played... until tragedy struck.

It was a strange place to begin with, and still is. A triple murder occurred inside a house located nearby, back in the 1930s; a hermit used to live inside the bush and only appear when the mailman left off tucker for him; and the local Indigenous people avoided the place like a rash.

On a stinker of a summer, this place would be cold. There's a strange and dark energy embedded in that place. It's creepy enough driving by it each day heading into Lismore.

From what I gather, in the mid-

1970s a young boy (some would argue that it was a girl) aged around six was playing on the set of swings when he fell off. The swing connected with the young boy at the back of his head, killing him outright. Or so the story goes.

Now here's the strange bit. On a windless night, the old swings would suddenly move on their own account, then end with a scream (take that with a pinch of salt). This story did the rounds during the 70s and the 80s around campfires, which was when I heard the tale, around a fire when I was 10.

Then, out of the blue, the council suddenly took the swing-set away and now it's sitting rusting away somewhere in a tip. The thing is, does the ghost of the little boy still refuse to leave the swings, and still plays on them to this day?

## Ghost story

The haunted swings of the Old Lions Park

## ASTRO FORECASTS

by Tina Mews

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HEAVENS?

### Aries

The current moment encourages a big picture perspective shifting your focus on manifesting grand ideas and developing strategies to finance them. You are prepared to work hard for any project that kindles your ambition. Make sure to get the support of others, which is essential for achieving your goals.

### Taurus

During this month your focus is on others, especially partnerships. Your relating skills could be tested. An increase in responsibility may have a lot to do with it. Nevertheless, you can learn something important about your deeper needs and inner resourcefulness, which helps building a new perspective.

### Gemini

Times are busy and your life is buzzing with activity. Therefore, it is essential to keep calm. Boost your immune system, find some rest. Duties and obligations in your relationships might need to be negotiated to allow things running smoothly. Make space for creative projects or doing something fun or adventurous.

### Cancer

During this period you might feel the impulse to take some risk, go on an adventure or express yourself somehow creatively. Your feelings are intensified during November 11/12 supplying you with an extra boost for artistic projects that overstep old limitations and restrictions. It could take you into a totally new direction.

### Leo

At the moment you might feel like spending more time at home or with your family. Nevertheless, expect some intense times in your emotional life. The Full Moon on Nov 15 could bring you the recognition for your hard work that you have been waiting for. This is your time of new inspirations, fresh contacts and playful inventiveness.

### Virgo

During this period you might find a heightened interest into research, education and communication in general. You will be interacting more with relatives or neighbours and there might be some benefits coming your way. An increased sense of self-esteem will attract the goodies that you need now for realising your next step.

## November

We have reached the deep probing sign of Scorpio in our yearly cycle around the zodiac. Scorpio combines the fixed quality with the water element indicating that individuals who are under its influence can have very intense and powerful emotions. The evolutionary intent is a penetrating, feeling-centred self-analysis and facing those inner parts that need to be integrated and healed. Once a goal is identified as desirable, the Scorpio ruled soul will pursue it with undeterred will power drawing from any resources that are available. Scorpions are said to have a mysterious and secretive nature, great recuperative powers and can miss out on light-heartedness. More than anybody else they are driven to get to the bottom of things, not leaving a stone unturned. Scorpio energy is transformative and its owners can use it for helping and influencing others in a positive way. Nevertheless, their willful and highly focused nature, resilience and determination remain a power to be reckoned with. On the downside, Scorpio can hold onto his/her grudges far too long with a tendency to contemplate revenge. On the physical level this can lead to an accumulation of toxins, which then requires the body to move through a process of purging, transforming and healing. New Moons are seeding times. The New Moon in Scorpio on the last day of October has seeded the themes that keep our hearts and minds occupied during most of November and until the next New Moon on November 29. Scorpio relates to transformative processes and the life-death-rebirth cycle. Neptune, planet of dreams, imagination and vision is trine the New Moon and conjunct the karmic South Node. Unresolved wounds of the past can be cleared, healed and released with this New Moon. The movements of Jupiter, the principle of expansion, magnitude and growth is of major influence during the last phase of the year. The positive Jupiter brings advancement on all levels, while his negative side is inflation, dogma and overextension. On a collective level, this is a critical phase for synchronising political, economic and religious developments with appropriate ethical values. Jupiter in Libra is ruled by Venus, the planet most concerned with values and harmonious social relating. Venus is conjunct Saturn at the time of the New Moon, indicating the need for a new value system that supports sustainability and self-sufficiency. The Sun conjunct the Black Moon Lilith in Scorpio on November 11/12 highlights the need for a deeper evaluation of what has been kept hidden and suppressed and opens the door for processes that overstep old



taboos and challenge established structures and traditions.

The earthy vibes of the Full Moon in Taurus opposite the Scorpio Sun on November 15 emphasise our need for balancing self-reliance and independence (Taurus) with receptiveness and empathy for the difficulties that others might experience (Scorpio). The Full Moon is in harmonious alignment with Chiron, the mythological outsider who became a healer, signifying a powerful moment in time for therapy and energy work. Neptune, the planet of dreams and illusions is conjunct the karmic South Node and moves stationary direct on November 20.

We might be confronted once more with themes that were acute in February/March, where we possibly have experienced a phase of dissolution and disappointment, however now with an opportunity to master old sentiments and move beyond the hurts of the past.

The most important constellation of the month is the last quarter square between Jupiter and Pluto, active until August 2017 and exact for the first time on November 25. This can be the signal for a shift in paradigms, because it corresponds to an overall increased recognition of the pressing need for change in addressing various collective problems and concerns. Jupiter/Pluto relates to plutocratic as well as political power and impacts on economic cycles. This 12-year cycle started in December 2007, just at the start of the 'Global Financial Crisis', and when the United Nations Climate Change Conference was held in Bali. These immensely challenging global problem areas will remain a major concern during 2017. Last quarter squares are the result phase of a cycle, where re-orientation and revision of rules must take place. On a personal level Jupiter/Pluto gives tremendous ambition to succeed in any chosen field or project. The energy is best used for restoring, rebuilding and repairing something that is mutually beneficial. The New Moon on November 29 in truth seeking Sagittarius squares the nodal axis, making this New Moon a potent agent for change and integration of past and present experiences with the possibility of a more enlightened future.

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### Libra

At the moment you might be evaluating your likes and dislikes while your personal preferences are shifting. Establish a big picture perspective and feel yourself growing. This is an excellent time for developing a new aspect of your identity. Your personal influence has increased and others are taking notice.

### Scorpio

This is a personally busy time of year, when you feel energetic and enthusiastic. Your intuitive and artistic abilities are sensitised now and you might attract new people into your vortex, especially at the time of the Full Moon (Nov 15). Events around November 11/12 might demand a deeper evaluation and you could be in the situation where you challenge established structures and traditions.

### Sagittarius

This is a time of review, letting go, and recharging your batteries. Reflecting on your experiences is immensely helpful now and will lead to new insights about yourself and your place in the world. You are going through a process of inner and outer restructuring which cannot be hurried along. The New Moon in your sun sign on November 29 marks the end of this phase and the beginning of a more energetic period.

### Capricorn

During this period your focus is on making contacts and reaching out to like-minded souls. Building the big picture together with others gives the advantage of drawing from everybody's ideas and skills. Try not to hold onto control or be too demanding. The emphasis is on creating a new value system that supports sustainability and self-sufficiency.

### Aquarius

This is the time of the year where you need to get some good outcomes from the projects that you have been working on. Develop new plans and goals and expand your knowledge base. During November 10 - December 19 you will feel extra energetic and motivated because Mars, the planet of drive and action will be in your sign.

### Pisces

You might feel like moving into a different direction and are working on a value system that supports the formation of a new outlook. Think of initiating projects or activities that expand your mind and feed your imagination. After November 29 things will become clearer and you can develop new plans and goals for the year ahead.



# Clearing and renewing

by Marilyn Scott

A super abundant spring has brought luscious growth to gardens and paddocks; birds and bees satiated by the bountiful fruits of her kind, giving season, ardently express their good fortune. But now – summer's spreading tentacles gain momentum, and the once vibrant green covering the valleys and hills is beginning to dry. Up early – out in the paddock, I've been pulling out fireweed and digging up Scotch thistle. There's something so comforting and rewarding about a 'weed' free paddock... after many hours of physical labour.

October – book-ended by two brand new Moons – brought extra focus to beginning anew. A New Moon in Libra focused on partnership – how we form a relationship with everything in our life. This special month closed with a New Moon in deep and

penetrating Scorpio... nothing much misses his attention. Scorpio digs deep, below the surface of things. Nothing is hidden from him, he picks up the vibes immediately. He can see the life you keep hidden from view.

New Moons begin a new lunar cycle – of approximately 29½ days. Each month the Moon falls in the next consecutive sign of the zodiac. The Moon powerfully influences our natural cycles, the tides of the ocean and the significant store of water we carry within our body. The Moon strongly effects our emotions.

Scorpio is pure Alchemy – transformation and rebirth. He dives deep into dark corners, cleaning out and surfacing pearls of wisdom. He's passionate, deeply emotional, determined and psychic; with an awesome steely willpower. We all have Scorpio somewhere in our astro chart, colouring the

experience of that part of our life. Looking at the New Moon chart – I first notice its 'shape'. This New Moon encourages self-containment and a renewed focus on the mission or cause that's dear to our heart. It's a time to put your heart and soul into your passions, what lights you up and makes you feel truly alive.

Uranus, the planet of 'Tomorrowland' brings his brilliant ideas and ingenious plans; and his powerful thrust to break through – any barriers, blocks or hindrances. Evolution, new life is calling. Uranus in Aries says, 'It's up to you, each and every one, singularly; it's through your evolution, transformation and shift that the mighty change happens around you.'

Partnership and relationship remain a major focus. The relationship we have with our self begins the style and type of relationship we have with everything and everyone else. In Scorpio we long for depth, true love in the deepest part of our core. True love transforms. True love changes everything. Life is love, everything is created from it. Nothing would exist without it.

There's a mystical, magical, gifted aura to this special New Moon in Scorpio. At a New Moon, the Sun and Moon sit together. During

this New Moon the fixed star Khambalia sits snugly with them. Khambalia bestows ancient knowledge, knowledge that can only be accessed by altered states of consciousness. It's an excellent energy for research and investigation, doubly so, sitting in Scorpio.

Mercury – Hermes, messenger of the Gods adds his special energy to this pivotal New Moon. He sits with the fixed star Acrux – bringing a focus to our intuition. His special gift is success – successful investigation of the hidden side of things, amplifying Scorpio's energy.

Our most influential luminaries receive beneficial rays from Neptune – Great God of the Oceans, his healing presence comforts and settles. Neptune sits with fixed star Skat – bringing idealism and psychic ability. Skat is also known as 'The Wish' star, bringing good fortune, lasting happiness and safety.

Yes, it's a very special New Moon infusing our month of November... second last month of 2016. It feels like a time of completions, renewal and acceptance of our intuitive and psychic gifts, planting the seeds of new life. Understanding that we create what we see, and we alone, are the answer to everything we seek.

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# trivia

Devised by Martin Gill

### Questions

1. Which singer featured in *Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome*?
2. Vodka, Galliano and orange juice are used to make which classic cocktail?
3. How many arms/tentacles/limbs does a squid have?
4. On which street would you find Heartbreak Hotel?
5. What is the policeman's name in Noddy stories?
6. Who captained Jules Verne's submarine *Nautilus*?
7. How many gallons of beer are in a firkin?
8. Which 17th century explorer was buried with a pipe and a box of tobacco?
9. What do you add to eggs benedict to make eggs florentine?
10. What is the next number in the sequence: 1, 4, 7, 11, 14, 17, 41, ?

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### Answers

1. Tina Turner played Auntie Entity. Granddad was never the same after name is Latin for 'Nobody'. Sounds a bit fishy to me.
2. They make a Harvey Wallbanger. The Internet is undecided on the name's origin.
3. Ten. They are Decapods from the Latin for 'ten-legged'. There are varying definitions of tentacles/arms for squids – generally a squid is considered to have two tentacles and eight arms – whatever, there are ten of them in total.
4. 'Well, since my baby left me, I found a new place to dwell / Down at the end of Lonely Street at Heartbreak Hotel.' Elvis' 10. 44. It's a list of ascending numbers made up of straight lines only.
5. PC Plod. It was all going first number one.
6. Captain Nemo. The Secret Seven.
7. Nine. Firkin sounds a bit more romantic than 'Nine gallon keg'.
8. Sir Walter Raleigh. 'Tm cigarette And curse Sir Walter Raleigh/He considered to have two tentacles and eight arms – whatever, there are ten of them in total.
9. Spinach. Alright if (Lennon/McCartney).
10. 44. It's a list of ascending numbers made up of straight lines only.

# Nimbin Crossword

2016-II  
by 5ynic

### Across

1. (3,6,5) November 5th
9. Isle of Man bike race
10. Spanish friend
11. Free (table)?
12. Mine (init.)
13. They used to be disc jockeys
16. People lacking superstition
19. Eliminated candidate for Democrats in US election
20. Degenerative nerve disease, increasingly treatable
22. Halloween? (3,7,3)

### Down

2. \_\_\_ Geller, spoonbender
3. Woodwind instrument? Wineglass
4. Treated for parasites?
5. Change through survival of the fittest
6. Travelling?
7. Sympathetic act
8. Drugs to relax?
9. Going viral
11. Drugs to excite?
14. Dry scrubland at altitude (in Mexico, for example)
15. Tuft of thread
17. Norse God – 4th day of the workweek
18. Fill with?
21. Downwind

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## The biggest little festival in town



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

Lately I've been practising my saxophone and rehearsing with other local brass players (so far I'm the only woman) in preparation for the 9th annual Mullum Music Festival. Catch us parading down main street, New-Orleans meets Mullumbimby, at 11am on Sunday 20th November.

I love this musical festival because there's something for everyone. Bring your family along even if you can't afford tickets because as much is happening on the streets as in the venues. The whole town is abuzz with flash mob performances, street food, and brilliant buskers creating instant dance parties on every corner.

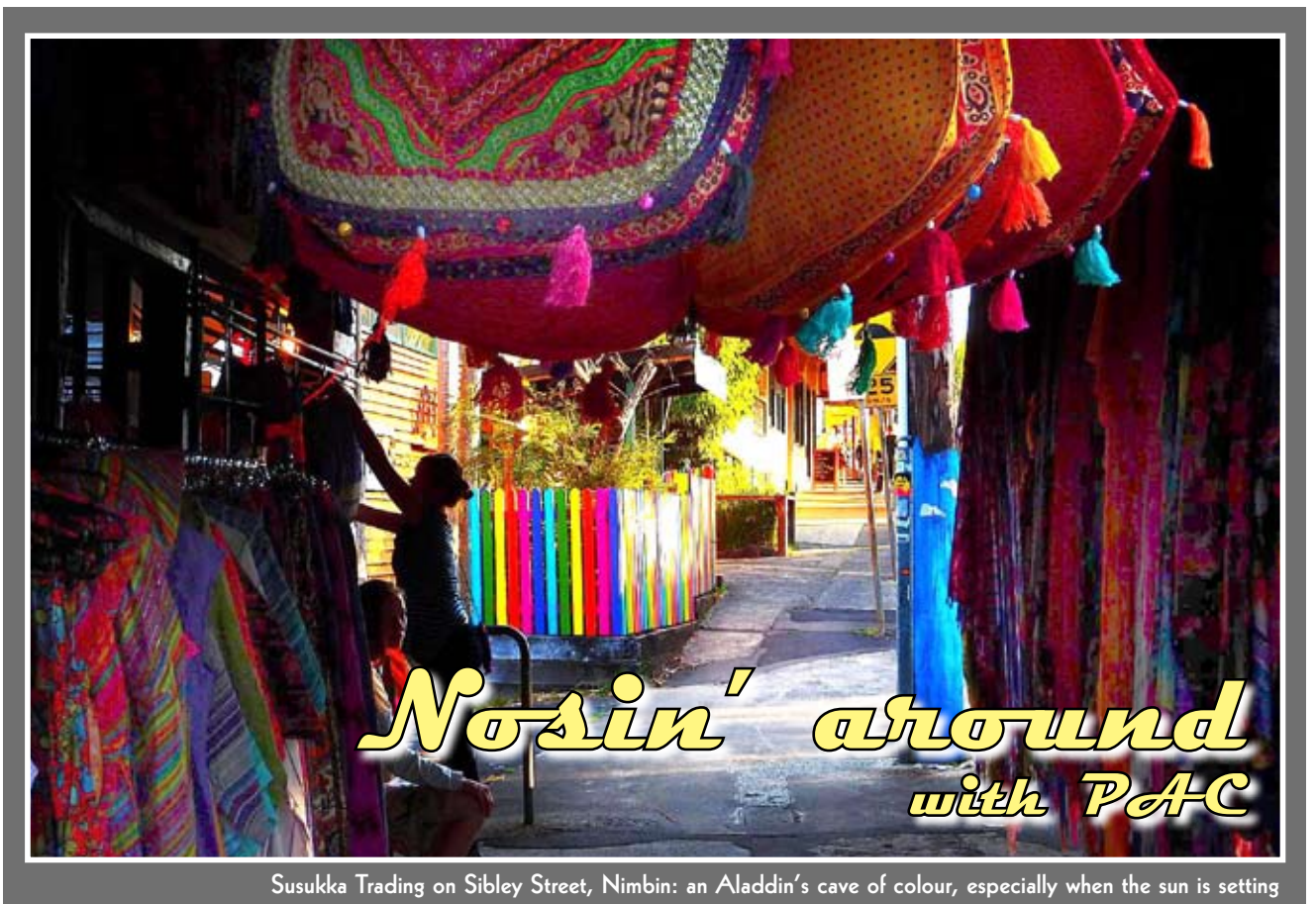
It's not too big and there's no need to watch a band on a screen. Music spills out of every venue in town, so it's nicely spread out. There are always new, upcoming bands to discover as well as old favourites. I just go with the flow

and catch amazing things everywhere.

You can walk, ride your bike, roller skate, or better still catch the psychedelic double-decker Love Bus. I boogie like the disco diva I once was with long-lost friends. We are having so much fun we do the circuit several times, waving enthusiastically to the crowds below. I could ride the bus all day but am dragged off by new-found friends who insist the next act at the Drill Hall (now with air conditioning, thank goodness!) is a must-see. And it was.

The piano bar upstairs at the RSL club is a lovely, intimate place to relax and many performers drop in there to do a few songs with their mates. So, when tired, I languish here on a comfy chair in the air-conditioned coolness and let them come to me.

Check out: [www.mullummusicfestival.com](http://www.mullummusicfestival.com) and come along to the biggest little festival in Australia and get down and party.



## She says / HE says with Aunty Maj and Uncle Norm

Dear SSHS, When we are out, my boyfriend openly goggles other women. This makes me feel uncomfortable. What should I do? – Ima Fended

### She says

This is the lament of all young women. You spend a lot of time, money and energy on your appearance but it's not enough to keep his undivided, devoted attention. It's perfectly normal for a healthy, sighted male. They all do it. It's like window shopping. We like to look but that doesn't mean we have to buy or don't appreciate what we have. We all enjoy beauty and like variety.

The trick is in how he does it. If he's tongue-drooling, drive-off-the-road rubbernecking every time a nice woman walks by, then you need to talk to him. Tell him how you feel, ask him to acknowledge your beauty a bit more, but understand that this is natural behaviour. Ask him to do it more discreetly. My husband has learnt the subtle art of camouflaged perverting, though these days it's a bit wasted because I don't care anymore. Dark glasses and a hat can help. It helps keep his peripheral vision strong and his member inspired. A bit of titillation can be a good thing, if you work it right.

If your boyfriend is resistant, you could give him a taste of his own medicine. Next good looking young man who walks by ogle, spin around, wolf whistle and call out "show us your balls!" However, in small places like Nimbin, it is best to check first to make sure it's no-one you know.

### He says

Many moons ago there was a wonderful establishment in Mullumbimby called The Popular Milk Bar, where worked a lass who was the most generously endowed young woman I have ever encountered (next to my wife, of course). She was well aware of her god given gifts and always dressed in a way to make sure everyone else was too.

One fine afternoon I had an urge, that is a desire...what I mean is, I wanted a packet of Skittles. I stopped short of the doorway of The Popular when I noticed said siren behind the counter talking to her friend. I said to myself, "Just walk in, look her in the eye, do not look at the torpedoes, ask for the skittles, and walk out."

I gave her the money, she gave me the change and I walked out well pleased with myself, only to be called back in: "You forgot your skittles!" followed with sniggering by her and her friend as I walked back in red-faced to collect my forgotten treats.

If my sad tale demonstrates one thing, it's that, even when trying one's best to curb the urge to perve, it's nigh impossible to fight millions of years of evolution.

I completely sympathise with your reaction to this primeval behaviour on his part because it too, is simply evolutionary instinct, which would explain why so many ancient fossil skulls have signs of head trauma.

I would advise your boyfriend to learn the surreptitious glance rather than the long, drooling, lecherous stare. It's just as fulfilling and neither the subject nor the wifey are any the wiser.

Fight fire with fire. What's good for the hound is good for the bitch. Next time you see a handsome young buck, start howling and caterwauling, slapping your thighs and generally turning into a wild, salacious animal. Your boyfriend will get the message and realize the best eye candy is sitting there beside him.

If all else fails, simply do what your forbears did and club him with a blunt instrument.

Send your relationship problems to Norm and Magenta: [normanappel@westnet.com.au](mailto:normanappel@westnet.com.au)



by Brendan (Mookx) Hanley

When I wrote *Leave It in the Ground* in 1977, it was in the wake of the most hopeful times I can ever recall. The Beatles song *All You Need is Love* (or as Yoda would say, "Love Is All You Need") had set a new level of optimism and positivity. An unprecedented vision of love and peace, ecological stability and awareness shone in an idealised smoke-dream world full of care and conscientious consciousness.

Then came the jackboot of the corporate state and the grand global shitting in the nest... from Kent State to America's non-stop bombing of the Middle East (and everywhere else), from Chernobyl to the Gulf of Mexico BP disaster, widespread CSG exploitative destruction, forest despoliation, oil and coal mining, GMO development, out-of-control plastic pollution, water and air degradation... all the way to Fukushima. The lack of respect for the four elements and their intrinsic role in our survival took off and grew to the present seeming point of no return.

And then there's shit! Poo, faeces, ordure, manure, night-soil (as if no-one poos by day), crap, dung, turds, poop, ca-ca, dump, doo doo, number two, big jobs, defecation... shit by any other name, is clearly one of our greatest assets, but we don't know how to handle it (if you'll pardon the

expression). We plop it into precious water and float it off to sea. It's a taboo subject, a closet occurrence that no-one likes to admit even exists.

High fashion models, movie stars, presidents, generals, kings and queens, billionaires and trillionaires... everyone gets down to grunting and dumping on a regular daily basis (providing we eat our All Bran). We wipe our bums on a bit of processed dead tree and get on with our lives as if nothing has happened. Meanwhile our little jobbies go blissfully drifting off on a cruise somewhere instead of providing fuel and fertiliser for a world relying on costly, corrosive, carcinogenic chemicals and ugly, obsolete, oil-based industries.

Shit should be taught in schools along with all the other shit. Can you imagine graduation day at uni (Pooniversity) for the Shit Management course.

"Mookx Hanley BS" would now stand for Bachelor of Shit. A Master of Shit degree could lead to a PhD in Shitology ... to be commonly known as a Poo HD! In fact shitologists could replace psychologists, who currently only deal with people's mental shit. What about the real stuff? We could have Shit Shops selling books (shiterature) and other pooraphenalia, global cacaventions where cacandidates come from all over the world to crap on about crap. Not to mention the poolitical arena, the Loogislative Assembly and Pooliment House complete with a Poo



Minister and his cacabinet.

What a world it would be with free energy, magnificent personally-composted gardens and orchards and a little more respect for the global nest and the great life-sustaining gift of water. That's why God invented shit ... not to feed it to the fish! They have enough of a challenge handling their own shit. Can you imagine how much ocean ordure is generated each day by all those sharks, starfish, crustaceans, cetaceans and seashell dwellers? A whale has to be a prolific poo machine surely! Right down to minuscule minnows, all those billions of water-tight bums are manufacturing massive amounts of maritime muck. They don't need our atrocious anal avalanche daily dumped in their wondrous watery world. Especially seafood shits! Imagine a baby barramundi watching a turd floating by and thinking "Something awfully familiar about that piece of poop ... kinda reminds me of Granny! Never forget the day she got caught up in that nasty net and we never saw her again!"

Save the sea from our shit! Oh... did someone mention plastic?

[www.reverbnation.com/mookxhanley/song/26881185-leave-it-in-the-ground](http://www.reverbnation.com/mookxhanley/song/26881185-leave-it-in-the-ground)  
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The movie selected by Nimbin Flix this month is *Mustang*, a Turkish (subtitled) film about five young sisters, societal expectations, and the limits of female freedom. Superbly made and acted, and very powerful.

A worthy, strong film, *Mustang* is showing Saturday night, 12th November at Birth and Beyond. Doors open 7pm, movie starts at 7.30pm. There will be cake and tea and coffee available.



with Bob Tissot

Hello and welcome to On Air, Nim-FM's print-only programme, bringing back the feeling of the black and white, silent radio era. Thanks for tuning in.

Naturally we're all a'quiver in preparation for the AGM (3rd November at 5pm) where everyone gets a chance to stick their hand up and their oar in, share ideas, flesh out some dreams and generally plot our course through the shoals and whirlpools of the next year.

Naturally I left all the final preparations to the rest of the management team while I swanned around The Land of the Rising Sun. Tuned into the Nim-FM stream while I was over there (yes, we're streaming again) and introduced my Japanese host to some radiation-free organic radio.

The beneficial effects to their health were immediate and will hopefully be permanent. I could see the shackles of a tight and restrictive society simply melt away under the onslaught of Frequency



**Kat's Kave**

Modulated Freedom. And listening to Gary's earthquake round-up while the ground was still trembling was just a tad surreal.

But enough about me, let's turn the Spotlight this week onto Katrina, who has been producing Kat's Kave from 10-12 on a Saturday morning, and then Hits & Misses on the Sunday, almost forever and who I managed to have a chat with just before I left.

OA: So Katrina, you've been with us for a bit.

Kat: Yeah.

OA: How'd you get involved?

Kat: Marie Cameron. I was sitting out the back of the Oasis having a whinge about the place I was working in and Marie said, "Well, why don't you come to the station, we need you desperately in the office". And so there I was in the Nim-FM office one day and Marie came in and said, "Have

you ever thought about being on air?" I said, "No" and she said, "Think again, this program ends in three minutes and you're it. But don't worry, I'll be standing right behind you, guiding you through."

OA: OK, chucked in the deep end. So you learnt to swim without swallowing too much water.

Kat: I did. So then I thought I'd have a show about not just the stars, but the others who never quite made it. It's called Hits and Misses and features some of the one-hit wonders of the past 40 years. People also see me during the week and put in requests, which I try to play.

OA: So would you say your show is subject to the whims of community opinion?

Kat: To an extent. But if you ask for Salt & Pepper you'll get Credence.

OA: I see. So, what do you do away from here? I know you used to spend a lot of time here.

Kat: I did. Now I have a life - I mean garden. Spend a lot of time in that. And two days a week I do my grandmother thing up at the Gold Coast. Which is always good, two minutes from the beach.

OA: And the garden? Any entries in the show this year?

Kat: Not this year. I've had a bad time with fungal mould. It's one of the risks of a damp winter.

OA: Katrina, I might just leave it at that. Thanks for making the time.

Kat: It's a pleasure Bob. I'll see you at the meeting.

## Nimbin Crossword Solution

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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		
Leaving	Arriving	Leaving	Arriving
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		

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# Nimbin Bushwalkers

## Nimbin Bushwalkers November-December Walks Program

### Sunday 6th November Whian Whian National Park

Leader: Bill West (0429-933-544)  
Grade: 4, Bush-bashing and clambering over rocks in a creek bed, so wear protective clothing for lawyer vine and flexible-sole footwear for rock-hopping. Distance approx. 8km.  
Meet: 9.30am at Minyon Falls carpark. Bring water, lunch, hat etc.

### Sunday 20th November Brunswick Heads management trail/ Annual General Meeting

Leader: Peter Moyle (0412-656-498)  
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 Brunswick Heads Surf Club. For the AGM only, meet at the Community Shed in the Park opposite the Brunswick Hotel at 11am (all welcome, only members may vote).  
Bring: Water, hat, sunscreen, chair, picnic lunch or very tasty fish and chips etc. nearby.

### Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th December End of year weekend camp at Clarrie Hall Dam

Leader: Carol Evans (0481-314-372) [babyevans28@gmail.com](mailto:babyevans28@gmail.com)  
Grade 1: A weekend private property camp, some walking but as we are moving into the warmer summer weather the following are attractive: swimming, canoeing, and fishing in a pristine section of the dam, option to camp one or two nights in a beautiful secluded spot.  
Meet: Friday at 5pm or Saturday 9am at the locked gates at start of McDonalds Road – turn right off Kyogle Road south of Byrrill Creek Road.  
NOTE: as gates are locked, entry is only possible at above times unless another arrangement has been made with Carol. With this in mind, ring Carol and book your attendance so you can be let in.  
Bring: Swimmers, non-powered water craft (we can arrange canoes for those without), fishing tackle and camping gear. A fee of \$3 per person per night applies.

### Border Ranges NP / Sheepstation Creek Weekend Camp 21st – 23rd October

by Lindsay Wood

This wonderful weekend, ended up getting dubbed “The walk and weave camp”.

And no, it didn't get its name from the “aromatic Fireballs” that were consumed around the fireplace on Saturday night, but from the talented teachings and displays

of flax weavings, using materials some members brought with them, and with beautiful results, (and... possibly the “Fireballs”).

Luckily the predicted rain didn't eventuate, apart from a brief shower on Saturday night.

Friday saw eleven members set up camp in the presence and sounds of a birdlife that held us all amazed.

Then an afternoon explore

of the creek to the waterfall which, no matter where they are, never fail to reinforce that fact that we are very privileged to be able to visit them. Thank goodness for National Parks.

On Saturday morning we all went on the “Rosewood Loop”, which ended up taking most of the day as there is just so much to look at and talk about on just this one, most truly incredible walk.

Saturday night we were joined by one more member, and so the day finished up, around the fire, with good laughs, good stories and even better company.

Sunday was time to break camp and after “til next time” goodbyes, everyone left to either travel back home, or take off on various shorter walks, but all of us that much richer for having been there.

## Hidden secrets



### Ironically yours by Dionne May

The heat, dust and flies chase us back across the desert lands of central Australia. Spring colours have faded, the recent rivers are now dry barren beds. It's only been two weeks yet the mood, light and hues are deceptively softer, the heat harsher, baring deadly teeth.

Dawn and dust stretch and glow in splendour across monstrous skies deep in an older, harsher Australia. Creation stories whisper in the night sky and in the call of the wild birds. Great wedge-tail eagles gorging on road kill, pelicans in the rushing waters of Coopers Creek, galah, cockatoos, flocks of tiny zebra finches and lone whistling kites call out their stories.

Simultaneously the determined faces of government miners drive by searching, drilling and chewing up our resources in this desert seclusion. A nuclear consultation group is working its way across the outback. Old miners swear that government workers are all over the shop looking for uranium. “When they start digging that stuff up I'm packing up the kids and we're out of here.”

A power station now sits in the shadows of Uluru thundering 24 hours a day while helicopter joy flights fill the skies every dusk and dawn as ignorance and greed stomp relentlessly on sacred grounds. Deep intrinsic, historically insatiable human need and greed grinding day and night.

In Alice Springs, Pine Gap looms



No access across the  
Strezeleki Desert

omnipresent over magnificent local ignorance. An ex-worker, hard Alice man, his shaking hand gives him away at the mention of the place. “Within 24 hours every worker, past and present can be flown back when the shit hits the fan. If I tell you more I'll have to kill you,” he jokes, but there is no laughter in his eyes.

Life in Australia 2016 continues to be changed relentlessly and unnoticed out here. Bloated individual wealth untethered by ethics now commands unimaginable tracks of land, heavily fenced and hereby blocked from Australians forever. Spiritual, sacred places like Uluru, The Olgas and Mound Springs lie heavily fenced and are only viewed for a



Million-year old water in The Bubbler

price. Gross expensive walkways built for a dollar-tourist who takes selfies and talks in spiritually silent spaces.

Drills contaminate our legendary outback skyline and are boring deep into Australian red soil unbidden in that great vastness most of you might never experience... but one day always thought you would or could.

Desert winds blow around the rock formations of Hamilton Hill (Wabma Kadabu) that sits isolated and compelling in the vast desert plains. Clear ancient water from kilometres underground feed lush, reed-fringed springs hidden on top of these rocks. The deceptive solid

sand of the three-metre clear spring suddenly begins to bubble as a spectacular underwater tableau of heaving shapes emerges to wrestle from the depths of the earth to the surface. The water snakes down the western side and fans into plains of golden desert grasses. It is epically moving. Spiritually stirring. One hundred million year old water.

Oil, gas, opals, sapphires, diamonds and uranium are just ‘stones’ that can't be eaten. The real jewels of this planet are her air, water and soil that are critical to our future, not commodities to be sold to the highest bidder. Here in the desert, diamonds are diamonds and stones are just stones.



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