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Show season starts



It's time to dust off the good hat and polish up the Blunnies, as the North Coast Show season kicks off this month at Nimbin, to culminate with the North Coast National on 20th-22nd October.

The Nimbin Annual Country Show, now in its 96th year, will be held on the weekend of 24th and 25th September.

Pavilion entries include fruit and vegetable, horticulture, apiculture, culinary, needlework, photography, art and craft, student works, teddy bears picnic, family exhibits and a brewers' corner.

Saturday's events will include beef cattle and horse judging in the ring, a Champion Dog Show, a guinea pig pet show and poultry judging. There will also be an alpaca display.

Horse events will continue on Sunday with

miniature and heavy horses, as well as show jumping. Other attractions on Sunday will include a children's pet show, novice whip cracking, a talent quest and the very popular Dog High Jump.

On both days there will be a range of sideshows, live entertainment, the Blue Knob Farmers Market, Sustainability Alley, a reptile awareness display and shearing demonstrations.

Lismore Council will be holding a display each day, and on Sunday morning at 10.30am, a morning tea will be held to welcome the newly-elected Councillors.

Programs and entry forms for the Show are available from the Showgrounds, phone 0400-925-764, or on the website: www.nimbinshowsociety.org.au

Archie bags poetry gong



Popular performance poet, storyteller and writer, Robin Archbold has won the coveted Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup this year, pocketing the purse of \$2000.

There is some poetic justice for this first-time winner. With Gail M. Clarke, he co-founded the Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup in 2003, donating a cheque for \$5000 when he was a partner of Lifestyle Real Estate agency.

But this is by no means the first time Archie's poetic skills have been recognised. He is the first and, with Nimbin poet David Hallett, only performer ever to have won both the Woodford Poetry Slam and the Woodford Storytelling Award.

Two Lismore Poetry Cups have also gone straight to his trophy cabinet.

After 27 years in Nimbin, he's been living at Mapleton above the Sunshine Coast with Jodie and daughter Ella for the last five years, although his tribe is the Nimbin community.

Archie currently works as a tutor at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) where he completed his creative writing degree, and studies in the Master of Creative Writing program.

He reckons he's just getting started, but then, he would.

• See more on the Poetry World Cup on Page 2

Hard acts to follow...



Inside, read Jenny Dowell's last column, and Simon (Clough) Says his last words. See Page 8.

We thank them both for their longstanding commitment to informing residents and ratepayers of Lismore Council matters, and taking a pro-active stance on implementing progressive policies.

We wish them well in the future.

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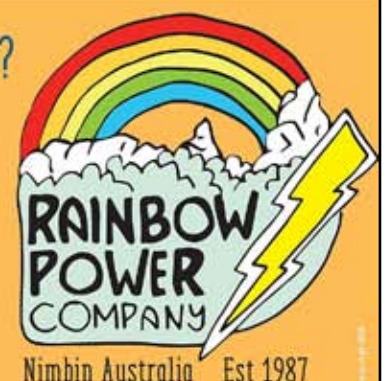
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