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# ANZAC Day observance in Nimbin



Nimbin Central School student, Sebyah White read the ode. Photo Paul LeBars



It was a good turn-out in bright sunshine for the ANZAC Day march and service in Nimbin.

Conducted by current serviceman Matt Bromley, the event featured three veterans, who led the march, and featured many schoolchildren, who spoke confidently and laid wreaths on

the recently cleaned cenotaph.

Earlier, a chilly Dawn Service had taken place, followed by an OM for world peace at the IMAGINE circle, then a shotgun breakfast at the Bowling Club, which was greatly appreciated.

The customary two-up games were played in the hotel from noon.

## Market: Over a decade old and still thriving



by Louise Plant, manager

The Nimbin Farmers Market, which is on every Wednesday afternoon, come wind, rain or shine, is over a decade old now, and it is still going strong.

I asked some of our customers "Why do you love the Nimbin Farmers Market?"

Here are some replies:

- It is a very friendly community that has fresh and healthy food and healthy food alternatives.
- I love the atmosphere that there is in the markets, people come not only to buy they also come to connect and catch up.
- I love the friendly stall holders.
- I love supporting local

produce and I know the miles from paddock to plate are minimal.

- It is the kind of food you can't get in any other place. It has unique food like the mushrooms.
- It ticks all my boxes.
- I love the produce I buy because it lasts all week in the fridge.
- It's a great place to catch up in a great friendly environment.
- I love the choice that I have of local fresh organic food, as well as the creative food options I find.

And here are the replies from our stall-holders:

- I love the fact I see the same faces each week and we get to catch up when they do their weekly shopping.

- I love the conversations that I have with the colourful people.
- I love catching up with the locals.
- It's a good market and people like our produce.
- As a founding member there is no better way to give back to my community.
- It is such an extremely supportive community.
- I love seeing the people coming in and seeing their positive connection with each other in a really positive way. It's very uplifting.

### Still Going Strong

Now after 10 years, we still have many marketeers who have been here from the very beginning, even when

others have come and gone.

We welcome new stall-holders to our community.

If anyone has anything that they believe will add value to this weekly food market, please let me know, you will find me at the backyarders stall each week or you can email me at: [planter@wn.com.au](mailto:planter@wn.com.au)

Our market has always encouraged our community feel and I believe we have achieved that, so a HUGE Thank-You to all our stall-holders, and especially to our customers.

The Nimbin Farmers Market, located between the Post Office and the Greenbank on Cullen Street, is on every Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm.

## Nimbin CWA gears up for State Conference

by Sage Bryant, publicity officer

This year, the CWA State Conference will be held in Coffs Harbour, and our delegates and observers will be travelling there in May to participate in the five-day event.

Each year two delegates are elected at our AGM to represent our branch at the state conference, and all members are also welcome to attend as observers.

During the conference they will be voting on many important motions, including some brought forward by our North Coast Group.

Some of these are: advocating for the reduction in the minimum eligible age to take part in the free National Bowel Cancer Screening Program; and advocating to the NSW Government for the re-instatement of a permanent

police presence in rural towns where there already exists police station residence.

An important motion is to investigate ways of supporting providers of affordable accommodation in our State, for the growing number of homeless single, older women in our communities especially those in our regional, rural and remotes areas.

Among other motions is one to advocate for legislation to ensure food manufacturers use easily-removed labels on their glass containers to create efficient recycling in the home and the glass recycling industry.

Thank you to our delegates who volunteer their time and money to attend the conference to represent our village and advocate the state government for rural community needs.

### Dates to Remember

- Open Days: 10am-3pm, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month, pop in for lunch and a chat.
- Op Shop Days: 10am-3pm, 1st and 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- Community Market Days: 9.30am-3pm, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month.
- Street Stall: 10am-12noon, every Saturday, outside the newsagents.
- Branch Meeting: 5pm, 2nd Monday of the month, new members welcome! For all general enquires, please phone: 0461-412-831 or email: [secretary.cwa.nimbin@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.cwa.nimbin@gmail.com)



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# Pasture to Paradise: 30 years on



Costa Georgiadis is coming to Nimbin to help celebrate 30 years of permaculture from pasture to the abundant paradise of Djanbung Gardens.

Celebrating on the weekend of 25th-26th May, there will be two special full-day events: a Permaculture Fair on Saturday, and a Family Fun Day on Sunday.

The Permaculture Fair has a packed program of talks, workshops, a lunch-time special with Costa, plus market stalls, displays, food and entertainment and a special tour with the designer, Robyn Francis.

Eight speakers will offer free workshops on diverse topics including fungi, cover crops, food forests, plant gestures, appropriate technology, community building and reforesting a sacred mountain in India. Activities will continue into early evening.

On Family Fun Day, fancy dress is encouraged and Costa, in his gnome costume, will be giving out lots of prizes.

Morning activities include crafting, eco-creations, scarecrow and mask making, nature play and entertainment.

In the afternoon our infamous Permalympics will be MC'd by Costa with gumbboot throwing, bamboo javelin and the hilarious bedlam of



Costa runs the gumbboot throw

the no-dig garden relay. The day will conclude with live music.

Djanbung Gardens is the vision, creation and home of Robyn Francis, permaculture pioneer and globally-renowned permaculture designer and educator.

To Robyn, "Regenerating degraded landscapes is an exceptionally rewarding journey, and sharing the skills and inspiration for others to

## Djanbung then and now

bring their own dreams of healing the land to fruition has been my life mission."

Djanbung Gardens is the home campus of Permaculture College Australia, non-profit community organisation conducting the training and community programs at the gardens.

Designed as a permaculture education centre and demonstration farm, Djanbung Gardens is acclaimed internationally as place of excellence, and has featured in numerous books and documentaries.

The gardens receive visitors and groups from around the world and have trained thousands of people from all continents, giving rise to hundreds of significant projects internationally.

The Anniversary Weekend celebrations commence at 10am both days and the café will be open from 10am to 4pm with delicious refreshments, lunches and local coffee. Entry is by donation.

Djanbung Gardens is conveniently located at 74 Cecil Street Nimbin, just a few hundred metres past the showground.

For more information, visit: [www.permaculture.com.au](http://www.permaculture.com.au) or phone 0429-146-138.

# Walking track nears completion

by Rain Wickham

Lismore City Council is pleased the construction of the Nimbin Rainbow Road Walking Track is underway.

It's expected to be completed in the middle of the year, followed by final art installations, landscaping and way-finding signage, ready for opening to the public in the second half of 2024.

The Nimbin Rainbow Road Walking Track is an exciting project comprising a 750m long track that connects Nimbin's recreation precinct and Aquarius Way to the vibrant village, and provides the Nimbin community and its visitors with a safe, fun and active way to enjoy the beauty of



the natural environment, as well as connect with cultural and artistic expressions.

The project includes formed pathways, boardwalks and bridges, park furniture and interpretative way-finding signage that provide access to natural areas and landscape views, including the addition of 5,800 new plantings, providing additional shade and natural beauty to the area.

Construction is underway, along with the installation

of one of six installations by local artists, with the remainder being erected throughout the track construction phase.

The artwork installations were chosen through an expression of interest process, to provide a wonderful opportunity for the community and visitors to experience local art while exploring the parklands and natural environment.

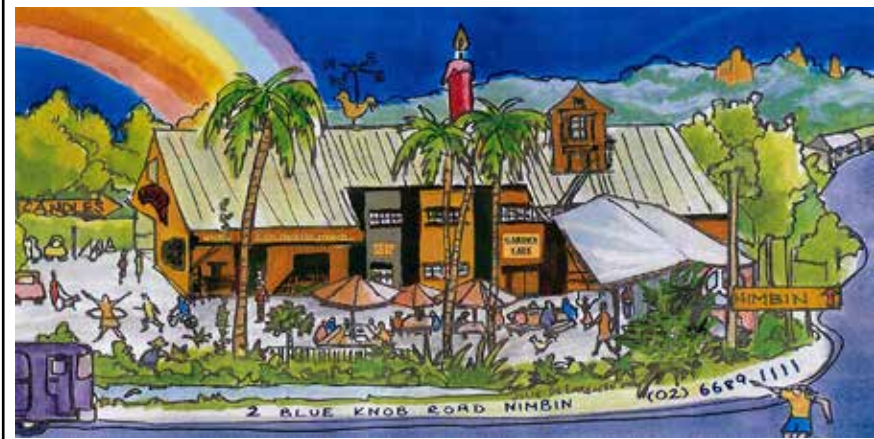
Work is also progressing by chosen production designer, Ross Wallace, on the design of the visual material and signage on and off the track.

Council will post regular updates as the project progresses and highlight any information that may be relevant to you as a

community member or local business.

To stay up-to-date, for further information on project updates, design plans, frequently asked questions, or to find out more, please visit: [www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au) and go to the Nimbin Rainbow Road Walking Track page.

Lismore City Council wishes to thank the Nimbin Community Centre, Nimbin Chamber of Commerce and private landowners for making this project possible, delivering an attraction that will be enjoyed for many years to come, as well as providing benefits and opportunities for experiences and businesses in Nimbin.



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# Nimbin Mental Wealth Expo

by Dr Jacqueline Boustany  
for Nimbin Health and  
Welfare Association

One in five Australian adults had a chronic mental illness pre-Covid-19, with depression for example, the 12th most common presentation to a GP.

Following the pandemic and now combined with increased awareness of ecological destruction on the planet, warring factions in our world politics and increasing costs of living, four in five Australians now report poor mental health, with anxiety and depression the number one reason for seeing a doctor.

Depression is the leading cause of disability and premature death in adults and is predicted to be the second



leading cause of disability in people of all ages incurring a significant emotional and economic burden and affecting us increasingly earlier in life as our children wake up to the real-life consequences of centuries of cultural trauma.

The disconnection with the earth and with the wisdom of

our hearts results in evident anger including with each other, and when this is not heard then withdrawal and further disconnection occurs. If untreated, depression leads to suicide in about 15% of the people it affects.

Alarming and especially in the younger ages, up to 60% of people with anxiety and depression do not seek medical support due to the fear and stigma around mental health.

In light of this increasing demand and lack of engagement, there are multiple services arising to try to meet our current emotional needs in a variety of methods and many are arriving in our town.

We are also blessed with a large variety of wonderful practitioners who provide

many different healing options for both body and mind.

The Nimbin Health and Welfare association are gathering the troops to showcase the many options we have available in the Nimbin Town Hall for a Mental Health Expo on 22nd June, from 10am to 4pm.

Here we hope to meet, greet and provide information to anyone in need, including each other. We also hope to gain funding to provide workshops in singing, dancing, laughter, yoga, meditation, tai chi and so on, so stay tuned and save the date.

Anyone who would like to be involved or help with set up can contact us on: [nhwa1@outlook.com](mailto:nhwa1@outlook.com) or call Kirsty Pamplin on 0421-657-047.

## New Lifeline warehouse and shop

Lifeline, a leading provider of suicide prevention and support services, is proud to announce the opening of its new Northern Rivers warehouse and Lifeline shop in Goonellabah.

The store showcases antiques, vintage, quirky and collectible goods, quality furniture and homewares, offering a unique shopping experience for customers while supporting vital suicide prevention services in the local community.

Doors are open to the public seven days a week, the Goonellabah Lifeline Shop provides customers with the opportunity to browse and purchase a diverse selection of affordable pre-loved goods.

Proceeds from sales at the store will directly fund Lifeline's local suicide prevention initiatives and crisis support in the Northern NSW region.

Area Manager, Ruth Marshall commented that this was a milestone moment post-floods to have a warehouse to service the Northern NSW shops once again, stating, "The warehouse provides an easy central and convenient point for the drop-off of donations seven days a week, which we will then distribute to Lifeline shops across the region."

"With the rising cost of living, Lifeline is excited to offer another option for used furniture and pre-loved goods, complementing the recently expanded shop in Magellan Street, Lismore, as well as retail outlets in Casino, Ballina and Byron Bay.



Ruth Marshall with Lifeline team members Murray (L) and Julien (R)

"By shopping at Lifeline, customers not only gain access to quality products at great prices but also contribute to life-saving services in their community."

Ms Marshall highlighted the importance of community support in meeting the growing demand for Lifeline's services, encouraging individuals to also consider volunteering at the new Goonellabah warehouse or one of the five shops in the region.

"Volunteering is a meaningful way to give back and support Lifeline's mission," said Ms Marshall. "Whether it's assisting customers, organising displays, or working in the warehouse sorting donations and driving trucks, every contribution makes a

difference in saving lives."

With the Goonellabah store marking Lifeline's fifth op-shop in the Northern NSW region, the organisation continues to expand its reach and impact in the community.

Residents are encouraged to visit any Lifeline Shop to shop, donate or volunteer, knowing that their involvement supports the provision of Lifeline's crisis support telephone, SMS and webchat services.

For those interested in visiting the Goonellabah shop, it is located at 29 Lancaster Drive Goonellabah, and is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, Saturday from 9am to 4pm, and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

Donations and volunteering inquiries can be made in-store or by calling 1300-152-854. Additionally, a furniture pick-up service is available by calling 6621-8516.

As suicide remains a significant public health concern, Lifeline remains committed to providing support and hope to those in need.

Nine Australians die every day by suicide and more than 65,000 Australians make a suicide attempt each year. For local information visit: [NorthernNSW.lifeline.org.au](http://NorthernNSW.lifeline.org.au)

### Lifeline support

24-hour crisis support: Phone 131-114. Text: 0477-131-114. Chat online: [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au) or: [NorthernNSW.lifeline.org.au](http://NorthernNSW.lifeline.org.au)

## Remembering Warren Frederick Byrnes, 08.09.1947 - 13.03.2024

Warren Byrnes was well known for his vocals and drum playing, mostly in the Northern Rivers, North Coast and Northern Tablelands areas.

He was the last remaining member of the legendary Graftonians/Clarence Jazzmen over the past 30 years, and played frequently in Yamba at the bowling and golf clubs and at Yamba Shores Tavern; also Grafton, Coffs Harbour and Sawtell clubs and the Jetty markets; Murwillumbah and Lismore Jazz Clubs; Kurradjong Downs and Merilba Estate wineries in New England, as well as forays to the Gold and Sunshine Coasts.

Nimbin will remember him

in The Cruise Brothers, a trio with Bob Dooley and Marcus Makin playing at the Phoenix Café at the Bush Theatre on Sunday afternoons. Warren had worked with many of Australia's music legends over a long career.

When he was 10 years old he met and actually played with Louis Armstrong. The Byrnes family had invited Louis back to their place for dinner when they met him on tour in New Zealand, and the inevitable jam happened when Louis found out Warren had a drum kit. Since then, Warren always loved Satchmo and took great pleasure in rendering some of his songs in his best gravel voice.



Warren with bassist Bob Dooley

In his "other" life he was a train driver, starting in New Zealand shoveling coal on steam engines. Later he worked in Sydney on diesel freight trains and diesel electric commuter trains before moving to Grafton and back to diesel freight

trains between Taree and Brisbane.

He was a much loved husband of Jenny, father of Carina, Sarah and Steven and grandfather of nine grandchildren, Rick, Mitch, Raquel, Lexi, Max, Lachie, Zoe, Jesse and Lola.

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# David McBride vs Four Corners

by John Jiggins

On Easter Saturday, a friend and I drove down to Mullumbimby to hear Afghan war crimes whistleblower David McBride speaking at the Mullumbimby RSL.

The previous Monday, I had watched the *Four Corners* program about David McBride, called 'Rules of Engagement'.

My friend hadn't seen it, so we listened to it on the iPhone as we drove along. There was one heavily ironic moment in 'Rules of Engagement' when ABC journalist Dan Oates says he hates it when journalists make themselves the centre of the story.

If only his *Four Corners* colleagues had listened!

Unfortunately, the story line of 'Rules of Engagement' carefully avoided such vitally important issues as who bears the responsibility for Australian war crimes in Afghanistan, the controversial National Security Intelligence Act, and the important role whistleblowers and journalists play in a democracy, to concentrate instead on a petty squabble between *Four Corners* reporter Dan Oates and whistleblower David McBride, concerning who should receive the credit of the award-winning 2016 *Four Corners* episode, 'The Afghan Files'.

'Rules of Engagement' covered the events of David McBride's trial in November 2023, a trial I wrote two articles about for *Pearls and Irritations* (P&I), so I found the contrast between what the *Four Corners* program included and what my reportage covered illuminating.

My first P&I article was called, 'Who Do You Serve', and covered the colourful protest outside the ACT Supreme Court in Canberra before McBride's trial began. The MC for the rally was the former SBS news anchor, Mary Kostakidis, and the list of speakers supporting McBride featured an impressive array of whistleblowers: Troy Stolz, the Clubs NSW whistleblower; Jeff Morris, the Commonwealth Bank whistleblower; Bernard Collaery, the former ACT Attorney-General who was prosecuted under the National Security Intelligence Act for defending the ASIS whistleblower, known as Witness K; former senator Rex Patrick; and Julian Assange's father, John Shipton.

My story was filled with grabs from these whistleblowers about their support of McBride, the failure of Australia's whistleblower laws, and the increasing level of legal protection given to the National Security state. *Four Corners* ignored all of this, except for a two five second grabs of Troy Stolz and Jeff Morris. I saw the duo arrive in Canberra with the *Four Corners* crew and I saw them filmed speaking in support of McBride at a concert in Glebe Park on Sunday, and again outside the ACT Supreme Court on Monday: subsequently, *Four Corners* decided to use almost none of this footage of the whistleblowers. The assembled whistleblowers gave enormous support for McBride, which I reported, and which *Four Corners* chose to ignore.

My second P&I article about McBride's prosecution called 'Crown successfully overturns Nuremberg war crimes principles in Australian court', focused on the judgment by Justice David Mossop, who denied McBride his public interest defence, and ruled – based on an obscure 19th century text and his apparent ignorance of the Nuremberg conventions – that Australian soldiers' sole duty is to obey their superior officers.

This second P&I article reported the use of the controversial National Security Intelligence Act (NSA) by the Attorney-General to confiscate all the files McBride had hoped to use for his defence, and it questioned why the whistleblower was being prosecuted, which was not



David McBride launching his book at Hemlock Books, Woodburn in April. Photo: Chibo Mertineit

recommended by the Brereton Report. What Brereton had recommended was an investigation into what he described as possibly the most shameful event in the history of the Australian Defence Forces that occurred during the Afghan War. This investigation has been sidelined for over three years, and it seems an extraordinary cover-up. Meanwhile, the whistleblower is being prosecuted, which seems a convenient misdirection.

The *Four Corners* report did cover the National Security Intelligence Act, but their report needed a civil liberties lawyer like Terry O'Gorman or Greg Barns to explain the act and its misuse against whistleblowers: my non-expert opinion is that the National Security Intelligence Act will continue to be misused by the James Bond wannabes of the National Security state, not for good purposes, but to cover-up their crimes, as it clearly was in Witness K's trial, and in Bernard Collaery's trial too, and, I suspect, the NSA is being similarly misused in David McBride's trial as well.

Another mistake I should correct: about 30 minutes into 'Rules of Engagement', over footage of McBride entering the ACT court house, the reporter, Grace Tobin, narrates: "Inside he [McBride] will face prosecutors who will deny he is a genuine whistleblower." Not true! The prosecution never denied McBride was a whistleblower. They were striving to convict him as one. Paradoxically, the only people who deny David McBride is a genuine whistleblower are *Four Corners*! Tobin's narration was untrue, but it planted the seed for the outrageous *Four Corners* accusation that David McBride was not a genuine whistleblower.

Michael West Media have published a powerful critique of this *Four Corners* episode by retired Australian Army office, Stuart McCarthy, called 'Has *Four Corners* done the Government's dirty work in the David McBride prosecution?'

Like McBride, McCarthy questioned how and why the generals and the other ADF commanders avoided scrutiny and responsibility for war crimes committed in Afghanistan. He accused the ABC of avoiding the question of government culpability for war crimes in Afghanistan, and choosing instead to throw its source under the bus on the eve of his sentencing. McCarthy concludes:

"There could be no worse indictment on the integrity of a national broadcaster than to knowingly fail to hold a government to account over matters as serious as command and superior responsibility for war crimes. Beyond the reputation concerns of the whistleblower or journalist involved, Monday's *Four Corners* piece constitutes exactly that. In essence, a compliant state media outlet doing its government's dirty work under the pretext of independent journalism."

McBride's lawyer, Mark Davis was outraged at the timing of the program, and

his angry retort on X (Twitter) responded to the ABC's 'venom' with withering vitriol. David McBride had risked everything to help the ABC and Dan Oakes produce *The Afghan Files*, he said.

"They got the applause and awards, but barely glanced up when David was led away in chains. They have ignored his story ever since. They totally ignored our request for evidence they held which was vital for David's defence. They extracted the information they needed and dumped him and only return now as he awaits sentence to pour this venom on him."

"While we are limited in what we can say until the proceedings end, we will briefly address Oates' comments in the message to follow but our true dismay is how ABC management could allow this *4 Corners* episode to broadcast at this time. It is possibly a contempt of court and the worst time imaginable to be spreading half truths."

"We gave some interviews to this program on a solemn undertaking that it would not be broadcast prior to sentencing. It was a promise given virtually every time the camera rolled. Once they had what they needed it was a promise thrown into the gutter like David McBride. At least they are consistent."

At the Mullumbimby RSL, McBride's support team had set up a merchandise stall in the RSL auditorium, selling "Truth is a lonely warrior" T-shirts and McBride's book, *The Nature of Honour*.

The event had been hastily organised because David McBride had expected to spend Easter in prison. But his sentencing date had been shifted from March 13 to Monday May 6, so unexpectedly he found himself spending Easter in Mullumbimby as happily as a man with the threat of a long jail sentence hanging over him could.

Publicly, he laughed off the prospect, but his laugh seemed over-loud and uneasy.

McBride was interviewed by my Bay FM colleague, Mia Armitage before a crowd of about forty-five people. He expected to get a long prison sentence, he said. Half-way through this interview, *Juice Media's* new 'Honest Government Ad', about whistleblower protection laws, was shown, before the McBride-Mia Armitage interview continued.

During the Q&A, I asked McBride a rambling, unscripted question about his views on the *Four Corners* program. He agreed with McCarthy's views that it was a 'hit job'. He was upset that the program seemed to suggest that he was covering up war crimes or somehow helping bad people. It was all smoke and mirrors, he said. "The case is they just want to punish me, to make an example of me, to show other people do not mess with us, and do not ever disobey orders."

"My case was to say the Defence Force is broken because it has become a political force rather than a military force, and we do whatever will make the Minister look good that day. And that means sometimes pinning medals on some people, sometimes investigating people. Neither of them are real."

"They're both for show and they're both for short term good news stories for the minister. And of course the *Four Corners* programme tried to shrink what I did. Funnily enough, the *Four Corners*, and Dan Oates, and the prosecution, they both said the same thing. They try to minimise my complaint, to say it was only about their investigation."

"What's outrageous was that the idea that Dan Oates can get a medal for my documents, he can get an order of Australia, and he also didn't get prosecuted. He got a letter saying he's not going to get prosecuted. It isn't in the public interest. But McBride's got to go to gaol forever for giving him the same documents, without the ABC saying hang on? How does that work?"

An important question the ABC needs to answer. How does a journalist who discredits his whistleblower have his charges removed while the whistleblower is prosecuted and convicted,

McBride's sentencing, due on 6th May, has been reserved.

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# In your neighbourhood...

Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre News

## Attention: Closure

NNIC will be closed on Friday 10th May for essential team training. This includes the Centrelink Agency. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## Sustainable Nimbin Community Plan (SNCP)

For all folks living within 30km radius of the Nimbin village: Community Workshop dates and SNCP Key Focus Areas – Get These into Your Diaries Folks! You are welcome to attend one or some or all of the workshops.

The Plan will only be as good as the people who contribute to it – so come get amongst it and have your say! Your brainpower is needed.

- **Sat 25th May:** Energy plus Transport (Town Hall)
- **Sat 1st June:** Arts and Culture (Town Hall)
- **Sat 27th July:** Social and Political (Town Hall)
- **Sat 3rd Aug:** Water Security (Town Hall)
- **September:** Final presentation – Draft Revised SNCP (date to be confirmed)

All workshops are from 10.30am to 2pm and will be held at the Town Hall unless otherwise advised. (Many apologies for incorrect times in the last edition of NGT)

Can't make it to a workshop? The Draft Revised Plans for each Key Focus Area will be circulated for further input and comment following each workshop.

See the relevant KFA's section under the Sustainability Tabs on the NNIC website: [www.nmic.org.au](http://www.nmic.org.au) The first two workshops (Housing/Health and Wellbeing,) are now available to view and to provide your input if you wish.

More info will be posted on Nimbin Hook Ups, NNIC and 7 Sibley Street Facebook pages, and our website, and look out for posters around

town.

For regular email updates: get onto our email list via: [sibley@nnic.org.au](mailto:sibley@nnic.org.au)

Many thanks to the Northern Rivers Community Foundation for funding support.

## New staff and new programs at NNIC

Thanks to a new partnership between The Buttery and NNIC, with funding from the Ministry of Health, we are pleased to welcome on board Debbie Ingle from The Buttery who will be based at NNIC three days a week providing support to people with issues with Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Congratulations to Laura Hill who will be switching jobs and will become our new Peer Support Worker at NNIC (also via The Buttery). For more info or to make an appointment, see/telephone Nicole at our Front Desk.

We also welcome Josh Ellery to our Centrelink Agency Team.

Thanks to the Department of Regional NSW, we have also secured funds for the Nimbin Youth Events team to run website building workshops in the 2024 Spring holiday break, which is fantastic news.

## Good news! Nimbin Flood Recovery Support Service

This program was due to wind up on 30th June but has been extended to the end of 2024, which is good news for those people still awaiting outcomes of their DRG grant applications and policies to be finalised with regards to landslips.

## Neighbourhood Centre Week 13th-19th May

This is a nationwide initiative to celebrate the role of Neighbourhood Centres in local communities across the nation.

A common thread that runs through every one of the 1000+ centres in Australia, is their inclusive nature: anyone and everyone is welcome, and members of the community are encouraged to help in the centre's organisation, management and use.

"Neighbourhood and Community Houses and Centres (NCHCs) all throughout Australia are the heart of the local community. We strive to embody the essence of togetherness. We bring people from all walks of life together to connect, learn, and play.

"Through collaborative initiatives, inclusive programs, and shared spaces, we cultivate an environment where every voice is heard, every story is valued, and every member contributes to the vibrant mosaic of our shared community." – [www.lcsansw.org.au](http://www.lcsansw.org.au)

The week is a good reminder for us all to

celebrate community, weaving stronger bonds that make our neighbourhood a wondrous place to call home!

## New to Nimbin?

Have you moved into Nimbin recently? Or do you know someone who has? Maybe you have a new neighbour? Then the Welcome to Nimbin Kit is for you!

This Kit is designed to start conversations between new neighbours and help newcomers with lots of useful info to help you find your way and ease into the amazing fabric of the Nimbin community.

Hard copies of the Kit are available for \$5.50 at NNIC. The Kit is also available on our website – search for "New to Nimbin".

The list of volunteer organisations and contact numbers is only available in the hard copy version, which also comes in a handy folder with the great cover artwork.

## Nimbin Aged Care and Respite Services

We assist frail aged people, NDIS participants and carers to stay living at home and connect socially.



**All NACRS support workers** are qualified, certified, experienced, police checked, Covid-safe trained, insured and locally based.

### SOCIAL CENTRE with Veranda

– Monday-Friday 10am-2pm. Drop in for a cuppa, access support services, info and computers.

**DEVICE ADVICE** – Wednesdays 9.30am-1pm. Seniors can book for assistance with phone, tablet or laptop issues.

### SENIORS SOCIAL GROUPS – booking and fees apply

- Nimbin Tuesday Morning Tea, 10.30am-1pm. Tea/coffee, conversation, music and snacks, weekly \$5
- The Outsiders Group 1st and 3rd Thursday, 11am-2pm at various rural cafes, self-funded plus donation to NACRS
- Wise Ones at Koonorigan Hall/Dunoon 4th Monday, 11.30am-1.30pm, bring a plate to share
- Bus outings – 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Scenic drives, cafes for morning tea & lunch (you pay), bookings essential, fees apply.

Phone **6689-1709** or visit NACRS at Bottlebrush Studio, the rainbow building at Nimbin Community Centre.

[www.nacrs.com.au](http://www.nacrs.com.au)

# Nimbin Hospital information



## Child immunisation

By appointment, please phone 6630-0400.

## Early childhood nurse

Every Tuesday. Baby checks, weighs, post-natal support. For appointments, phone 6630-0400.

## Women's health nurse services

Third Thursday of the month, next is 21st March. Phone 6688-1400 for an appointment.

## Wound clinic

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am. For self-referral, phone 6688-1433. Referrals also from Nimbin Hospital and GP clinic.

## Drug and alcohol counselling services available

For an appointment, please contact 6620-7600. A trained professional will ask you a few confidential questions and will provide you with an appointment time.

## Nurse practitioner clinic

Diabetes clinics: third Thursday of the month, next is 18th April.

## Community Registered Nurse

Monday to Friday, 8am-4.30pm. Assessments, wound care, referrals, advocacy, provision of palliative care in the home, medication support. Phone 6688-1433 – leave a 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

Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 9.30am in the CWA room. New members are most welcome.





by Scott Sledge, president

I held great hopes that the election of eco-friendly governments would turn the tide on continued wasting resources on large companies at the expense of future generations of threatened species, including humans.

Instead, threats to koala habitat continue unabated. CEO of NSW's Nature Conservation Council, Jacqui Mumford, took part in the recent NSW Koala Summit, the Great Koala National Park Community Advisory Panel, and numerous meetings and conversations with Environment Minister Penny Sharpe and her staff.

She says: "Time and again I've voiced the same obvious message – stop the destruction of koala habitat, because koalas need trees. Meanwhile, koala habitat across NSW continues to be destroyed.

"The industrial logging of our native forests continues unabated, including in forests meant to be protected as the Great Koala National Park. Did you know that if a logging operator in NSW sees a koala in a tree, they simply have to wait until the koala leaves the tree before cutting it down?" she said.

Jacqui Mumford warns the logging industry is attempting to 'redefine' the borders of the park by calling it a 'plantation forest', which will exclude critical koala habitat.

She emphasises that there is no accurate data or independent assessment required to determine the extent of koala habitat. Landowners can simply determine that an area is not important for koalas and then cut them down.

Immediate action is required to protect koala habitat. Instead, the Federal Government has just backtracked on its commitment to reform the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC), Australia's main law for the protection of nature.

Reforms have again been delayed after pushback from well-resourced mining magnates and lobbyists wanting to continue profiting from the destruction of nature.

"It's clear that without sustained pressure, neither the NSW nor the Federal Government will take action to protect

koalas," Jacqui Mumford said.

Meanwhile, the North Coast Environment Council (NCEC) contacted the NSW government last month with concerns about policy reforms and received this extraordinary claim from a senior Department of Primary Industry (DPI) official:

*"Protection of koalas and their habitat is a priority and FCNSW must comply with detailed regulations that require feed trees and habitat to be identified and protected..."*

*"These regulations were developed based on ongoing research that shows that koalas continue to occupy forests where timber harvesting takes place at the same rate as unharvested forests."*

If this were true, we wouldn't need to worry about the environment at all! Research actually shows that koalas are very fussy, preferring certain varieties of eucalypts, and eating only from trees tall enough to provide refuge.

The trees we see in local state forests are mostly spindly young regrowth suitable only for wood chips to burn for electricity. Logs big enough for timber milling mostly come from plantations now.

The NSW Government must stop the talkfests and immediately protect koala habitat in our state forests, on private land, or on land at risk from mining and urban sprawl.

In April, Nimbin Environment Centre (NEC) wrote to the Office of the NSW Premier pointing out that burning native forest wood for electricity is not green, not clean, and not renewable. We demanded that the Minns government:

- Save Koalas' Homes on State Forests
  - Stop logging in public native forests immediately.
  - Protect State Forests where we know Koalas live.
  - Require loggers look before they log to identify other Koala homes.
  - Retain all preferred Koala feed trees in potential habitat to facilitate recovery.
- The response from the NSW DPI suggests the government is determined to change nothing in forest management: "...You may be aware that the NSW Government is committed to establish the Great Koala



Police remove protectors blocking earthmoving machine at Wallum in April. Photo: Chibo Mertineit

National Park (GKNP) on the mid-north coast. The Government's action will balance the commitment to protecting environmentally sensitive areas with the development of a plan to sustain a viable timber industry and jobs."

Save Wallum

The Save Wallum Facebook page reported that 19 arrests occurred on site Wednesday 17th April, due to large numbers of protestors and police.

Protestors aimed to stop bulldozers from destroying a special ecological habitat, and the machines were eventually moved off-site.

Rumours abound about efforts to buy back the land near Brunswick Heads from developers who aim to build an expansive luxury housing development. Recent rains proved the site is subject to flooding.

#SaveWallum is calling for urgent letters to the Premier and Environment Minister asking for an immediate moratorium on all Zombie DAs.

The group is also asking for supporters to sign up for Red Alerts about on-site actions. Details can be found at: [savewallum.org](http://savewallum.org)

Vale Graeme Irvine

Long-time Nimbin resident, environmental activist, and originator of Nimbin Law, Graeme Irvine died on 23rd April at Maranoa Village assisted living facility in Alstonville.

Graeme suffered from Parkinson's Disease for many years, and his great ability to communicate was slowly and sadly diminished by his ailment.

Graeme was an asset for the Rainbow Region and a friend to many of us. He was 77 years old.

Fundraising

A Trivia Night will support NEC at the Nimbin Bowlo on Saturday 11th May and will include a raffle and art auction. Dinner starts at 5.30pm, the quiz at 7pm.

For table reservations, contact the Bistro on 02 6689-1473. All proceeds will go to protecting our environment.

Meetings

The monthly NEC meeting will be on Wednesday 8th May, and the AGM will be on Wednesday 12th June, at 6pm. Light refreshments will be provided for the AGM. The meetings are held at the Nimbin Community Centre.



Nimbin Nesting Box Project

Nimbin Environment Centre received 17 applications for the nesting box project, funded by the Wires National Grant 2024 program.

Applications came from a wide geographic area, stretching from Mt Burrell to Whian Whian. Individuals, families and communities are involved, and boxes will be installed in the Nimbin valleys including Tuntable, Lillian Rock, Stony Chute, The Channon, and in and around the village on Mulgum Creek, Websters Creek and Calico Creek.

Wildbnb Wildlife Habitat has designed and built 30 nesting boxes for the project. These artificial hollows are designed to support a range of species including birds, arboreal marsupials, reptiles, insects and microbats.

Scheduling is taking place and installation will occur over the next few months in time for the Spring nesting season.

Lifting the lid on forestry

by Ari Ehrlich

The Caldera Environment Centre has recently launched a new book, *The Forest Wars* by Professor David Lindenmayer AO.

It lifts the lid on destruction of native forests by an unholy alliance between state forestry, the timber industry and unions that is making bushfires worse, killing wildlife and costing taxpayers millions, for the sake of woodchips for export.

Loggers routinely breach regulations, and industry intimidates anyone who questions what they are doing.

Worse still, David Lindenmayer reveals that even where native forest logging is supposedly ending, efforts are being made to continue it under a different name.

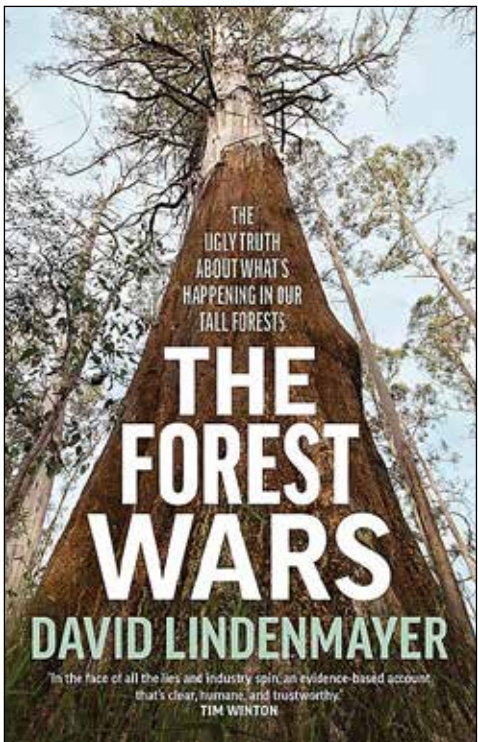
*"With calm authority born of a lifetime's research and experience in the field, Lindenmayer fillets Australia's often-confusing forest debate, busting myth after myth..."*

– Paddy Manning

It's time we realised the value of leaving our native forests standing. Forests purify our drinking water. Forests are our best hope to reduce carbon emissions. Forests preserve biodiversity.


The CEC team will be running a stall at the Kinship Festival at Knox Park, Murwillumbah on Saturday 25th May.

As well as copies of *The Forest Wars* for sale, there will be a range of environmental



books and grass roots products, such as stainless steel clothes pegs, water bottles, native plants, children's books and Plant ID on offer.

For more information, go to: Caldera Environment Centre on Facebook and: [calderaenvironmentcentre.org](http://calderaenvironmentcentre.org)



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- **Sat 18th: Community Forum: Sustainable Nimbin Community Plan** – 10.30am at Nimbin Town Hall, focus on Energy and Transport. Refreshments available.

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- **Tues 21st: Knitting group** – BYO project, learn and share, by donation.
- **Sat 25th: Weaving** – with a rigid heddle loom. \$15.
- **Mon-Fri** – Recovery support services
- **Community Tools Library:** Every Wed and Sat, 10.30am – 2pm. For home repairs, garden tools, food and craft equipment. Join at NNIC Mon-Fri. *Basketballs & pump available, \$5 refundable deposit.*





### Application for Appointment of Board Members

#### Dorrobbee Grass Reserve Land Manager

Ever wondered who is responsible for keeping Crown reserves operating?

Countless facilities like showgrounds, local halls and parks are run by Statutory Land Manager Boards, made up of people just like you. People who understand the need and have a desire to manage public land and assets for the benefit of the entire community.

Your role as a Board Member is voluntary, but the rewards of giving something back to the community are priceless.

We are looking for a good mix of people with a variety of skills, however, sound business and financial management skills and objective decision-making expertise would be a distinct advantage.

Don't let this opportunity to do something for yourself and your community pass you by – contact us today.

The Dorrobbee Grass Reserve Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 58949 at Dunoon notified on 18-Jun-1926 for Public Recreation, Reserve No. 54361 at Dunoon notified on 14-Jan-1921 for Quarantine. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application for membership can be made via [portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au)

All applications are required to be lodged by **3 June 2024**.

For further information contact Joe Endean on (02) 6642 9204 or go to [reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au)

## Letters

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NGT welcomes letters and other contributions received by email or post prior to deadline. Letters longer than 300 words may be edited for length, and articles for accuracy. Please include your full name, address and phone number for verification purposes. Opinions expressed remain those of the author, and are not necessarily those of Nimbin GoodTimes.

### Responsible government

I watched the Business Report tonight, and at present most small businesses are going broke and only large overseas-owned businesses thrive.

Our governments at all levels – from Councils to States – including ALP and LNP Country Party and even Teals – keep blaming the other parties while they have gerrymandered the electorates so it is impossible for we taxpayers and ratepayers to vote for anyone else.

Not only that, but we have to pay for the billions of dollars squandered on the greedy military hardware manufacturers and military who start wars and have enormous salaries and are given land for not risking their lives since they live somewhere safe, and firing missiles at helpless countries when they want to steal their resources.

As well, this vastly increases global warming and makes an impossible future for their own children.

I do not call ours a responsible government.

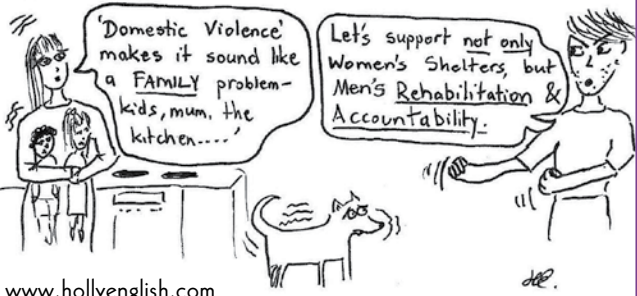
Anne Sutherland  
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### Hypocrites

Hypocrisy and double standards seem to be everywhere, and more obvious than ever today.

Apparently Israel can bomb embassies, hospitals and aid workers with impunity... but when Iran simply enforces its dress-code laws they're called barbaric... or worse, are deemed terrorists for retaliating to pre-emptive Israeli air-strikes that kill Iranian officials.

99% of Domestic Violence is perpetrated by men. So let's get real & call it what it is – MALE VIOLENCE.



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Apparently Jews in the West Bank can steal Palestinian lands with impunity, kill Palestinians and treat them with collective punishment .. but when Hamas retaliates, Hamas alone are deemed the terrorists... and the Western world feigns horror, courtesy of a biased Jewish/Christian media.

Apparently China can re-draw borders, impose restrictive import bans and change their laws whenever they have political disagreements with other sovereign nations... and then change them at a whim whenever they require the produce or goodwill of those sovereign nations! And we simply oblige and keep buying Made In China products!

We are all rightfully horrified at the recent actions of knife-wielding attackers and children vandalising property or committing break-and-enter... or worse... but our governments continue to ignore the underlying issues of massive and growing wealth disparity, homelessness and social inequity that in all likelihood underline and fuel the very acts committed by those struggling with poverty, mental health trauma, or simply absolute despair and social disenfranchisement! (And I am not condoning these violent acts.)

Those living in ivory castles have maybe until now, turned a blind eye, or

viewed the world through their rose-tinted glasses. Our Premier, Chris Minns, wants us all to believe we live in a harmonious State and we care for each other! Really? Aidan Ricketts wants us to doubt everything and see certainty as an affliction!

How can we say we care, when we spend over \$6 billion on prisons each year in Australia, \$50 billion in weapons production, and we can't even house the homeless... or condemn blatant acts of hypocrisy!

Azan Mann  
Evans Head

### Great Koala Park

When is the Labor regime in NSW going to stop the Forestry Corp from raping our forests and koala habitats?

The North-East Forest Alliance (NEFA) has been asking that question for a long time, but haven't got a positive answer from anyone. Janelle?

I think there was a federal-funded grant of \$6 million to a veneer factory because it burnt down and the workers needed jobs. Don't worry about putting more pressure on koala habitats; jobs are more important than saving the wildlife and flora, as far as Forestry Corp is concerned.

Those jobs could turn into planting more trees to make up for the loss of habitats. Now, that would be worthwhile jobs for the men and women, aye?

Paul Brecht  
Maclean

### Consultation threatened

Recent events have shaken the foundations of our shared values and commitments. Specifically, I wish to address the alarming developments surrounding the administration and potential development of Peace Park or (9 Sibley Street according to certain Councillors), which has been a pillar of our community for decades.

As you are well aware, the Nimbin Community made significant investments in the purchase and development of Peace Park and the 7 Sibley Street sustainability hub in 1998 and 2012, respectively. These sites have been integral to the fabric of Nimbin, serving as essential and important spaces for the community.

We also currently have the Nimbin Place Plan consultation in progress, a council-led initiative to collaborate with residents, businesses and community organisations to develop a collective vision for the future of Nimbin including possible uses and development of Peace Park. It is essential that we do not pre-empt the outcomes of this process. Especially as Nimbin has embraced the process with enthusiasm.

However, the recent actions taken by certain Lismore City Councillors, including the unannounced motions brought forth at the March 12th, 2024 Council meeting via the Nimbin Advisory Group (NAG) meeting minutes, have cast a shadow of doubt and concern over the future of this treasured site.

There were motions, which aimed to also disband the NAG and bypass established processes for community consultation, which was not only done in a defamatory way but also with a blatant disregard for the principles of transparency and participatory governance.

Thankfully the disbanding of the NAG did not pass, however the proposed consultation and feasibility study for Peace Park as a place for a library, gallery, visitor information centre and water storage did pass without waiting for the Nimbin Place Plan to be publicly exhibited in

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The Hanging Rock Hall Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 91046 at Wadeville notified on 24-Feb-1978 for Public Recreation. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application for membership can be made via [portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au)

All applications are required to be lodged by **29 May 2023**.

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## Notices

### Annual General Meetings

- Tunttable Falls Community School AGM: Thursday 9th May, 3.15pm at the school. All interested parties welcome to attend.
- Cawongla Playhouse AGM: Tuesday 28th May, 2.45pm. All members are invited to attend.
- Nimbin Environment Centre Inc AGM: Wednesday 12th June, 6pm at Community Centre Comskool Room, 81 Cullen Street, Nimbin. All welcome. Nominations for executive and committee members will be accepted from the floor. Must be a financial member to vote. NB: General monthly meeting will be held at 5pm before the AGM.



July 2024 and the subsequent rescission motion failed.

It is deeply disheartening to witness such underhanded tactics employed to undermine decades of goodwill and collaborative efforts between the Nimbin community and Lismore City Council. The move not only jeopardises on-going initiatives such as the Nimbin Place Plan but also threatens to erode trust in our local government and democratic processes.

As an attendee to the proceedings of the meetings, I can attest to the sense of dismay, anger and disillusionment felt by myself and many community members since the meeting. The lack of transparency and accountability exhibited by certain individuals undermines the very essence of democratic governance and the principles of natural justice.

It is imperative that our councillors recognise and respect the ongoing processes aimed at informing council decisions based on the genuine needs and desires of the community.

Furthermore, I urge for greater safeguards to be put in place to prevent similar sneak attacks in the future and to uphold the values of transparency, fairness,

and inclusivity in all council proceedings.

It is only through open dialogue, informed debate, and genuine community engagement that we can ensure the best outcomes for all stakeholders involved.

Virginia Waters  
Nimbin

### Rail Trail travesty

The expensive Rail Trail is all smoke and mirrors, with little social, economic or environmental benefits for taxpayers or communities.

It's interesting to note that Kevin Hogan MP is the only politician spruiking the supposed benefits of the recently opened Casino to Bentley bike track in his media release in the April NGT.

But in two pages of print from the other local politicians, there's not a single word about the wonders of this expensive, taxpayer-funded bike track – cost so far \$22m or almost \$600,000 per kilometre.

These politicians obviously understand that the destruction of this valuable train line is very unpopular and not what thousands of the North Coast community have been calling for for over 20 years.

When locals are constantly

complaining about traffic congestion and the lack of decent public transport able to connect communities in the region in a timely manner, an expensive bike track that is only used in good weather conditions, cannot replace a sustainable, affordable, accessible to all, commuter train service that runs rain, hail or shine.

Especially in a region with 5.2 million visitors, when so many towns have a train station in, or close to, the centre of town within easy walking distance to everything.

There have been concerns from people in surrounding communities that Byron Shire Council's plans for paid parking is unfair for residents outside Byron Shire. These people obviously don't relish the idea of cycling many kilometres to the beach and back in rain or heat on the free bike track.

They need to be demanding their councils stop destroying the train line and insist the state government provide the public train services we were promised for so long.

Byron Shire's 16,000 ratepayers pay some of the highest rates in the country, but can't get a park at the shops or beach, and it's too dangerous to cycle as they used to as there's too much traffic.

Byron Shires' ratepayers cannot afford to keep funding and maintaining roads and other infrastructure for 2.5 million visitors – there has to be adequate income to pay for it all. Even with unlimited funds, there's not enough room in Byron Bay or Brunswick Heads to accommodate all the cars of 2.5 million visitors. That's why we MUST have better public transport, especially commuter train services.

Locals would like to know why anecdotal evidence of the economic success and the numbers using the Tweed section of the trail is being used to justify continued destruction of the train line, rather than taking the opportunity to undertake an expert evaluation of the usage, environmental and economic benefits of the Tweed section of the bike track before continuing to spend millions of taxpayers' money on the Casino to Bentley section.

Is the reluctance to do a comprehensive assessment due to the reality that usage, environmental and economic benefits being spruiked don't stack up, or justify the millions being spent, as Tweed locals and businesses are reporting?

Months ago, Tweed Council called for expressions of interest from people to set up businesses on Murwillumbah station. So far there's no sign of any new business on the station or anywhere else in towns along the bike track.

Tweed locals are also questioning the numbers claimed to be using the bike track – they're not seeing thousands of people every weekend, especially in the recent wet weather, but they are noticing the extra traffic in their once quiet towns.

There's no evidence that destroying the train line and replacing it with a bike track has produced the promised economic benefits to towns, and certainly isn't reducing traffic or saving the train line for future train services as we were told it would!

The long battle by thousands of locals to have trains returned to the Casino to Murwillumbah rail line, and the years of promises from politicians to do so, and start planning the rail connection to the Queensland rail system at Coolangatta, has been well documented.

It's incomprehensible to locals that politicians would now ignore the need for train services and instead spend so many millions of public money destroying the train line.

Politicians must stop wasting eye-watering amounts of taxpayers' money on a cycling theme park for tourists, while treating the community with absolute contempt, and provide the train services as promised for locals and 5.2 million tourists.

There's something very wrong with the politicians' priorities and the shameful way they've treated this community while wasting so much public money and ignoring the transport needs of their constituents.

Louise Doran  
Ocean Shores

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### RIP Eleni Mann

Eleni Mann was born in Maitland on 14th August 1950 and died Friday 19th April 2024 in Kyogle. Sister to Ted, Barb and Rosie.

Eleni has been a born leader right from the start of her life. She loved acting, playing music, singing and doing art – drawing and painting.

She became an art teacher aged 22, teaching art and pottery at Hunters Hill High School. She moved to the Northern Rivers and gave birth to Joseph at Coffee Camp on 27th December 1981.

She moved to Homeland Bellingen, where Joseph was educated in Steiner schools and Eleni trained as a Steiner teacher in Sydney. She came back to Bellingen and became a primary teacher at Chrysalis Steiner School.

At 50 she met Denis, a high school art Steiner



teacher and they moved to Byron shire. They taught art at Cape Byron Steiner School for 20 years, retiring in 2021. They exhibited their artwork at the Kyogle Regional Art Gallery (Roxy): sculpture and paintings of Roses.

Eleni was very sporty – swimming, tennis and hiking. It was a huge surprise that she was diagnosed with Lymphoma in the brain in 2023.

She died peacefully, courageously and sublimely.

– Denis Hopking

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