

FESTIVAL UPDATE

Well, it looks like we have a beautiful site for our Summer Solstice Celebratory Festival on Dec 20, 21 & 22nd. 1991. Located down Crofton Road, (only five kilometers from Nimbin itself), with good camping space surrounded by trees. The host community is The Dreaming Camp. They have welcomed our ideas and added some of their own - THANK-YOU, Dreaming Camp.

Drinking water won't be a problem and Goolmangar Creek is very close for swimming.

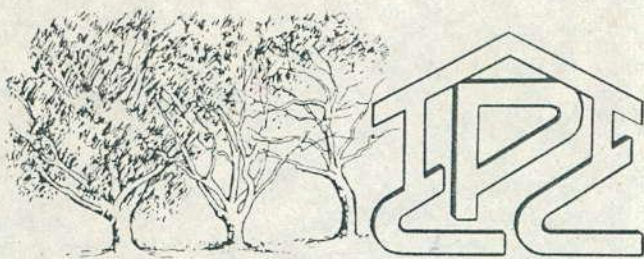
We would still like to hear from all other communities in regard to the type of stalls you want to have. Some suggestions are - Food, Pottery, Crafts, Massage, Tarot, anything that your community can share with us all. It is hoped that stall holders can provide their own shelter from the hot hot summer sun eg. beach umbrella, tent, shade cloth etc.

So let us know soon what you would like to do so we can arrange appropriate spaces.

A NOTE ON FOOD STALLS: If you decide on a food stall, we need to know what type of food you will have so we don't end up with too much of the same thing and remember, first in, best dressed! We may have to refuse the later offers of food stalls as there may be enough already.

Also, there will be more focus on kids activities, this year, including youth. This festival is EVERYONE. See you there !!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

REGISTRATION: All those attending part or all of the weekend are required to register and will receive an official attendance tag. The registration desk is situated next to the Pan-Com Information stall. The cost is \$15.- per adult for the week-end \$10.- per day. Please attend to this on arrival.

PROGRAM: see attached

CAMPING: Space has been made available for camping with vehicle access next to the Channon Oval. It is at the rear of the car-parking area. There are two toilets and two showers with continuous hot water for CAMPERS ONLY. The camping fee is \$3.- per adult per night. Children free. This fee is charged by the landowner who requests the following;

No dogs in the camping-ground.

Only one central campfire

Please don't light individual campfires - a BBQ will be available.

Swimming in the creek is fine but please DON'T USE SOAP.

Please don't leave any rubbish!

FOOD: All meals provided by Tim's Tent kitchen starting with breakfast from 7 a.m. Ample choice for very reasonable prices. There is also a tea, coffee and cake stall run by Pan-Com.

FIRST AID: First Aid is available at the Pan-Com Information stall.

COUNCIL REGULATIONS

No dogs. No alcohol. Don't litter.

(For your information there will be a cricket match on the Oval during Sunday so please ensure no-one goes onto the oval.)

WHAT'S ON?

A program is attached. A Pan-Com stall has been set up to provide people with detailed information concerning the program and workshop venues. Announcements will also be made over the P.A. system so keep an ear tuned in.

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During Sunday afternoon tours will be conducted of Bodhi Farm Community, Wallace Rd., The Channon. Details are contained on a separate page. Please read them and register before 6pm Saturday if you are interested in going.

This program is subject to alteration during the weekend. Announcements will be made and details of changes will be available from the Pan-Com Information Stall.

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WORKSHOP OPTIONS

During each workshop time slot the workshops listed below will run concurrently. Please choose one you would like to attend. Venues will be allocated prior to commencement of the workshop sessions and an announcement will be made over the P.A. Further information is available from the Pan-Com information stall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 10.45am - 1pm

1. "Making effective use of the media" - Yvette Steinhauer, freelance journalist and Phil Hurst, ABC Radio current affairs
2. "Dealing with Bureaucracy" - development applications, building applications, Soil Conservation Act, Water Resources Commission, Social Security - Dave Lambert, Rural Resettlement Task Force founder and Wally Wallace.
3. "Composting toilets - the ecological options" - Leigh Davison.
4. "Bamboo" - an introduction to bamboo and a look at its uses and economic potential - Hans Erkin.
5. "Seeds - a natural resource" - a look at the need for collection and maintenance of primitive varieties of useful cultivated plants in Australia, establishment of local repositories and practical day-to-day and long-term maintenance of this kind of natural resource - Jude & Michel Fanton, Seed Savers' Network, Nimbin.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 3pm - 5pm

1. An open workshop on mens' issues - Ken Golding and Stuart Anderson. (This workshop will run until 6pm if necessary).
2. "Creation of sustainable economic systems" - including a look at ethical investment, the Local Employment Trading Scheme and sustainable employment - Simon Clough.
3. "Forming a land-sharing community" - Greg Reid.
4. "Political Empowerment" - Kevin Childs, Deputy President, Bellingen Shire Council.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 10am - 12 midday

1. "A sustainable bio-system - the mechanics of doing it together in a small region" Robyn Francis, editor Permaculture International.
2. "Organic growing and marketing" - Kyogle Organic Growers.
3. "Alternative Energy Systems" - Peter Pedals and Karl McLaughlin, Rainbow Power Co., Nimbin.
4. "Green Politics" - Al Oshlack, Green Alliance activist.



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Apart from being a wonderful opportunity for people to get together in a stimulating and friendly atmosphere participants will be provided with lots of ideas and information. Part of the weekend will be devoted to workshops led by people with skills in specific areas. These will include :

Development of land-sharing communities; Organic Growing; Permaculture Design; Alternative Energy Sources; Composting Toilets; Teenage Kids on Communities; Green Politics; Campaigns for Local Government Elections; Employment Creation; Alternative Building Materials; Building with Bamboo; Communities and the Law; Ethical Investment; Soil Conversation and many more. There will also be a few guest speakers.

In addition there will be activities provided for kids, music, Tim's Tent Restaurant (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) and information stalls.

The Gathering will be on rain or shine and the costs are as follows:

\$10 per adult who registers before January 12.

\$15 per adult at the gate.

\$100 per community if paid before January 12. This will allow multiple entrants from the community but communities are asked to advise the number of people attending when they register.

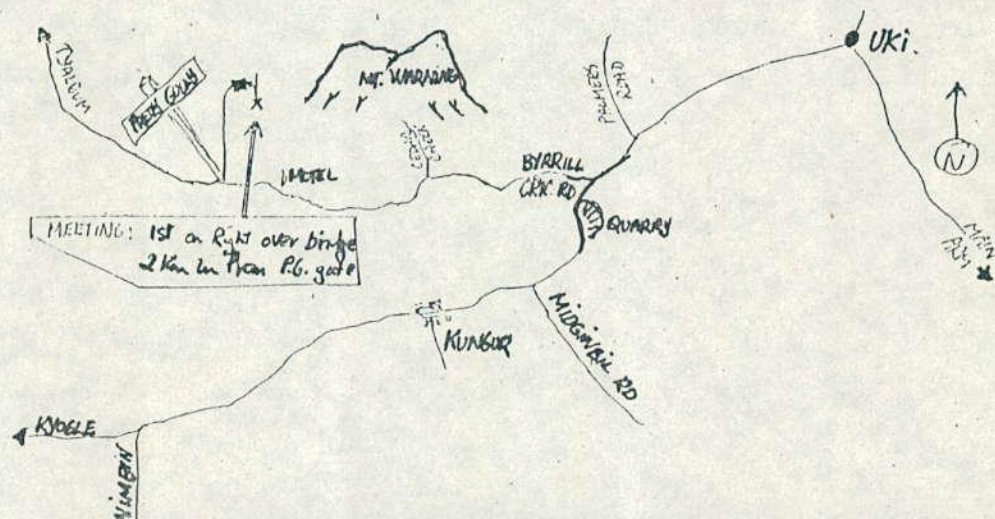
Kids under 16 are free.

Overnight camping is available at \$3 per adult per night and there are also a couple of hot showers.

Bring your instruments, bring your own seating, crockery and cutlery. Leave your pets at home and no alcohol. During the weekend there will be live music.

To register please write enclosing money & details to Pan-Community Council, P.O. Box 102, Nimbin 2480. Please send a stamped, addressed envelope. For more information you can ring (066) 897 321 or (066) 891 492 (Saturdays, 10 - 2pm only).

VENUE DETAILS FOR PAN-COM'S JAN 14, 1990 MEETING



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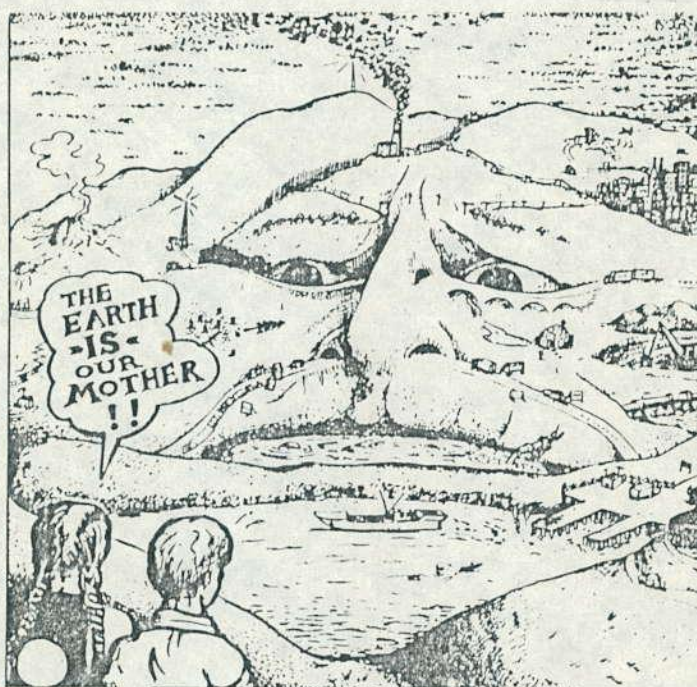
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PRESS RELEASE

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- * Creation of sustainable economic systems and employment
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- * Personal empowerment
- * Bamboo - its uses and economic potential
- * Effective use of the media.

Throughout the weekend there will also be activities for kids, entertainment and food available.

On the Saturday night a concert will be held at The Channon Hall featuring many local artists.

For further information contact Diana Roberts, c/- Mike Shegog Ph. (066) 897 321.

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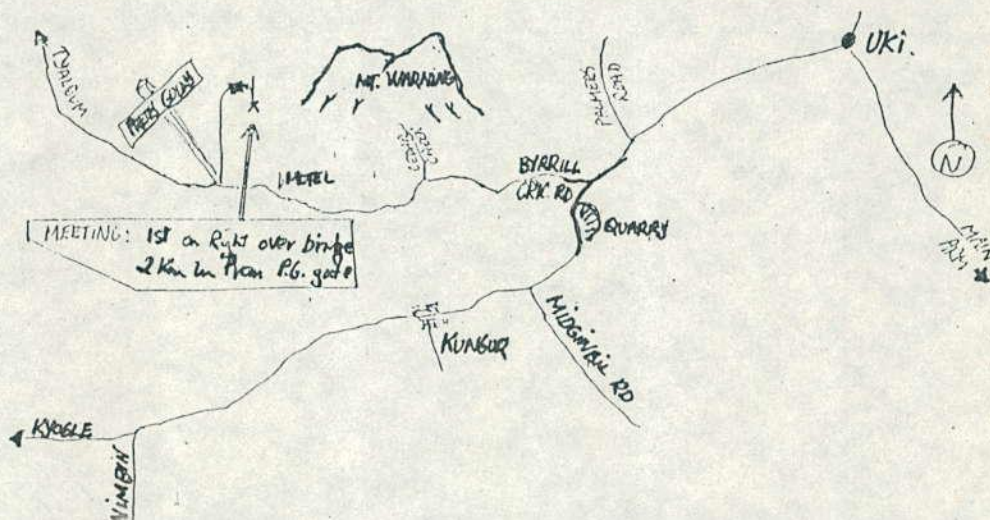
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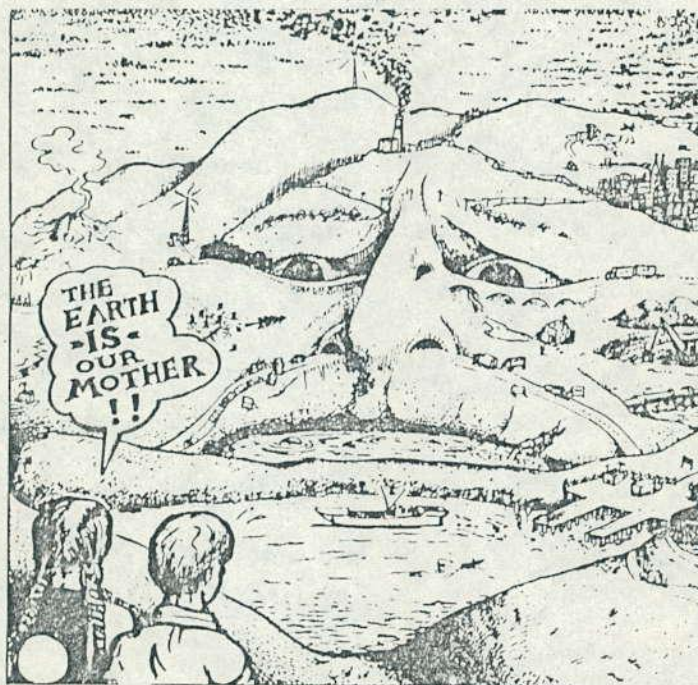
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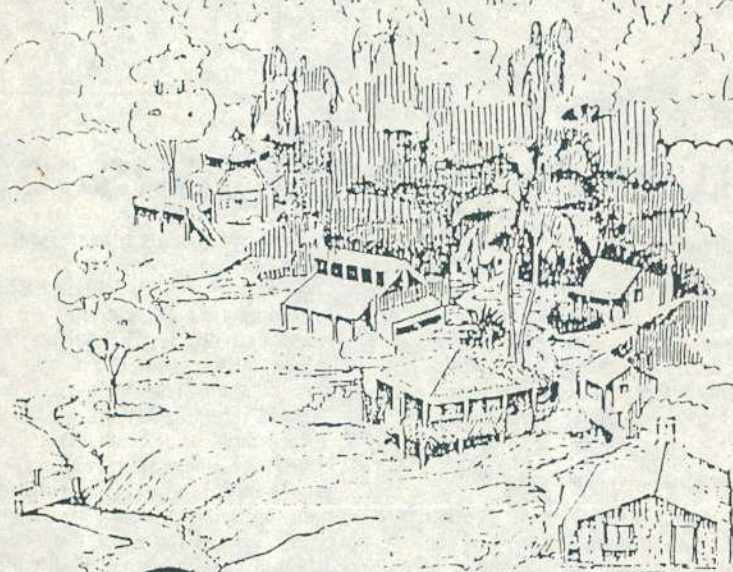
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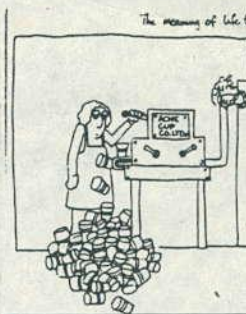
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Bamboo house appeal dismissed

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Mr Justice Bignold awarded costs against Ms Tonia Jansen, who did not appear in court. It was alleged that Ms Jansen was holidaying in India.

Nine people were arrested during the demolition of the house at the Avalon multiple occupancy community in the Stoney Chute area near Nimbin when members of the community clashed with police and

council workers.

The Kyogle Shire Council had refused a temporary dwelling permit for Ms Jansen who lived in the bamboo frame house with her two children. The Council claimed the house was a fire risk and that living conditions were unhygienic.

Also at issue was the non-payment of a \$1980 council road levy.

Council employees, 'protected' by 21 police from Lismore, Kyogle and Nimbin, used chainsaws to dismantle the timber, bamboo, plastic and wire dwelling. Witnesses later de-

scribed the scene as 'hysterical' and 'total mayhem'.

Kyogle Shire President, Sheryl Johnston, said the Council was satisfied with the legal result.

She expressed the hope that Council's cost in the action would be paid immediately.

Cr Johnston also said the Council hoped the decision would influence people building in the Shire to meet their obligations under the building regulations of the Local Government Act and that the issue of demolition orders would not be necessary in the future.

Why Women Don't Have Wives: Professional Success and Motherhood

Terri Apter

Macmillan, London, 1985 (£6.95UK)

Reviewed by Geoffrey Partington

Formal access to the glittering prizes of society has been available to women in most western states for two or more generations, but few women follow in the footsteps of the celebrated 'firsts'. The same can be said of Marxist states where, although women are more numerous than in the west in medicine as well as in mining and road work, male ascendancy is still firmly entrenched. Indeed no Marxist state seems likely to follow the British example by having women as both head of state and Prime Minister.

Western feminists have busied themselves with various policies for reverse discrimination and quota appointments; but at the individual level as distinct from statutory practices in appointments and promotions, feminists have become concerned that women are particularly disadvantaged in their lack of wives. Even childless men seem to benefit from having wives, that is, from having a spouse who places her advancement in employment behind that of her husband. Even lesbians find it difficult to find a wife in this sense and although women's movements have had considerable success in discouraging childless married women from accepting the traditional role of wife they have had less success with mothers. It is particularly with mothers, especially those with outstanding professional and business careers that Terri Apter's carefully reasoned, although perhaps misleadingly titled, book is chiefly concerned.

Apter's concentration on highly successful and ambitious women is unexceptionable, since, *a fortiori*, if such women cannot secure a wife, other women certainly cannot. Apter notes that ambitious women usually mate with capable husbands who are even less likely than other men to share

parenting with their wives and that such women are usually deeply ambivalent about the possibility, mainly through fears for the husband's prospects. The 'sharing' couples studied by Apter were nearly all writers or artists whose work could largely be carried on in the family home, but even in these she observes that the husbands only envisaged a very short duration for such arrangements.

Apter was already a mother of two before writing this book and she is very aware that maternal feelings, though by no means innate or instinctual in all women, are felt strongly by most women who become mothers. She fears, though, that the satisfaction of nurturing their own children often holds women back from seeking what, following Karen Harney and Alexandra Symonds, she terms their own expansive needs. Apter is very sympathetic to would-be 'superwomen' who seek to have their cake and eat it by combining full professional responsibilities outside the home with full maternal responsibility within, but she acknowledges very honestly the high failure rate in such endeavours.

In fact, Apter is sensible and honest throughout her analysis. She exposes the attractive fallacy that extended families characterized western societies until recently and that in a revived form they might well solve this feminist dilemma. She is scrupulous in her handling of the complex question of how children fare when their mothers are absent for typical periods: she rejects both Bowlby and neokibbitzim stances. Apter notes, too, the fears which a natural mother experiences when surrogates, husbands, nannies, or persons employed in institutional child-care, are so successful as to threaten to replace her in her child's affections, as well as her feelings of guilt when the surrogate is not a fully effective substitute. In general, unlike too many facile writers in this field, Apter understands that the conflict of emotions experienced by women who seek to combine career and motherhood are not 'social' or 'institutional' in the strong sense often urged. The most elaborate child-care system in the world would make only a marginal difference to the basic dilemmas which Apter addresses. That is in itself no argument, nor is it intended to be one, against child care, but its advocates would do well to study Apter's fair and competent introduction to what has become a much-discussed issue.

FIRST HOME OWNERS' SCHEME GRANTS

An update - The following information comes from solicitor, Tony Pagotto. Many community members have opted to take out 5 year leases in order to obtain FHOS grants. In December 1989 Tony sent in a batch of leases to the Land Titles Office that were approved but cost an extra \$51 each to obtain. A second batch were lodged in mid-January 1990. These were rejected on the grounds that the plans provided were insufficient. To that date it had been adequate to provide a plan that showed clearly delineated external boundaries with approximate house site positions. Tony Pagotto has contacted the Land Titles Office to discover what they now require and is awaiting their reply. Any substantial changes to the lease issuing process would need Dept. of Housing approval. Once again FHOS grants for M.O.s are in question.

PAN-COM MEETINGS

The April Pan-Com meeting was held at Ferndale community near Uki, in Tweed Shire. Ferndale is 14 years old, has 11 housesites on 170 acres. They have a policy of not building in forests, which had previously been selectively logged but now display 20 years of regrowth. They received M.O. approval 8 years ago subject to a road levy of \$2500 per homesite, piped crossings at each driveway, standard fittings to all tanks, underground pipes, access to dams, etc. At the time Ferndale didn't appeal development conditions as the Woodward Inquiry into M.O.s in the Tweed was happening. Their appeal period has now expired but the community lives on despite non-payment of road levies.

MAY MEETING VENUE

The next Pan-Com meeting will be held at Moondani, Falls Rd., Nimbin, Sunday, May 13th, 12 midday. Falls Rd is the first turning to the right as you drive into Nimbin from Lismore and the meeting will be held at Des & Cathy's house. Follow the signs, everyone welcome, bring your own.

JUNE MEETING

The June meeting will be held at Nmbngee, June 10. More details in the next newsletter.

PAN-COM CO-ORDINATORS

At the May meeting 2 new co-ordinators were appointed - Judy Wallace (Whatt community) and Tim Kennedy (Ferndale). They join Vicki Goodhew (Cornucopia) and Mike Shegog (Barjuma), co-ordinators to June 1990 and Diana Roberts (Pinpuna), media co-ordinator.

CELEBRATION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES GATHERING

The Gathering, postponed in February due to cyclonic weather, has been rescheduled for Sept. 29 & 30, Oct. 1. Plans are underway to provide an event along the lines of the postponed Gathering but to be held in Nimbin. It is likely one day will be devoted to an inter-community volleyball competition followed by a dance in the Nimbin Hall. So, get those volleyball nets up, put on your gum boots and get practising.

Infectious optimism in Tasmania

The Labor-Green accord is holding, says Amanda Lohrey, and its impact is rippling through the state

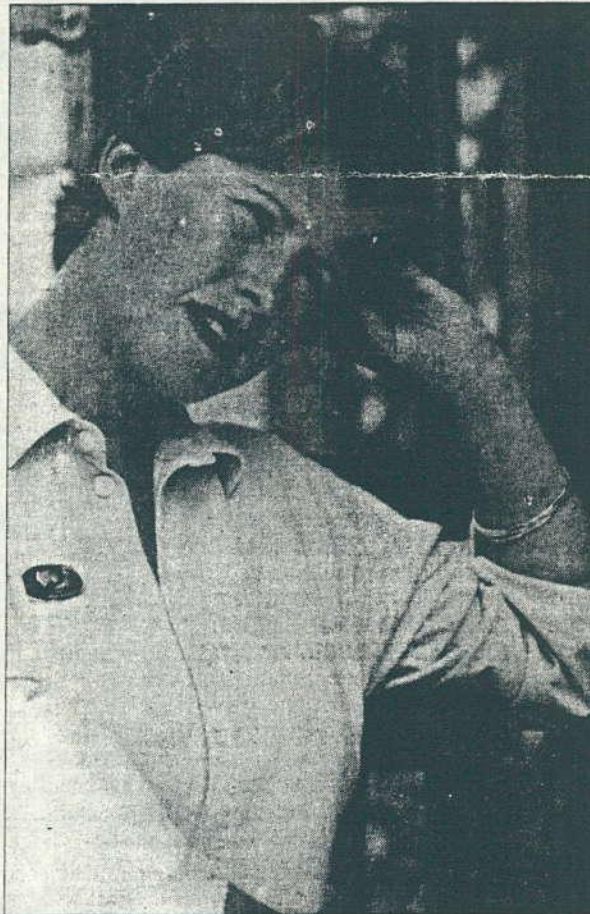
SOME arranged marriages work out better than others, so what — eight months after the Tasmanian election — is the prognosis on the Labor-Green accord? Present indications are that the answer has to be: more than promising. On a recent visit to Tasmania I found that each side had many complaints to make about the other but that the partnership seemed to be working and likely to remain stable.

Many of the complaints made by people in the government related to the difficulty they experience working with five individuals who, they claim, don't always agree among themselves. Bob Brown is their de facto leader — a leader who's not a leader — and there are complaints that Brown keeps 'upping the ante' in negotiations and 'you never know where you are with him'. The government people would clearly prefer to deal with the more or less disciplined factions they're accustomed to within the traditional machine, but the Greens argue that upping the ante is a strategy that has worked well for them so far.

Consider the following, all achieved in the eight months of the accord: world heritage nominations now cover 20 per cent of Tasmania; the Douglas Apsley Park on the east coast has been declared; the export woodchip quota will be kept at 2.889 million tonnes; the fourth export woodchip mill has been cancelled; the government is committed to open administration and consultation with community groups; and, not least, the Salamanca Agreement saw, among others, industry groups, forestry unions, farmers and graziers and the government meet to attempt a consensus. All this has meant 'peace in our forests'. As one leading Green activist described it: 'No one spent Christmas lying down chained to a tree.'

Even more interesting in some ways is the development of the ANM proposal to build a lightweight coated paper mill at Boyer. At the Green independents' insistence the EIS for this will include a SECIS — a social, economic and community impact statement as well as an environmental one. The Greens claim this is a first.

They complain, however, that there are still hiccoughs in the consultation process and that the premier is good natured but not decisive enough in his follow-through on pro-



Green independent Christine Milne (above): partnership working and likely to remain stable

posals discussed. Some Green activists suspect the minders in the premier's department of trying to drive a wedge between the Greens and the public on 'small' issues not vital to the Accord, such as the recent argument over petrol rationing, the second of two major non-environmental conflicts that the Greens have had with the government. The first was occasioned by a government plan to close a number of schools and save the state \$15,000,000. The Greens disagreed with this

proposal and, after much public name calling in which the government clearly lost the public relations battle, successfully moved amendments in the House which were supported by the Liberal opposition. The government was forced to concede power to the independents and received a salutary reminder that it is there only because of their support. This did nothing to erode the Greens' public support; indeed in the eyes of many voters it seems to have verified their status as true independents.

There are still those in the Labor camp who believe that the Greens cannot last. Why? They cite the lack of a party machine and an organised support base. 'They're not a proper political party' is a comment often made. 'Give them time and they'll fall apart.' Others in the ALP, however, are perceptive enough to realise that the Greens do in fact have a support base and a highly effective organisation — it's

just a very different one from the traditional Labor model. And in some ways it's a better one, more modern in character, more flexible with a more mobile and more highly motivated voluntary organisation at the grass-roots level. For many of their young activists this 'looseness' is all they've ever known and it works for them. For older activists, many of them former ALP members, it's preferable to being token members of passive branches or faction fodder at state councils.

WHAT is even more striking to the seasoned observer of the Tasmanian scene are the real changes that the Green movement has made and is making to the wider political culture.

The Franklin decision has brought about a profound change in the political culture of Tasmania. Politically, the state differs from the rest of Australia, and this difference relates to two principal factors, the size of the population and the closeness of voters to their representatives, and the High Court decision on the Franklin River. The Franklin River debate brought about a profound change in Tasmania's political culture; it was an educative program in participatory democracy in which, for once, the people won. It was a campaign that involved so many people at so many levels for so long that there has been a significant flow-on in making ordinary people aware that they can be involved in changing government decisions that affect their lives.

I could give many instances of this but one will suffice. Recently in the small hamlet of Falmouth on Tasmania's east coast a handful of residents got together to form a ratepayers' association and discuss what they could do to resist a big development proposed by the local squatter. The members took up a collection and hired an environmental consultant and a professor of law from the University of Tasmania to represent them for a week in a land management court. Their combative

confidence in their ability to influence decisions affecting their lives is part of the general confidence generated in the community by the Franklin win. (Compare this with the fatalistic resignation of many of those affected in

NSW by the decision on the third runway.) In this context one can see the role of the Green Independents not merely as players in the accord but as community facilitators, helping participatory democracy to operate.

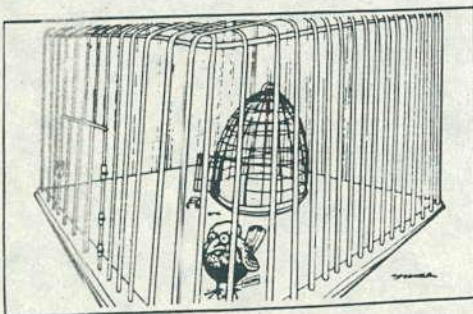


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Community title offered

A new form of subdivision — community title — is expected to become relatively common on the North Coast in the next few years.

Community title is designed to meet a need for common property to be created within conventional subdivisions and therefore will fill a vacuum between conventional (Torrens title) subdivision and strata subdivision.

The Land Titles Office says that in addition to extending the concept of the shared use of common facilities to subdivisions which might consist of no more than vacant blocks of land, community title also provides for development of planned communities of any type where the use of some of the land is shared.

It will enable development of non-staged schemes or staged schemes over an unlimited time frame and will permit projects ranging from small groups of houses clustered around common open space to large communities with shared roadways and facilities based on commercial, sporting recreational or

agricultural features.

An association (similar to a body corporate) will own the common areas in shares proportional to the members' unit entitlement, based on site values which will determine voting rights and contributions to maintenance levies.

Community title incorporates a flexible, multi-tiered management concept and permits a management statement to be prepared for each scheme, setting out the rules and procedures relating to the administration of, and participation in, the scheme.

Voting Counts

Bridge demolition 'sad and galling'

Last week's demolition of the old Geneva Bridge at Kyogle has upset several people, not the least of them being Mr Arthur Strong, who yesterday described the demolition as 'sad and galling'.

Mr Strong, a former Kyogle Shire Council president, has taken a close interest in the history of the bridge, and the construction of the new concrete struc-

ture that has replaced it.

In a letter to the *Express Examiner* yesterday, Mr Strong said: "The old high level bridge at Kyogle has been demolished.

"It was sad and galling to see the old bridge go the way it did. I am very angry and believe the community has lost an historic landmark," he said.

"The truss span was yanked off its tressels and sent crashing to the bottom of the Richmond River with a mighty splash... a sad fate indeed for a bridge that was part of our national heritage and somewhat special to Kyogle.

"It was believed by many people in the district that the old bridge would be carefully dismantled and much of it used to build a bridge across Cob-O-Corn Creek, west of Kyogle.

"The brilliance of the demolition plan defies description. At least it was very simple. Vandals could not have done a better job.

"Every blind Freddie could see that if the bridge truss span was dropped some 50 feet into the river it would end up a twisted mess, which it did.

"The demolition of the old bridge was, at best, inept. This was no fault of the workmen doing the job. They did only what they were told to do. But, not even a crane was at the demolition site until after the wrecking geniuses had had their little experiment".

Mr Strong said (Kyogle Shire) councillors, who are the representatives of the people and should be the guardians of historical landmarks, should have taken a more active interest in the demolition of the old bridge and not just left it to the experts.

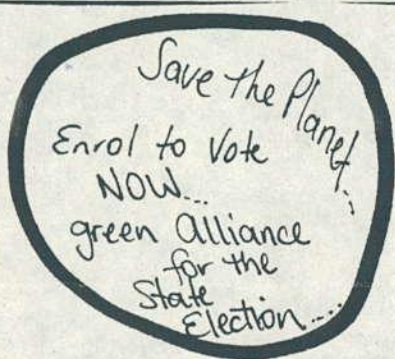
"The old bridge, built in 1911, was listed in the Register of Australian Bridges for the Australian Heritage Commission and deserved a better fate than the ignominious end it suffered," he said.

"When the old truss span was positioned, it was erected with far less sophisticated machinery and equipment than the high-tech apparatus available today. Maybe the difference was that the bridge builders of old knew their job.

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ENROL TO VOTE

VOTE ENVIRONMENT
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MELBOURNE. — Agribusiness company Elders Pastoral would close many of its small country offices because of an expected sharp drop in the number of farms in the next 10 years, it announced yesterday.

In a planned major restructure of its operations, Elders Pastoral, a division of Elders-IXL, said it also would move many of its city management functions to 18 regional offices around Australia.

The changes were being made because the number of farms was expected to fall by 30 percent in the coming decade from 150,000, managing director Mr Keith Lawson said.

And the company, which had provided business services to farmers for the past 150 years, also would change its name to Elders Limited, Mr Lawson said.

He told the Victorian Farmers' Federation pastoral group annual conference that while the number of smaller farms in Australia was declining, farming was becoming increasingly dominated by big properties run as major business enterprises.

"By the year 2000 less than one-third of them are forecast to generate three-quarters of total farm output," he said.

In the light of these changes, Mr Lawson said, Elders Pastoral had considered what it should do to continue its services to Australian farmers.

Under the planned reorganisation of the company, many small country offices would be closed and some replaced by territory managers working from their own homes.

City-based management functions would be diverted to regional offices. Mr Lawson said he would not specify how many jobs within the company could be lost and said major announcements about the changes would be made in two weeks.

Elders Pastoral has offices at Casino, Kyogle and Urbenville.

NW Star Wed. April 11th 1990

Deep divisions between councillors and staff of the Kyogle Shire Council over capital expenditure for plant replacement once again have resurfaced.

Feeling within the council has been simmering since earlier this year when more than \$200,000 was approved to replace plant.

The matter flared again during debate over the council's budget estimates for next year.

The shire engineer, Mr Patrick Knight, proposed in the estimates to spend a total of \$376,530 next year on the replacement of heavy and small plant as well as light vehicles.

Those councillors opposed to the expenditure were Gladys Missingham, Sandra Davis and Berwin Smith, who claimed the money, or a proportion of it, would be better spend on rural local roads.

Cr Smith said that in the past two years more than \$200,000 had come off ru-

ral local roads to pay the council's debts and it was 'morally wrong' to devote so much money to capital expenditure.

He said the council had an obligation to the rate-



PATRICK KNIGHT

payers of the shire, who had given the council a \$1 million loan, to reinstate

some of that money in the roads.

Mr Knight responded by saying the council had done exactly as Cr Smith suggested about 10 years ago and had ended up in a 'huge mess.'

He said that as a result plant profit in 1984 only was \$180,000 compared with \$700,000 this year, of which \$200,000 was contributed to general revenue.

"No work can be done properly unless you have adequate equipment," Mr Knight said.

"And except for one item, the money will be used to replace antiquated equipment.

"The bottom line is that if you want quality work done, you have to replace the old equipment."

AND YET:

The Kyogle Shire Council is to get a deputy shire engineer.

The council has made provisions in its budget estimates to employ a deputy shire engineer from July 1 next year.

But the decision to engage a new engineer was not unanimous, and came only after heated debate in which accusations of inefficiencies were levelled at the engineering department.

The shire engineer, Mr Patrick Knight, who also is the shire's town planner, said that the increased workload in the two departments had made it necessary to expand the staff.

The shire clerk, Mr Philip Thew, confirmed that there were fewer engineering staff with the council today than in 1977, even though in that time the value of work done had increased from \$3.5 million a year to \$11 million.

Mr Knight told the council that at present he had insufficient time to 'do justice' to both the engineering and town planning sides of his job.

He said that if a deputy engineer was employed he could devote more of his energies to the town planning, which currently occupies a third of his time.

Mr Knight responded to claims of inefficiencies in the engineering staff by acknowledging some mistakes had been made.

But he said the mistakes were caused by the overload of work and the continuing turnover of engineering staff which did not allow for continuity in projects.

Mr Knight also acknowledged that a suggestion, by Cr Berwin Smith that a specialist town planner be employed, would be a solution to the problem, although it was not his preferred course of action.

Meanwhile, the council has voted against employing a full-time clerk typist to replace a part-time clerk typist employed in administration.

The Richmond River Shire Council has approved several major amendments to be included in its draft local environmental plan (LEP).

As the council's latest meeting, principal planning officer, Mr Bill McMahon, recommended the amend-

ments be approved in a bid to gain certification of the plan.

Mr McMahon said that a section 65(2) certificate from the department was required to enable the council to place the plan on public exhibition.

Mr McMahon said that

a rural release strategy and amendments to the draft LEP would be forwarded to the department for further discussion.

"There is still no guarantee that a certificate will be issued," he said.

"These changes will be made in an attempt to get the plan on public exhibition."

The council will seek the assistance of the Member for Lismore, Mr Bix Rixon, if further problems arise in department discussion on the plan.

Following certification of the draft plan it will be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of one month.

Public input

Submissions will be sought and, if necessary changes included in the plan.

Mr McMahon said there was still ample opportunity for public input and changes in the LEP.

"If is only at a draft stage," he said.

The amendments to the plan include the preparation of a rural release strategy on the following principles:

The release of rural-residential land to be achieved by spot zonings.

The reduction of the

number of concessional lots of one per existing parcel of land over 10 hectares.

The deletion of the detached dual occupancy provision.

The deletion of the clause excluding multiple occupancy in the shire.

Wetland zoning

The council also adopted two amendments to make the plan consistent with the proposed rural release strategy.

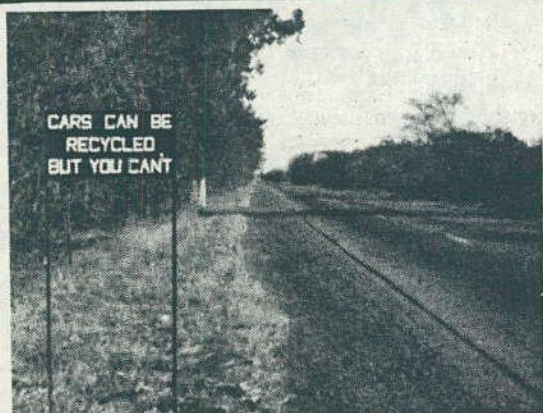
They relate to boundary adjustments and the prohibiting of building a dwelling in a wetland zone.

The council initially submitted its draft plan for a section 65(2) certificate on August 4, this year.

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(ITEM) PAN-COM CO-ORDINATORS

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JUDY LANCASTER NOT JUDY WALLACE

Warm winter blamed on lack of volcanic ash

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CHICAGO (Reuter). — The absence of volcanic eruptions spewing ash into the atmosphere from the Earth's middle latitudes has brought warm winters back to the United States, a long-range weather forecaster said this week.

Paul Handler, head of Atlas Forecasts of Urbana, Illinois, said the frequent volcanic activity seen from about 1960 to 1985 pushed ash into the upper atmosphere, blocking enough sunlight to keep January temperatures far below average.

The record cold temperatures seen at the peak of the cycle in the late 1970s caused a spate of predictions by climatologists that a new Ice Age was coming.

But the lack of significant volcanic eruptions in a band between 20 degrees north and south latitude over the past five years kept the stratosphere clear, allowing more sunlight to reach the Earth's surface and resulting in record warm winter temperatures across the Northern Hemisphere, Mr Handler said.

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Heavy coffee intake 'heart disease risk'

LONDON, Friday (PA). — Heavy coffee drinkers run an increased risk of dying from heart disease, according to a large-scale study published today.

Norwegian researchers said they had screened 38,564 men and women to find out their cholesterol levels and how many cups of coffee they drank each day. They found that coffee intake was 'significantly related' to death from coronary heart disease even after allowing for other major risk factors such as smoking and high blood pressure.

Altogether, 168 men and 16 women died of heart disease during a four to nine-year follow-up period. The findings are reported in the British Medical Journal by Dr Kjell Bjartveit and colleagues at the National Health Screening Service in Oslo.

They said cholesterol levels increased in line with the number of cups of coffee consumed.

Some of the people drank little or no coffee, while others drank more than nine cups a day.

Mortality rose steadily in men consuming more than two cups a day.

Among women there were few deaths, and an excess risk was found only for the two highest consumption groups — seven and eight, and nine or more cups a day.

The researchers suggested there is an effect of coffee consumption on mortality from heart disease over and above the cholesterol-raising effect of coffee.

multiple occupancy development. These could of course be written into a Development Contract but there are no guidelines for this and the door is open for people who look on land ownership as a real estate investment. If we reject Community Title, what are our options? One option is for M.O.'s to lobby the Dept. of Planning in Sydney and Grafton and the Minister for Planning, Mr. Hay, to change SEPP 15 to remove regulations prohibiting subdivision (quoted above). The Dept. has stated that SEPP 15 is under review but hasn't provided details of how the review is to be conducted, when it will happen etc. However, the prohibition of subdivision seems to me to be fundamental to SEPP 15 and is what sets multiple occupancy of rural land apart from all other forms of land ownership. The one thing M.O.'s have in common is shared ownership of land.

A second option would be to carry on as before - to try to work within SEPP 15 as it currently is, continue lobbying Councils (get our representatives onto Council), forget about loans etc., fight discriminatory practices and get on with our lives and the development of our communities. However, if communities do become established under the Community Titles legislation pressure may be exerted on existing communities to "toe-the-line" yet again.

A third option would be for communities and Pan-Com to lobby Government instrumentalities and lending institutions to change their policies in relation to M.O.'s. The stumbling block seems to be that we don't own the piece of land we build on. If legislation can be passed that recognises that on an M.O. a person doesn't have to own the land their house is built on in order to own their own home, then FHOS grants, low-income housing loans etc. would be available to us.

More information on the Community Titles legislation can be obtained from Pan-Com.

A tale of cops, crops and props gone well and truly to pot

IN *Police Crop*, a bent cop was telling a straight cop (who believed him to be straight) that a straight cop (who knew him to be bent) was bent. Meanwhile, down on the farm, a gang of Sydney crooks was brazenly stealing a police-sanctioned illicit harvest from the helpless Mafia.

It was a curious - and unintended, surely? - effect of this sensational docu-drama that the alleged mafiosi came out of it virtually looking like Honest Joes, or Giuseppes. I put it down to the subtitles. "We can't let these crooks take our work and money." That is the sort of thing they are supposed to have said. "We'll have to put in another crop to pay for the lawyers." The police by contrast employed an earthy argot, often alluding to each other's ears and arseholes. This may well be a true picture, however. Even in your reviewer's relatively sheltered life, the good guys have not necessarily been the smooth talkers.

This program (as we reviewers like to say, when our heads are spinning) raised as many questions as it answered. One certain hero emerges.



TV EXTRA
MARION MACDONALD

He is little-known Jim Gellately, the props maker.

The pre-screening promotional material explained that the marijuana plants used in the production were "manufactured by the ABC prop department", so your reviewer looked at them with special interest. They were amazingly lifelike. If this is Jim Gellately's work, he is the Michelangelo of marihooti. At the same time one hesitates to ask where he got his expertise, or indeed his models. A fantastic scenario rises in the mind: a government-funded organisation grows an illegal crop, with the help of crooks and coppers and the department of Ag and Fish, in order to make a film about... No, it could never be.



THE COMMUNITY TITLES ACT

Diana Roberts
Pinpuna

On April 4, 1990 Mike Shegog and I attended a Land Titles Office seminar on the new Community Titles legislation. We attended as representatives from Pan-Com to gather as much information as we could for existing Multiple Occupancies and for those thinking of setting up a M.O. The Community Titles legislation was passed by the NSW Government in 1989 and will commence operation in mid 1990. It combines elements of both conventional and strata subdivision and will replace rural strata title. The Act enables common property to be created within a land subdivision. Its introduction has been awaited by existing M.O.s with a great deal of interest. It was hoped that it would provide a legal framework that was suitable for multiple occupancy of land and that would overcome problems currently faced in relation to First Home Owner's Scheme (FHOS) grants, low-income housing loans, bank loans, etc. The legislation is very complex and the seminar only ran for ½ a day. The following is an attempt to outline aspects of the legislation relevant to land-sharing communities, together with my comments on its implications for us. Everyone may not agree with my interpretation of the legislation and anyone wishing to comment further is invited to contribute to future issues of the Pan-Com newsletter.

THE LEGISLATION

The Community Titles legislation has 2 parts:

- 1) The Community Scheme whereby a piece of land can be developed in many stages with common property existing.
- 2) The Neighbourhood Scheme which allows for a one-off subdivision with common property being created in the process.

In my opinion the Community Scheme applies to large-scale development (by developers with considerable finance) and would not generally be applicable to multiple occupancy as we know it. The Neighbourhood Scheme appears to be the scheme applicable to M.O. developments and will be the focus of this article.

Currently in NSW M.O.s are subject to the Dept. of Planning's State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) No. 15: Multiple Occupancy of Rural Land. This policy, which is part of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, states quite categorically ".....to facilitate development, in a manner which does not involve subdivision, strata title or any other form of separate land title, and in a manner which does not involve separate legal rights to part of the land through other means such as agreements, dealings, company shares, trusts or time-sharing arrangements". This means that the Community Titles legislation cannot be used for communities currently zoned multiple occupancy as Community Titles legislation allows for multiple subdivisions. An existing M.O. wishing to convert to Community Title under the Neighbourhood Scheme would need to approach its local Council to get the land rezoned (through a Local Environment Plan, LEP) from M.O. zoning to Community Title. Those wishing to set up a new community with a Community Title would have to apply for a LEP allowing community title zoning, not multiple occupancy. Having done this and assuming approval has been given, the next step is to decide on how the land is to be divided up

and to get an extensive survey done showing each subdivision. Under the legislation a subdivision can vary in size from something as small as a house within four walls to whatever - there is no upper limit. After the land has been surveyed and plans have been drawn up, a development application has to be submitted to Council. This is normal practice. However, Council will also require a Development Contract which contains things such as a description of the land, plans, a description of basic architectural design and landscaping, community areas etc. A Development Contract will become a contract between the seller of the land and the purchaser of each subdivision and is a legally binding document. Council will consider the development application and decide what conditions are to be applied to the development. Consent to develop will be issued when these conditions are complied with.

Once the group has been established the members have to draw up a Management Statement. This is also a legally binding document that informs members of their obligations, their commitments, land management and development strategies, special rules, etc. Each piece of subdivided land will be separately rated according to size. Common land will be considered in this rating process and individual ratings would probably be lower than a similar block with freehold title.

THE ADVANTAGES

1. The Development Contract and Management Statement, both of which are legally binding documents, would inform members of their rights, their obligations, plans for development, financial obligations, outstanding road levies, etc.
2. The legal structure is more appropriate for multiple occupancy than current alternatives, i.e., company, co-operative, trust, tenants-in-common, etc. etc.
3. Ownership with individual title of a piece of land will assist with eligibility for FHOS grants, low-income housing loans, bank loans, etc.
4. Telephone connections may be cheaper.

THE DISADVANTAGES

1. Councils have not indicated support for the new legislation so LEP's for Community Title may prove to be very difficult to get, in some Shires more so than others.
2. The cost of the land survey could be very high.
3. Legal costs could be considerable.
4. It is likely that stamp duty will be applicable on the transfer of title to each individual subdivision owner.
5. Councils will still have all the existing powers in relation to development e.g. Section 94 levies, road improvement requirements, fire control, etc. These requirements are often prohibitively expensive, unrealistic and unreasonable. (Appeals against development conditions could still be taken to the Land & Environment Court).
6. Individual rating of each subdivision is likely to result in higher rates for the development as a whole than if it were M.O.

WHERE TO NOW?

As I see it the Community Titles legislation is of little practical use to existing M.O.'s. In addition, its implementation for M.O. development would compromise much of the underlying philosophy of land-sharing communities. SEPP 15, despite giving Councils unreasonable, wide-ranging powers, has aims and objectives that most communities are proud of and wish to encourage and develop. The Community Titles legislation contains nothing specific to the fundamental principles of land-sharing,

LOCAL GOVT

Where cultures clash, LG powers prop reaction

MARTIN MOWBRAY

LOCAL councils can exercise social control over minority groups through selective application of State legislation regulating planning and building development. They can invoke regulations according to interpretations that suit their own purposes, which may be quite separate from the apparent intention of the laws concerned. There are three recent examples of discriminatory planning and building controls to repress groups with whom the councils concerned have a more general social and political disagreement. They manifest remarkable similarities despite the fact that they are drawn from two sharply contrasting local government areas, the South Sydney Municipal Council in inner Sydney, and the Lismore City Council, presiding over a provincial area in the far north of NSW.

Contrary to widespread belief, local government does not operate as an apolitical and neutral administrative mechanism. Such views are paraphrased by Painter:

The [local government] representative has no need of any pressure group, party organisation or sectional interest to tell him how to best act in the public interest. Deciding what is in the public good is a matter of common sense, for the questions are practical ones, not political ones (1).

M. A. Jones in *Australian local government* advances a complementary perspective in suggesting that councils have some intrinsic objective to promote freedom by enabling:

competing interests to reconcile their differences through the democratic process
and to

protect the rights of minorities . . .
any local government area contains groups with conflicting values . . .
Local government provides a forum for reconciliation of these views (2).

Such normative or prescriptive formulations seem inconsistent with the case studies that follow, which

rather call for theory and explain partisan administration in local government.

Through the *Local Government (City of Sydney) Boundaries Act, 1967*, Askin's Liberal Government resurrected the pre-1948 city electoral boundary to ensure return of a conservative Sydney City Council. This gerrymander involved excision of various Labor voting suburbs, most of which were constituted as the Municipality of South Sydney (3).

ALP in South Sydney

Of fifty or so aldermanic positions since filled in four general and several by-elections in South Sydney all except two seats have been taken by members of the ALP. The vast majority of serious debates have occurred as intra-party disputes confined to the Municipal Caucus, which has been dominated by aldermen aligned with the right wing (4). Right wing control of South Sydney Council has mirrored the majority of the Party's inner city branches, municipal committees and electorate councils, as well as the State Branch since the 1950s. This faction has fiercely defended its hegemony through strategies ranging from organisational manipulation and electoral shenanigans to blatant physical intimidation.

Over the last decade many progressive initiatives from resident, welfare and Aboriginal organisations in South Sydney have been aggressively opposed (5).

While no mass anti-Council movement developed within the area, several small groups have campaigned actively and, with the help of hamfisted over-reaction from some aldermen, achieved a great deal of adverse publicity for the Council (6). Council was able to blame a small group, seen as 'trendies', for the notoriety it gained, and attempted to vilify individuals through co-operative local newspapers, especially *The South Sydney Advertiser* and *The Glebe*, and elsewhere. Some of those in opposition to Council contested the unsavoury local elections of 1974 (7), that featured successful legal action against the Mayor and a rare action by the ALP State Branch, which refused official endorsement of pre-selected candidates.

Council was then acutely aware of the Labor right's recent lapse in

continuity of control of Leichhardt Council. Leichhardt borders South Sydney and its political history had been very similar. Both areas were Labor dominated and mostly working class, with State and Federal parliamentary electorates commonly overlapping. Leichhardt, however, had undergone 'gentrification' over two decades. Professional and business people, articulate and politically interested, moved in to the discomfiture of the right wing. These groups organised both inside the ALP, aligning with the left wing Steering Committee, and outside the Party in various resident action groups. One of the latter, the Campaign for Better Council, succeeded in displacing the right from control of municipal office between 1971 and 1974.

Of particular relevance is South Sydney Council's application of Ordinance 70, under the Local Government Act 1919, which contains the principal statutory building regulations administered by councils.

Kepos Street

In November 1975 Council wrote to the five residents of 38 Kepos Street, Redfern saying that the dwelling was:

occupied as a common place of abode for several unrelated persons, which constitutes a change of classification of the building, pursuant of Part 6 of Ordinance 70 . . . The approval of council is necessary prior to occupation of a building of this type of use or for the carrying out of alterations to convert a single family dwelling-house to premises to be occupied as a residential building . . . You are requested to vacate the premises within 60 days and restore the premises to their original condition, i.e. a single family dwelling (8).

The part of the Ordinance quoted gives councils power to refuse people, who are not immediate family, the right to share a dwelling. The intention of the legislation seems to have been to control boarding houses. The only previous time the provision had been invoked for a shared household was also by South Sydney Council (9) against a group of persons involved in political and street theatre. Subsequent to the above notice, Council instigated identical action against the adjoining house at No. 36 Kepos Street, and one other group of residents.

An old piece concerning
your council? Mark

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All residents of 38 Kepos Street had for three years actively opposed South Sydney Council on issues concerning Council decision-making and planning, Aborigines and welfare. One had directed a campaign against the Mayor's faction in the 1974 elections, and had also been prosecuted for interrupting a Council meeting. Council's efforts at eviction provoked further political action and, since the issue had implications for thousands of tenants and landlords, it speedily became a *cause célèbre* in the mass, local and political media. Out of one public meeting the South Sydney Residents Defence group was formed.

Reasons given by the Mayor to justify the action were of two kinds, either that Council was concerned simply about occupancy of buildings 'contrary to the law and is bound to carry out its duty in respect of them' (10) or that house sharing was forcing up rents, at the expense of low-income families, as well as increasing the adult population to strain parking and community facilities (11). Neither explanation accounted for the unusual and highly selective application of the Ordinance in relation to the houses in question. Adverse publicity and other ramifications brought intervention by the State Government. Premier Neville Wran announced in July (12), (13) that the Clause under which action was being pursued would be revoked. He probably also brought pressure to bear on Council through Party channels. The Council abandoned its efforts and the threatened households had no further official communication on the matter.

The Dempsey family

Over the same period, Council tenaciously opposed a proposal to convert a commercial building into a single dwelling.

Until 1974 a small firm, Dempsey and Co., used its premises in Darlingford for distributing engineers' supplies. The company was then taken over and the building became vacant. Under the town planning scheme the site was zoned for single family residence, and on being vacated former use rights were abandoned (14). Because of the zoning and certain structural features the building was eminently suitable for conversion to resi-

uitable for conversion to residential use, a practice that had gained over the previous fifteen years. Since there was already great pressure on the housing stock in the inner city, reflected in very high prices, the opportunity to demonstrate the viability of a form of low-cost accommodation, gave the idea additional appeal.

In August 1975 a group of ten persons, several of whom had been active in local community groups, lodged the appropriate Development Application for change of use of the warehouse and office to a single dwelling-house, a 'Class 1' building under Ordinance 70. Council replied:

It is noted that apparently only two of the applicant shareholders are related. Thus, the proposal is substantially for use as Class III building i.e. a residential building being a common place of abode for a number of unrelated persons (15).

Council classified the application as not conforming with the zoning ordinance, and therefore needing special approval. It also required lodgment of \$7,000, as park and recreation fees, refundable if the application was unsuccessful.

The applicant group, under the pseudonym Dempsey Family, took the available legal recourse by complaining to the Local Government Appeals Tribunal against the Council's classification of the proposal. The applicants argued that they had lived, and intended to live, as a family. One of the applicants in evidence referred to an Australian Social Welfare Commission Definition of 'the family unit . . . as a grouping of individuals relating to each other within a framework of mutual expectation, obligation and common use of resources' (16).

The Tribunal upheld the appeal deciding that 'the building as proposed to be altered properly represented a single dwelling-house' and explicitly repudiated the Council's contention that the proposed use was a common residential (boarding house, guest house, hostel or lodging house (17)).

Dissatisfied, Council also appealed to the Supreme Court of NSW. The resultant judgment, upholding the Tribunal's view, stated:

. . . neither the objects of the Ordinance nor any practical considerations require the use of a dwelling house by a household such as the Dempsey family be regarded

as the use of a Class III building (18).

Undeterred, Council then appealed to the Supreme Court Court of Appeal and had its case again dismissed in August 1977, leaving it without further legal recourse in respect of the Development Application. The Dempseys were then free to take the necessary step of applying to Council for Building Approval. Council refrained from giving a decision at all, and further application had to be made to the Local Government Appeals Tribunal. The Tribunal approved the Building Application itself in August 1978, overriding various Council objections. Council's last attempt to frustrate the proposed development was in an unsuccessful offer to the vendor to purchase the property.

At the same time the State Minister for Planning and Environment, Paul Landa, announced plans 'to set up a task force to report on ways of converting disused commercial buildings in the inner city for residential use' (19).

Lismore

The South Sydney Municipal Council has an area of seven square kilometres, a population of 40,000, and the smallest amount of open space in the State. Lismore Council embraces 1,200 square kilometres with a population of about 30,000. One is located in an inner suburb at the lowest end of rankings based on social, economic and class indicators; the other is largely rural, environmentally attractive, and of heterogeneous social class.

Politically there are similar contrasts. South Sydney is overwhelmingly Labor, while Lismore is effectively aligned with the National Country Party, with only one of the fifteen aldermen a member of the ALP. But although few councils could appear more different, there are several critical similarities. Both councils have been threatened politically and culturally by active and growing minority groups in their respective bailiwicks. Both have attempted to mitigate challenges to the *status quo* through selective interpretation and use of planning and building controls. In both cases conflict has been around the question of multiple occupancy of property. While alternative courses have been open to them,

the Councils' stands appear to have been precipitated by completely different considerations. In each case the State Government eventually intervened.

Nimbin, Terania . . .

The major event in settlement of the Lismore area by significant numbers of 'alternatives' was the Aquarius Arts Festival, sponsored by the Australian Union of Students, in May 1973. The venue, Nimbin, population approximately 400, 25 kilometres from Lismore, had been gradually declining, commercially and in population. The promoters' plans had been cleared at a town meeting which was followed by approval and co-operation of Council (21).

The Festival was billed as an opportunity to

'develop new styles of community organisation', an experience in living in harmony with the natural environment . . . a place and a reason for gathering, facilitate exchanges or survival techniques and give an opportunity to learn home crafts . . . (22).

Underwritten for \$53,000, attracting 5000 persons, with massive publicity, the extravaganza began the transformation and revitalisation of the Nimbin district. A small number of participants stayed on in the area after the Festival ended (23), some squatting, others renting, or buying property. Various forms of communal living were instituted. 'Co-ordination, Co-operative', the earliest, largest and best known commune, was established at Turntable Falls near Nimbin in 1973. The Council's planning zone, under its Interim Development Order, was 'Non Urban 1 (a)' that allowed for only agriculture and forestry, with dwellings limited to two per 40 hectares. (In some places the dwellings of banana growers had previously been more numerous.) Council, in consultation with the State Planning Authority, was able to suspend relevant provisions of its plan to permit development, and decided to utilise this power, allowing construction of dwellings to proceed at Turntable Falls (24) and at another place.

Out of this concession (25) the concept of hamlet development was revived and popularised. Terania Shire Council evidenced its willingness to accommodate flexibly

some different views on planning and construction. However, non-compliance with certain planning and construction regulations, and amalgamation with Lismore Council, led to the issue of several demolition orders on illegal buildings in January 1977.

Council's position on communal development had now emerged from a period of fermentation and equivocation to formal confrontation. Councillors were divided in their attitudes towards the new settlers, some consistently taking an anti-hippy view, and others, a liberal position, fluctuating with the pressure of the moment. Formal notice to demolish homes was an uncommon step by Australian local government, despite the historical existence of numerous sub-standard dwellings.

Differences between the traditional (white) inhabitants and the new settlers crystallised, and more general tensions were increasingly projected on to the matters of non-conformity with planning and building codes. Apart from spasmodic raids by police wanting to find illegal drugs, Council's policy became the main vehicle for State control of the visibly growing alternative society in the region.

Demolition orders

Various interim accommodations were made by Council, including suspension of demolition orders to allow designated buildings to be modified to meet standards. Meanwhile more and more dwellings were built without consent. Requirements to submit formal applications to build were popularly ignored because Lismore Council had adopted the view that multiple occupancy, i.e. hamlet development, on rural holdings was not acceptable.

In February 1978 Council convened a series of meetings between itself, The Homebuilders' Association (26), the NSW Planning and Environment Commission and the NSW Local Government Department. At the same time it declared a temporary moratorium on demolition orders. Following these consultations the Homebuilders' Association presented its recommendations on planning criteria and guidelines for hamlet development to Council, in August 1978 (27). (On very similar lines the Planning and Environment Commission distributed

its own 'Interim Policy: Multiple Occupancy on Farms', in September 1979 (28).) Council's planning engineer reported in November on how hamlet development could be accommodated (29).

The aldermen, bitterly divided and under pressure from the electorate, did not accept the recommendations, and in May 1979 begun aerial searches for illegal dwellings and issued a batch of demolition orders. Further equivocation followed with the swinging vote of a few aldermen and a resolution on August 16 that no action be taken on the demolition orders until formal directions on multiple occupancy were received from the State Government.

At this stage a separate crisis intervened to galvanise confrontation between sections of the old and new settlers. For five years conservationists had campaigned against sawmillers' plans to log 300 hectares of forest in the Terania Creek Basin 30 kilometres north of Lismore. The conflict flared when foresters moved in August 1979, to take the commercial brushbox trees. The local Terania Native Forest Action Group countered by organising 300 people into a large camp on the access roads to be used by logging crews. The blockade drew national media coverage. In succeeding days 200 police were deployed, arresting scores of protestors. Their obstruction was successful to the point of a six-week stalemate and subsequent suspension, in September, by the State Government of approval to log the forest, pending completion of an environmental impact study.

Logging

The feud took on massive proportions locally, fanned by the pro-logging *Northern Star* (30) which daily carried headlines, editorials and letters on the dispute. A fire in Hurford's Lismore sawmill gave rise to wild accusatory innuendo in the paper, and elsewhere, and anti-hippy feeling reached an all time high. Local groups were activated to exert pressure on State and local governments, including north coast sawmillers (31), the Banana Growers' Federation (32) and a new action group, The Concerned Citizens of The Channon (33). Council opposition to hamlet development grew and hardened. With one exception, councillors voted through a motion on September 6, rescinding the

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August reprieve, giving the go-ahead for demolitions. *Northern Star* headlines, 'Council Confirms Demolition Order' (34) and 'Hamlet Project To Be Halted' (35), led reports on complementary decisions at further Council meetings.

It is a pity Terania Creek affects other matters—Alderman T. McGee (37).

All the reasons which led the Council to defer a decision on the demolition still valid and a reversal of this decision can only be seen as an over hasty reaction to the Terania Forest protest.—Homebuilders' Association (38).

'We were shocked by what happened at Terania Creek, absolutely shocked', Phyllis Jackson says. She is the wife of a dairy farmer . . . (and) represents the view which wants the new settlers out—and wants them out now. No compromises. 'We will not tolerate them anymore, not after Terania Creek', she says. Lismore Council reaction has been swift, reflexive (39).

We hadn't worried too much about these things until Terania Creek. That showed us just what these people are capable of.—Kelly Everingham, President, Concerned Citizens of The Channon (40).

One of the great challenges of society today is to maintain standards, and the people of the Lismore district until now had been tolerant towards the alternative society. However, when this new society thumbs its nose at law and order and standards it is surely time to speak out.—Bruce Duncan, MLA for Lismore (41).

At a seminar on hamlet development, convened by the Planning and Environment Commission on December 1 at Lismore the Minister, Paul Landa, indicated concern that State laws were open to use as a 'device for social coercion' (42). He announced the Government's intention to legislate policy allowing multiple occupancy of buildings and rural properties (43). Council was invited to co-operate in removing its planning prohibition on multiple occupancy (44) and in establishing, with Bellingen Shire Council, Experimental Building Areas, to allow testing and demonstration of the flexibility of Ordinance 70 building regulations.

Council declined the offer, firmly maintaining opposition to hamlets, leaving the Government to unilaterally alter the local planning scheme. In February Landa an-

nounced legal provision for 'Multiple Occupancy Communities' in specified parts of the area (45) (46).

While these case studies clearly demonstrate the political use of local government powers, they also suggest the possible operation of some 'tipping point'. That is, since most councils do not appear to act as repressively as the two selected, it may be that there is a critical threshold of perceived threat to councils by minority groups. Where councils are confronted with a growing minority or pressure group, possibly with a dissonant life style, also increasing in power, they may be more likely to selectively invoke planning and building regulations to help maintain their traditional dominant position and the *status quo*.

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Couple left in lurch over land

By JAMIE BROWN

An East Ballina couple face \$17,000 in construction, engineering and legal costs after discovering their building lot is faulty.

Richard and Jan Macks are contemplating legal action against the Ballina Shire Council for not ensuring the correct filling of their land in the Flat Rock Estate.

According to the Macks, their duplex lot in Bay View Drive was ready to be built on when they discovered that the soil was no good for house foundations.

Under a layer of fill they found what appeared to be an illegal tip. Following engineering advice they faced the possibility of removing all soil on the lot to a depth of 2.5 metres and refilling the lot with compacted sand.

That cost alone would have totalled \$20,000. Instead they opted to sink piles as a base for their foundations.

Although less expensive, the work will still leave the couple \$14,000 out of pocket.

Now the Macks want compensation but they face a battle getting it.

Because the council did not develop the estate, it has said it is not responsible.

The Macks' legal advice has recommended against suing the develop-

ers — Chisholm Estates, O'Kane Estates and Flat Rock Estates — because they did not sell the couple the land. It was bought from an individual.

The same legal advice, however, recommended action against the council because it could have 'a duty of care... to ensure that the land could be built upon in the usual way without having to excavate the site and fill it'.

Ballina Shire Clerk Mr Gary Faulks said the subdivision was approved in 1967, before Tintenbar Shire had a local environment plan, and the present council did not accept liability.

The council's attitude has upset the Macks, who say other landowners have received council support in the past.

In the past the council mended faulty lots which were not a part of the council's developments, but Mr Faulks said those cases could not be compared with the Macks' case.

Mrs Macks said: "We've always regarded the council as fair-minded and the staff are exceptionally helpful, but the council in closed committee seems to not offer us any help."

"We don't think it's right to walk away and say 'bad luck mate'."

● **RIGHT:** Workmen sink piles at the Flat Rock Estate site.



Woods scoffs at \$3m savings claim

The Federal Member for Page, Mr Harry Woods, has scoffed at suggestions Casino's Northern Co-operative Meat Company would save more than \$3 million under a Hewson government.

Mr Woods claimed the Opposition spokesman on regional and rural development, Mr Bruce Scott, had deliberately tried to mislead North Coast people.

"What Mr Scott is not telling people of Casino is that when a 15 percent goods and services tax is added to meat products, demand for meat will be

reduced," he said.

"Far from being the saviour of the beef industry, it will be the death knell."

Mr Woods said Mr Scott's claim the Coalition would abolish payroll tax, saving the meat company \$1.54 million, was impossible because it was a State tax.

"The company paid \$1.15 million in sales tax in the 1990/1 financial year, but the introduction of the Eligible Business

Goods Act since then means that cost has been substantially reduced," he said.

Mr Woods also took Mr Scott to task for claiming the company spent \$300,000 a year on the training guarantee levy.

"The levy does not need to be paid if the company is providing training," he said.

"It is an attitude that discounts the value of training to employees."

Cluster farm project rejected by Kyogle

The owner of land at Old Bonalbo which has been rejected by the Kyogle Shire Council for a community title project will take the case to the NSW Land and Environment Court.

Andrew Campbell, a company owner of Brisbane and Old Bonalbo, said he saw his 'cluster farm' proposal for the 396ha property in Shorts Road as the 'way of the future'.

Mr Campbell, who has spent more than \$10,000 preparing an illustrated submission to the council on the project, said he would pursue the legal avenues open to him in the Land and Environment Court.

Kyogle Shire Council's town planners recommended approval for the development, which would be the first of its type in the shire.

But councillors voted five-to-two against the project after considering subdivision codes and objections from neighbouring residents.

The Kindilan project provided for 12 individual 0.4ha house blocks, with the remainder of the property being retained as common agricultural land to be administered and farmed on behalf of lot owners.

Variety Club to benefit

A dinner dance organised by the Lismore Apex Club to support the Variety Club of Australia will be held at the Lismore RSL Club on Wednesday night.

Organisers say it will be a night with a difference, featuring cabaret entertainment by Issi Dye and the Swing Cats, who specialise in music from the 1950s and 1960s.

The highlight of the night will be a charity auction. Tickets for the dinner dance are \$20 and include a smorgasbord meal.

They are available from the Lismore RSL Club.

strument the property could be cut up into 12 lots if nine were 40ha or more and three were not less than 2ha.

"What the community title allows is a bit like a strata title in a (residential) flat — you have a body corporate owning the balance, stairwells, foyers and gardens and individuals owning each unit," Mr Knight said.

"Where this proposal conflicts with our current planning code is that the 0.4ha house sites are less than our 2ha limit, however the density of the population would be exactly the same."

To overcome the conflict Mr Knight said councillors could request the Department of Planning to approve the development under State Planning Policy No 1.

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Customers on Williams Road and Kyogle-Murwillumbah Road north of the Bushfire Shed to Link Road on Wednesday, August 12, 1992, from 8.30 am to 3 pm.

EWINGSDALE

Customers on the Pacific Highway from and including St Columba Church south to the St Helena turn-off McLeods Shoot, McGettigans Lane from Parkway Drive (northern end) south to and including Bay Vista Lane, Parkway Drive (southern end) from McGettigans Lane north to and including Lots 120 and 15, all of Figtree Drive, Tahra Glen, Angus Place, Sunrise Lane, Brookview Court, Plantation Drive, Valley Court, Avocado Court, Tasha Close and including J Cornell's bottom house in Balraith Lane on Thursday, August 13, 1992, from 8.30 am to 3 pm.

JIGGI, GEORGICA, MOUNTAIN TOP

Customers on Jiggi Road from L Frame to and including Jacobson Road, Mountain Top Road from Jacobson Road to W Charters, Lodge Road, Clark Road, Stead Road, Bertoli Road, Warby Road, Gardner Road, Davis Road, Gwynne Road, Oakley Creek Road, Billen Road, Lane Road, Abbey Road and McLennan Road on Thursday, August 13, 1992, from 8.30 am to 3 pm.

Consumers are advised that all council staff and contractors are issued with suitable identification.

Your co-operation and understanding are greatly appreciated.

J. BEATTIE, General Manager.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On page 11 of this week's catalogue we have advertised Sega Master System II Power Bases at \$97 each.

The description states that they come with 2 control pads. This is incorrect.

The Master System comes with only ONE control pad.

K mart apologises for any inconvenience.

Kmart

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Dear Community Members;

HELP ! Desperately seeking Pan Com. is looking for a reasonably level site for the upcoming Summer Solstice Festival on Dec. 20/21/22. The site needs to accomodate up to 200 campers and their vehicles, as well as the following: A reliable water supply- preferably creek frontage(Dams,Tanks), shade if possible- although Marques shall be erected, swimming hole if possible, and an area where tree planting and building workshops may be conducted.

There are many advantages to hosting this Pan Com. festival. We wish our workshops to produce a physical 'end product' ie: Community hall or bamboo structure, composting toilets, re-aforested 'permaculture plantation', stone masonry ie: open cooking area and so on. All of which may be designed by the host community, plus they would be left with a permanent festival or recreation area with toilets, showers, and cooking facilities. All that would be required would be building materials, design or guidelines and some input and labour from community members.

The idea of this festival is to create an arena where community skills can be celebrated, shared and passed on, and where community 'produce' can be appreciated. Also we community dwellers can get to know each other more deeply and therefore become more trusting and supportive of each other.

It is hoped that each community will contribute their skills in the form of a stall or workshop, and communities are not limited to just one stall- we want as many as possible ! Please remember, this is your festival and shall be what we community members make of it- so have some pride in your community and make sure your there with a stall !

Please let us know if you think you have a site - don't be shy, we will consider all sites offered, and we need to know about stalls and workshops as soon as possible - we only have three months to get organised. We shall be waiting eagerly for the mail from you folk to start pouring in - please don't disapoint us !

Reply to : " THE FESTIVAL COMMITEE "

C/- PAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

P.O. BOX 102 NIMBIN 2480

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NIMBIN 2480

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PAN-COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S
CELEBRATION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES
NIMBIN

SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, OCTOBER 1, 1990

PROGRAM

Saturday

- 9.00am Registration
9.30am Introductions & Housekeeping
9.45am Guest Speaker Jan Oliver - Jan was instrumental in setting up NSW's first land-sharing community, is an owner builder and long-time environmental activist.
10.30am Workshops - see over for details
1.00pm Lunch & Entertainment
2.30pm Guest Speaker Helen Caldicott - world renowned peace activist and anti-nuclear campaigner
3.00pm Workshops - see over for details
5.30pm Dinner and break

Saturday evening - "Celebrate the Spirit of Nimbin" with the Nimbin Environment Centre - an evening of story-telling and entertainment.

Sunday

All day there will be a volleyball competition happening. Come on your own or as part of a team.

10.00am - 2pm - a tour of Tuntable Falls Community
2.00pm - 5.00pm Community Forum - an opportunity for people to ask questions, exchange information, find out more about sustainable lifestyles. Includes presentations from Avalon, Nmbngee, Whatt, Blackhorse Creek, Tuntable Falls, Pretty Gully, Greg Reid (author of Forming a Multiple Occupancy).

5.30pm Dinner and video: Earth First

Sunday evening - a dance featuring 'Um', 'Comradz', 'Whirligigs'.

Monday

9.30am Workshops - see over for details
12.00 Lunch & Close

Also during the weekend:

A belly dancing workshop for women run by Janaki.

A BAMBOO workshop run by Taurayin Bamboo will run for 1 hour each day & will look at general principles for using bamboo to construct houses, sheds and pagolas with relevant design, treatment and applications with particular reference to local government regulations.

Rainbow Power Company in Nimbin's main street will be open during the Celebration so feel free to visit and ask questions about solar, hydro and other alternative energy sources.

An opportunity to connect with Nearly Normal Nimbin

WORKSHOP OPTIONS

Saturday morning, 10.30am

A choice of one of the following:

1. Conflict Resolution - Tim Armstrong & Liz Jensen
2. Making Effective Use of the Media - Yvette Steinhauer, freelance journalist and Phil Hurst, ABC radio current affairs.
3. Your legal rights as a member of a land-sharing community - stamp duty legislation, hardening attitudes, looking at the continuing development process including FHOS, Community Titles, Social Security - Tony Pagotto, solicitor, Dave Lambert, Rural Resettlement Task Force founder and Wally Wallace, Pan-Community Council.
4. Permaculture - Introduction to permaculture with special relevance to land sharing communities; includes principle of permaculture, road access, water systems, food production.
Jude & Michel Fanton, Permaculture Consultants & founders of Seedsavers.

Saturday afternoon, 3.00pm

A choice of one of the following:

1. How to think globally, act locally, the empowerment of a community. A political forum with input from Helen Caldicott, Mac Nicholson (Alderman and resident of a community), Kevin Childs (former local government councillor, long-time environmental and political activist), experts (Pan-Community Council), Phil Denniston (Executive Director of Environmental & Development Services, Lismore Council).
2. Seeds - a natural resource. A look at the need for collection and maintenance of primitive varieties of useful cultivated plants in Australia, establishment of local repositories and practical day-to-day and long-term maintenance of this kind of natural resource
Jude & Michel Fanton.
3. Sexism & Communities - a look at the climate in which sexist action and attitudes flourish. Are communities different from broader society? The consequences of sexism on men and women with emphasis on child rearing. Beatrice Bentley, resident of a community, member of the Women & Development Network of Australia, former pre-school director.
4. Creation of Sustainable Economic Systems - including a look at ethical investment, the Local Employment Trading System and sustainable employment. Simon Clough, community resident and co-founder of the North Coast Ethical Credit Union.

Monday morning, 9.30am

1. Appropriate Waste Treatment - problems of handling human waste and options. A comparison of different strategies including composting toilets, pits, pan collection, septic. How to economise of water use. Ideas welcome. Stuart White - Stuart was involved in preparing proposals to look at on-site sewerage and sullage disposal in Byron Bay and recently in Nimbin.
2. Talking Organic - Sam Bernard, Nimbin Organic Greengrocer
3. An open workshop on mens' issues - Stuart Anderson. Men & women welcome.

PAN-COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CELEBRATION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES has been organised for members of land-sharing communities, those interested in the lifestyles and other rural dwellers. The aims of the gathering are to bring together people in a stimulating, enjoyable and friendly environment and to provide participants with ideas and information.

PROGRAM

Our first draft program notification to kindred organisations and persons who may desire to attend is attached. We are not expecting any significant changes to this program.

PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee for the 3 days is \$15 per adult person or \$7 for one day. No charge for those under 18 years. Communities may send a participation fee of \$100 and there would be no limit to the number of their community members who can attend for all or part of the "Celebration".

PERSONS AND COMMUNITIES WHO REGISTERED AND PAID FOR THE FEBRUARY 1990 "CELEBRATION" WHICH WAS FLOODED OUT WILL RECEIVE FREE ENTRY.

FOOD

Food will be provided by members of "Avalon" Community, Nimbin, for the entire 3 days from the Nimbin hall. Food can also be purchased from many of the venues in Nimbin's main street. These include: Rainbow Cafe, Rainbow Cafe Shop, Blue Moon Chinese Takeaway, Sam's Organic Greengrocer, Espresso Bar, Daisey's Cafe, Nimbin Bakery, Freemasons Hotel, Nimbin Newsagency and Nimbin Emporium.

ACCOMMODATION

Tent camping will be available on appropriate sites at "Nimbin Central School" right in Nimbin village. Exact location of camping will depend on weather. Limited tent camping has been offered by the "Nimbin Rocks Aboriginal Community" which is situated 3km from Nimbin P.O. We suggest you specify your interest as soon as possible if you would like to camp at the Nimbin Rocks.

Tent camping for a fee would be available from the Council's "Nimbin Caravan Park", Sibley St., Nimbin 2480 Ph. 066 891 402 - BBQs, Showers, Toilets.

Motel & Hostel accommodation are available from "Nimbin Motel Abode of Peace" (4km from P.O. at Croftons Rd., Nimbin 2480 Ph. 066 891 420) and Nimbin Youth Hostel, Cullen St., Nimbin 2480 Ph. 066 891 333 (1km from P.O.). Hotel accommodation is available at Freemasons Hotel, Cullen St., Nimbin 2480 Ph. 066 891 246.

VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

There will be no entry fee to play in the volleyball competition on Sunday. There will also be kids' volleyball games. The competition will run for the full day but there are other things planned for those who are not volleyball enthusiasts and who don't want to watch. There will be prizes for the winning teams.

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Kids' activities are being planned for the 3 days. These will include drama workshops, volleyball, acrobatics, face painting, etc. We hope to be able to provide childcare for workshop sessions at least and maybe for other parts of the program. If you are interested in helping out with this please contact us.

SUNDAY NIGHT DANCE

A "Spring Festival" Dance has been arranged for Sunday evening and will feature "Um", "Comradz", and "Whirligigs". Fully licenced and continuous supper served. Entry fee is \$4 per person.

STALLS

Stalls are being set up under marquees. If you are interested in having a stall please let us know. There will be no charge for non-profit making organisations and \$10 for other stalls.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT DIANA ROBERTS, PAN-COMMUNITY COUNCIL, P.O. BOX 102, NIMBIN 2480 OR PHONE (066) 891 529 or (066) 897 321.

ADVERTISEMENT

PERMACULTURE DESIGNER'S CERTIFICATE COURSE

in Nimbin at the Environment Centre and other locations at \$285 for low-income earners. 72 hours starting September 22nd, held every second weekend.

The course will focus on design for land-sharers and will include excursions to Bill Mollison's, Tunttable Falls Co-op and a residential at Ballina.

Taught by Jude & Michel Fanton and guest teachers. Book a.s.a.p.

M.E.C. 891 529 B/H

Seedsavers 891 215 A/H

IF YOU SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH OTHERS PLEASE DON'T
HANG ON TO IT. PASS IT AROUND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
OR DISPLAY IT IN A COMMON AREA. HELP US TO ADVERTISE.
THANKS.

2nd Nov 1990

Box 158
Numbin 2480

To Mike Shegog and PanCom.

Dear Friends,

Maybe the next meeting of PanCom may like to discuss the matter of enforcing compliance with Lismore Council's Development Applications of M.O.'s.

It seems that Lew Spratt of Blue Springs has consulted with Lismore Council and reports that there will be 4 inspections annually of all M.O.s in this area to check on compliance with their Development Applications (D.A.), and all dwellings must comply with the D.A. Particular attention will be given to roofs (must be non-reflective) and external walls (must be dull earthy colours). The shareholders of Blue Springs have been warned that owners of homes not conforming with the D.A. will be given a month to rectify the situation, after which time a fine will be imposed. I personally have had no visit from the Council yet, and I know of no one else who has.

I enclose a copy of Blue Springs' D.A. and I draw your attention to some conditions that seem unreasonable.

(no: 16.) "All buildings shall have external wall colours comprising dull "earthy" hues which blend with the surroundings. All roofing materials shall be non reflective."

(no: 18.) "No tree of any species may be ring barked, cut down, topped lopped, removed, injured or destroyed without the prior written consent of the Council."

(no: 3.) Fire breaks: (internal roads cleared to width of 20m ^{especially trees} property perimeter " " " 20m. " individual dwellings " " radius 40m.)

Blue Springs residents and Blue Springs Board of Directors do not comply with these three specific conditions.

Let us consider just the matter of colours of roofs and external walls.

Roofs the only "colour" which is non-reflective is BLACK. All other colours, white, silver, green

blue, red etc. are glossy and are reflective.
It would be a danger to our health to have black
roofs. The reason for that is obvious.

I have observed that at least 90% of roofs
of Lisimore and Nimbin are white or silver.

Such unrealistic conditions are not laid down for
non-M.O. dwellings.

Wallo "dull earthy hues" blending with the
environment exclude the lighter coloured paints
which make a house cooler.

Assuming similar conditions as applying to Blue
Springs are applicable to all M.O.s in the Lisimore
area, and if and when Council attempts to fine a
resident of an M.O. over their D.A., maybe PanCom
would discuss whether or not they could assist.

Maybe PanCom would like to compare the
D.A.s of several M.O.s to pinpoint common problems.

Unfortunately, I am unable to be involved
with PanCom activities at the moment, but hope
that you can discuss this, as it would probably
concern most M.O. people.

Sincerely

Pauline Davis.

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. 1979

NOTICE TO APPLICANT OF DETERMINATION OF A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Decision No. 83/3103

To: The Chairman,
Ruskod Pty.Ltd.,
32 Molesworth Street, LISMORE. 2480

Pursuant to Section 92 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act notice is hereby given of the determination by Council of your application for the following development relating to:

Portions 96 and 97 Parish of Terania being Lot 2 in Subdivision Plan No. 84/2, Symonds Road, Blue Knob, being community development for a maximum of 36 single unit residences.

The development application has been determined by theing of consent SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS specified in notice.

The conditions of the consent are set out as follows:

1. All buildings be constructed, works carried out, or use of buildings or land be in accordance with the details contained in the plan(s) and or supporting documents submitted with the application, a copy of which is/are attached to this consent.

Dwellings only be erected on the following sites:
 - a) Sites nos. 1/6, 10/13, 20/22 and 32/36
 - b) Sites nos. 7/9, 16/19, 23/24 and 31 subject to sullage disposal being satisfactory.
 - c) Sites nos. 14/15 and 29/30 subject to sullage disposal being satisfactory and clearing to comply with fire protection requirements (condition 2c).
 - d) Sites nos. 25/28 subject to clearing to comply with fire protection requirements (condition 2c)/
2. Subject to there being no more dwellings approved than can reasonably be assumed to accommodate 109 persons.
3. Fire breaks or protection zones be maintained in the following manner:
 - a) primary fire breaks, located:
 - (i) along the access road running generally from the entry to the dam in the north-east corner and thence south to the vicinity of site nos. 34/35; and
 - (ii) along the access road running south from the main access above site no. 13 and then south-east to the vicinity of site no. 1;by the maintaining of a width of not less than 5m cleared of all combustible material within a width of 20m which shall be kept clear of all combustible material other than short grasses with a maximum fuel loading of 8 tonnes per hectare to the satisfaction of Council's Fire Control Officer at all times;
 - b) Perimeter fire breaks, located:
 - (i) from the eastern end of the south-eastern access in the vicinity of site no. 1, generally north and north-west along the main timber line to link with cleared land north of the creek, east of site 18;

- (ii) from the main north-east access road, west of Site No. 26, generally south-east, passing west of site no. 31 to link with and cross the access road north of site 32, along the timber line to the eastern boundary, thence southerly to the timber line south of site nos. 35/36, thence generally west and north to link with the access road in the vicinity of Site Nos. 35/36;
- (iii) from the north-eastern access road at the north-eastern corner of Lot 1 in Subdivision Plan No. 84/2, westerly along the boundary south of Site Nos. 21/24, thence northerly and easterly along the timber line to return to the access road north of Site No. 21;

by maintaining a 20m wide fire break cleared of all combustible material other than short grass with a maximum fuel loading of 8 tonnes per hectare and trees to the satisfaction of Council's Fire Control Officer at all times;

c) dwelling protection zones around each dwelling consisting of:

- (i) a primary protection zone for a distance of not less than 20m from the dwelling and any ancillary buildings which shall be kept clear of all combustible material. Trees or shrubs higher than 3m shall not be permitted;
- (ii) a secondary radiation zone 20m wide kept clear of all combustible fuel other than grass with a fuel load not exceeding 5 tonnes per hectare and tree canopy not exceeding 30% and not higher than 6m.

4. At each dwelling, adequate fire fighting facilities be maintained so as to suppress the outbreak of fire.
5. Adequate fire fighting facilities, including water outlets, as considered necessary by Council's Fire Control Officer be maintained at all times to suppress the outbreak of fire or control fire entering the property.
6. A suitable fire alarm system be installed so that all residents may be warned of a fire danger.
7. Prior to granting of any development consent for individual structures, satisfactory evidence from qualified persons shall be produced to Council indicating that sufficient water on a minimum annual yield basis will be available for all dwellings then approved or being approved to meet all domestic requirements including a piped supply of water suitable for consumption.
8. Any dam, diversion channel or contour bank shall be constructed in accordance with specifications nominated by the Water Resources Commission.
9. The land be contained in one lot and remain unsubdivided under Part 12 of the Local Government Act, 1919, or the Strata Titles Act, 1973.
Note: Subdivision refers to the dividing of land into parts, whether the dividing is:
 - a) by sale, conveyance, transfer or partition; or
 - b) by any agreement, dealing or instrument rendering different parts thereof immediately available for separate occupation or disposition.
10. The Memorandum and Articles of the Company together with any documents setting out Rights, Obligations and Entitlements of shareholders be amended to provide that any share remains a share of the company only and grants no right to exclusive use to a specified part of the land for separate occupation or disposition.

11. No building, either temporary or permanent, for any purpose, shall be constructed or erected without the prior granting of specific development consent for the structure.
12. Prior to commencement of multiple residential development, Symonds Road shall be constructed, at no cost to Council and to design plans approved by the City Engineer, providing for a 4m wide sealed pavement on a 6m gravel formation with ancillary drainage designed for a 40km.p.h. design speed and a Type 1 intersection with M.R. 142. The Cost of any land acquisition or relocation of fencing to be met by the developer.
13. The internal road system shall be designed and constructed, so as to minimise sideling cuttings or deep fills, and all drainage facilities, including roadside drains, shall be designed, constructed, and maintained so as to prevent the possibility of scour, erosion, landslip or siltation.
14. All development shall comply with the requirements of the Multiple Occupancy Code adopted by Council on 8th August, 1980.
15. Effluent of all types discharged from dwellings shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the Chief Health Surveyor and in no instance shall any effluent disposal or absorption trench be located closer than 50m to a defined natural water course.
16. All buildings shall have external wall colours comprising dull "earthy" hues which blend with the surroundings. All roofing materials shall be non reflective.
17. All buildings shall be constructed in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 70 and shall have external walls and roofs fully enclosing all habitable areas.
18. No tree of any species may be ringbarked, cut down, topped, lopped, removed, injured or destroyed without the prior written consent of the Council.
19. Suitable walking trails shall be established through timbered areas to link the various groups of houses so as to minimise the detrimental effect on regrowth.
20. Grazing of cattle or other animals be not permitted on areas defined as Forest or Forest Regrowth. (Note: "animals does not include native fauna)
21. A programme be prepared for Council's approval within twelve months of the date of this consent, in conjunction with the Far North Coast County Council, and carried out for the eradication of noxious weeds and introduced exotic tree species.
22. No dwelling be erected or building or structure used as a dwelling other than on a site approved in Contition No.2 as a dwelling site or a subsequent amendment.
23. A road improvement levy calculated at the rate current at the time building consent is issued (1984 - \$257) times the number of persons it may reasonably be assumed may occupy the dwelling, as a contribution towards the general upgrading of the rural road network within the city area.
24. Notwithstanding the inclusion of a dwelling site in Condition No.2, Council reserves the right to attach additional conditions to any consent, or to refuse consent to a dwelling being erected where upon the definition of the actual curtilage of the proposed dwelling, it is apparent the dwelling would be at risk or be otherwise unsuitable.

25. Upon construction of the internal road network and fire breaks and prior to the commencement of multiple residential ~~area~~ development, a plan shall be prepared and delivered to Council which correctly shows the:
 - a) location of each road;
 - b) each fire break;
 - c) areas defined as forest or re-forestation;
 - d) significant isolated trees; and
 - e) the location of each approved dwelling site, located by at least two dimensioned radiation lines from defined points.
26. Any use of the land or a building for any use other than agriculture or forestry shall require specific development consent of Council.
27. The land be owned in its entirety in common by at least two-thirds of the adult persons residing on the land or is otherwise owned on behalf of those persons.

Conditions 1,2,4,8,9,11,13,14,18,20,22,24,26 and 27 are to be complied with at all times.

Conditions 3 and 5 are to be complied with prior to occupation and maintained at all times.

Conditions 6 and 19 are to be complied with prior to occupation.

Conditions 7,10,12,23 and 25 are to be completed prior to the approval of the Building Application.

Conditions 16 and 17 relating to the construction of the building are to be completed prior to occupation or as specified in the condition.

The reasons for the conditions are:

- To correctly describe what has been approved. (E.P.A. Act sec.92(1)Reg.44)
- To ensure that dwellings are not at risk. (E.P.A. Act Sec. 90(1)(g))
- To provide adequate protection from bush fire risk. (E.P.A. Act Sec.90(1)(g))
- To ensure an adequate and safe water supply. (E.P.A. Act Sec.90(1)(g))
- To comply with the provisions of Interim Development Order No.40 -
- City of Lismore. (E.P.A. Act Sec. 90(1)(a))
- To ensure adequate access to and from the development. (E.P.A. Act Sec.90(1)(i))
- To prevent damage to the landform. (E.P.A. Act Sec. 90(1)(b))
- To preserve the environment and existing or likely future amenity of the neighbourhood. (E.P.A. Act Sec. 90(1)(o))
- To prevent natural stream ~~pollution~~ pollution. (E.P.A. Act Sec.90(1)(b))
- To preserve the rural "vista" from other lands. " " " " (c)
- To clarify Council's interpretation of the Local Government Act and Ordinance 70 (E.P.A. Act Sec. 90(1)(n))
- To prevent infestation of adjoining lands of undesirable tree species such as camphor laurel and noxious weeds. The clause does not apply to fruit trees or suitable ornamental trees. (E.P.A. Act Sec. 90(1)(n))

To provide funds for the provision of services and facilities identified by Development Control Plan No. 1 as required by the increased population or activity. (E.P.A. Act Sec. 94)

To accurately define each dwelling site for future reference.
(E.P.A. Act Sec. 90(1)(e))

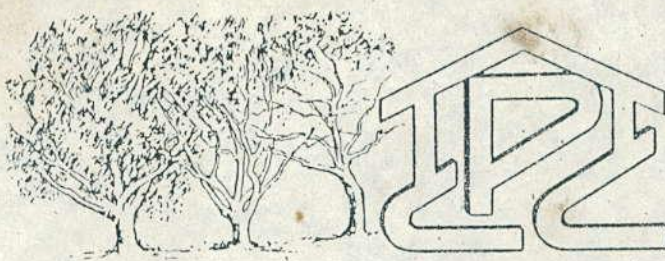
Council, in determining this application, deferred a decision as regards sites marked * where the site was not considered entirely satisfactory. Relocation to avoid the anticipated hazard of steep land, subject to erosion, or slip or bush fires, is possible. Further consideration of sites in the vicinity would be considered and an amended consent issued, if required.

The following identified sites were considered to be unsuitable for development for the reasons stated against each identification mark.

MARK

REASON FOR REFUSAL

- A Medium fire risk; improvement in hazard status would mean considerable destruction of timber. Deletion reduces the length of fire break and access needed.
- B Location on steep land that could be affected by lateral movement resulting from building activities or sullage disposal.
- C Development could pollute adjoining creek and destroy adjoining vegetation.
- D. High fire danger; probable effect on drainage on adjoining steep slopes; would mean destruction of a number of substantial trees.
- E High probability of lateral movement; medium fire risk; access and construction would result in major excavation.



PAN-COMMUNITY
COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 102,
NIMBIN 2480

A CELEBRATION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

The Pan-Community Council is holding a gathering for members of land-sharing communities and those interested in the lifestyles at The Channon Oval, The Channon (nr. Nimbin) on February 3rd and 4th, 1990.

Apart from being a wonderful opportunity for people to get together in a stimulating and friendly atmosphere participants will be provided with lots of ideas and information. Part of the weekend will be devoted to workshops led by people with skills in specific areas. These will include :
Development of land-sharing communities; Organic Growing; Permaculture Design; Alternative Energy Sources; Composting Toilets; Teenage Kids on Communities; Green Politics; Campaigns for Local Government Elections; Employment Creation; Alternative Building Materials; Building with Bamboo; Communities and the Law; Ethical Investment; Soil Conversation and many more. There will also be a few guest speakers.

In addition there will be activities provided for kids, music, Tim's Tent Restaurant (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) and information stalls.

The Gathering will be on rain or shine and the costs are as follows:

\$10 per adult who registers before January 12.

\$15 per adult at the gate.

\$100 per community if paid before January 12. This will allow multiple entrants from the community but communities are asked to advise the number of people attending when they register.

Kids under 16 are free.

Overnight camping is available at \$3 per adult per night and there are also a couple of hot showers.

Bring your instruments, bring your own seating, crockery and cutlery. Leave your pets at home and no alcohol. During the weekend there will be live music.

To register please write enclosing money & details to Pan-Community Council, P.O. Box 102, Nimbin 2480. Please send a stamped, addressed envelope. For more information you can ring (066) 897 321 or (066) 891 492 (Saturdays, 10 - 2pm only).

A CELEBRATION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

WORKSHOP OPTIONS

During each workshop time slot the workshops listed below will run concurrently. Please choose one you would like to attend. Venues will be allocated prior to commencement of the workshop sessions and an announcement will be made over the P.A. Further information is available from the Pan-Com information stall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd 10.45am - 1pm

1. "Making effective use of the media" - Yvette Steinhauer, freelance journalist and Phil Hurst, ABC radio current affairs *(Diana) all the effective use of the media + legal options? Tony Deyette 218833*
2. "Dealing with Bureaucracy" - development applications, building applications, Soil Conservation Act, Water Resources Commission, Social Security - Dave Lambert, Rural Resettlement Task Force founder and Wally Wallace. *(Harry) Wally*
3. "Composting toilets and organic gardening - the ecological options" - Leigh Davidson *Stuart? (Diana)*
4. "Bamboo - an introduction to bamboo and a look at its uses and economic potential" - Hans Erkin, permaculture consultant who's been interested in bamboo for 6 years. He publishes "Bamboo Network" and is a teacher of courses on bamboo. *Propogation Rose Tree Money White Mabel*
5. "Seeds - a natural resource" - a look at the need for collection and maintenance of primitive varieties of useful cultivated plants in Australia, establishment of local repositories and practical day-to-day and long-term maintenance of this kind of natural resource - Jude & Michel Fanton, Seed Savers' Network, Nimbin. *Wrote to Khyati on 2/6 558 514 left message*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd 3pm - 5pm

1. An open workshop on mens' issues - Ken Golding & Stuart Anderson. Men & women welcome. (This workshop will run until 6pm if necessary). *886231 1/6*
2. "Creation of sustainable economic systems" - including a look at ethical investment, the Local Employment Trading System and sustainable employment - Simon Clough. *OK 5/6*
3. "Forming a land-sharing community" - Greg Reid. *897272 - left message 4/6? (Pan Com person?) "0148/60"*
4. "Political Empowerment" - Kevin Childs, Bellingen Shire Councillor. *all the "OK" 3/6*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th 10am - 12 midday

1. "Permaculture - bio-regional planning for regional self reliance" - Robyn Francis *(Mike) 321108*
2. "Organic growing and marketing" - Kyogle Organic Growers *(Mike) 322244 07-8704723 M-THURS*
3. "Alternative Energy Systems" - Peter Pedals & Karl McLaughlin, Rainbow Power Co. Nimbin. *(Diana)*
4. "Green Politics" - Al Oshlack, Green Alliance activist

*Teenage kids?
Kids activities*

A celebration of?

sustainable regional lifestyles?

6/90

A CELEBRATION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

PROGRAM FEBRUARY 3rd and 4th, 1990

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

- 8.30am Registration
- 9.30am Introductions, Housekeeping, General Information
- 10.00am Official Opening - Dr. Helen Caldicott, International Peace & Environment Activist
- 10.45am Workshops - see separate sheet for details
- 1.00pm Lunch & Entertainment
- 2.30pm Sustainable Politics - Kevin Childs, Bellingham Shire Councillor
- 3.00pm Workshops - see separate sheet for details
- 5.00pm Break for dinner
- 8.00pm Music night at the Channon Hall. Free entry to Gathering participants. Please wear your registration tag. \$4 to others. See poster for information about the many performers. Bring your instruments.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

- 9.00am Entertainment
- 9.30am Robyn Francis, Director of Permaculture International, Editor of Permaculture International journal. Robyn has a history as a teacher and designer of Permaculture systems and a long involvement in the Earth Bank Society.
- 10.00am Workshops - see separate sheet for details
- 12.00pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Community Forum - an opportunity for people to ask questions, exchange information, find out more about sustainable lifestyles

BODHI FARM TOUR - Bodhi Farm, a community off Wallace Rd., The Channon, have kindly offered to open their community to visitors on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5pm, including afternoon tea. Bodhi Farm is a long established community and a very interesting and beautiful place to visit. Things to see and talk about include:-

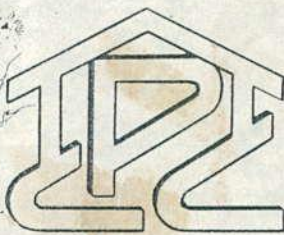
1. A complete alternative energy set up including a hydro scheme, pelton wheel, solar systems, etc. If this is what you want to see allow your whole visit as there won't be enough time to see other things.
2. A wide range of building materials and house designs plus composting toilets in action.
3. An extensive, long-term land management plan including gardens, agriculture and forest development.
4. An opportunity to talk to residents about how they organise their community affairs and the social aspects of living on a community.

Bodhi Farm have requested that numbers of visitors be available by 6pm Saturday.

If you wish to visit please leave your name and information about what you want to see at the Pan-Com stall. In addition, we will try to organise transport as there is only limited parking available at Bodhi Farm.

KIDS' ACTIVITIES - Activities for kids will be available (acrobatics, face-painting, trampolining, paddling pools) throughout the weekend at the kids' play area.

DRAMA WORKSHOPS: On Saturday and Sunday whilst workshops are underway Mike Russo, an experienced drama teacher, will be conducting kids' drama workshops for children 8 years and up. Interested kids are to gather at the kids' play area 10.30 Sat. morning, 2.45 Saturday afternoon and 9.15 Sunday morning. There will be a maximum of 20 kids per workshop.



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• Dance 3 in Night
• Volley Ball " Day
• Porter
• Publicity (incl,
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REGISTRATION: This is essential. \$15 per adult for the weekend, \$10 per day. Please attend to this on arrival at the registration desk next to the Pan-Com Information Stall.

PROGRAM: The program for the weekend can be found at the Pan-Com Information Stall. Announcements will also be made over the P.A. system. Please take time to look at the program early to ensure you don't miss out on anything. On Sunday afternoon there will be tours conducted around Bodhi Farm, a community off Wallace Rd., The Channon. Details can be found at the Information Stall. Bodhi Farm would like numbers interested by Saturday 6pm. If you wish to go please give your name to someone at the Pan-Com Stall.

KIDS' ACTIVITIES: Activities for kids will be available throughout the weekend based around the kids' play area. (Acrobatics, face-painting, trampolining, paddling pools). There will also be drama workshops for kids over 8. Please check the Information Stall for more details. Maximum 20 kids per workshop.

FOOD: All meals provided by Tim's Tent Kitchen starting with breakfast from 7am.

FIRST AID: Available at the Pan-Com Information Stall.

COUNCIL REGULATIONS: No dogs. No alcohol. No litter. There will be a cricket match on the Oval during Sunday so please leave the Oval for the enjoyment of the cricketers.

CAMPING: Space has been made available for camping at the rear of the car-parking area. There are two toilets and two showers with continuous hot water for CAMPERS ONLY. The camping fee charged by the landowner is \$3 per adult per night. Children free. Please make sure you pay this fee to Pan-Com. The landowner also requests the following:

No dogs in the camping-ground.

Only one central campfire.

Please don't light individual campfires - a BBQ will be available.

Swimming in the creek is fine but please DON'T USE SOAP.

Please don't leave rubbish!

6' by facilities - Annexe - Jan has cancelled Mon 1/10

This Celebration of Sustainable Lifestyles has been organised by the Pan-Community Council for members of land-sharing communities, those interested in the lifestyles and other rural dwellers. The aims of the Gathering are to bring together people in a stimulating, enjoyable and friendly environment and to provide participants with ideas and information. More information about us can be obtained at the Pan-Com Information Stall.

Programme

All Kids Activities

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..... A member of a land-sharing Community?
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Please list the workshops:
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Please list subjects:
4. Was the food to your liking? Yes No.
Any suggestions for an improved menu?
5. Your general comments:

Please help us by completing this feedback sheet and leaving it at the Pan-Com Information Stall before you leave (or mail it to us).

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January

WEEK 2

Monday 8

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8.30 am * Booking the Channon Hall 11X Open Jailed 3822 ✓
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9.00 am Open Insee. Insurance G10 - of the Channon Market Reg. ✓
9.15 am Helen Baldiott - before 10/1
9.30 am Programme - 3 workshop
9.45 am 4 " (B) at each session min
10.00 am ? Neil Williams on Youth - Young 11/1 or 12/1 after 6
10.15 am Liberal ally * 1 ? Inukable " Youth 891283. 11/1 ✓
10.30 am ? Community school 885307 ✓
10.45 am Leigh Anderson Diamond Comporting Toilet
11.00 am Aine following up with Roby Francis (Permaculture)
11.15 am * David
11.30 am Wally is following up on B'ties & the Law Kilpin
11.45 am K.O.R. have agreed Linda - Di is adine
12 noon Ali. Emma & Harry via R Pours Bay ✓
12.15 pm Soil - Ben 1) care all Camille Camo ✓
12.30 pm Greg Reid - on setting up a B'ty (+ buying
12.45 pm 897272 is a B'ty? Early back after 11/1 ✓
1.15 pm Renewable Land sharing B'ties? Ali's
1.30 pm Carol - "Women - B'ties" Di attending 9/1 ✓
1.45 pm X 51 X 11/1 Rod in valley - Ben 2 hr workshop (left message) ✓
2.00 pm Fire control - Jan Dixon 891213 ✓
2.15 pm Kevin Childs - Workshop - 551973 ✓
2.30 pm 212671 Alan Orshack ✓
2.45 pm Green Alliance - Hall? Alan working out with B on 12/1 ✓
2.55 pm * 19/11 " 11/1 Graham Irvine - Using the media ✓
3.15 pm Pauline A Reano - at home at 11 - 11/1 ✓
3.30 pm Workshop details - Name of person
3.45 pm by 20/1 - Outline of the course
4.00 pm - If a max. no. of people?
4.15 pm - Any special arrangements?
4.30 pm - " materials required?
4.45 pm " Only payment is free - try? (check out
5.00 pm * 11/1 11/1
5.15 pm Library
5.30 pm Rushes
5.45 pm 2 fruit juice
6.00 pm Wheat - 11/1
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6.30 pm Rust paint?
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7.00 pm Green Newsletter Article - Eddie

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Tuesday 9

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8.00 am Ring 1 if any info required 891592

8.15 am Salmer - Delipfield - no record of subscription for a M/L.

8.30 am

8.45 am Illegal M/L's as at 29/8/80 "Interim" - no order to 40 B/L

9.00 am "Schedule 2/2/88"

9.15 am John Woodhead - rice brought, SAT of photos

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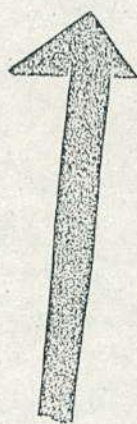
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SOCIAL ALTERNATIVES

For some time the Centre for Alternative Lifestyle Studies through " Norwaves " 2NCR-FM, has been conducting a course " Introduction to Social Alternatives 1 " which was developed by Carol Perry, Leigh Davison and Rod Woolley and an opportunity has arisen for community study groups to be set up to undertake comparative studies for free.

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INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ALTERNATIVES I

For some months the Centre for Alternative Lifestyle Studies through "NORWAVES" (INCREM), ~~and~~ ^{the} Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education's "College of the Arts", and as opportunity ~~has arisen~~ ^{has} been conducting a course - "Introduction to Social Alternatives I" ^{which was developed by Gard ~~and~~ ^{Barry} & Rod Woolley} and an opportunity has arisen for ~~study~~ ^{study} groups to ^{be set up} within communities, or between ~~the~~ ^{individuals} grouping together ^{to} undertake comparative studies for free. The basic premise (of the course) is to abandon affluence, break down social alienation and achieve a degree of self-sufficiency by means of "appropriate" livelihood.

The Study Groups can be assisted by documentation which is a method of self-teaching including a "ten-part reader" which provides a wide ^{alternative lifestyle} range of information. ~~to broaden your understanding.~~ ^{Apparatus} The ~~reader~~ ^{reader} includes ^{copies of} essays & articles from Bill Abelson, Bill ~~and~~ ^{Bill} Letler Brown (Worldwatch Institute), Jose Lutzenberger, Manfred Max-Neef, Fukunaka Peter Pedals.

If you want details of the ~~information~~ ^{study group} material please ring Mike Shagoy - 897321 (Barjuna Community).

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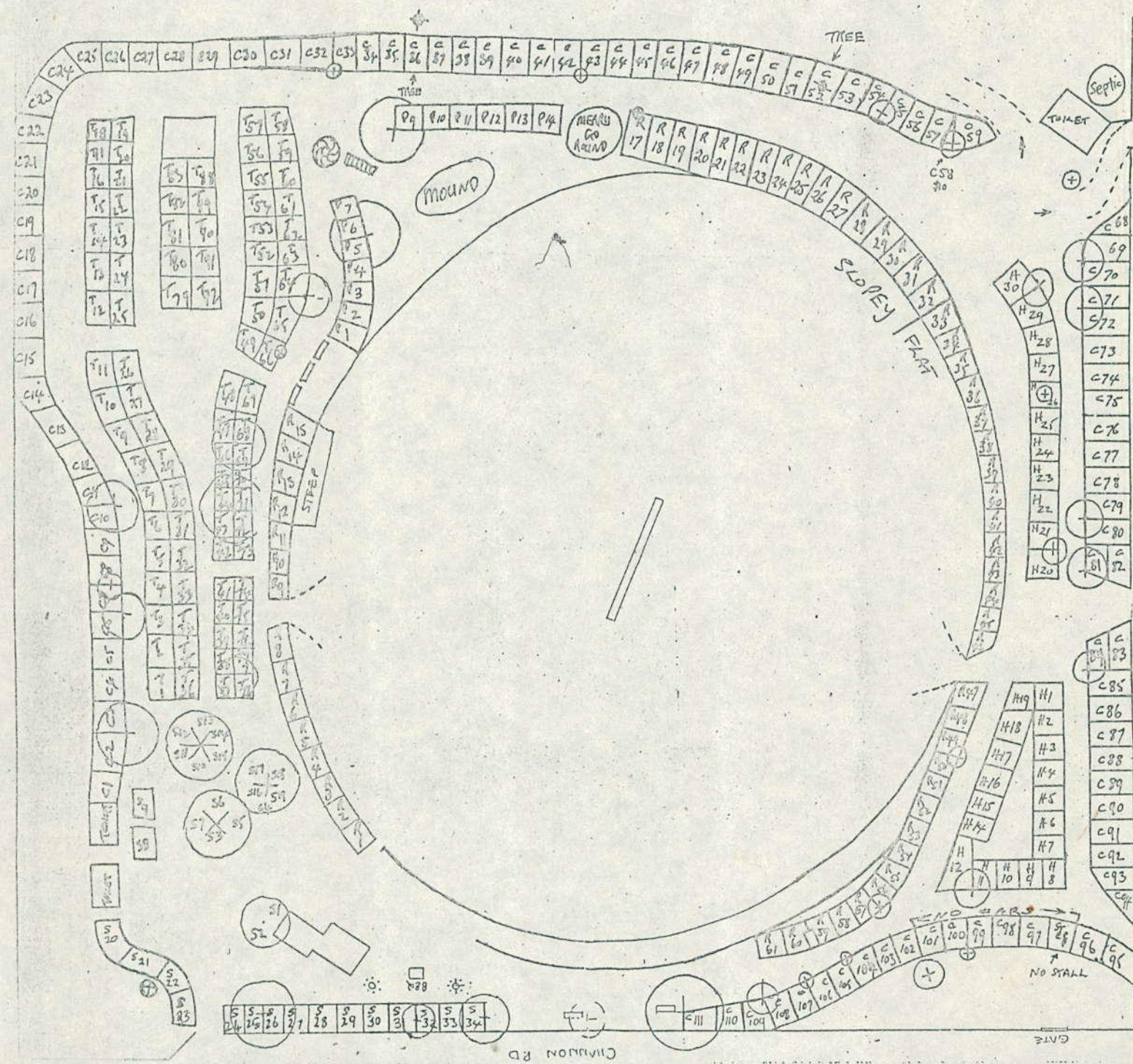
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Greg Reid 897272

Early Sat afternoon
forming an MO

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Hesley 853223 ✓
(or leave message & her number
862594)

Hesley to contact all
performers

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Permaculture productivity on the agenda

Using permaculture techniques a 200-house subdivision on 29 hectares has been able to produce more food than when the area was used as a market garden.

Instead of a parks and gardens department, the subdivision has an agricultural committee which looks after the area, the director of Permaculture International Ltd and president of the Earthbank Society, Ms Robyn Francis, said.

They have planted fruit and nut trees along cycle and roadways and land with agricultural value is managed by the people to make a living, she said.

Ms Francis, who is about to start a 13-day permaculture course on the Northern Rivers, said Australians were turning to permaculture techniques.

She said trends in Europe and North America showed that more professional groups such as lawyers, town planners and property developers were using permaculture techniques to create a better living environment.

Ms Francis, who has lectured and consulted on sustainable development and planning in the United States, Europe, India and Australia, believes that permaculture design is the key to developing a blueprint

for regional planning that will ensure a clean environment, meaningful employment and a resilient local economy.

"Permaculture design is sustainable development, an interdisciplinary approach that combines ecology, geography, environmental science practices with the facts of modern scientific research," she said.

"Our future depends upon an awareness of how to use this information in the planning process.

"We need sane land development."

Ms Francis said the introduction of the Community Titles Act could change the way land was used in a subdivision.

"Developers have to analyse the land as a whole," she said.

"Tree stands, water courses and agricultural land has to be protected from development and become common land on the property deed."

The course is to be held at the Life Resources Exchange Centre in Lismore from today.

It will cover basic ecology, housing, sustainable agriculture, 'bioregional' planning, waste and sewage management, appropriate technology, ethical investments and community economics.

FORMING A MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY

THE LEGALITIES OF FORMING A MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY ARE COMPLEX, TO HAVE A LAWYER HANDLE ALL THE DIFFICULTIES FROM LAND PURCHASE TO BUILDING PERMITS WILL COST AT LEAST \$7000. IN ADDITION MANY GROUPS FIND THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN EXPENSIVE LITIGATION AGAINST THE COUNCIL DUE TO DEVELOPMENT DIFFICULTIES AND THE CONFRONTATION APPROACH OF LAWYERS. YOU CAN SAVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, AND AVOID YEARS OF LEGAL DELAYS BY DOING MOST OF THE PAPER WORK YOURSELF. TO FIND YOUR WAY THROUGH THE BUREAUCRATIC MAZE YOU WILL NEED A GUIDE. I HAVE PREPARED A DETAILED GUIDE COVERING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

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SELECTING LAND

COUNCIL PROBLEMS

BUILDING APPLICATION

BUILDING ESTIMATES

REGISTERED LEASES

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ACCOUNTING

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

ROAD WORKS

OWNER BUILDER PERMITS

FIRST HOME OWNER GRANTS

TELEPHONES

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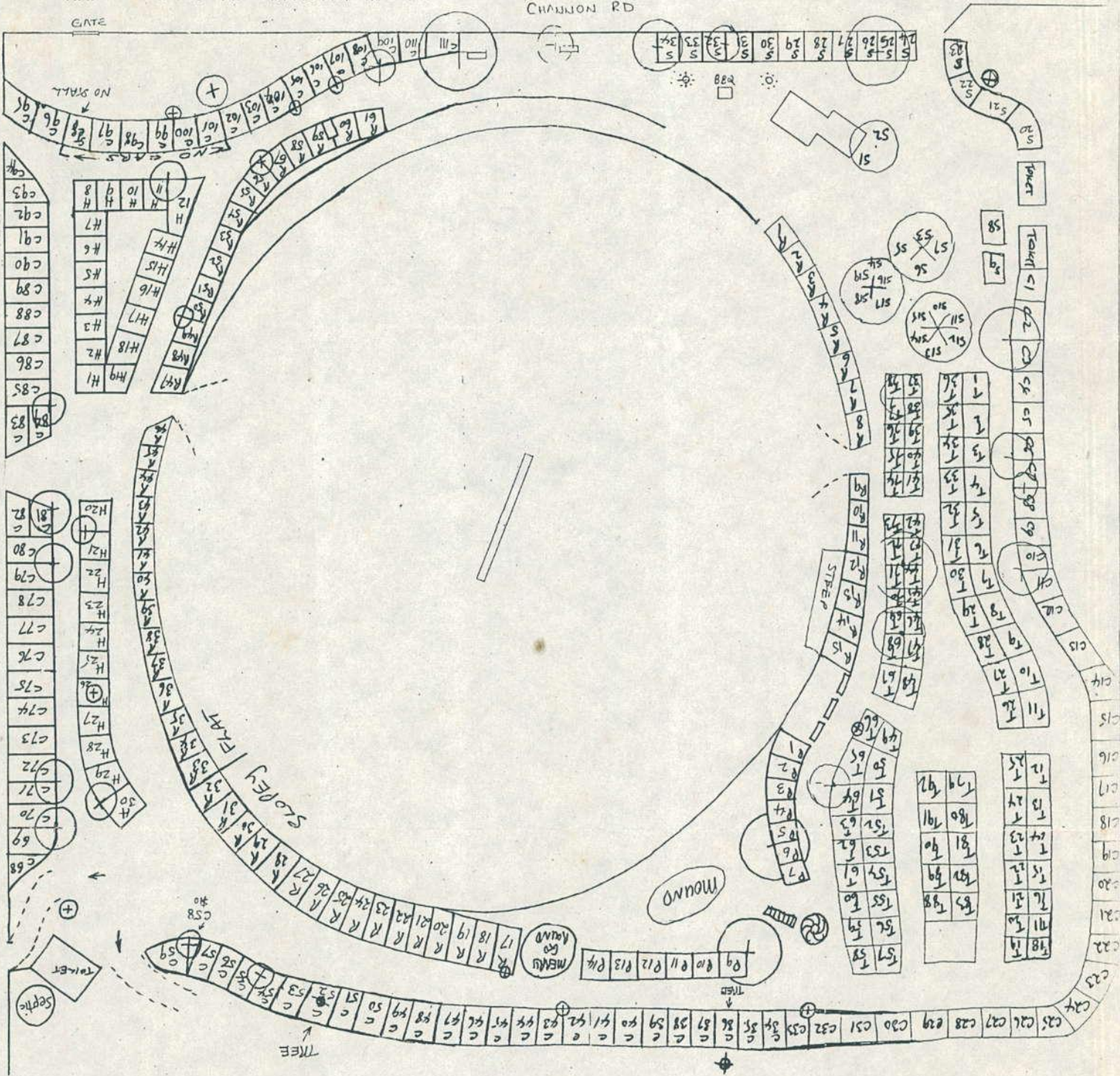
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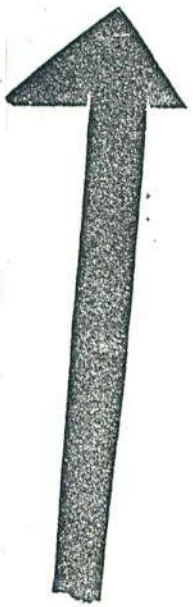
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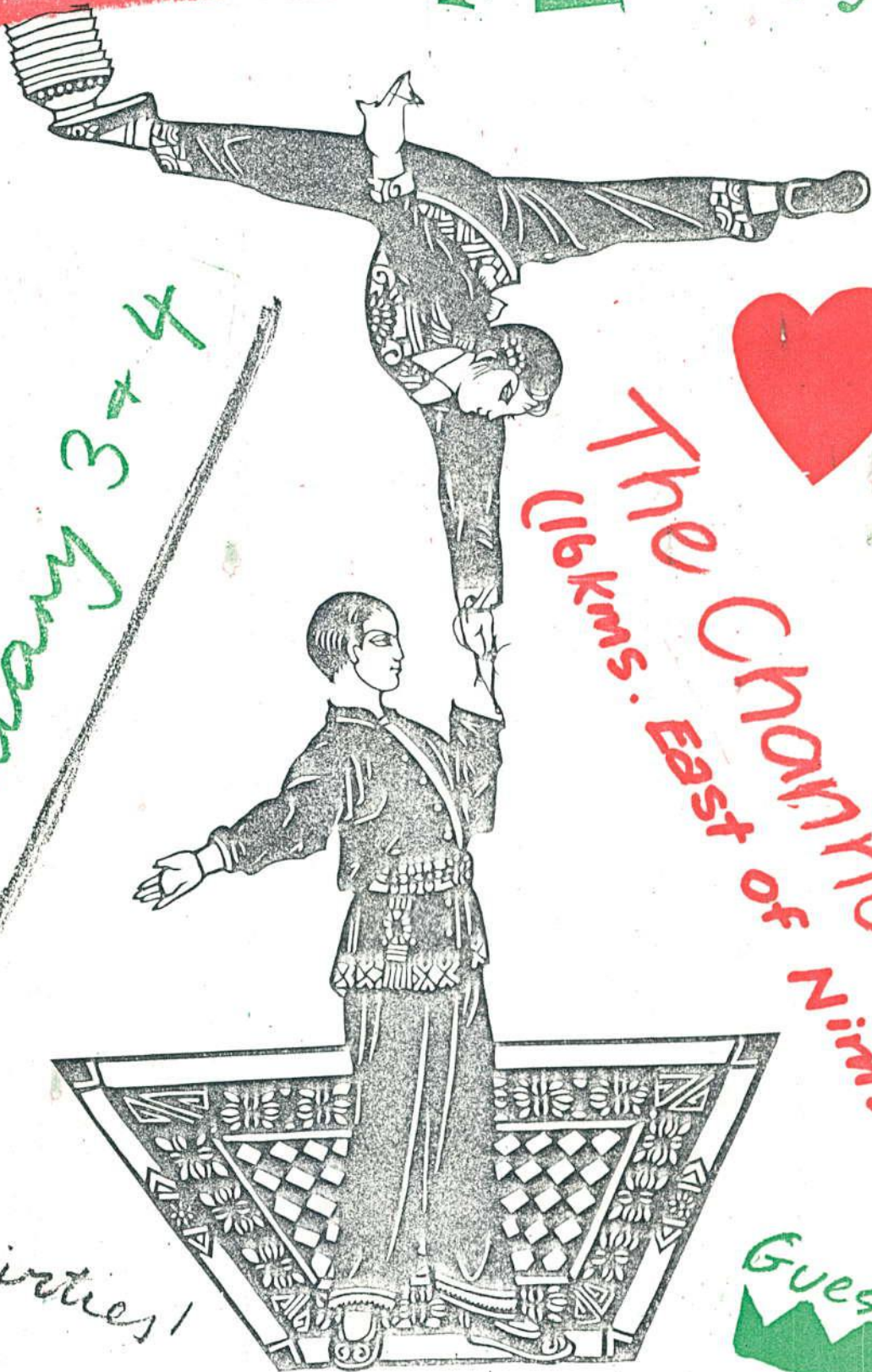
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2 hrs? - on Sat.

* "Introduction" to Bamboo
- The Plant

* Bamboo - Uses & Economic
Potential

\$20 (travel + meals) - only
person - musicians
having any surplus -
food is private!

* Permaculture Consultant

* Interest in Bamboo for 6 yrs.,
including propagation
nursery.

* Published "Bamboo Network"

* Course Teacher.

Leigh Dawson 886307

Back on 30/1

"Composting toilets -
the ecological options"

5 yrs exp. with Home
made composting
toilets - moving towards
legality - legal on M. D. Stron
to go mainstream in country
areas

+ Organic gardening
Ref Sat: "may have to
dip on Sun
Blackboards or Whiteboards

Martin is a member of the Clarence Valley Conservation Coalition, Clarence River Committee, North Coast Environment Council and North East Forest Alliance. He has played an active role in the North Coast "no pulp mill campaign".

His other interests include playing with the Big River Bush Band, owner building, swimming and bushwalking.

Dear Mike,

Many thanks for your phone call.
I hope that this information is of
interest to your readers.

I'll provide more info and maybe
an A4 poster for your next deadline.

Regards,

Martin

Simon Blough 886307

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- North Coast Ethical
Investment Credit
Union

- Local Employment
Trading System

"Sustainable Economics
& Ethical Investment"

"On the theory of
creating a sustainable
economic system. That is
one which is socially &
environmentally friendly. Also
the practice of implementing sustainable
economic initiatives will be
developed particularly in relation to
Ethical Inv. + LIETS."

Robyn Francis - notify Robyn 14
change program

Sun 10AM - 11.30

~~Bio-Regionalism~~

- ~~* Regional Self Reliance~~
- ~~* Self Organisation~~
- ~~* Holistic~~

Director of Perm. Val

Editor of " " Journal

Teach + design Perm +
long involvement in
the Earth Bank Society.

Workshop
"Perm Bio Regional Planning"
~~for~~ ~~WBS~~ for Reg Self Reliance

Kevin Childs

P.O. Box 13

Bellingham

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" Empowerment

- 2:30 PM Sat. - "Inspiration"
- Ask for me when he comes

Deputy President
Bellingham Slave Council



National Children's Folk Festival

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Malanda Milk



Welcome kids to the National Folk Festival just for you. Let your parents look after themselves for a change while you take in some exciting things to do. Don't forget that everyday you need your ticket (bracelet) or you won't be able to come in. The programme of the kids festival finishes at 1 pm every day so please ask your parents to pick you up then. There will also be quieter activities in the amphitheatre play area while the adult concerts are on. Panel painting in the Train Art Gallery with **Chris Sachlakidis** and a nature weave symbolising Mother Earth with **Sue Hart** which will grow daily as you add to it. All the kids events will be held at the Kuranda Amphitheatre...**Enjoy the Festival!**



FRIDAY

8.30am At the campsite: **Dreamtime Theatre** performed by **Kuranda Kids Theatre Troupe (KKT)**, **Kuranda School** and **Mona Mona Dancers** followed by a **Python Parade** to the amphitheatre. Join the parade!

9am Folk Aerobics with **Jill Melody**...have fun and get your energy level up.

9.30 - 10am See and Touch the Rainforest Animals. Two rainforest animals will be presented each day by **Andrew Haffenden**.

9.30 - Noon Children's Activity Group (CAG) continues: includes circus skills, puppet making, kites, macrame and claywork....check those unicycles kids!

10 - 11am Rainforest Walk (8 years and over) with **Djabugay** tribal members...learn bush tucker, plant identification and basic Djabugay language. Strictly limited book early.

10 - 11am Storytelling each day with exciting storytellers such as **Joe Geia**, **Jan Wositzky**, **Brian Sager**, **Playbox Players** and **Junction Theatre Co.**, **Kuranda Kids Theatre Troupe**, **Rocky Marshall** and **Enoch Tranby**. Aboriginal stories, bush stories and even Kylie Mole stories.

10 - 11am Weaving workshop with **Sue Hart**... a locally renowned weaver and **Wilma Walker** an aboriginal elder from Mossman with her traditional craft of dillybag.

11 - 11.30am Ian Ross-Williams. Ian's original songs mainly about North Queensland...catchy tunes with funny lyrics...a big hit with the kids.

11.30 - noon David O'Connor with his **Going Bananas** show.

Noon- 1pm Ted Egan is not just for adults, here Ted fires up for kids.

SATURDAY

8.30am at the campsite.. **Dreamtime Theatre** followed by the **Python Parade** to the amphitheatre...remember your bracelets kids.

9 am Folk Aerobics with **Jill**.

9.30 - 10am See and touch the rainforest animals

9.30 - noon C.A.G. continuous activities, circus skills, kites, clay work, puppet making etc... Can you juggle 3 balls yet?

10 - 11am Rainforest Walk with the **Djabugay** people. If you went yesterday its somebody else's turn today. Again you must be 8 years old.

10 - 11am Storytellers galore again...go to the story station and see it all.

10 - 11am Sue Hart will again be teaching basket weaving with natural fibres.

10.30 - 11am The Gary Galah Puppet Show. Gary Galah is some cheeky bird.

11 - 11.30am Suruil Tituil Dancers from Torres Strait.

11.30 - Noon Ian Ross Williams returns with some more of his zany material.

12 - 1pm Surprize Guest One of Australia's great performers here for the kids only.

SUNDAY

8.30 - 9 am Dreamtime Theatre presentation followed by the **Python Parade**.

9 - 9.15am Folk Aerobics with **Jill**.

9.15 - 9.30am Easter egg hunt with the **Easter Bunny**.

9.30-12 CAG continuous activities etc....by now, a circus performance will be well in rehearsal for Monday.

9.30 - 10 See and Touch the Rainforest Animals with **Andrew**. The Python's OK but did you see that bat?

10 - 11am Rainforest Walk with **Djabugay** people. Don't forget only 8 years and over for this one. Collect some good stuff to put into the nature weave. Learn to speak an ancient Australian language!

10 - 11am Storytellers at the story station again! Today **Jan Wositzky**!

10 - 11am The wonderful weaver Sue is here again, have you had a go at this yet?

10.30 - 11.00am Gary Galah that cheeky bird is back for some more adventures.

11 - 11.30am Judy Small presents her special show for kids.

11.30 - Noon David O'Connor is **Going Bananas**. His songs, tricks, stories and games are simply MAGIC.

Noon - 1pm Surprize Guest

MONDAY

This is our big family farewell, Our last day and by now we should all be best of friends

8.30 - 9am At the campsite **Dreamtime Theatre** performance by **KKT**, **Kuranda State School** and **Mona Mona Dancers**. Join the **Python Parade**.

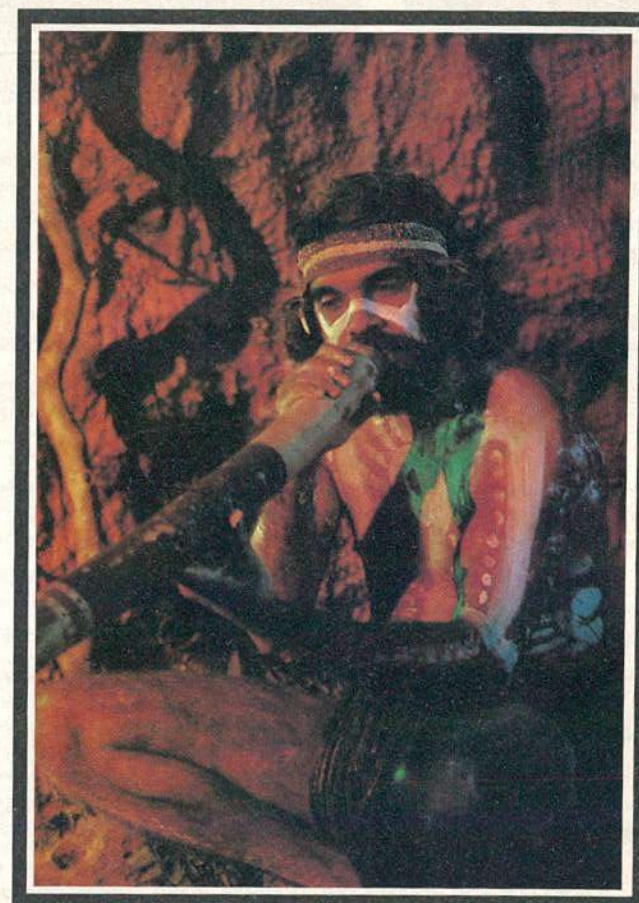
9am-10.30am CAG continues...today is the day of the kid's circus performance...What did they learn to do, Mums and Dads?...come and see.

9am onwards Stories, nature weave and panel painting.

10 - 11am The very last **Rainforest Walk** with our loving and kind **Djabugay** friends. An experience for kids to keep forever.

11.30 - Noon Joe Geia and Band

Noon Now find your parents for the monster final family concert.



MONDAY CONCERT

Big Top

10am
Kevin Carmody A magnificent spokesman for his people and a fine performer.
Eric Bogle Has been described as Australia's best singer/songwriter
Jill Stevens Gill Rees Two superb singers and writers from Sydney.
Danny Spooner who probably knows and sings more folk songs than anyone.

Departs 11.45am THE GOVERNOR'S LUNCH **Stoney Ck Falls**
Catch the train (\$6) from Kuranda station. It's a half hour trip to Stoney Creek Station, and join **Margaret Walters** in a workshop that looks at the **Songs of Colonial Days**. Train arrives back at Kuranda 1.45pm.

Noon MONSTER FINALE CONCERT **Amphitheatre**
Ted Egan The Goanna Drover himself, **Barleycorn** Famous Irish band, **Margret RoadKnight** simply a great vocalist, **Delaney & McIntyre** some great harmony singing, **Mangrove Jack** Cairns based host band, **Mantaka** Local rage band, **Mixed Relations** and **Shane Howard** Special festival guests from Sydney.

12.30pm CHORUS CUP **Fiddler's Arms**
Teams of festival participants compete in a zany competition for the most prized championship at the Festival.

2pm FAREWELL DANCE **Big Top**
Featuring top local band **Silkwood**...dance goodbye...

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Some History The National Folk Festival is generally hosted by each state and territory in turn. The Festival has been hosted by Queensland in 1974, 1981, and last year at Maleny. For the first time this festival will be held in Tropical North Queensland. The National Folk Festival provides a once a year chance for the cream of over 300 of the finest performers, craftspeople, folklorists, historians and presenters in the country drawing on talent from all over Australia. Traditionally, the festival invites some overseas guests as well. The 24th will be no different.

Some Features of the National Folk Festival are Concerts, Cabarets, workshops, dances, history sessions, folklore gatherings, a children's folk festival, acoustic music sessions, displays and special events...there's literally something for everyone. The event celebrates Australia's great folk culture in many of its forms. This year the festival will focus on North Queensland.

Accommodation in Kuranda is already been booked out but there's plenty of all types in Cairns just 25minutes drive away. Many people will be camping on site but priority will be given to those who prepurchase their ticket.

Frogs Jam Club From 2pm everyday till late, Frogs Restaurant in the main street hosts the Festival Jam Club. Resident Jam Band **That's Us** will be performing. All musicians, singers and bands of the festival are encouraged to come along and perform on stage. This venue will **rage** all festival...**all welcome!**

Informal Programme The best part of the National Folk Festival is that it attracts great musicians and singers from all around the country who partake in acoustic jam sessions. This happens anywhere, anytime but mainly in the festival reception area.

Added Attractions Queensland Railways are setting up a display *Museum on the Move* available for inspection at Kuranda Railway Station each day till 4pm. A *Special Return Train* has been scheduled for 5.15pm Sunday and Monday from Kuranda Station to Cairns. **Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs - Cultural Appreciation Unit** will mount a comprehensive *Artifact and Art Display* for the duration of the festival at the Seventh Day Adventist Hall (except Saturday). A *Photographic Display* depicting world heritage sites from around the world will be on display at the Festival.

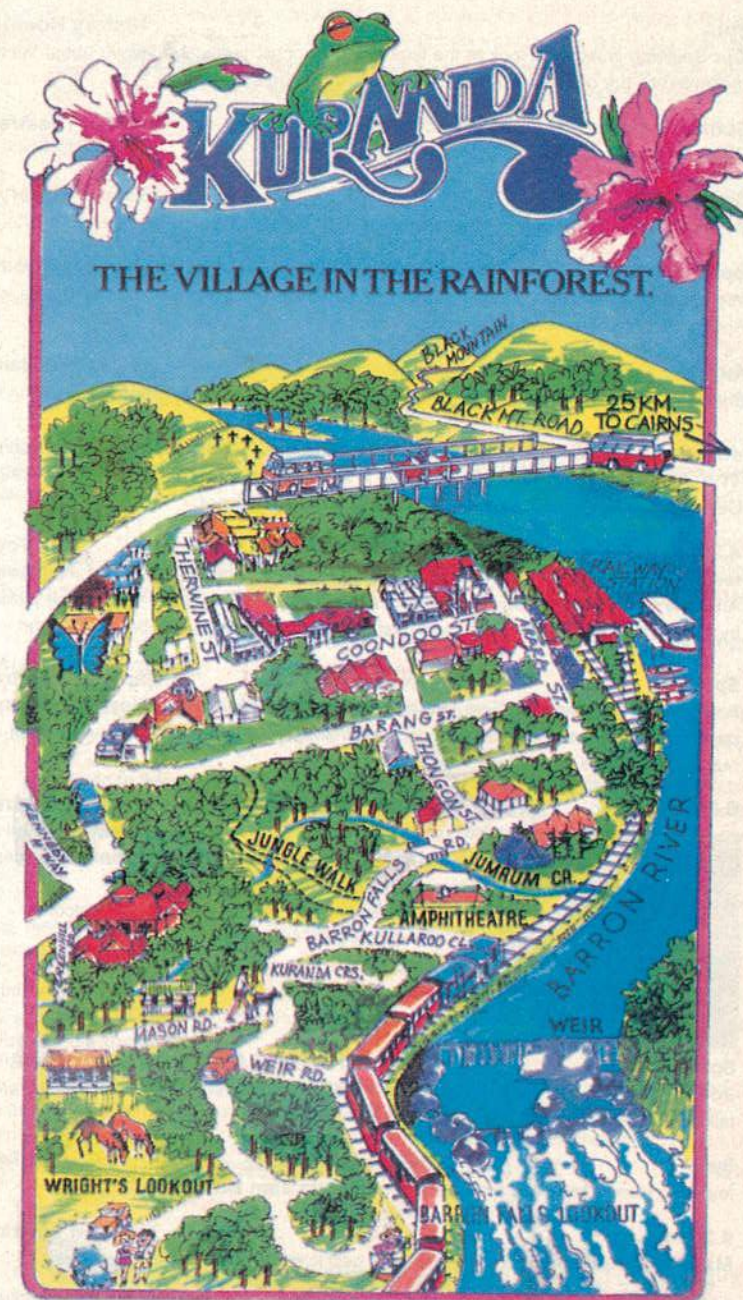
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(only pay for first child)		
DAY TICKETS		\$20
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17 and under	(available at festival reception)	\$5
EVENING AFTER 4PM		\$15
pensioners		\$10
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Send cheque to Freepost 1, 24th National Folk Festival PO Box 343
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