

NIMBIN NATION

To the original inhabitants of the Nimbin Valley the area was an ancient spiritual site and a place of special learning. Despite the impact of European culture this same spirit still pervades the hills today. At the core is the pursuit of survival lifestyles and for the last two decades Nimbin has test-driven numerous lifestyle experiments which have now been assimilated into mainstream society. Nimbin has become synonymous with the "alternative culture" and a yearning for a more ecologically harmonious and community based way of life. In 1996 Nimbin formed a sister village relationship with Woodstock (U.S.A.) as part of a global networking towards peaceful and constructive resolutions to the many challenges we face as a planet. In 1998 a Woodstock delegation of 300 people will visit Nimbin to share our vision.

WHY VISIONS OF NIMBIN?

For the casual visitor to Nimbin much of the innovation and lifestyle practices remain out of sight, hidden in the hills. Despite this Nimbin continues to attract constant media coverage, mostly critical, and relatively few outsiders have any idea about what really happens in and around Nimbin. In order to share our lifestyle experiences the Nimbin Community Development Association Inc. resolved to organise VISIONS OF NIMBIN. All proceeds from the event will be put towards a community fundraising appeal, currently raising money to acquire the original Central School sites and buildings for a much needed community centre and park.

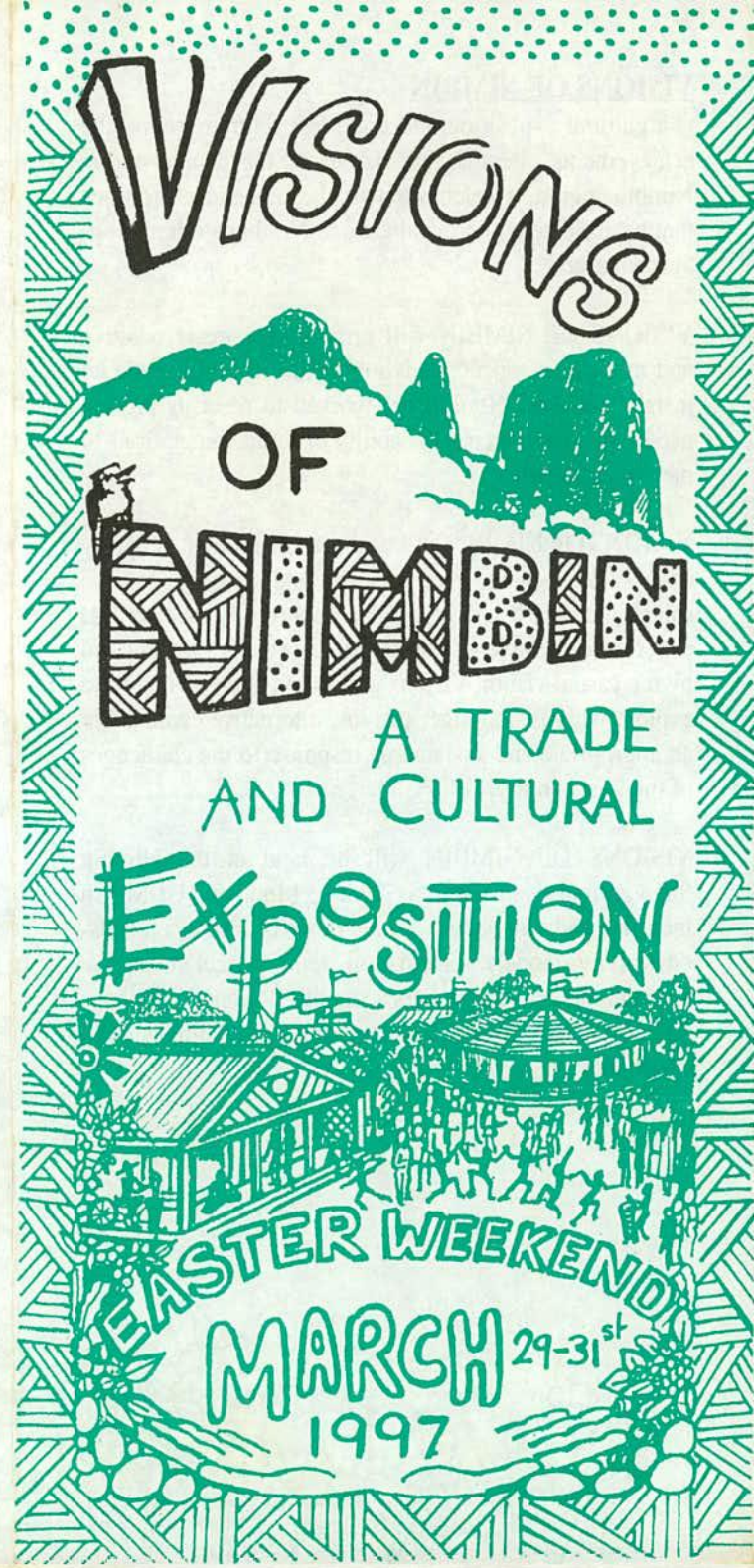


A SUSTAINABLE VISION

Sustainability, both ecologically and within the context of human communities, is a major focus of VISIONS OF NIMBIN. In a world confronted by rising population levels, rapidly diminishing natural resources, environmental degradation and inappropriate levels of personal consumption how do communities and individuals determine what constitutes sustainability and then initiate change? VISIONS OF NIMBIN will provide an insight to Nimbin initiatives for a sustainable future.



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VISIONS OF NIMBIN

is a cultural exposition and trade fair centred around the achievements, dreams and visions of the people of the Nimbin region, a celebration of the life and aspirations that have flowered here and created Nimbin's international reputation.

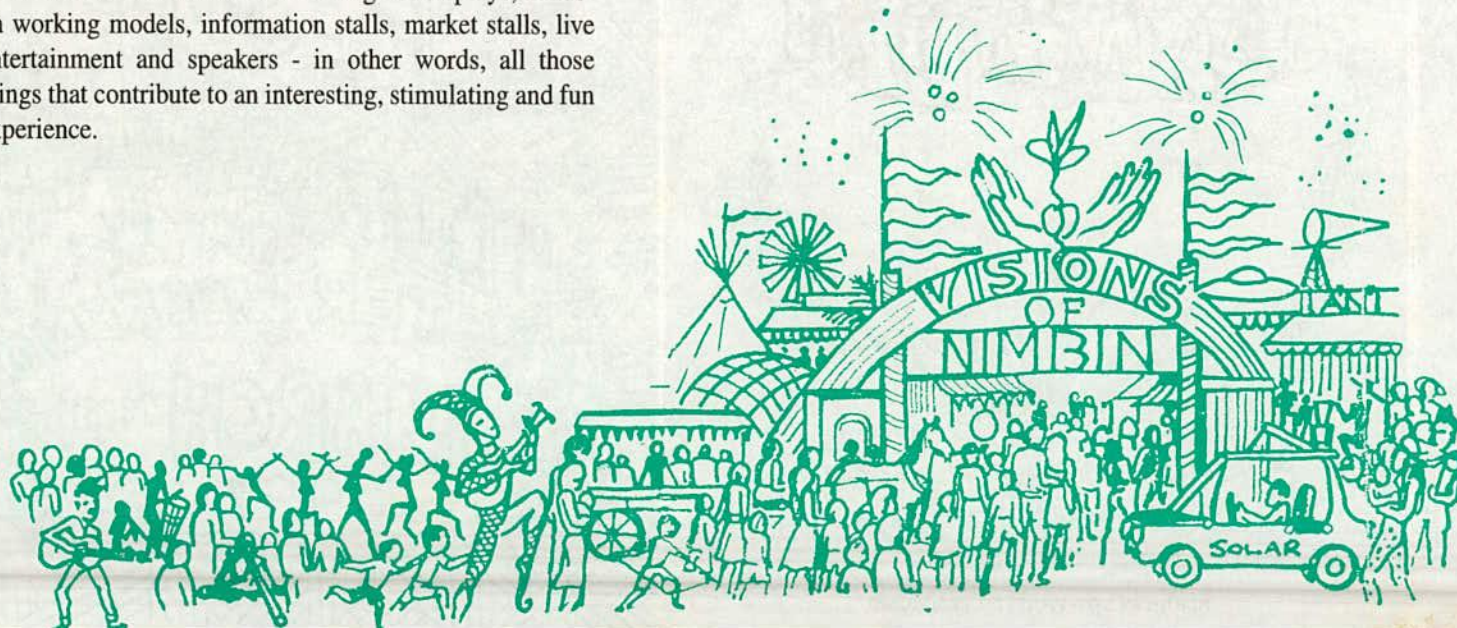
VISIONS OF NIMBIN will promote the many positive and innovative aspects of Nimbin life. It will provide an insight into how Nimbin has worked to meet its present needs whilst enhancing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

VISIONS OF NIMBIN will be a combination of a country show, a bush-picnic race meeting and new age festival rolled into one. It will also be an opportunity to share and experience the side of Nimbin not normally encountered by the casual visitor. Visions of Nimbin is an invitation to explore what is no longer just an "alternative" course but an appropriate and sustainable response to the challenges of the 21st century.

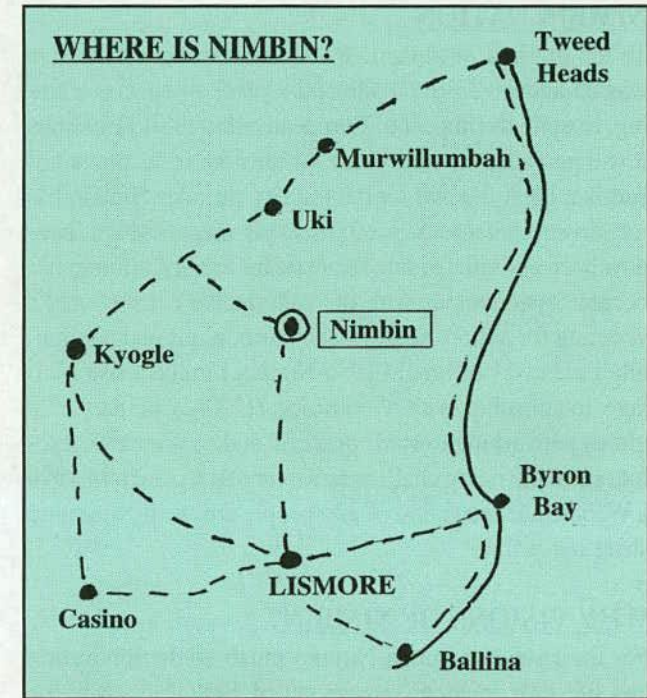
VISIONS OF NIMBIN will be held at the Nimbin Showground from Saturday 29th to Monday 31st March inclusive and will feature a wide range of displays, hands-on working models, information stalls, market stalls, live entertainment and speakers - in other words, all those things that contribute to an interesting, stimulating and fun experience.

WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING?

- * **fun and educational activities for kids** (and adults!)
- * **arts and craft** (sculptors, painters, craftspeople, fashion)
- * **entertainment day and night** (poets, musicians, dancers, singers, Bands and pageantry all day and into the evenings)
- * **environmental actions** (landcare, plantation forestry, rainforest regeneration, organic farming, permaculture, bushfoods, portable sawmills, ecofriendly products)
- * **innovative waste systems** (compost toilets, greywater management)
- * **appropriate power systems** (solar and other natural energy sources, grid interactivity, energy efficiency)
- * **cybertechnology** (internet and communication technology, web sites, multi-media, computer accessibility and friendliness)
- * **building a sense of community** (land sharing communities, homebuilding, low-cost shelter, community mapping)
- * **industry and trade exhibits**
- * **healing and spirituality**
- * **communication and media** (community radio, Nimbin News)
- * **Nimbin's heritage and history**
- * **Aboriginal story telling and culture**



WHERE IS NIMBIN?



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Nimbin is accessible by train, bus or plane to Lismore (30km from Nimbin). Over Easter public transport from Lismore to Nimbin will be limited. Contact Lismore Information & Heritage Centre (066) 220 122 or Justice Bus Service 018 664410, (066) 216 231, A/H (066) 867 324 for more details. There are also a number of tour buses that run from coastal Byron Bay to Nimbin on a daily basis. Contact Jim's Alternative Tours (066) 857 720, 019 903 974

ACCOMMODATION

Granny's Farm Backpackers (066) 891 333 Rainbow Retreat Backpackers (066) 891 262 Grey Gum Lodge (066) 891 713 Abode of Peace Motel (066) 891 420 - Nimbin Caravan & Camping Park (066)-891 402 - Klassic Lodge (066) 899 350

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on Visions of Nimbin or a detailed program of events phone (066) 221 933 or (066) 891 648, Fax. (066) 891 130 or write to: Visions of Nimbin, PO Box 56, Nimbin 2480, or call Nimbin on the Net.