

# It's time to get wet

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It's time to dig out your bathers, flippers, snorkel, earplugs, goggles, paddle board and beach towel because the pool will open for the spring and summer season.

It opens on 23rd September, the start of the school holidays.

It is always very "bracing" at the commencement of the season, good for something like your skin/heart/lungs/hair (take your pick).

To date there's been no word from the Lismore City Council about the much needed resurfacing or painting, or improving the toilet facilities, which for six months of each year has one toilet to service the pool, the children's playground, the BBQ area and the skate park.

You are right to think you have read all this information



before, but nothing has changed. It is incredible to think that Nimbin, with so many residents and visitors, has no toilet in the much-used public recreational space for most of the year.

John, our dedicated pool maintenance worker, has spent days pressure cleaning the surface. The LCC will organise minimal patching of some spots where there is considerable erosion. One pump has been refurbished so hopefully it will be all systems

go for the opening. The water starts going in two weeks before it opens.

Our community pool is an important resource, which provides a healthy recreational space for thousands of folk, residents and tourists. Schools use the pool for swimming lessons and it's the venue for learn-to-swim classes in January.

It was sad to learn the pool in South Lismore (the same unique design as Nimbins) will not be reopening. This

was decided after the LCC spent \$50,000 on a feasibility study. Now there will be considerable expense to fill the old pool site. All up a very expensive exercise in depriving residents of their pool.

Friends of Nimbin Pool will present the annual Nimbin Pool Olympics on January 26 with its usual programme of novelty events involving getting wet.

The much anticipated and hotly contested Synchronised Swimming displays will once again be a major highlight plus real swimming races, walking forwards and backwards, wrestling crocodiles, and parading fashionable poolside clobber.

Friends of Nimbin Pool welcome new members. There's no membership fee (free like our pool) all you need is an email address. Our address is: [friendsofnimbinpool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnimbinpool@gmail.com)

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## Second Hand Saturday clears clutter

Did you know that Australian households could be hoarding an estimated \$40 billion worth of unwanted items? That's the case according to the latest Second Hand Economy report commissioned by Gumtree. And if that's not enough to make you start eyeing off those bits and pieces around the house, it's likely that each individual household is holding onto about 25 items and an estimated \$5203 worth of 'stuff' that they no longer need.

If these figures raise an eyebrow, then be sure to put Saturday 23 September in the diary. Known as Second Hand Saturday, this is the north coast's biggest coordinated garage sale day of the year. With over 1,000 garage sales held across the north coast at last year's event, 2017 is set to be bigger than ever as households and clubs take the opportunity to spring clean and sell off pre-loved goods.

But it's not just about earning dollars for the piggy bank when it comes to clearing the clutter. Brooke McAlary from The Slow Home podcast says that minimising 'stuff' and learning to live with less can lead to a more fulfilling life. Over a process of two years, Brooke and her family managed to declutter more than 25,000 items from their home.



"I never realised how heavy my stuff was until I started letting it go. What had felt 'normal' started to feel excessive as I began to declutter and give away or sell the things I didn't need. What I discovered, and the reason I'm so passionate about the benefits of simplifying, was clarity. Over time I could see more clearly the things that were important in my life."

"Buying second hand and selling our unwanted stuff to others is a great way of

reducing our own eco footprint. Chances are, everything you need already exists in the world, so why not get out in the community, meet people and see what you can unearth? Let's make second hand normal!"

Megan Spyker from Lennox Head (pictured) is the 100th person to register a garage sale for this year's event. "We have been accumulating a collection of pre-loved baby and kids' gear for a future garage sale. However, we never seem to find the right time to host a garage sale. So when I saw Second Hand Saturday advertised it was a no brainer to register."

"Now that we have a date set, the kids are getting involved and have started going through all of their belongings and clothing. It's been a good process for the kids to let go of items they no longer use or need and understand the reuse process and value of items we are selling."

Second Hand Saturday is on Saturday 23rd September, with an optional 'leftovers' day the following weekend on Saturday 30th September. It's free to register and garage sales will be promoted in local newspapers, online and the Second Hand Saturday app.

To take advantage of the free promotion, register your garage sale at: [www.secondhandsaturday.com.au](http://www.secondhandsaturday.com.au)

## Weave and Mend Festival is looming

by Granny Breath Weaver

"As above, so below," and so it was and still is. Sky symbols have meaning for us on Mother Earth.

Everyone you meet is struggling with something difficult... we feel we are swimming against the tide as the authorities squeeze our diminishing freedom.

And so it was with those who originally had a venue for us, but the struggle was too difficult and freedom was not allowed.

Similar energies are affecting our entire community - our much-cherished Nimbin come-unity. Many are struggling as

authorities squeeze again our diminished freedom. Every being, all life, is affected.

Astrologically there seems nothing else to do but be kind. Acknowledge the universal kindness. We will find it possible to stick to the path with heart... the only path.

We forgive those who caused us problems, as we forgive the authorities who know not what they do, struggling with their jobs and their own freedom.

The "so below" is in us all, deeply affected as we weave the web of kindness and heart. We feel great necessity for kindness and heart... interwoven during three days of weaving,

watching, exchanging fibres and techniques, dyeing fibres, exchanging stories, where it started and how did we get on the path of an ancient woven basket... only Nature... no things.

So, Blue Knob Hall is our new venue for the our 13th annual Weave and Mend Festival, to be held on Friday 29th, Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October.

Entry is by donation. Bring camping gear, mats and blankets to sit on. The cafe will be open for meals, coffee, teas etc, or bring your own.

For further information, phone the co-ordinator on 0459-662-143.





# Bundjalung people granted Native Title

by Dawn Walker,  
NSW Greens MP

The Federal Court's determination to grant Native Title to the Western Bundjalung traditional owners has been widely welcomed throughout the region.

The Western Bundjalung claim area covers more than 5,000 square kilometres and contains 24 National Parks, Nature Reserves and State Forests, and encompasses the Aboriginal communities of Baryulgil, Malabugilmah, Jubullam Village and Jubal.

The traditional owners have been fighting for their land rights for many years now and it's great that they will finally get some of the justice and recognition they deserve.

The Greens congratulate the representatives and communities who fought tirelessly for this Native Title claim, and who will now have legal rights to camp, gather resources and conduct cultural practices on their



country. We also pay respect to the elders who sadly passed away while the claim was being determined.

The Native Title process is by no means a perfect way to achieve Indigenous land rights, but it's an important step in restoring the rights of traditional owners who have an ongoing spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship with their lands and waters.

Aboriginal peoples never ceded sovereignty control of their traditional land and waters in NSW, but it's a great outcome that the Western Bundjalung people will now have legal rights and a much greater role in how their country is managed.



## Show season starts

The Nimbin Annual Country Show, now in its 97th year, will be held on the weekend of 23rd and 24th September.

Pavilion entries include fruit and vegetable, horticulture, apiculture, culinary, needlework, photography, art and craft, brewing, fermenting, student works and family exhibits.

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.

Horse events will continue on Sunday, with other attractions including 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 and a reptile awareness display.

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



## Have your say on Nimbin village parking

Focus Groups to discuss Nimbin's current and future parking needs will be held on Tuesday 12th September at 10am OR 6pm (approx. 1½ hours duration) at Birth & Beyond, 54 Cullen Street. All Welcome.

The focus groups have been organised by Nimbin Advisory Group to discuss Lismore Council's draft village parking strategy.

We are seeking your thoughts on the following and will convey your suggestions and feedback to

Lismore Council:

- A roundabout in the main street
- Line marking of all car parking
- Timed parking
- Relocating loading zones
- Bus parking
- Signage
- Locations for disabled access
- Pedestrian access from the western car park
- Land for new car parks to meet future needs
- Bicycle parking
- Anything else you can input



would also be welcome. For more information, contact

Diana on 0427-886-748 or Gwen, 0427-486-346.

## Youth Film Festival calls for entries

by Darmin Cameron

The Nimbin Youth Film Festival is on a quest once again to find and celebrate talented young filmmakers from the Northern Rivers Region.

NYFF 2017 is set to be another fantastic festival, with cash prizes and trophies to be won.

Now in its eighth year, the festival team is expanding to welcome a new organiser, Nina Boddenberg. Nina is passionate about empowering local youth and believes that "it is vital for young people to have a chance to tell their stories and share their unique perspectives."

The festival aims to encourage and empower young people to tell their stories via the powerful medium of film. NYFF celebrates the creative expressions of our local youth, and creates an opportunity for young voices to be showcased to the broader



Framed: Organisers Paris Naday and Darmin Cameron

community.

This competition is all about accessibility for young people, and so the films can be made on any video device from an iPhone or DSLR camera or a Go Pro to high-end video cameras. There is no need to own the latest technology; in fact the judges are much more interested in the stories being told than technical perfection.

So grab your smart phone and get filming!

The festival recognises the benefits in teamwork and collaboration. Young people are encouraged to get support

from parents, friends, schools and other filmmakers.

As long as the vision and idea for the film comes from young people and they are the drivers/ directors, then the film can be entered. Whole crews are invited to enter.

All young people aged 0 – 18 years old are eligible to enter the competition and have their films shown on the big screen. Entries are accepted from residents from the Clarence River to the Tweed River.

The festival screening and award ceremony will be held

at a Pop-Up Cinema in the Nimbin Town Hall at 2pm, Saturday 2nd December, and the whole community is invited to attend.

Watching their films playing on the big screen is very exciting for young filmmakers, and supporters, parents, and friends get to share this excitement.

For the wider community, this event allows us to see into the hearts and minds of our young people, and gain a better understanding of the next generation. Many of the past films have surprised, educated and enlightened audiences with their creativity and powerful messages.

Visit and LIKE the Nimbin Youth Film Festival Facebook page to find links to previous films and receive notifications: [www.facebook.com/nimbinyouthfilmfestival](http://www.facebook.com/nimbinyouthfilmfestival) Entries close Friday 17th November at 4pm.

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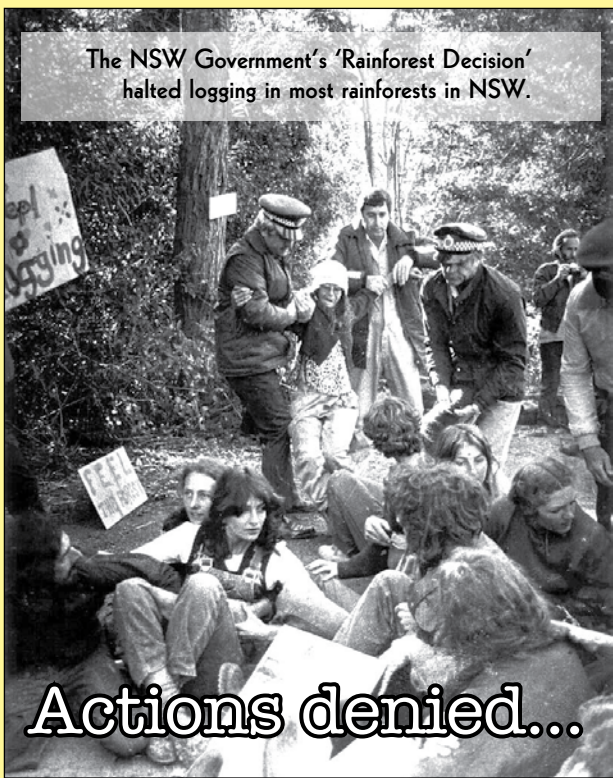
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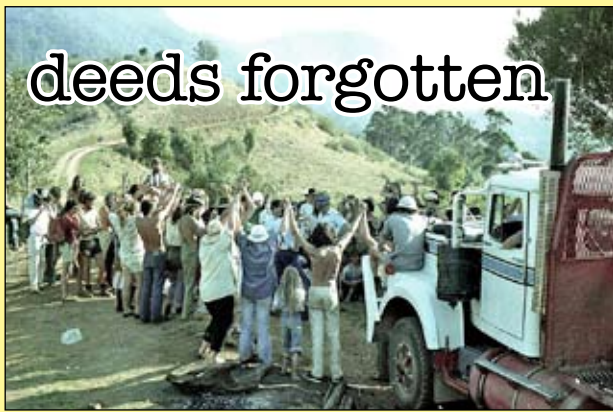


The NSW Government's 'Rainforest Decision' halted logging in most rainforests in NSW.



Actions denied...

deeds forgotten



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Towards the end of the campaign, Rick had become impatient to get out of the camp and a return to "normal life". We were all weary after these long months, so I told him to do something to stop it, after all he was the previous 'stunt man' from the lawns of Parliament House.

In the morning, Rick's foot had managed to find itself being run over by a 4WD police vehicle which had reversed and backed up over his foot again. He screamed in agony and a doctor was called from Nimbin to attend. He was sent to the Lismore Base Hospital for an X-ray as two detectives came to get me out of the crammed-full cell of protesters in Nimbin. I did not know where they were taking me and acting mysteriously they would not disclose the destination.

When the police car pulled into the Lismore Base Hospital, I knew they were taking me to see Rick. After a word with the doctor in charge, they threatened us saying that knowing of our political actions of the past, they were watching us closely. The next day back in camp, we heard the news. The Wran Government had finally agreed to halt the logging and a short time later the Nightcap National Park was declared, a win for the people by the people.

The Nightcap Action Group only had a core of about 50 people who were actively involved on a daily basis. It was our love and commitment for the forest which had saved them, not the Wran Government who claimed the kudos the following week under the headlines 'Rainforest Logging Banned in NSW'.

Recently, the whole Nightcap Blockade was ignored in an article called "The Definitive and Complete History of Northern Rivers Activism" along with the Chaelundi blockade and all of NEFA's actions for the forests. These outrageous omissions in the history books are a great injustice to all those folks who loved the forests enough to lay down their lives if needed. The article concerned was published on: [www.monsterchildren.com](http://www.monsterchildren.com) and I for one hope they get enough complaints to address this oversight.

Even on the National Parks and Wildlife tourist information boards, this historical local victory is not mentioned.

Perhaps the forces in charge don't want people getting the idea that they can actually get together and do something about the slaughter of life as they eat up our planet.



Courtesy The Northern Star



NIMBIN ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

NEWS

By Cath Smith, President

Hello all environment lovers! Nimbin's annual agricultural show is now close – this month!

Nimbin Environment Centre will once again have its stall in Sustainability Alley on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September, and volunteers to "person" the stall would be helpful and appreciated.

A wonderful opportunity to re-establish your connection to the ongoing Pilliga campaign against CSG mining is coming up in the "Back to the Pilliga" weekend on Friday 10th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November, camping at Pilliga Pottery. Call Maria at Pilliga Pottery for information, on (02) 6842-2239.

A report from the Casino Environment Centre, that 360 lomandra were planted on National Tree Day on 30th July in Casino wetlands – a massive effort, which



Scott Sledge with granddaughter Amelie

I'm sure will benefit the environment there.

For those interested in the progress of the Stop Adani campaign, there is a Brisbane Stop Adani summit

on Sunday 10th September from 9.30am to 4pm. Stay connected to the Adani campaign at: [stopadanimovement+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:stopadanimovement+subscribe@googlegroups.com) Contacts for the Queensland summit are Moira Williams at: [moira.williams@gmail.com](mailto:moira.williams@gmail.com) and Ray Yoshida at: [ray@getup.org.au](mailto:ray@getup.org.au)

An information/fundraising session at Uki Hall last month discussed the dangers of water mining, which is imminent in the Tweed Shire. Those interested in following this campaign should keep an eye on Tweed Council website for water mining applications, and direct actions will occur.

And for those driving in to Lismore on a Saturday, River-FM (92.9FM) now has an Eco-hour show from 12 to 2pm on Saturdays.

Join our NEC meetings at the Community School room, Nimbin Community Centre from 5 to 6.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

## Up to 3.7°C hotter, 25% drier Northern Rivers wildlife and farms to be hit hard by climate change

Hotter and drier conditions from runaway climate change will push endangered wildlife and ecosystems in the Northern Rivers region of the state closer to extinction, a new report has found.

The Nature Conservation Council report titled *Hot, dry, and deadly: Impacts of climate change on nature in NSW* also found farm productivity in some sectors and parts of the state could fall up to 13% if carbon pollution is not slashed.

"The Northern Rivers region could be much hotter and drier, making conditions tougher for native wildlife and dramatically changing some ecosystems," NCC campaigns director Daisy Barham said.

"Rainfall and temperature changes will alter many elements of the region's ecology, including flowering times for eucalypts and other plants, the migration pattern of birds, and the frequency and intensity of bushfires.

The coastal ecosystems will also change significantly because of rising sea levels and more intense storms battering the beaches and coastal lagoons.

"The Northern Rivers region has had an extremely dry July this year. [i] Lismore received only about 6mm of rain last month, about 80% down on the long-term average of 34mm. Ballina had only about 10mm during that month, 90% less than the long-term average of 112mm.

"Extremes like these are a taste of what these regions and can expect if we don't urgently slash climate pollution. The CSIRO warns that on current trends, temperatures in the Northern Rivers region could increase by up to 3.7°C while rainfall could decline a frightening 25%."

### Ecosystems and species

Ms Barham said the region's forests, woodlands, rivers and wetlands would deteriorate if we didn't act urgently to slash carbon pollution.

"Many species will suffer, including



koalas and water birds, and key ecosystems such as coastal swamp forests, saltmarshes and seagrass meadows are likely to shrink dramatically or disappear entirely in some places, she said.

"Koalas numbers in Eastern Australia have plummeted over the past few decades, especially on the North Coast where it is estimated numbers have crashed 50% in just 20 years. Climate change has now joined habitat loss, dog attack, vehicle strike, disease, drought, and inbreeding as a key threat to the survival of the species.

"Increasing atmospheric CO<sup>2</sup> levels will reduce the nutritional quality of eucalypt leaves, causing malnutrition and starvation. Koalas will also be affected by rising sea levels, which will inundate swamp forests, one of the species' preferred habitats in coastal areas.

"Ecosystems are complex, so it is hard to predict exactly how these changes will play out, but we do know small changes can trigger catastrophic knock-on effects."

### Farm productivity

"Falling agricultural productivity also threatens biodiversity by hampering the ability of farmers to be good

environmental stewards, as most want to be.

"Federal Government agencies have warned that sheep meat production across the state will decline more than 13%, along with significant declines in dairy, beef and wheat production."

### What needs to happen

"NSW fuels these changes on the North Coast and across the state by sourcing almost 80% of its electricity from coal-fired power stations.

"NSW is among the worst-performing states in transitioning our electricity system to renewables. We call on Premier Berejiklian to commit to sourcing our electricity from the sun and wind, to act on climate change, and ensure a stable climate for our future in this region and beyond"

### #Repower NSW

The Nature Conservation Council invites people to join the #Repower campaign, a national movement of communities who want to accelerate the transition to renewable energy needed to protect the climate, nature, and farm productivity.

Download the full report at: <http://www.nature.org.au/media/286888/1707-ncc-climate-nature-report-v10b-web.pdf>



# Don't rubbish Vinnies great work

Vinnies op shop in Nimbin has two important messages for the local community.

The first is that they stock a great range of good quality clothing and household items (excluding furniture and white goods) at bargain prices.

"The turnover is rapid, with new stock coming in all the time," said shop manager Jeanette Gibbs.

"Op shopping is fun and it enables you to dress up or down at a remarkably low price. The other benefit is that recycling clothing and items such as crockery and glassware greatly reduces the amount of waste going to landfill.

"So you're not only doing your budget a favour but helping the environment as well."

The second important message, Jeanette said, is that the shop stocks only clean items that carry no risk of causing health problems.

"We're absolutely strict about this responsibility," she added, saying that too often the shop's surrounds, including the front verandah and backyard area, are used as a dumping ground for unwanted and even unhygienic material.

"I know it costs money to use the tip in Nimbin or Lismore, but we also get charged to get rid of rubbish dumped on our premises.

"The funds we make from Nimbin and other local shops go to support the work



Vinnies Nimbin shop manager Jeanette Gibbs with volunteers Nancy Nugent and Bronwyn Murphy.

we do with people struggling to buy food or pay their energy bills.

"It's not fair, and it's really yucky, to expect our volunteers to deal with items such as soiled nappies or food waste that causes bad smells and contaminates other items.

"We don't stock furniture, let alone broken items, and can't be going through bags of waste to sort out what might be re-usable.

"There are no commercial washing facilities here, so anything dumped has to be taken away, and this is expensive."

Jeanette said if it weren't for dumped rubbish their on-site skip would only

need to be emptied – at a cost of \$122 – once a month. However, it often requires to be taken away weekly.

So the second message is clear: "Please don't think of Vinnies as a place that can somehow recycle anything as well as taking care of unwanted rubbish," she said.

"We love being part of the Nimbin community, and appreciate being treated with the respect people have for their own space."

Vinnies Nimbin shop has expanded its opening hours to include Saturdays from 10am to noon, as well as the usual Wednesday to Friday from 9am to 3pm.

## Register for Friendship Festival Tug-o-War

Nominations have been called for teams of six people (all genders) to take part in the inaugural tug-o-war at the forthcoming 2017 Friendship Festival's Piazza in the Park in Spinks Park on Sunday, 1st October.

The invitation is for teams representing workplaces, sporting clubs and community organisations to



wear outfits in the colours of the Italian flag (green, white and red) and join in the spirit

of family fun day. It is hoped their power and presence of the colourful teams will appeal to the local and visiting audience in pursuit of the 2017 trophy.

The not-too-serious event is sponsored by Parker and Kissane, local solicitors and is part of the recreational program of traditional and contemporary activities for

young and old on the day, along with bocce, singing, dancing and sharing great food and wine in the free outdoor community festival.

Benvenuti a tutti! Teams need to register by September 20th. To register contact Friendship Festival manager Aliison Kelly on 0428-216-079 or: [aliison@internode.on.net](mailto:aliison@internode.on.net) for details.

## Nimbin Community Centre News

Our organisation aims to:

- manage the assets of the organisation in a sustainable manner for the benefit of future generations of Nimbin and surrounding areas.
- provide and maintain buildings, grounds and open space for community development, education, recreation and other community purposes.
- support and build on community resources, services and facilities.
- initiate and advocate for projects and services based on the changing needs of the community of Nimbin and environs.

If you would like to get involved and take part in the future of Nimbin Community Centre, why don't you become a member? Membership fees: \$15 (adult), \$10 (seniors over 60) and \$5 (youth). Your membership assists to guarantee the success of the organisation as an effective vehicle for current and future community initiatives.

### Tenant meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended Nimbin Community Centre's inaugural tenant and visitor meeting on 10th August. Everyone at NCCI really appreciated the opportunity



to hear from you all. We found the exchange of input and views highly valuable and we are aiming to hold similar meetings around three times each year from now on.

### Park table donation

Nimbin Community centre would like to publically acknowledge Adrian Williamson who donated the beautiful new table in Allsopp Park. The table (pictured above) has taken Adrian a lot of hard work and resources to produce and we are very lucky to have it. Thanks Adrian

### New roofing for casuarina

The maintenance crew have been hard at work putting up new roofing near the Casuarina building in the NCCI grounds. The roofing will provide extra weather protection for our tenants and visitors and will also help us maintain the area.

### Market Co-ordinator farewell

We are sad to announce that Currawong and Hellena will not be returning to live in Nimbin in the foreseeable future and will, therefore, no longer be running the Nimbin markets.

Raven has been doing an amazing job in their absence but, due to other life commitments, has decided not to continue in the role. We have huge appreciation for the hard work and commitment that all of these people have put into making the markets what they are and we wish them all the very best in their next adventures.

If you are interested in coordinating the Nimbin Markets, see our advertisement in this month's *GoodTimes*. (See page 23.)

### Hire spaces

Are you thinking of running a class or workshop? Do you need a meeting space? The Nimbin Community Centre Dance Studio and the Birth and Beyond Room are available for hire at \$11 per hour or \$33 per day, with a \$20 key deposit.

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## Local surfer hones his wave-riding skills

Senior surfer and local resident Peter Holmes has honed his wave-riding skills over the last 40 years and loves to take advantage of any opportunity to catch a wave. A regular at Nimbin Aged Care & Respite Services, based at Bottlebrush Studio in the Nimbin Community Centre, Peter thoroughly enjoys the social groups and light lunches and occasionally may be found surfing in cyberspace.

NACRS has five online computers available for seniors, run by volunteer computer whiz, Mark Palmer. Bottlebrush Studio is open Mon-Friday 10am-2pm and all seniors are welcome, so pop in for a cuppa, and maybe some cyber-surfing.



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## In your neighbourhood...

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre News

### It's Nimbin Show time

We will be back at the show with Sustainability Alley again this year with lots of interactive activities and things to do...not to be missed. Make sure you get along to support our local show and keep it going strong. Drop into Sustainability Alley and do one of the workshops – Drilling for dummies, bike repairs, ropes and knots, making household implements from bamboo and much much more. 23rd and 24th September at the Nimbin Showground. See the publicity in this edition of the NGT. See our website for a copy of the official show program.

### Best shops display competition

Businesses on our main street are reminded to set up your shop displays to promote the Nimbin Show at least one week before the show to be in the running to win the

coveted perpetual Pumpkin Trophy, as well as supporting our local show.

### Nimbin Integrated Services

Genevieve will be away on leave for six weeks during September and October. We here at NNIC will endeavor to assist clients as much as possible until she returns from leave.

### Public access showers

We are seeking quotes from licensed builders who would be interested in taking on the job of converting one of the public toilets into a shower. Please contact us at NNIC on: [admin@nnic.org.au](mailto:admin@nnic.org.au) if you would be interested in providing a quote.

### NNIC clean up and BBQ

Come along on Sunday 10th September and give us a hand and we will feed you and hug you. For more info contact Kath at NNIC on 6689-1692.

### Soup kitchen

Every Friday from 11am to 2pm on the NNIC front veranda. All welcome.

### Nimbin Community Drug Action Team (CDAT)

The next meeting will be on 28th September at 2pm at NNIC. All welcome and we are always after new members.

### Sustainable House Day

Come along to the Expo at Tweed at the Seagulls Club on Saturday 16th September and check out the Build It Local design competition entries, speed date a designer, join in a Food Not Waste workshop and a whole lot more.

For more info see: [www.sustainablehousedaynr.org](http://www.sustainablehousedaynr.org)

### International Overdose Awareness Day

On 31st August, the Nimbin CDAT crew went around town and

distributed OD and CPR information plus we put up CPR charts around town as well as resuscitation kits with gloves and disposable resuscitation masks for use in emergencies.

Please do not remove the posters or kits so that they remain in place for use in emergencies. If you would like a CPR poster for your home, come in and see us at NNIC rather than taking any of the ones we have out around the village.

*Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre (NNIC) is run by locals for locals to support people in need and the community to achieve their aspirations. Everyone is welcome. If we can't help we probably know who can. Lots of useful local and other info is available on our website. For appointments, phone 6689-1692 or just drop in between 10am and 4pm weekdays.*

## Nimbin Hospital information

### Child immunisation clinic

For 0-5 year olds, held on second Tuesday of the month. Next Clinic: 11th September. Phone 6620-7687 (Lismore Community Health Centre)

### Early childhood nurse

Every Tuesday. Baby checks, weighs, post-natal support. For appointments phone 6620-7687.

### Women's health nurse services

One Thursday a month. Confidential service, pap smears, breast checks, contraceptive advice, post-natal checks, general health information. Phone 6689-1400 for appointment.

### Wound clinic

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am. For self-referral, phone 6689-1288. Referrals also from Nimbin Hospital and GP clinic.

### Cannabis clinic

Every Monday. Confidential counselling, Phone 1300-664-098 or 0427-465-708.

### Drug and alcohol counsellor/psychologist

Every Thursday. For appointment, phone 6620-7634 or mobile 0428-109-474.

### Nurse practitioner clinics

• Diabetes Clinics: third Thursday of the month, next is 21st September.  
• Respiratory Clinic: second Tuesday of the month, next is 11th September. Phone 6630-0488 for appointments.

### Community Registered Nurses

Monday to Friday, 8am-4.30pm. Assessments, wound care, referrals, advocacy, provision of palliative care in the home, medication support. Phone 6689-1288 – leave message, will return call swiftly.

### Nimbin NSP

Needle and Syringe program open Monday to Thursday. Arrangements can be made to see Community Registered Nurse.

### Health advice line

Phone 1800-022-222 if you have a health issue. 24-hour, seven days a week free service. A Registered Nurse will assess whether you need to go to an Emergency Department.

### Nimbin Hospital Auxiliary

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the hospital, at 10am. Next meeting: 13th September. New members welcome.





# A decent BUNK in later years

## BUNK Health News

by Noelle Lynden-Way

In rural areas in NSW there are now 60 MPSs (Multi Purpose Services Sites) and in Northern NSW, we have three (Kyogle, Nimbin and Urbenville).

With the building having commenced for the Bonalbo Hospital, Emergency Department, Residential Aged Care (RAC) and Community Health, there will be a fourth MPS in the near future in our local area.

Each of these MPSs receive Commonwealth recurrent funding for the approved aged care places. The NSW Government funds the other services (Hospital, Emergency Dept. and Community Health).

In a rural area, where there is a growing ageing population, it became apparent at the Kyogle, Nimbin and Urbenville MPSs that the waiting list for RAC (Residential Aged Care) needed to be reviewed and the current admission process changed to one of transparency and collaboration. In 2014 a committee was set up to establish criteria and a structured process to determine urgency and priority for placement in RAC.

The new process has now been implemented and interviews take place with future residents and family to explain the admission process. The success of the project can be seen by the fact that now only 3% of the people receiving a bed in the RAC are from out of the area. Previously the number was 17%.

At the recent Northern NSW Local Health District Annual Awards, Melissa Ingram and Leanne Schipanski received



Mel Ingram, Acting Nurse Manager, Kyogle Hospital, Tom Fitzgerald, member of the three MPS Consultative Committee, and Leanne Schipanski, Nursing Unit Manager, Residential Aged Care.

first prize in their category for the presentation of the RAC Waiting List Project for the three MPSs. Pictured are Mel and Leanne with Tom Fitzgerald (Member of the 3MPS Consultative Committee).

A few months ago, BUNK News featured the REACH project that Vicki Wale (Nurse Educator, 3MPS) developed for patients, relatives and staff. Vicki was a runner up at the NNSW LHD Awards and Kim Grey (Urbenville MPS) presented her poster on Advance Care planning.

Congratulations to all of you. Our local

communities can be very proud of the hardworking, innovative staff at Kyogle, Nimbin and Urbenville MPSs.

Remember to call the Health Advice Line if you have a health issue. It's a 24-hour 7-days-a-week free service on 1800-022-222. A Registered Nurse (RN) will speak to you and assess whether or not you need to go to the emergency department at your local MPS. Read more information about this service on: [www.healthdirect.org.au](http://www.healthdirect.org.au)

Mental Health Helpline 1800-011-511 (Information and access to Mental Health Services).

## Nimbin Advisory Group August meeting report

1. Peter Jeuken, LCC Compliance, opened discussion on the proposed Nimbin Parking Strategy by advising on the process and progress of the strategy which has been available and open online for submissions until 2nd September. It is required to be complete by the end of the year to enable inclusion in Council budgeting which occurs in Feb-March.

There was general agreement from the NAG group that the process to date has been unsatisfactory and that face-to-face community consultation will prove more effective in providing long-term workable solutions. The group asked to organise two community meetings in the very near future and for an extended deadline for feedback.

Issues identified include the dual nature of parking usage – viz locals or tourists; consultation with landholders re alternative sites for new parking; problems for locals with access and insufficient disability access from the western carpark; and the need for more positive, community-focussed and engaged approaches to enforcement.

Council staff present agreed to the proposal for community-organised consultation (daytime and evening meetings to be held in early September) and deadline extension til these have occurred and by the end of this year.

2. Nimbin Walking Trail route and funding were discussed and Diana reminded the meeting of the existing legal Right of Way which will likely need to be used to accommodate recent changes in land tenure.

3. Paula Newman, LCC Strategic Planning, advised that the next *Local Matters* and *Nimbin GoodTimes* will include a rezoning proposal to allow for the development of private land north of the bridge, opposite the Bush Theatre entrance. (See page 9.)

4. Council has \$35,000 in its 2017/18

budget for the development of a Nimbin Fitness Park to provide outdoor exercise equipment for all ages. Sue Edmonds advised there was also \$2,000 for the project from Clubs NSW. LCC suggest an online engagement tool to gather community feedback, but the meeting agreed that other forms of advertisement could be more useful to encourage local sport and rec groups and general community input into siting and choice of equipment.

NAG members agreed to receive info from Casie and circulate for comment. The meeting agreed a site away from the skatepark would be best for different age groups and near the small children's play equipment was suggested.

Separate to this, Council is currently requesting tenders from consultants to review the current Sport and Rec Plan and to develop a new one. This project has two stages and stage one – the review of the current plan – is due to be completed by the end of 2017.

5. The first stage of the Allsopp Park Mural has been completed. Gilbert Laurie will co-ordinate the design and painting of the new mural. Casie circulated LCC proposal for Allsopp Park maintenance, including removal of the large feral icecream bean tree on the eastern side. Meeting agreed that planting of smaller species underneath the western icecream bean tree could be useful to enable shade to develop before that tree is also removed.

The meeting agreed that proposing concrete to replace the worn grass areas of the park was unnecessary and that renewing the area with fresh turf would be more acceptable. Two new flagpoles at the memorial have been requested and LCC proposes to attach these to the monument. There has also been a request to remove the children's slide, but the meeting disagreed, as it still much in

use. The palm tree under the powerline will be removed. Suggestions to beautify the silt trap are sought.

6. The Lighting Up Nimbin project (to improve lighting under awnings and murals) and solutions to the funding shortfall for the project were discussed. LCC will provide up to date figures to assist Chamber of Commerce deliberations. Council staff will liaise with Diana to ensure the project can go ahead.

7. Complaints about the semi-permanent seating outside the School of Arts Gallery were discussed. Isaac Smith advised that previous consultation had made it clear that there was no community will to remove the seats, although all present agreed that blocking of foot traffic, loud music and abuse in the area should be discouraged and respect shown to the often elderly workers and customers in the Gallery.

8. Diana advised that Donato is carving a sandstone block, generously donated by Bill McHenry in consultation with NCC, as a memorial to Dick Hopkins to be situated in Peace Park.

9. Sue Edmonds requested that consideration be given to provision of seating for parents near the children's play area.

10. NNIC has been progressing the issue of a public access shower and has secured some potential funding towards the costs of converting one of the toilet cubicles in the Council-owned public toilet block.

NNIC met with Council which subsequently furnished a quote for \$75,000, which was viewed as inflated and likely out of range of most grants, and also far exceeds the sum of money potentially on offer. NNIC will seek further quotes. Any quotes for projects must be received by Council before the Feb-March budget is drawn up.

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## What's On in September?

- **Sunday 10th** – Visiting Club: East Lismore Elbows
- **Blues & Roots Festival** – Fri 15, Sat 16, Sun 17
- **Sunday 24th** – Queensland Mini Owners Club visit
- **Open Mike Nights** – Wednesday 13th & 4th Oct
- **Friday Nights** – Raffles, Entertainment
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## Shenanigans and Smarties – Ep #5 – Oscart Studios



### Laneway scapegoats

Given what's happening to the laneway boys it's about time we looked at the reason for our drug prohibition laws. Their sole purpose is to support the third largest industry on the planet, illicit drugs, which wouldn't exist without them. The concentration on cannabis is vital to the preservation of that huge industry since anywhere cannabis has been legalised the use of other drugs drops like a rock.

There are many ways to deal with any problems we may have with drugs in society, some of which we already use with drugs such as tobacco, alcohol and pharmaceuticals. Prohibition on the other hand has only ever increased use and marketing.

The specially brought in Magistrate Mijovich suggests he is obliged to follow orders, a defence which has lost all credibility since the Nuremberg trials. Whether he likes it or not, we are personally responsible for the consequences of our own actions and His Honour's actions provide massive assistance to the major dealers, the cartels and the associated corrupt, protecting the income of the third largest industry.

Amongst the many words that apparently have a different meaning in legalese, honour seems to be one of them in this man's case.

Robin Harrison  
Binna Burra

### New rail connections

So many people I speak to say they want trains in this area, but they've given up believing it's possible. The government will never pay for it, they say, the track is falling apart.

It's interesting to look at what's happening out west in NSW at the moment. *The Northern Daily Leader*, 14th August 2017, 'All aboard, MP flags more train rides from town', talks about new potential rail connections between Tamworth and Dubbo, Newcastle and Sydney.

This article also states, "Dubbo was identified as the preferred location to construct a brand new rail maintenance facility, bringing with it a big boost for jobs, as the entire regional train fleet is replaced."

It seems that the local Nationals MP for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson, is the Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads and Transport and is pushing for more rail services for his area. Our local Nationals MPs, Thomas George and Geoff Provest have been pushing for funding for rail trails.

Our cities are as populated and more numerous than out west and in fact Tweed has more than twice the population of Dubbo. Maybe we just need some new MPs.

Beth Shelley  
Booerie Creek

### Republican issues

Regarding your letter from Peter Twohill (NGT, August), doesn't he know that America has nothing to do with Australia being a republic?

We come under the British system, the Lemma Declaration of 1975 which was signed off to my belief by Mal Fraser, which sold Australia down the tube.

Until we get rid of that, and the press and TV stop highlighting the USA with their garbage, we will never get away from America as he suggests.

Gordon Lee  
Tweed Heads

### Religion and marriage

I appeal to people of all faiths and non-faiths to apply some ethical and spiritual common sense to the topic of same sex marriage.

How can some adherents of every religion square a harsh attitude with the teachings of Jesus if he advocated love and compassion for all? And God daily creating homosexuals in error?

This new Pope Francis has a Jesus-like compassion for all people, yet many of his cardinals advocate a hard doctrine. How can religious doctrines condemn 10% of people to living a lie about love?

Free will and religious freedom gives everyone choices about which of their clergy they wish to believe. To choose confidently suggests individuals must examine the very foundation of religions.

From 'alternate facts' I find that until 300 AD countless Christian sects were in strong disagreement over the

teachings of Jesus as recorded in the many 'gospels' written by men. The Roman emperor Constantine wished to unite these feisty warring factions into a single religion and a source of soldiers for political and military reasons.

Leaders of the sects were coerced into agreeing on a common doctrine (Council of Nicaea, 325 AD), contrary naturally, to many individual beliefs for a new universal (catholic) church. Sects that did not conform were persecuted. Many scriptures were destroyed.

Constantine commissioned the compilation of a set of books principally to background foreign dignitaries about the new religion. In 397 AD (Nicaea) the final list was agreed in a vote. It became known as the Bible.

If the Catholic church was born out of power plays in a violent time, little wonder it is reflected today. If the Bible was not intended to be used by parishioners, what was the basis of church doctrines?

Why was all the violence found in the scriptures voted to be included?

If the Bible is central to one's religion, and you believe it to be based on the teachings of Jesus, why does it include only four short gospels? Perhaps those gospels in Vatican vaults, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, are very relevant for a global morality. Particularly for Protestants who claim their faith is Bible based.

Really, only individual choices can bring compassionate inclusion of homosexuals, and the institutions will follow.

Sexual preference should not be political. Similarly we must be aware there are forces deliberately creating animosity around moral issues like refugees, the homeless, or imprisoned children.

Hayo van der Woude  
Mullumbimby

### Racism

The subject of racism is always relevant.

As a society, our collective challenges are amplified if we cannot agree that each person within that society is as worthy and deserving as the next. If we view certain other humans as inferior or intrinsically less moral, then

our base view of the world is populated by people who (in our eyes) are not equal.

Inequality is the cause of many problems. Any thought or action that reinforces inequality is a problem also.

Racism is a form of fear that divides the world into good and bad, superior and inferior. It is an attitude that places a peaceful, cohesive community out of reach and enshrines inequality at a fundamental level.

Yet attitudes can and do change – fear can and is overcome!

So rather than criticising racist individuals and causing them to feel even more threatened, perhaps a more productive approach might be to ask questions. Rather than driving them deeper into a defensive stance, perhaps encouraging such people to unpack their fear might help them to better view their anxiety for what it is.

Why are other ethnicities bad? What part of their genetic code makes them so? How do you feel when you encounter such people? What's it like living with those feelings?

Challenging racism to describe itself in detail (without arguing the point) is the same as encouraging someone to self-examine. Through self-examination perhaps, the fear a person carries inside of them may be laid bare and exposed.

Racism and self-understanding should get to know one another.

RJ Poole  
Lismore

### Vaccination

I am concerned about legislation in front of the NSW Parliament that as of January 2018 will ban children from attending preschool if they have not been fully vaccinated. What people don't necessarily realise is this change will affect both vaccinated and non vaccinated children as some preschools will be forced to close.

Nimbin Preschool and many others in the local area could be drastically affected and may even have to close. Approximately half of Nimbin Preschool's families currently

# Notices

### AGM

Nimbin Headers Sports Club. Junior presentation. Saturday 9th September, 10am at the Clubhouse, Cecil Street, Nimbin.

### WIRES is recruiting

WIRES offers a basic training course that will teach you how to safely rescue and provide emergency care for injured and orphaned wildlife. If you would like to join WIRES and participate in our Rescue and Immediate Care Course in September, please contact us as soon as possible. Call our 24 hour hotline on 6628-1898 or visit: <http://wiresnr.org/Helping.html>.

### Film night: An Inconvenient Sequel

The Knitting Nannas Against Gas proudly present one of the first screenings of this film here, on Thursday 7th September, BCC Cinemas Lismore – doors open 6.15pm for 7pm start. A decade after *An Inconvenient Truth* brought climate change into the heart of popular culture, comes the riveting and rousing follow-up that shows just how close we are to a real energy revolution.

### Home Education Workshop

The Home Education Association presents Tamara Kidd with two workshops on Wednesday 13th September from 10am to 2pm at Birth and Beyond in Nimbin. Two sessions: \$10 per session or \$15 for both. BYO lunch. For bookings email: [rainbowregionhomeschoolers@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowregionhomeschoolers@gmail.com)

### Lead guitarist wanted

Min. five years stage experience, vocals preferred, transport essential, gigs waiting. Influences: Bon Jovi, Jimmy Barnes and all R&B genres. Phone Rob on 0424-450-545.

### Al-Anon

Is your life being affected by somebody else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups can help. Meetings held in your district. For more information: [www.al-anon.org.au](http://www.al-anon.org.au) also 1300 ALANON (1300 252 666)

enrolled are conscientious objectors.

I wish to avoid the debate about vaccination and focus on the rights of all children to a quality education. Regardless of your viewpoint on vaccination, our civil liberties are at risk. This is not just going to affect small children but I believe there is an agenda for compulsory adult immunisation.

Last year legislation was enacted to exclude non vaccinated children from day care, resulting in most local family day cares closing with loss of jobs and children missing out on early childhood education.

Next year it will be preschools, then soon probably all schools. As of 2016 there is already an adult vaccination register with many new vaccinations recommend for scheduling. How do you feel about

mandatory vaccinations of all adults? Where does it stop? Who dictates what people are compelled to do? I'm certainly not pushing either a pro or anti vaccination stance. We should be having an open discussion without vilification.

This proposed legislation attacks free choice and international conventions on the rights of the child to education. On a local level the community has worked hard over decades to develop quality services for our children. This legislation if passed will drastically affect the future of our children's education.

Please phone and/or mail your local MP's and the NSW Minister for Health The Hon. Brad Hazzard and NSW Minister for Early Childhood Education Hon. Sarah Mitchell.

Scott Sledge  
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## RIP Wendy Kay

14/7/1932 to 31/7/2017

Wendy "Free" Kay has passed away in Melbourne, age 85, and shall be affectionately recalled by people in the Nimbin community.

Wendy was, as she liked to see herself, a "people person". Having been seriously disabled by rheumatoid arthritis for most of her life, she found a new calling after the end of her marriage in Adelaide in 1980, "reaching out" (another of her favourite terms) to other disabled people around her.

It was her new passion: as a torch-bearer for the struggles, needs and aspirations of a section of society that she did not like to be simply just referred to as "the disabled". She created a group that she named "Good Companions" and fostered a spirit of advocacy that was to coincide with the International Year of the Disabled Person in 1981 and drew her to the inaugural conference

of Disabled People's International in Melbourne in 1983.

Wendy simultaneously embraced Christianity but always believed too in never sitting in judgement of others. After moving to Nimbin in the nineties, she warmed to the sense of community that she found there along with her "inner hippie". With her assertively hospitable ways and riding atop her "gadabout" flying its familiar Aboriginal flag, she became a regular sight on Cullen Street, never hesitating to engage people with a friendly greeting or a chat.

Wendy was always generous on both a material and spiritual level, often letting delighted children take rides on the motorised scooter or lending people a genuine and empathetic ear.

She had a restless spirit that saw her become a resident of Mulgum House for a time, and in 2006 she gained some notoriety and the attention of *A Current Affair* when she "chained" herself to the building in a ceremonious protest action



on behalf of its remaining few residents.

Wendy will be remembered as a cheerful and compassionate, deeply humanitarian and always accepting person, and it is expected that a memorial service will be held for her in Nimbin, around the end of the year.

## RIP Bonny Monsell

by Binnah Pownall

Another inspirational Elder person has passed away on 20th July. Bonita Currie Monsell left her body and was buried in a combined Christian/Spiritual memorial service on Friday 4th August in Beaudesert.

Bonny became known to more of the outside community when she was involved as a very staunch defender and protector of the land at the Doubtful Creek and Bentley Coal Seam Gas actions. Bonnie was known within her own family circles as someone who would stand up for any form of injustice presented to her. She was



Two of Bonny's sons, David and Mallee say their final goodbyes.

involved in the early 'Land Rights' movement, as well as the Sovereignty movement of the last few years. Bonnie would support anything that brought her mob out of the control they have been

under, and into a life of self-determination and freedom that they were once so used to for so long.

Bonny was born at Kyogle and grew up at the then Woodenbong (ab)Original

Reserve during the time of the white Australia policy and the so-called Aboriginal Protection Board, now known as Muli-Muli. Bonny spent almost forty years of her life at Pitt street Beaudesert where she and husband Ashley Currie raised their children. Bonny was a direct bloodline descendant of the Githabul, Ngaraakbul, Wahlbul, Ghalbul, Winyanbul and Yaggirbul tribal systems that take in the Northern Rivers and parts of Queensland. Also bloodline connection was to the Wirri tribe, in and around the Rockhampton and Mackay areas. Her tribal name was Muungundi. Rest well mighty warriorress – for your people and the land.

## RIP David Winston

David Ralph Winston was born 12/1/1957 in Broken Hill Hospital and passed away in Nimbin Hospital on 28/8/2017. He was the first born child of Ralph and Margaret Winston. Ralph worked underground for Zinc Corporation at the rock face drilling holes for the charges. Margaret was a secretary at the Ford dealership.

The family moved to Adelaide in 1960 where Dave attended Cowandilla Demonstration School and The Barton Boys Technical High School. He didn't like school and used his creativity mostly for excuses to avoid P.E. He ran away from home getting his first tattoo at 17, joined a rebel motorcycle gang and eventually became Sergeant at Arms.

He went missing for two years after a fallout with the gang and was only found after his parents put his picture on milk cartons and the Salvation Army in Melbourne re-connected them.



Courtesy Getty images

His parents picked up his gear and returned to Adelaide with his belongings. Dave said he would follow in a couple of weeks. However, the next contact was from Murwillumbah. In typical Dave fashion he had decided

to go north after suggestions from friends, ending up in Nimbin sleeping behind the hotel or wherever seemed appropriate. His mother once said he finally looked like he belonged in Nimbin after being an outsider everywhere else. She reportedly said, "it might sound funny for a mother to say this, but he looks happy, it's like seeing an animal in its natural environment."

Eventually meeting Skye, they had five children together. Both Dave and Skye each had a child from previous relationships so it was a big family. They lived in tepees and buses eventually buying a share in a community at Barkers Vale.

Dave became famous around the globe as he was the welcoming face at the front door of Nimbin Museum for most of its life. Millions of photos were taken of him and he was also on postcards. He loved the community and how the Nimbin people had made him feel at home from the beginning.

home and fell in love with him.

I loved and cared for Duk-Duk for three and a half years.

He would sit on the passenger side of my car on a few cushions and just relax or tending his beautiful shiny feathers. Duk-Duk loved to go on trips with me, he liked to look outside and would make some comments when he saw the birds flying or the cows in the paddocks.

When I went to the shopping centre he was happy to wait in the car and watch the cars, the people and birds. He knew when I came back there was always yummy food to enjoy.

How old was Duk-Duk? I can't tell as I found him living on the streets of Nimbin after being abandoned there.

## RIP Duk-Duk

by Renata Crystal

The year of the Rooster has proven not so lucky for Duk-Duk, the very much loved beautiful black Nimbin Rooster who was a well known local icon. His image is even on tourists photos around the world. The children loved him. He was always calm and very friendly and loved everyone (except dogs).

A lady from one of the cafes asked me if I would take him home with me. The roosters made their dirt-bath in the small garden just next to the cafe tables and customers ended up with dirt in their food and drinks. So I took him



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## ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

### Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environment Plan at 4 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin



Council has received a Planning Proposal that would enable the future subdivision of 4 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin, for large lot residential housing.

At its ordinary meeting of 14 February 2017 Lismore City Council resolved to support a Planning Proposal to amend the Lismore Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2012 to rezone part of 4 Blue Knob Road, Nimbin, from Zone RU1 Primary Production to Zone R5 Large Lot Residential in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Planning Proposal seeks to amend the minimum lot size for land proposed to be rezoned to Zone R5 Large Lot Residential from 40ha to 4,000m<sup>2</sup> and 2,500m<sup>2</sup> and amend the maximum building height to 8.5m. It is also proposed to reduce the minimum lot size for residue land to the east that will remain in Zone RU1 Primary Production from 40ha to 10ha to allow the development of a dwelling.

On 9 March 2017 the Department of Planning and Environment issued a Gateway Determination with conditions including requirements for further site investigations to be undertaken relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage, land contamination, ecology and flood risk. The finalisation of the LEP has been delegated to Council.

The Planning Proposal is on exhibition for public comment from 31 August 2017. Copies of the Planning Proposal, Gateway Determination and associated material are available at the front counter of Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and on Council's website [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) by following the 'On Public Exhibition' link.

Submissions to the Planning Proposal outlining grounds of objection or support must be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore or emailed to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au). For enquiries, please contact Strategic Planner Sally Slater on 1300 87 83 87.

Submissions must be received by close of business on Friday, 29 September 2017.

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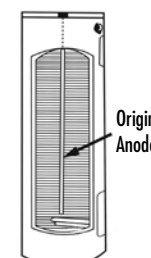
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