

The Alternative Journal of the Rainbow Region

Find us on Facebook

THE NIMBIN GOODTIMES

Fair-minded and FREE

No Tree Edition
February 2018
81 Cullen Street
Nimbin 2480
Phone 6689-1148
nimbin.goodtimes@gmail.com

New mural tells creation story

by Bob Dooley

It was a very hot morning on Friday 12th January, but that didn't stop a large crowd assembling in Nimbin's Allsopp Park for the unveiling of the new billboard-size mural, depicting an important local Dreamtime story.

The mural was created collaboratively by Bundjalung artists Gilbert Laurie, Louis Walker and Oral Roberts, who had been working on it since October.

Unveiling the mural, Gilbert Laurie (pictured) described its central creation story of Dirrawong, featuring the fight between Ngumahl, the spirit goanna and Nyooingbah, the snake. The snake had stolen the goanna's poison, and as the goanna chased him to get it back, landforms, waterholes and significant places were created. The chase ended on the coast at Goanna Headland, Evans Head.

On the billboard, the images of the snake and goanna are raised up from the background, which itself consists of Dreamtime stories. To be read from bottom left to top right, the symbolism of Original spiritual culture can be seen transitioning from under the water, onto land and into the sky.

Notable local features at the top of the mural include, from left to right, the Southern Cross; the seven sisters (for the seven seasons); the three brothers (the Richmond/Wilson,



Photo: Sue Stock

Clarence and Tweed rivers); and the Mt Warning spirits, Gaugan the beautiful princess and Balagan the great male warrior.

"This will be one of the most photographed pieces on the North

Coast," Gilbert Laurie predicted. He was hopeful that an interpretative plaque would be added in the future.

The project, which included replacement of the old mural structure, was funded by Lismore

Council, and Mayor Isaac Smith was there to congratulate the artists, saying Council's involvement showed its respect and support for Bundjalung elders.

As the mural's temporary cover,

designed by Benny Zable, unevenly drooped and fell away, there was prolonged applause for the new mural from the 100 or more people present – admiration that will surely be shared by all who view it.



Hemp Farming Open Day

Growing Renewable Economies – Industry - Medical - Food

Friday 9th February, 11am to 4pm.

87 Cecil Street Nimbin – follow the yellow hemp ribbons.

Cost \$20 includes delicious hemp foods.

For enquiries, phone Wadzy 0407-895-569

www.virinhempfarms.com



OFF GRID SOLAR SOLUTION



48V System \$23,900

5 kWh per day

- 8 x 295w Trina Solar Panels
- SMA Sunny Island Inverter 3KW
- 48V 830Ah German Gel Batteries
- Prewired Distribution Board
- Solar Frame
- Battery Box
- Living with Solar Course
- The Complete Kit



RAINBOW POWER COMPANY

Call the renewable energy specialists on 02 6689 1430 visit www.rpc.com.au