

# Theatre group backs Landcare

by Jenny Dowell,  
Lismore Theatre Company

Two Lismore Landcare groups are set to benefit from an unfortunate error.

Earlier this year, contractors installing the new fence around Goonellabah PS removed several trees in the grounds of Lismore Theatre Company's Rochdale Theatre.

Fortunately, the NSW Department of Education accepted responsibility for the error and paid LTC compensation for the loss, under the local tree protection arrangements for native species.

The compensation received not only allows LTC to plant replacement trees in its grounds, but the Committee decided to provide some of the funds to two local Landcare groups to enable additional plantings off-site.

Upper Tucki Tucki Creek Landcare and Wilson's River Landcarers will each receive \$500 to purchase plants most of which will be purchased from NR Friends of the Koala nursery thereby benefiting another community organisation.

President Sharon Brodie said, "Lismore Theatre Company is delighted that the distress of losing some mature koala food trees early this year has turned to joy in that we are able to provide more trees for the wider community and our native wildlife to enjoy.



Corena Wynd (Goonellabah Tucki Creek Landcare) Dominique Richards (Wilson's River Landcare) Sylvia Clarke (LTC) Luke Kane (LTC and FoK) Ros Irwin (Friends of the Koala)

Luke Kane, who is a member of FoK and LTC said, "The compensation we received will be multiplied in the community by the volunteer groups that do so much to enhance our natural environment. When koala habitat is unfortunately lost, it's important to recognise its importance and replace like-for-like."

Corena Wynd from Upper Tucki Tucki Creek Landcare said, "This will considerably boost our efforts to rehabilitate the creek and nearby bushland and restore habitat for wildlife. Our goal is to improve and establish koala

corridors and we are focused on planting along degraded riparian zones to help our struggling platypus and other wildlife. Thank you to LTC for this help to achieve our goals."

Dr Kristin den Exter of the Wilsons River Landcarers Group said, "The Wilsons River Landcarers Group is actively replanting the riverbank – focusing on public land in Lismore. This money will ensure more trees are planted contributing to the re-creation of lowland rainforest on the floodplain – an endangered ecological community."



To celebrate the school holidays, Lismore City Council is inviting families to Water Wednesday at Rocky Creek Dam picnic area on 9th October, from 10am to 2pm.

Bring the kids and explore, create and learn through a series of outdoor activities about water, water saving, our water catchment and the plants and animals of the Big Scrub.

Free fun activities on the day include:

- Nature activities: Take a close-up look at the rainforest plants of the Big Scrub.
- Backyard birds: Identify local birds and their calls. Come along for info and get involved in the Aussie backyard bird count.
- Koala watch and habitats: When does a koala need our help? Where does our wildlife live and why?
- Catchment creation: Why do we need trees? Find out in this great learning activity.
- Water walk: Take a guided walk across the dam wall. How does the water get from the dam to the tap and back?
- Information Tent: Ask about what's on and play the giant water-saving game.

- 3D working Catchment Model: How can we help to keep the water clean and healthy?
- Water science: Try some water experiments to make lilies, stars and giant bubbles.
- Be waste wise: Draw your own design on a reusable bag to take home and shoot the 10c container basketball hoop!

Ample parking is available or you can catch the free bus from the Lismore Visitor Information Centre. It leaves Lismore at 9.30am and returns at 1.30pm. Bus bookings are essential – please phone 1300 87 83 87.

Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult at all times and please be safe and aware when walking in the carpark. Bring a hat, sunscreen and drinking water, and wear covered shoes.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic to enjoy with the beautiful dam views or amongst the rainforest.

Lismore City Council is hosting Water Wednesday with support from the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens, Friends of the Koala, Richmond Landcare, Rous County Council and NE Waste.



## The world according to Magenta Appel-Pye

Recently I attended a beautiful wedding. I always cry at weddings. I am touched to the core as I am reminded that love is the greatest healing gift there is.

However, I didn't expect that Norman and the bridegroom would also be wiping away sentimental tears extracted from the finer corners of their hearts.

Even though we would never wish to do it again, Norm and I were grateful that we, too, had experienced that most joyous of ceremonies in front of friends and family.

Rituals hold energy, deep thought, planning, public acknowledgment, witnessing and celebrating.

For us, getting married after living together for seven years was a wonderful step forward. We were surprised how much our relationship deepened. Even though it was expensive and the build-up was stressful, we both recall it as the best day of our lives.

Now, when we fight, we know that we have vowed to be together for life, so we get over it asap and get on with our lives. It is a comforting blessing to grow old with someone.

It was disgusting that everyone was made to vote re gay marriage. It was really none of our business. Everyone should have equal rights.

If we'd had a forward-thinking, compassionate, decisive politician in charge she/he would have signed off on the issue and saved millions of tax payer's dollars.

As Kinky Friedman said, "I support gay marriage. I believe gay people have a right to be as miserable as the rest of us."

When Ireland takes the world lead on major reforms, perhaps we should stop making rude jokes about them and start pointing the finger at our politicians.

"What counts in making a happy marriage is not so much how compatible you are, but how you deal with incompatibility." – Leo Tolstoy



# Investigating family history

The Casino and District Family History Group at the School of Arts building in Casino can provide you with research materials various newspapers from bygone eras.

These include:  
• The Northern Star from 1956-1999;  
• The Richmond River Express Examiner, 1944-2002;  
• The Casino and Kyogle Courier & The North Coast Advertiser, 1909-1931; and  
• The New South Wales Government Gazette, 1930-1982.

Gloves are available to enable research in the rooms of the hard copies of these papers. Photos or scans can be taken but photocopies cannot be made.

Other resources include ARK (Archives Resources Kit). This is a system of microfilm reels with information relative to New South Wales on:

## Shipping

- Assisted (bounty) Immigrants, 1828-1842;
- Assisted Immigrants 1838-1896;
- Persons on Bounty ships. Board's Immigrant Lists 1848-1891;
- Immigration Deposit Journals 1853-1900;
- Assisted Immigrants to Port Phillip 1839-1851;
- Unassisted Passengers 1826-1900;
- Ships Musters passengers departing 1816-1825;
- Wage Agreements Entitlements Certificates of Persons on Bounty Ships 1844-1845;
- Indexes to Ships Arrivals 1837-1925 ;
- Alphabetised Indexes of Bounty Immigrants (8 reels) ;

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- Letters received by the Colonial Secretary 1788-1826;
- Register of Birth, Death &

- Marriages 1787-1856;
- Tickets of Leave Butts 1827-1850;
- Musters and Other Papers relating to convict ships 1790-1849;
- Registers of Coroners' Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries 1834-1942;
- Certificates of Publicans' Licences 1830-1861;
- Indexes of Land Grants & Leases Selected Registers of Land Grants & Leases 1792-1867;
- Registers of Depasturing Licences 1837-1851;
- Register of Certificates of Naturalisation 1849-1903;
- Applications for Admission into the Orphan Schools 1825-1833;
- 1828 Census Householders Returns;
- Copies of letters sent & received by Lieutenant Governor 1808-1809;
- Copies of letters sent; local & overseas 1809-1813;

- Copies of letters sent to Van Diemen's Land, Newcastle & Norfolk Island 1810-1813;
- Copies of letters sent within the Colony 1814-1827;
- Copies of letters sent outside the Colony 1814-1825.

Microfiche shipping records for Queensland 1848-1923 and Victoria 1839-1880, together with readers for microfilm reels and microfiche, are also available in our rooms.

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The primary error that reactionary commentators like Somo and Bolt make is that Greta Thunberg is an extreme one-off activist.

Greta is the voice of a generation, a generation that having been taught to read decided to read the UN's Intergovernmental Report on Climate Change. Her speech wasn't just a rebuke, it was a declaration of war.

Believe me, there is a war coming and it won't just be the bombing of Iran back to the Stone Age – although that is on the cards too as part of Trump's re-election campaign.

The war we are about to enter is a war on fossil fuels starting with the war on coal. It is the second clearest feature of the Intergovernmental report, the first being how few

## Revenge of the Loon

by Laurie Axtens

of the world's leaders dared or cared to read the report.

Just as obvious is how the reactionary commentariat cower from the details of that document. Bolt and his ilk are desperate to silence it and Greta, and keep the 'denial' going.

They are the champions of the decadence destroying the world's climate, and they're staring down the loss of all they value – foreign cars, imported spirits and all the paraphernalia of the western cargo cult. It's all got to go.

For them and indeed all of us on some level, the denial will be followed by anger and bargaining and depression and inevitably acceptance. If we don't start to live within



the means of the planet, the next generation will make us, and if they fail the planet itself will.

I hope Greta and her cohort win, because the other outcome doesn't bear contemplation.

## Nothing

Dear SSHS,

When I ask my husband what he's thinking, he always responds "nothing". Why?

– Ida Know,  
Whian Whian



Aunty Maj and Uncle Norm

## She says

Dear Ida, this is the million-dollar question that women all over the world would like to know the answer to, including myself. For a lot of men, communication is not their strength, unless, of course, you're talking about cars or football.

I cannot possibly imagine that men are actually thinking nothing. As someone who meditates, I know how hard it is to stop the monkey brain from chattering away. Even people in comas show some sort of brain activity. Men must think we're as stupid as they are if they think we'll fall for this answer. No, there's got to be more to it than that.

The 'nothing' response is better than either a grunt or actually saying nothing at all. They know if they do either of those things, we will repeat ourselves for as long as it takes to get a more human, communicative response. And they don't want that.

Maybe they are afraid they will hurt us by telling the truth about anything/everything. It could well be they are afraid to expose the fact that they weren't listening to a thing we have just been saying.

Uncle Norm gets tongue-tied by over-thinking things because he doesn't want to get into trouble. This means a fight would ensue, and there goes his peaceful evening watching TV. He tries to work out the answer that I want to hear rather than just being honest and say that he was thinking about having sex with twins in public. Hmm, maybe I'm starting to understand.

He may fear that you want to have a deep and meaningful conversation and this, or anywhere in the foreseeable future, is not a good time. So, they nip it in the bud with 'nothing'. I admit, that's a pretty clever tactic because where can you go from there? Nowhere.

Are they like children who, when they come home from school and you ask "what did you do today?" can't actually remember a thing. However, one has to assume that human brains, even men's brains, get more efficient

as we grow up. Maybe they're the key words - "grow up".

Ida, I could keep guessing and wondering, as indeed I have for many years but, being a woman, I know I will never get to the bottom of this baffling question. I'll just have to leave it to Uncle Norm. If he can provide a proper answer to this one, rather than a beat around the bush, jokey, bullshit, I-obviously-don't-have-a-fucking-clue answer, I will be extremely impressed and he will rise immeasurably in my estimation. We shall see.

Overworked, harassed wife sees her couch potato husband and asks him, "What are you doing?"

"Nothing," he replies.

"But you did that yesterday," she says.

"I haven't finished," he says.

## HE says

Dear Ida, what part of the word "nuthin'" do you not understand?

It's flattering to us chaps that you think we're so enigmatic, but I'm afraid this is one of the rare times your husband is being truthful. Yeah, he might be fantasising about sex or food or some other self-gratification, but that's not thinking. It's... nuthin'.

I'm sorry the answer to your question isn't as exciting as you hoped, but that's life.

*"Hearken, brethren. When She-who-has-a-right-to-ask interrogates you concerning a change she finds in your mood, answer her thus: Tell her that you, in a sudden rage, have murdered your grandmother; tell her that you have robbed orphans and that remorse has stricken you; tell her your fortune is swept away; that you are beset by enemies, by bunions, by any kind of malevolent fate; but do not, if peace and happiness are worth as much as a grain of mustard seed to you – do not answer her 'Nothing'." – from Rubaiyat of a Scotch Highball, One Hundred More of the Master's Stories by O. Henry.*

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## Nimbin Bushwalkers Club



## A weekend at Black Rocks

by Anton Joh

With the unseasonal weather giving us dry and low-humidity conditions, we rescheduled the recent weekend away to an old favourite Black Rocks campground just South of Evans Head in the Bundjalung National Park.

Megan reserved us a beautiful secluded site

with shade and plenty of grass cover to set up our tents and relax for a few days.

On the Saturday we headed off up the beach checking out the amazing coffee rock formations before a relaxing lunch and a meander along the creek back to camp. The highlight was the giant emu with its over two-

metre strides that came our way.

Some shorter walks filled in the hours, and after an inland trek to the Esk River, a pack-up saw us on the road mid-afternoon Sunday. We only had six campers but another six came and went on day trips over the weekend.

A great way to relax in our superb backyard.

## Walks Programme

### Sunday 13th October Billinudgel Nature Reserve South Golden beach

Leader: Peter Moyle 0412-656-498

Grade 4. Walking through coastal paperbark forest before finding mountain and coastal views. This is a lovely bit of coastline which has seen rehabilitation and maintenance. Different options for our return inland or a short distance on the beach and a swim for the keen ones.

Meet: 9.30am New Brighton General store and café. Bring: water, lunch and hat. Last time some of us had a coffee and a snack at the café after finishing.

### Friday 25th to Sunday 27th October – Sheepstation Creek in the Border Ranges National Park via Kyogle

Leader: Megan Myers 0415-063-302

Grade: 4. NP trails can be slippery with exposed tree roots and rough in places, care needed.

Arrive at your leisure on the Friday or

Saturday morning with walk starting at 9am. Some will be arriving before lunch on the Friday, we will set up at one end for privacy. A short walk on the Sunday also at 9am. There are beautiful forest and creek walks in the NP. Camping fees apply \$12 per person/night. Campsite bookings are required ring Megan to find out site numbers before booking. Bring: camping/walking gear water and firewood. More details and to Confirm ring Megan.

### Sunday 10th November – Mullum to Brunswick Heads, on the River

Leader: Megan Myers 0415-063-302

Grade 2. A paddle on the river, tides are helping so not too strenuous. Bring your canoe, kayak or paddle board. The trip will be led by our most experienced paddler Robert, so come along and enjoy a relaxing day taking in this beautiful area.

Bring: good sun protection and the usual lunch and water.

<http://nimbinbushwalkers.com>

## Byron Bay lighthouse walk

by Peter Spearritt

We embarked on the world's first solar train for the three kilometre trip into Byron on a sunny Sunday morning.

The serene section over the Belongil Creek railway bridge hasn't changed much since the Casino to Murwillumbah line opened in 1894. Closed in 2004, the fate of the railway line continues to be hotly debated.

Lighting at Byron, just before the old level crossing, we walked to the lighthouse, unveiled in 1901. The coastal walk



On board the solar train

via Wategos Beach is very popular, with a couple of heart-pumping steep sections.

Returning via the much less frequented Tallows Ridge route, we re-joined

the usual Byron throng on our way back to the station. The volunteer ticket collector clipped our retro cardboard tickets, a fitting souvenir of the day.

From coming third in 2018, Nimbin 2nd Division are the unquestioned kings of 2019, racking up both the league – as well as a grand final against the old rivals, Uki. Under the stewardship of coach Liam Terry and supported by Headers’ ever-present director of football Torsten Wittkopf, Nimbin managed to play a brand of entertaining, free-flowing football. A marvellous squad led by captain Lewis King shared the work load wonderfully. The trophies were not won by individuals, but by players who put each other and their club before personal prestige. No club has a more able and closely-knit group of players than Nimbin, matched only by the fans who turn up in droves to support their team. We thank you all for being part of what was a fantastic memorable season, and we hope to see you all next season in First Division.

# Grand Final winners

## NIMBIN HEADERS 2

## UKI PYTHONS 1



## Nimbin Headers



## A successful season

by Rebecca Ryall

This month we take the time to honour the achievements of the Nimbin All Blacks (pictured) – an all-female team participating in the Football Far North Coast Girl's League in the 14 years division.

This group of young people formed as the All Blacks in 2015, mostly drawn from Rainbow Ridge Steiner School but picking up other players along the way from other schools.

This team has stuck together through thick and thin in the years since. They have played in various leagues and tournaments together, weathering whole seasons of defeat, without ever losing their spirit and their love of the game.

Previous coaches Lishia, Kat, Laura and Arky spent many hours working on team skills, such as field positions and passing, as well as individual fitness and one-on-one maneuvering and ball skills.

For the 2019 season, the team was trained by Paul and Anton, upping their commitment to two training sessions per week.

This focused training, and the player's and coaches' high level of commitment finally paid off this year with the Nimbin All Blacks proudly claiming the Premiership for their age division (strictly speaking they were joint premiers, but we're not taking this win away from them!).

The grand final saw the All



Blacks face off against arch rivals Alstonville Strikers. The Strikers are a competitive and highly skilled team, who had already beaten the All Blacks once in the semis.

The two teams shared top of the ladder for most of the season, with the Strikers ultimately taking the minor premiership on goal difference only, as they finished the season tied at the top on points.

It was impossible to separate them on the day either, with the grand final going into extra time

and each team scoring a point to finish the match drawn at 2-2. A fitting end to a gripping final and a cracker of a season for both teams.

We heartily congratulate the Alstonville Strikers on their win and look forward to playing them again next season.

The Nimbin Headers end of season presentation saw the team proudly displaying their Premiership trophy and winners medals, while honouring some stand out players from the season.

Eve Rutley was crowned players player; Claragh Law the most

improved; and Gwynevere Logan-Cole shared the golden boot award with Stella Nguyen. Gwynevere shared goal keeping duties through the season with Acacia Mellick, but the golden boot award recognises she is just as adept up the front as in goals.

It was always going to be hard to single out just a few of the team for special mention, as it was the teamwork which won through in the end, with each player really owning their space on the pitch.

Special mention does need to be made of Michelle Gomes and Mia

Hocking both of whom stepped up from other teams to assist towards the end of the season when player numbers got tricky. Big thanks goes to both Michelle and Mia and their families; along with a heartfelt welcome into the All Blacks family.

In recognition of their achievement throughout the season, the Nimbin All Blacks have been invited to attend the Champion of Champions tournament in Coffs Harbour in mid-October. This tournament features the best performing team from each age group within the junior leagues, from each of the seven zones of the Northern NSW Football area.

This will be another step up in the competition for this talented and committed group of young players, and we wish them all the best for the tournament.

### Headers men's second division by PAC

This team won six games in a row to take out the minor premiership, and then then lost to Uki Pythons in the qualifying final 2-1.

Then they beat Lennox Head in the preliminary final 3-2, before beating Uki 2-1 in the grand final.

All these finals were terrific soccer to watch and very hotly contested by all the teams, and a credit to the second division competition.



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