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# Power of Hollywood in hands of youth

Young people have important stories to tell, and there's no better way to tell a story than with film. Everyone now walks around with a camera in their pocket.

Video has become the medium for the 21st Century, and with the rise of YouTube means we are consuming and producing video content like never before.

The Nimbin Youth Film Festival (NYFF) is calling for entries to compete for \$2000 in prizes and unique trophies for first, second and third prizes. Now in its ninth year, the annual film competition is open to filmmakers up to the age of twenty-four who reside in the Northern Rivers region.

The festival presents a great opportunity for local young people to see their film projected onto the big screen at the Nimbin Bush Theatre with a cinema-sized screen and cinema-sized sound and with a full audience.

Special categories offer extra cash prizes. The Nimbin Community Drug Action Team CDAT is sponsoring a \$500 cash prize for the film with the best 'party safe' message, a film about keeping yourself and your friends safe at parties and events.

The Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre is also sponsoring a \$200 prize for the film with the best 'sustainability' theme.

Films can be made on any video device from a smart phone, DSLR camera or a GoPro. A good story is what the judges are looking for, and the judging criteria reflect this, with 30% being awarded to the narrative and 30% to the pure entertainment value.

The judges recognise filmmaking is a team sport and encourage young people to seek support and mentoring from schools, parents, friends and other filmmakers.

The important thing is that the film's vision and idea comes from young people and they are the directors, then they are eligible to enter and entry is free. Whole crews are invited to enter.

Entries close on 16th November, with the screening and awards on Saturday 8th December at 2pm at the Nimbin Bush Theatre.

All details are at: [www.nimbinyouthfilmfestival.com](http://www.nimbinyouthfilmfestival.com) and to receive notifications, visit and like the NYFF Facebook page.



Photo: Terra Sword

Top: Reality cheque. The prop was a fake, but the cheque handed to Nimbin Youth Film Festival (NYFF) Director Darmin Cameron by Lismore's mayor Isaac Smith was very real. The funding for NYFF 2018 has come out of the Lismore City Council's Annual Community Grant funding.

Below: Last year's winners



Photo: Grant O'Brien

## Repainting the Nimbin 'Imagine'

by Benny Zable

The Nimbin Imagine mandala, in Allsopp Park behind the war memorial shelter, is a gathering site and a visual aid for healing oneself, one another and the Earth.

The mandala is an exact copy of the Imagine mosaic in Strawberry Fields, Central Park, New York, for singer-songwriter-activist John Lennon. Visitors from around the world tour the site, which is situated across the road from the Dakota Hotel, where Lennon was assassinated on 8th December, 1980.

On a wet early morning, I traced a section of the mosaic and constructed the full circle at the Nimbin Bush Theatre. Letters were sent to Yoko Ono from the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce then-President Peter Wise, and the Mayor of Lismore Jennie Dowell, for official approval to install the Imagine in Allsopp Park, but she turned us down because it was made for a site-specific memorial.

I decided to go ahead with painting it in Nimbin, because the Imagine mosaic performs a great need culturally for people to reflect and empower themselves with healing, peace, and hope.

Local Aboriginal elders/leaders gave their full approval to install it for this spot, a once significant central meeting place for them. I had added Australian Aboriginal and Native American coloured peace signs to the Imagine to photograph for another pitch for a legal mosaic project.

I had also tacked up the World Prayer Society's 'May peace prevail on earth' signs on the adjacent shelter posts.

The times we live in now are most unpredictable. We are at the crossroads, observing the break-down of our environment and increased violence in the world. The significance of the



Benny Zable poses on his reproduction Imagine mandala in Nimbin. The original mosaic was created by Italian craftsmen and gifted by the city of Naples.

Imagine mosaic goes far beyond the site-specific memorial to John Lennon. It feeds hope and reminds people to care and share.

That is what I noticed over in New York. It's a place which people respect and co-operate around. Last year, I was married there on my birthday; 72nd birthday as well. The world more than ever needs sites like this to gather around. War memorials are appropriate places for installing Imagine, and from my observation, it has assisted the remembering by encouraging and sharing imagined healing for the future.

The Nimbin ANZAC and Armistice Day commemorations include, at the end of remembrance services, a gathering around the Imagine mosaic for a future of peaceful conflict resolution. Similarly, on Hiroshima and Nagasaki remembrance days, gatherings take place in the 2 1/2

acre Strawberry Fields quiet zone.

The Nimbin Imagine is painted, and is temporary until this idea is approved for both here in Australia and overseas.

I hope we can co-operate together for another pitch to Yoko Ono towards developing a process whereby Imagine gathering sites are installed elsewhere to help communities express and empower imagining as a peaceful healing environment, for the sake of our future generations.

Meanwhile, to preserve the paint job as much as possible, please avoid walking, riding or skating over it.

Tuesday 9th October is John Lennon's 78th birthday. At the Imagine mosaic in Strawberry Fields Central Park, people gather on both his birthday and death. Let's start gathering to decorate the Nimbin Imagine with flowers, cards and other creations, and celebrate his life.



# Githabul and conservationists reach historic agreement



Mt. Lindsay in Githabul Country  
Photo: Jimmy Malecki  
Inset: Group after the signing of the  
Githabul Agreement  
Photo: Boudicca Ceresse

The Native Title rights and interests of the Githabul people over 1120 sq km in nine National Parks and 13 State Forests were recognized in the Federal Court in November 2007.

The Githabul Tribe, Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Githabul Elders and representatives of conservation groups have now launched their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the management of Githabul Native Title Lands in the upper Clarence and Richmond Rivers.

"The Forestry Corporation has already abandoned 11,000 hectares of these State Forests for timber production because of the chronic dieback they are suffering from past logging, and the balance of the Githabul lands are in an equally parlous state," North East Forest Alliance spokesperson Dailan Pugh said.

"The Githabul have a proven track-record in rehabilitating dieback areas and we are excited by the prospect of supporting their native title rights while helping to obtain the funding needed to scale up their rehabilitation works to stop the ongoing degradation and begin to restore the health of these internationally significant forests," Mr Pugh said.

"The MOU also marks an important milestone in achieving the protection of important koala habitat in the Western Border Ranges, the connection of seven

*"It is important to understand and acknowledge that the health of the Githabul people in general is directly related to the health of the surrounding country and vice versa."*

*This philosophy underpins the Githabul wish to immediately arrest what is seen as a decline in the health of the forests and waterways over many decades now. Such is our connection to country that we all suffer – along with the plants and animals."*

*We still feel we have a direct responsibility to maintain the natural balance between all inter-related species including ourselves, as was done for millennia before the colonial invasion."*

– Rob Williams,  
Githabul spokesperson

existing World Heritage properties and a recognised biodiversity hotspot under the stewardship of the local Aboriginal community," National Parks Association CEO Alix Goodwin said.

Nature Conservation Council CEO Kate Smolksi said, "We believe that effective nature conservation and land justice for Indigenous Australians go hand in hand. We welcome today's announcement and hope this proves to be a successful model that can be adopted in other areas."

## The MOU proposes

- Transferring care and control of 29,700ha State Forests for which Githabul Native Title rights are recognised, from the NSW government to the Githabul Tribe;
- Preparing a comprehensive Plan of Management to safeguard conservation and cultural values and prioritise rehabilitation works;
- Achieving an adequately funded comprehensive 15 year rehabilitation plan to arrest and repair forest dieback as part of a Githabul caring for country program;
- Creating more NPWS positions and training for Githabul Working on Country in National Parks in the Kyogle area;
- Transferring the care and control of Crown lands around the Tooloom Falls Aboriginal Place to the Githabul Tribe;
- Promoting the establishment of a Cultural and Tourism Centre at Roseberry Creek.

## Oasis Café celebrates first year under new management

by Bob Dooley

When husband and wife Ryan Sadlier and Nicolette Papadopoulos came to Nimbin eight years ago, they were made welcome at the Oasis Café.

"It was the kind of Nimbin we came to find," Ryan said. "People looked after us, and within a few hours, we had a place to stay."

Nicoletta wanted to work doing something she loved: cooking.

Australian-born, but raised in a traditional Greek family in Brighton-Le-Sands, she said, "I've been cooking all my life. It was expected of the girls."

The couple, who have been together for 17 years, had been considering setting up a catering business with a food van when, after successfully hosting the Town Hall kitchen during MardiGrass 2017, the Oasis Café became available.

Their mission is to create a



Photo: Sam Bernard

place that is open and serving food throughout the day and into the night, with live music always welcome.

Nicoletta said, "I'm here to bring the best home-cooked food to my community – the best I can. Cooking is an art

– I'm a flavour cook."

A great deal of what Nicolette offers in the cafe is home-made, from the sandwiches, soups, biscuits and cakes to the main courses and daily specials, as she believes "fresh is best".

While Nicoletta is in charge of the kitchen, Ryan works on the logistics side, taking care of ordering and deliveries, now mostly locally-sourced, and assisting with front-of-house.

Softly-spoken Ryan, raised in Heathcote, has family connections as a Ferguson to the Bundjalung community, and has been a soldier, security guard and counsellor, so gaining undoubtedly useful skills in hospitality.

The proprietors put on a first birthday celebration on Friday 10th August, with traditional Greek food including lamb on the spit, dancing to a live band, and the obligatory cake, a work of culinary art.

In her cutting-the-cake speech, Nicoletta gave thanks to the patrons. "You are our community," she said. "It's you that we are here for."

The Oasis Café is located opposite the Community Centre at 80 Cullen Street, Nimbin.

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# Nimbin Advisory Group update

by Diana Roberts

## Cecil Street traffic calming

The traffic calming median strips were put in place after complaints about the impact of speed on wildlife and pedestrians.

After ascertaining drivers were speeding, Council chose median strips as they had proven effective in other areas. Did those areas lack footpaths or the hazard of a bridge, someone asked?

In fairness to Council, they did show their traffic-calming design plans to the NAG but we obviously lack conceptual abilities. Given the level of community concern following their installation, Council has acknowledged their solution has created hazards.

They've painted white lines (creating concern that they have made the entrance into the pre-school/ Showground somewhat hazardous), cut back the concrete blister outside the Showground entrance (not enough apparently) and put up a plethora of signage (an eyesore to many).

Council is now exploring further options to address concerns including trimming vegetation on the southern side where a few vehicles have already lost wing mirrors, battering the bank on the northern side to give a wider area for pedestrians, and investigating the cost of a foot bridge.

Community members have made it very clear that these will not solve the problems. There is simply not enough room for pedestrians and cars, especially with the median strips in place. Cecil Street needs footpaths more than any other street in our village and when Alternative Way connects Sibley Street with Cecil Street (not far off now) the need will be even greater. Cheap solutions are no longer an option.

## Additional water

The question of whether new connections will be permitted to the Nimbin water supply arose after the proposed rural residential development on 4 Blue Knob Road (adjacent to the Bush Theatre) identified it planned to connect to the village water supply. This drew attention to Council's policy regarding new connections.

Following completion of stage 1 of the upgrade to Nimbin's water supply, existing properties with direct frontage to an existing water main will be able to connect or remain connected, except those properties north of 396 Gungas Road. Additional connections will not be permitted for subdivisions.

## Sewer capacity

The capacity of Nimbin village's centralised sewer scheme arose as an issue when it was identified that the proposed rural residential development on 4 Blue Knob Road is planning to connect to the village's centralised sewer. This facilitates the provision of smaller house blocks. Apparently Council has identified that the current system has the capacity to cater for more than the 1000 equivalent people it was originally designed for.

The NAG has asked Council to look at the impact of village zoned developments yet to come on line that will/could connect to the sewer, before approving the addition of 34 houses.

Alternative Way has yet to be developed to completion, the fire site development will intensify use of that area, all the land to the south of Cecil Street and up to Falls Road will one day likely be housing, and more.

NAG members are concerned that too often infrastructure has failed due to poor Council planning when it comes to managing growth. And

Nimbin seems to be growing at quite a pace right now.

## Pool resurfacing

This winter was time for a major upgrade of the pool surface. Don't expect the same in future years. Major resealing/painting of the pool occurs every four to five years, longer if the paint lasts, so enjoy the new surfacing when the pool reopens.

Thanks to Friends of the Pool, the timber seating has been replaced and is being painted, and they are looking into replacing the grass around the edge of the pool.

## Sport & Recreation Plan

Thanks to all those who participated in the consultation process. The draft plan will be presented to Council then put on exhibition for your input towards the end of this year or early next year – so keep a look out.

## More CCTV for main street

Council has funded installation of an additional CCTV camera to be directed to the Community Centre car park, the blister and the public toilets.

CCTV technology has much improved over recent years and we are optimistic the new camera will perform well, even in poor light. Prior to installation, Council will consult with the community to identify the best location and possible removal of vegetation.

## Rainbow Road Walking Trail

Council staff recently walked part of the proposed route with members of the NAG and are currently exploring the legalities that surrounded the creation of the legal right of way when the land was subdivided. The matter is being brought to a Council workshop for some resolution, hopefully in the near future.

# Beware of pesky rodents

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With the extreme dry, rats are looking for warm places to store their bigger than usual 'haul' of dry leaves in which to nest.

Add to this the friction and heat of a moving vehicle along with associated oils, and you have the perfect ingredients for a fire.

And it doesn't matter how well you care for your vehicle, or how well it is garaged, the pesky rat does not discriminate!

But there's more to this story. A local Real Estate employee from Nimbin Hills was victim of the dreaded rat, having driven 25 minutes to work, spent five minutes in the office, then being surprised by locals alerting her to her beloved Audi sedan being well alight in Cullen Street.

More than anything, this is a story of incredible bravery and community spirit. Reluctant to allow anyone to go near the fire for fear of an explosion,

locals previously unknown to the owner rushed in, grabbed extinguishers from two businesses and stopped the quite large blaze without fear for their personal safety.

This was Nimbin community at its best. The owner has asked the *GoodTimes* to acknowledge the kindness and generosity of locals JJ, Tristan, Tonto and Emma, along with another man who ran from the area of the park – as well as Matt Cook, Sam

Burcher and businesses along lower Cullen Street for their support through and after the fire.

"I hadn't met the three men who fought the fire previously, and they put their lives on the line for me without a thought," she said. "All have checked in since to see I was OK, and all have been humble in deflecting the credit to 'the other bloke' in the trio."

Well done Nimbin. Sincere thanks to all involved.

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350.org are organizing “Rise for Climate” rallies worldwide on Saturday 8th September to demand action on climate change in an annual day of action. Lismore and Tweed will participate.

Lismore Environment Centre will be holding the Lismore event from 10am till 12pm at the Quad near Lismore Art Gallery. S Sorrensen will MC the Lismore event which will feature speakers and music. It will be a chance to gather as a community and be involved in sending a shout out to our political leaders that we demand action now. Have a picnic on the grass and bring the family.

The Tweed and Gold Coast rally will happen from 11am to 3pm, at the Anzac Memorial precinct, Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed Heads, near the Wharf Street - Bay Street corner. There will be a street march and an assembly with speakers and musical entertainment. Bring the family, a picnic and sun protection.

Our purpose is to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil-free world that puts people and justice



before profits. In the days following the worldwide rallies, cities, states, businesses and civil society from around the world are gathering in California for

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## NIMBIN ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NEWS

by Triny Roe

August was a busy month for the environment and NEC.

We saw an historic occasion where a memorandum of understanding, MOU, was signed between the Githabul people and several environment groups including NEC.

Drawn up by Sue Higginson with input and contributions from many people, this MOU seeks to transfer care and control of the state forests and other lands to the Githabul People within the area already granted to them under Native Title in 2007.

Other signatories to the MOU included North East Forest Alliance Inc, North Coast Environment Council Inc, Nature Conservation Council of NSW, National Parks Association of NSW, Casino Environment Centre and the Lismore Environment Centre.

Decades of logging have damaged the forests. Providing timber quotas and preserving biodiversity and conservation values are not compatible. The Githabul people want to restore the health of the forests, create cultural and employment opportunities and achieve self determination.

The current state of the already heavily logged state forests, in this region and across the State, is dire. Weed infestation and bell miner assisted dieback (BMAD) were very evident on the August tour of forests conducted by Dailan Pugh.

We visited Royal Camp and Cherry Tree State Forests and drove through the Cambridge Plateau of the Richmond Range. In the areas where the bell miner was active, it was the only bird you saw and heard. Lots of trees are dead, others are in the process of dying.

The bush doesn't look healthy. Dead



BMAD on Richmond Range

branches protrude everywhere. The canopy is severely compromised. Mapping of these forests across time demonstrates the extent and ever increasing spread of the problem. Lantana everywhere was interfering with regrowth. Patches of crofton weed here and there, and Brazilian nightshade were just a few of the other weeds seen on forays off the road and into the forests on foot via the old logging tracks.

The forests face a mighty challenge with new logging 'guidelines' loose and seemingly unenforceable. With plans to increase availability of timber resources from the state forests, it's time to say 'stop logging now!' The Stand Up For the Forests campaign steps up the fight. Look out for the market stall or come into the NEC shop at 54 Cullen Street to get information or T-shirts and see how you can help save our forests.

This month, NEC is supporting the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, ICAN, bike ride which is touring its Nobel Peace Prize medal. ICAN wants to raise awareness of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Nimbin cyclist,

James Fuller, is joining the ride which departs Melbourne on September 2nd and arrives in Canberra on the 20th. Go James!

On 8th and 9th September, the Nimbin Community Centre celebrates its 20th Anniversary. As part of the weekend's festivities films are screening each day from 11am in the Birth & Beyond meeting room behind the shop. Paul Tait and Jeni Kendall will present their film *Nearly Normal Nimbin. The Bentley Effect*, which shows how people power stopped coal seam gas drilling in the Northern Rivers, will also screen. Look out for the timetable. Entry by donation. Chai and cake available.

The Greens proposed a Disallowance Motion in the Upper House of Parliament on the new anti-protest laws in NSW. Sadly it didn't pass. We have lost our right to peacefully gather, assemble and protest on public land. But it's not over yet. Stand by for more protests!

NEC holds monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 5pm in the Community Centre School Room. Next meeting 12th September. All are welcome.

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#### 7 Sibley Street Update

Anyone who has been past the site lately will have noticed the Stage One building works are almost complete and the site ready to be taken over by willing community volunteers to finish off and clean up, with the aim of officially opening the site to the public in November.

#### 7 Sibley Street Working Bee 8th and 9th September

To kick things off we are holding a working bee in conjunction with the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the purchase of the Community Centre site. Lots of different jobs to do... something for everyone! So drop in and give us a hand.

Anyone who can help with tip runs contact: [guy@nnic.org.au](mailto:guy@nnic.org.au) or Nat: [admin@nnic.org.au](mailto:admin@nnic.org.au) We can pay fuel and tip fee costs.

#### Save the date

Sunday 4th November will be the official launch of Sibley Street and the new Community Tools Library. We can't wait to take the fences down and let you all in!

#### Donations appreciated

Thanks to the Nimbin Garden Club which donated \$500 towards the gardens at 7 Sibley Street, to Barkersvale Public School which raised \$350 towards our homeless services and to a private donor from Lismore who donated \$1500 to our Food Relief/Recovery program.

#### Art in the Park

Free and happening every Friday outside NNIC in Allsopp Park (weather permitting – to check, call NNIC on 6689-1692 on Friday mornings).

Lots of new gear so that anyone aged 15 and over, whatever your ability/disability, can join in.

#### Best Shop Display – Nimbin Show 22nd & 23rd September

The Best Shop Display competition is on again!

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, and to support our local show.

#### Volunteer positions vacant

Front of House volunteers, with minimum Cert 2 in welfare/community development (or currently enrolled in) are wanted for our front desk reception role.

Must be reliable and able to commit one regular day per week between 10 and 4pm (with breaks of course).

This is a fantastic way to contribute to the Nimbin community as well as pick up skills and experience.

Does this sound like you? Then drop into NNIC and see our fabulous Community Access Worker, Kath.

#### Struggling with household bills? Unpaid fines?

We may be able to assist with electricity and telephone bills, and you may be eligible for a Work Development Order enabling you to pay off your fines via volunteer work.

Phone us on 6689-1692 or just drop in to make an appointment with Vicki, our fabulous Community Case Co-ordinator.

*Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre (NNIC) is run by locals for locals and our job is to support people in need and the community in general to achieve their aspirations.*

*Everyone is welcome at NNIC. If we can't help we probably know who can. You can also find lots of useful local and other info on our website. For appointments, phone 6689-1692 or just drop in between 10am and 4pm weekdays.*  
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**7 Sibley Street**  
**NIMBIN'S SUSTAINABLE LIVING HUB**

**Community Working Bee**  
8th and 9th September  
(10 am to 3 pm all weekend)

Help us celebrate the 20th ANNIVERSARY of the NIMBIN COMMUNITY CENTRE and the 40th ANNIVERSARY of the NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE.

Drop in at 7 Sibley Street to assist with stuff like cleaning up, painting or gardening.  
Please bring work boots and gloves.  
Snacks will be provided!

**Our 40th Anniversary Year**  
**Work & Play Day**

#### 99th Annual Nimbin Show – Sustainability Alley

Due to the current workload at 7 Sibley Street and general insufficient input and energy available, NNIC has regretfully cancelled Sustainability Alley for this year. A number of our regular stallholders will still be at the Show, which of course will go on.

We are hoping that people will miss it a lot and join the SA team to keep it running with the aim of coming back bigger and better in 2019 which will be the 100th year of the Nimbin Show.

To get on board the SA team contact: [guy@nnic.org.au](mailto:guy@nnic.org.au)

#### MO Think Tank

Thanks to everyone who attended to participate in a very productive discussion at the inaugural Think Tank on 30th August.

The discussion is ongoing, so watch this space for more info later.

## 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 20th 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 a 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 first Wednesday of each month at the hospital, at 10am. Next meeting: 3rd October. New members welcome.





# Weaving the spiral of life

by Granny Breath Weaver

The 2018 Nimbin Weave and Mend Gathering will be held at Djanbung Gardens, Cecil Street Nimbin from Friday to Sunday, 5th – 7th October.

Our Weave and Mend festival/gathering began in Yolngu Country – the “top end” – where I learned to weave in the presence of Aboriginal women from Arnhem Land.

When I arrived in Darwin, the Stringworld festival was the beginning for me. I sat with Dorothy Dharangu (pictured) from Galiwinku (Elcho Island) and wove my first basket, made from pandanus including beautiful naturally dyed colours. With the greatest of respect, I sat quietly and watched. From then on I have not looked back.

When I returned to Nimbin, we started Wednesday Women Weavers in 2004. We began our own festival Weave and Mend in 2005. We have also invited our local astrologer Jasmine to enlighten us about what is happening in the skies.

“Give Away”. To give my best is the best. To give away stuff we don’t want is less than the best. Let’s give away stuff that is useful for weaving. For example, clothes that can be stripped and made into bags etc, feathers, bones, beads

and of course different bundles of fibres, shells, leather, wood etc.

Weaving is one thing, mending is another. Sooner or later our baskets, mats etc will deteriorate, but can be mended. The spiral of life is in baskets; no closed circle but an ongoing spiral. The last living creature high above Mother Earth, the spider spins its woven web, spiralling high above earth mother. Even the astronauts use the words “web site” (“high tech”).

Surprisingly the word Tantra, a Sanskrit word (Indo Aryan) means weaving meditation.

Bring tents, scissors, wood and needles. Food and drinks are available at Djanbung cafe. Should it rain, a large room is available at Djanbung. There are also many places to stay overnight (e.g. YHA, Rainbow Retreat).

Looking forward to our Weave and Mend.



## Celebrating 20 years of engagement

**Nimbin Community Centre News**  
by Inez Price, Co-ordinator

The Nimbin Community Centre is celebrating its 20th Anniversary over the weekend 8th and 9th September from 10am to 3pm daily in the Nimbin Community Centre grounds, and the wider community is invited to come and celebrate.

20 years ago the Nimbin Central School moved across the road to a brand new site and the community decided to buy the site as a community centre for the people of the village, to support important local community services.

There was a mighty fundraising effort via the ‘Visions of Nimbin – A Spring Equinox and Cultural Celebration’ at Easter in 1998.

Community tenants are participating in an open day to show off the wonderful services of

groups housed here; including a CD launch, workshops, adult education info, cookie decorating, massages and more.

The celebrations will open with a Welcome to Country ceremony and a performance by the local Deadly Banarhms dancers, followed by a great weekend of activities and performances including dance, poetry and music.

It’s a perfect family-friendly event; bring a picnic and enjoy the Spring weather. There will be activities for the kids – egg and spoon, sack and three-legged races, a bouncy castle and kids parade.

The weekend will also feature exhibitions, including a photo exhibit called ‘Lost Nimbin’ featuring early historical images, images from the iconic Rainbow Café and Museum site and from the original ‘Visions of Nimbin’ festival.

The Centre will also host the first annual ‘Sticks and Stones’ sculpture garden, created entirely from natural materials; the works of the Nimbin ‘Art in the Park’ community access project; local indigenous artworks in the Aboriginal Cultural Centre; and as a special event at Birth & Beyond, the ‘Nimbin Film Festival’ with some fantastic Nimbin documentaries.

This birthday is a cultural celebration of all the things people love about Nimbin... come and celebrate this amazing community space with us.

Nimbin Community Centre is open  
8.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday,  
(02) 6689-0000,

81 Cullen Street, Nimbin.  
ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au  
www.nimbincommunity.org.au

## A glimpse of Kyogle Hospital Auxiliary

by Noelle Lynden-Way,  
Community Representative BUNK  
Quality & Safety Committee

Philanthropy, “the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes”, is alive and well in the second decade of the 21st Century in the Northern Rivers.

It is promoted by the dedicated members of the Hospital Auxiliaries whose fundraising activities enable the four local MPS (Nimbin, Urbenville, Bonalbo and Kyogle) to purchase much needed extra medical equipment and furniture for their facilities.

The synonyms for philanthropy are: “kindness, humanitarianism, big heartedness and compassion”. Way back in 1933, a number of women with these traits from Horseshoe Creek, near Kyogle, met and formed a group to raise money to supply amenities for the Kyogle Memorial Hospital.

Later that decade the United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW came into being, and eventually women from Horseshoe Creek and Green Pigeon combined with others to become the Kyogle Branch of the UHA.

Often in the early days, an Annual Hospital Fundraising



Ball was held. It was a grand affair and Auxiliary Members supplied and served supper with up to four sittings. Afterwards they cleaned up the hall in their ballgowns and washed the dishes.

Over the years, money has been raised by holding street stalls, raffles, auctions, cinema nights, Charity Bowls Days, music concerts and supporting the Annual Three Hospitals Bike Ride.

Large and small donations to the Kyogle Hospital (now known as Kyogle MPS – Multi Purpose Service) have been gratefully received over the years and used to provide equipment and furniture for both the hospital and, since 2005, when the Kyogle MPS was opened, the Residential Aged Care.

Another way of supporting the local MPS is to arrange for the Auxiliary to be

the beneficiary on your Community Benefits card at the IGA supermarket. Since 2012 when the store opened in Kyogle, Community Benefits donations have amounted to \$95,000. Do have a look at photos of equipment bought by the Auxiliary when you next visit the MPS. They are featured on a wall near the reception area.

Kyogle Auxiliary, which has 25 members, meets on the first Monday afternoon of each month at the MPS and if you are interested in joining, please contact Elaine McIntosh on 02 6632-1363. Men and women are always welcome.

The next time you are up the street in Kyogle and you see two Auxiliary members at a table selling raffle tickets, make it a point to buy some to help support your local health facility.

## Art in the Park Allsopp Park Nimbin

Every Friday  
(weather permitting)

Come join in the weekly activity or simply use the materials to create your own arty stuff!

Lots of NEW GEAR NOW AVAILABLE so that people in wheelchairs, or with vision impairments, dexterity limitations or other disabilities can join in the fun.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



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