

PAN-COM. VISITS THE KOORI PLACE

The day began gently, the weather as bright as our mood. As we set off from several communities in cars packed with lunches and kids, we collectively felt a sense of a new beginning...not only for Pan-Com, but for the whole area.

On our arrival, Maureen Watson came to greet us with her warm open smile and in no time at all, the billy was on and after introductions and talk ended, the circle commenced.

Maureen, the wise woman, her five sons and one daughter collectively own this 130 acres of forested land and their wish is for this land to become an Aboriginal Learning Centre. A place where both Koori, white people and children can re-connect with their mother, the Earth. Maureen says pride in aboriginal heritage should belong to both black and white people. A sense of home and a sense of belonging to the land is necessary in feeling comfortable with ourselves.

They envisage a camp for adults to learn the grassroot politics and the history of aboriginal culture. A camp for children of all cultures is being planned, with the method of education being storytelling and direct identification of local fauna and flora. Accomodation facilities are being planned to enable people to stay for the various activities that will include storytelling and walks. An arts and crafts area is to be set aside as a rehabilitation centre for remedial education programs.

No government funding is being sought as the entire development is envisaged as a peoples project with both black and white involvement. Pan-com people feel honoured to participate in this land-mark project.

After Maureen had spoken, we went around the circle, each had a say, and pledged our energy for the project. Practical assistance with materials, building, tools, establishing sustainable agriculture and alternative energy systems were offered and preliminary plans made.

PANCON NEWS

The last meeting of the Pan-Community Council was held at Pretty Creek Community, and hosted by Don Morrison. Four Tweed Valley Communities were represented at this meeting, activities including volleyball, swimming and tree planting. A large shade tree was planted as a mark for future meetings, the fact that it was a monkey-pod tree hopefully will not be reflected in future meetings. The possibility of Communities sharing the cost of road maintenance equipment such as a grader and roller, to reduce the generally exorbitant costs of maintaining roads. Please feel free to raise this issue at your next Community meeting.

was discussed.

The next meeting of Pancon will be held at Blue Springs Community on Sunda the 11th of February at 12 noon. Bring food to share and follow the sign from Symonds Rd. via Blue Knob Rd.

The tentative venue for the March meeting is Ferndale Community, Roland Creek Rd. via Umi. More information in the next Newsletter.

Proposal to explore the possibilities of communities sharing road maintenance equipment like a grader and roller. Expected costs range from \$10,000 - 30,000 for a grader and similar for a large tractor and vibrating roller. The idea would be for participating communities to have access to the equipment on a rotational basis. The question of maintenance and actual operation of the equipment needs to be defined, ideas include waged operators and mechanics. Please to consider this item in relation to your communities ~~own~~ average annual road maintenance costs.

Occupied Households Remaining Shares

Robb Road

Robb Farm

Barjuma

Greenmont

Nimblegee

Lillifield

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11th July 1990

Mr. Mike Shegog
Pan Community Council
P.O. Box 102 Nimbin N.S.W.
2480.

Dear Mike,

Re: Inclusion of Commonground article in Pan Community Council newsletter.

Thankyou for sending down the newsletter which has many articles of interest relevant to a variety of our pursuits here in Victoria.

Mike, my understanding of the arrangement made with you by Glen & myself after the Nimbin market that wet Sunday in March was that in addition to subscribing to the newsletter, you were going to insert Commonground's new members flyer in the newsletter. It has not appeared in the editions we have received to June.

I am wondering whether it was deemed unsuitable for publication or whether it has not made it for reasons of space .

If it is still possible to include the flyer we would very much appreciate it . Enclosed are a few updated copies . Could you use this draft for inclusion & the others may be able to be distributed if appropriate.

Yours in co-operation,

Ed McKinley



COMMONGROUND COMMUNITY is looking for new members.

Commonground is a social change community, situated on 95 acres of land near Seymour Victoria. We are six adults and four children and now ready to incorporate new members. In order to maintain a healthy ratio of adults to children, we are looking for people without dependent children.

Commonground was established by this 'assorted band of revolutionaries' as our response to the state of the world and as our contribution to the building of a more egalitarian, just, and environmentally sustainable world. We are basically guided in our way of living and working by the principles of feminism, nonviolence, anarchy, and environmental responsibility.

Commonground is both a community who live relatively simply together under one roof, sharing our resources, our money and the raising of our children and a collective organization resourcing the social change movement.

This resourcing is done by providing a venue and a variety of supportive services to community based social change groups. Such groups include, peace, environment, self help and other social action groups. We run workshops on a wide range of subjects to do with operating effectively as a group. These include collective decision making, setting aims and objectives, managing tasks collectively, resolving conflict or whatever is concerning the particular group at the time.

Currently we are still in the process of building. A mud brick octagon with accommodation huts has been completed and is used by groups for workshops and time out. We are now building a large building complex which will house resident members and eventually provide further workshop space and accommodation for groups. We moved into the first stage of this building in June 1990.

It is time now for us to expand and so we are looking for new people to join us. It is not important how much money you have just plenty of enthusiasm and a commitment to the philosophy and objectives of Commonground.

So if you are looking for a new challenge in your life as a 'revolutionary' get in touch!

Contact Glen Alderson (new member coordinator) at Commonground,
P.O. Box 474, Seymour 3660, or phone (057) 938 257

1992 ROSTER FOR PAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS FOR NIMBIN

NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

1991			18/4	Gordon	3/10	Gordon
16/11	Gerhard		25/4	Mike	10/10	Judy
23/11	Wally	897489	2/5	Tony	17/10	Wally
30/11	Tony		9/5	Wally	24/10	Noel
7/12	Judy	897489	16/5	Noel	31/10	Gerhard
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21/12	Joy		30/5	Tony	14/11	Tony
28/12	Mike	897321	6/6	Joy	21/11	Wally
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25/1	Tony		11/7	Gerhard	26/12	Judy
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8/2	Wally		25/7	Tony	9/1	Tony
15/2	Noel		1/8	Joy	16/1	Gordon
22/2	Gerhard		8/8	Judy	23/1	Noel
29/2	Gordon		15/8	Gordon	30/1	Gerhard
7/3	Tony		22/8	Noel	6/2	Judy
14/3	Joy		29/8	Wally	13/2	Joy
21/3	Mike		5/9	Gerhard	20/2	Wally
28/3	Gerhard		12/9	Mike	27/2	Mike
4/4	Joy		19/9	Tony	Please organise a swap of dates if unable to attend. Mike 24/9/91	
11/4	Judy		26/9	Joy		

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— making communities work

The advertisement is a common one: 'Beautiful bushland, clean air, running water; all for the asking. New co-operative community now forming, \$3,000 per share...' and sometimes it is the beginning of a new life for many people. However, often the reverse occurs as is shown by the frequency of advertisements which proclaim, 'LAND FOR SALE: a few buildings, out-houses — some unfinished, URGENT SALE...'

What happened? And are there common factors in the success and failure of intentional communities? David Thatcher is well suited to answer these questions. He is a 10 year resident of one of North America's largest and most stable communities, host of the Canadian TV programme, *The Pioneering Spirit* and a world co-ordinator of communities and alternative projects for Integrity International. So Thatcher is one of the world's foremost authorities on community living. His own community, 100 Mile Lodge in British Columbia, Canada, was formed with five people in 1948, and now has over 100 members. It is part of the successful Emissary Network of communities.

Thatcher's recent visit to Australia aroused interest from people with a personal interest in communities and also from those interested in his concepts as a possible answer to some of Australia's deepest social problems. And as *Simply Living* discovered in this conversation, — there are plenty of them.

Q: How many communes are operating successfully in the US?

A: There were 100,000 back in the 60's and early 70's. Now there are about 3,000. So the numbers are decreasing, if

one looks at it that way. But the clarity and potency of those that remain is accelerating. At present there are probably 100,000 people living communally in North America with about 10,000 of them in pretty substantial properties.

Q: How many do you think there are in Europe?

A: In Denmark there are 10,000, but they are not new-age or spiritually based communities, because communal living has been a way of life for 125 years in Denmark. But this new shift in consciousness is accelerating rapidly in Denmark as it is in other countries, and is blending more easily with the co-operative lifestyle. There is also a thing called the Memo Network and there are 1,200 communes or businesses associated with that network in Holland. So there is a lot going on over there, even though I don't have exact figures for the rest of Europe.

Q: Have you found an optimum number of people for a community?

A: The maximum operational figure for communities tends to be around 130. There is a dynamic that works well up to that point, but it takes a lot of work to go beyond it.

Q: What type of groups form the largest communes?

A: I suspect that it would be the Hare Krishnas, the Rajneeshees and other spiritual groups.

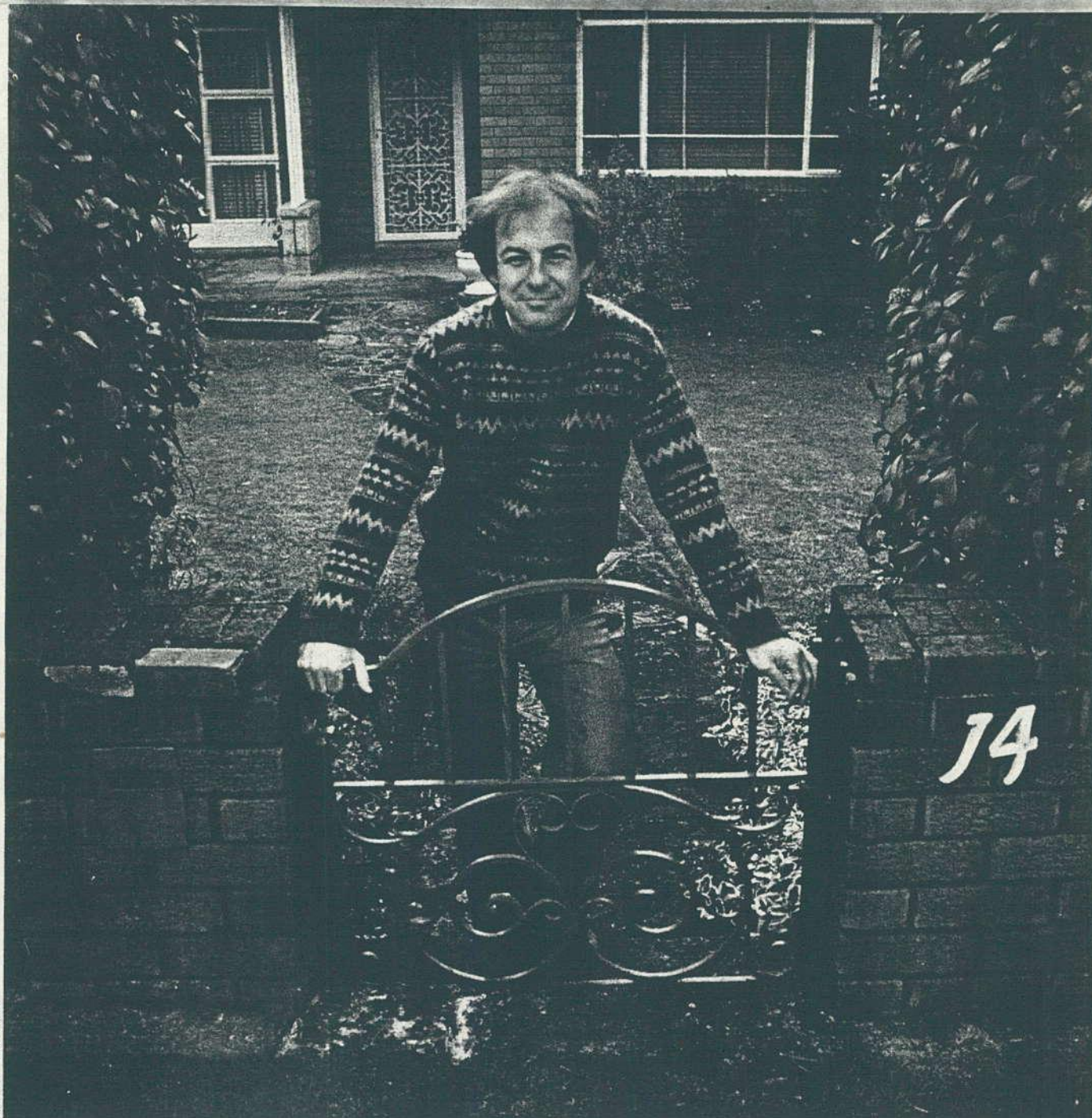
Q: In the past there has been an element of escapism in the shift to communal living — getting away from materialism and the hassles of the world. How would you describe the major type of communal development in the last 10 years?

A: They are communities that wish to

shift from global dysfunction and misalignment with the processes of life, to something which is more in tune with how life really works. They want to be more in tune with that power which spins the world on its axis, and moves our planet through space. That is what I see as the basic motivation but it is interpreted in different ways.

Q: Are there any communal societies which are founded around particular groups of professionals like doctors, dentists or school teachers?

A: No, although there are networks of professionals. For example, I know of a lawyer who is establishing a resource centre for communities around the world and exploring the different legal possibilities of fellowship. There are networks of teachers too. A group called the Foundation of Universal Unity is drawing together businessmen, lawyers, medical practitioners and other professionals who are really moving with this new vision. We have just set up something called Renaissance Business Associates, a bunch of business-people who are putting on workshops all over the world in an effort to show that the business world can have a creative impact. The Whole Health Institute is a world-wide association of medical practitioners concerned with the well-being of humankind. They range from neurosurgeons to nurses and naturopaths and are co-ordinating this year's global human unity conference. You may be aware of a new book called the Trim Tab Factor, a Buckminster Fuller analogy which outlines a very simple effect. Ships have a rudder and a thing called a 'trim-tab' on the rudder. This little operation becomes very interesting when



we are looking at the "what can one person do" fear pattern. One person can be the trim tab for the whole liner – just move a little yourself, which allows a larger group of changed-minded people to move easier as a group and next thing you know, the whole ocean liner of humanity is changing.

Q: What makes a successful community?

A: Ultimately, the successful community is one that is founded upon principles of reality. But regardless of the reasons for their creation, wherever there is a willingness for a community to continue to change its precepts and to allow people to continue to mature in the context of that community – if there is that flexibility, then it is viable.

Q: Is that why 97,000 communities have folded during the past 20 years?

A: Yes, I would add that many of these people were not willing to do work within themselves. Communal living can be

very intense: like marriage. You have two people coming together, you are committing your life to another. In a community like mine with 125 people, I have to commit myself to be honest, real and clear with that many people and that takes patience and a lot of growing.

Q: How much is that a product of the 60's and 70's do you think, as opposed to faults within people?

A: I think that in our current collective consciousness, we have tended to be isolated individuals and that isn't really how we were meant to function. The 60's and 70's was a time when a lot of people, particularly young people, were recognising that this isolation was really dumb. But we had assumed all sorts of isolated habits and conditioning from our parents and society, so coming together created problems. But those of us who have rung in there with communities, have really grabbed hold of this concept and pretty much worked it out. In a larger context,

this process is like the coming together of a body and we are watching the different organs appear, and some of these communities are the initial radiant frequencies that are present before the organ manifests. So you have some people who are recognising this need to fit in with the human body but they come in as part of the liver when they are actually part of the pancreas. That doesn't work, but eventually they fit in wherever they need to. This isn't to say that everyone needs to be part of a major organ or a major community but we are all part of the body of humanity and it all fits together, it is just a matter of awakening yourself to the realisation that you are a part of a greater whole.

Q: Can you give us an idea of the different kinds of legal structures under which communities can be set up?

A: The most common seems to be the non-profit society. Land trusts are also popular. Basically this means that the property is set up in trust and in per-

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petuity. Trustees are appointed to take care of the trust, but no individual can own it. If people die they don't will it over. It just continues as that entity. New members are elected and nominated to the board. The number of members on the board depends on the country. In our community which is a non-profit society, we have maybe half a dozen of the 125 members as directors.

Q: What do you do when there is confrontation in this style of life?

A: Good question! Basically we are aware that we are inherently co-operative, complementary beings. So if we have a confrontation it is because one of us or both of us are unclear and are not aligned with who we inherently are. We need to relax and pull our horns back and trust that the other person is living to the highest of their capabilities. We so often think that people are trying to manipulate us, but I find that in the majority of cases that is not so. People are 'simply living' to the highest of their vision so if we can give another person that kind of space and trust, we have something creative to do together. Experiments in this type of living have failed in North America over two decades but 3,000 worked out how to resolve conflict and work together. Somehow we are going to have to transpose this success onto a global scale. This communal laboratory has to be extended because we are living in a time of global shift and epic change. Just as we moved from the Dark Ages to the Renaissance, the Industrial era is coming to an end. A massive evolutionary shift is occurring and we must move with it or get bowled over by the tidal wave.

Q: Are there any particular busines-

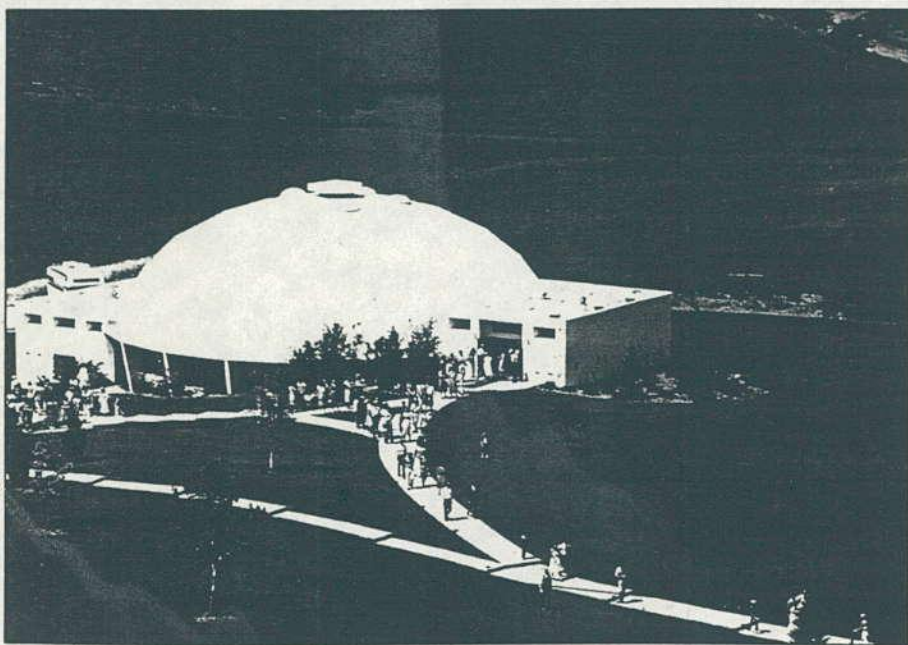
ses that should be pursued by new communities?

A: There is an increasing demand for workshops which provide information on how to live and intentional communities should provide this. We have learned how to make a living but very little has been learnt about how to live. Examples of functional, new-age technology are also the natural domain of communities. For example, our hydroponic greenhouse in British Columbia is proving viable in a cold climate.

Q: Most people tend to believe communities lean towards an involvement in more craft oriented industries. Is that changing?

A: Yes, because we are growing up. Most of those who started out in communities in the 60's and 70's are now in their 30's or 40's. They are more confident in a broader range of skills and their monetary base is larger too.

Q: Can you outline some of the pitfalls that new communities should be aware of?



Dome chapel — a variation on a Buckminster Fuller design.

Top: The two founders of the Emissary society, taken about 1950, left — Lloyd Meeks and right, Lord Exeter (British nobleman who recently inherited his seat in British House of Lords).

A: Many communities have been successful. It is useful to ask why they have survived and thrived. A lack of flexibility and openness is probably the biggest pitfall. I find it is beneficial to establish a community in a place where people can go out to work and bring back funds to get the operation under way. It is like starting a small business: get a job, an income that is going to bring in your bread and butter, then start your small business on the side. As the community becomes economically viable, then more people can quit those other jobs and work on workshops or on whatever you intend to do. But in saying this I am not promoting communities per se. I am promoting the attitudes which should exist in communal homes, apartment blocks, streets or in individuals who want to open their hearts and trust life and one another.

Q: Australia's Prime Minister has recently mentioned the possibility of kibbutz style communities here for the unemployed. What advice would you give him?

A: He should look at some of the successful communities overseas. A wonderful example would be the Mondragon co-operative system in the Basque region of Spain. It was started in 1954, by a Roman Catholic priest in a very depressed area. Many of his parishioners were out of work. They began a worker-owned, production co-op. They pooled their resources, got some finance, surveyed the market, found something that could be manufactured, found the equipment to manufacture it and started to produce electrical appliances. That has now expanded to a multitude of small worker-operated co-ops and currently employs 20,000 people. Many of those people live collectively too. You can't just put a bunch of people together and say you are going to be a commune. You must have people who are receptive to that open-hearted, interpersonal function. Otherwise there is going to be a lot of conflict. And in order to get that you've got to provide something like consciousness raising workshops as preliminaries.

Q: Do you think the Prime Minister's idea is viable?

A: Yes, I do. There's great merit in it.

Q: Do you think politicians would know much about communes?

A: I doubt it, because that hasn't been their lifestyle. They tend to be very successful individuals who haven't had a lot of experience in collective living.

Q: That's probably because they see this whole thing as a threat to their individual ego and power. You're saying we need to pool this individual con-

sciousness into a collective consciousness...

A: Yes, and as we extend that scenario of individuality to its ultimate extreme we end up with the present posturing of the USSR and the USA, and it looks like we are going to blow up the world. I think that is even more of a threat to our individuality because we are not going to have a planet to be individuals on. It is incumbent upon us to release that old individualistic and militant posture and recognise that we are here to co-operate. Through intentional communities I have found that the disillusion of the isolated ego leads to a fascinating discovery of a complementary friendship which in turn opens up amazing individual abilities.

Q: Do you know if leaders in other parts of the world have tried to set up communes?

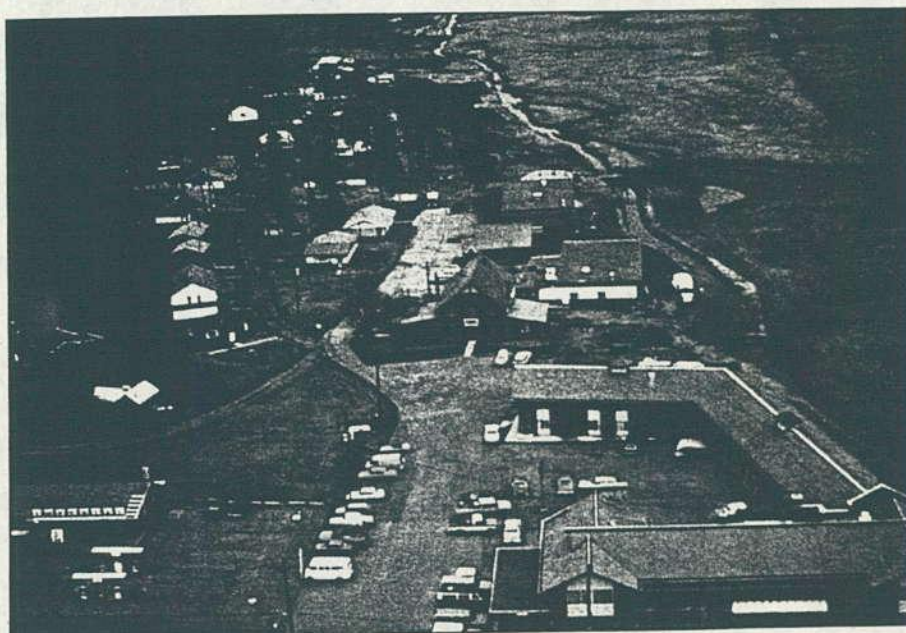
A: Well, obviously there are the kibbutzim in Israel. They have been functional on a physical and economic level but increasingly there is the recognition of a need for them to encompass a spiritual aspect. To just bring people together, helter-skelter, is like putting a bunch of husks together. The individuals concerned need to mesh at more than just a physical level.

Q: Isn't it likely that the government will want these things to run at a profit?

A: Yes, but they must realise that, okay, there is a great potential for making money here, but at present a lot of people living in communities don't get a lot of money and in fact are not doing it for money. They are putting their personal lives on the line by exploring prototypes of viable living on this planet and it is really a labour of love.

Q: Can you give us some examples of the different type of communes around the world and are there any that are outstanding?

A: Well, there are the pragmatic Kibbutzim of Israel, spiritual collectives like Findhorn in Scotland and the North American communes. One that has formed as a sort of social experiment is Christiana in Copenhagen. It started in 1967, when the Danish military abandoned a huge barracks in the middle of Copenhagen, bounded by walls. There are nearly 30 large garrison brick buildings inside, where a number of hippies and others squatted. By the 1970's a number of the squatters were social workers and they negotiated with the government to conduct a social experiment on the people and lifestyle of Christiana. The social workers worked with prostitutes, drug dealers, and all sorts of illicit activities and are now employing them in various businesses. Former drug dealers, prostitutes and others are delighted to be getting their lives in order and are very appreciative of what was being provided there.



Top: The Esalen institute, in Big Sur, California (began 1962). Home to a community of about 40. Hot tubs, and cast iron bath tubs are fed by a geothermally heated creek in the hillside.
Aerial view of 100-Mile Lodge community - Canadian co-ordinating centre for Emissary society founded 1948.



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Q: What is the present state of schools in many of these communities?

A: The basic ingredient of community schools that is not as strong in the public school system is that of love and compassion for the children. They are also intent on providing 'hands-on' experience, so that children are not just getting talked at. At my home in British Columbia, we chose to have our children educated in the local school system which is a mixed blessing. The kids tend to suffer from decompression when they come home from school, but as we see it, we are here to be in the world as it is and we have an opportunity to help them heal any wounds they get while they are in school. So they are healing their own hearts and clarifying their own thinking and when they go back to school they tend to be very dynamic and are becoming obvious leaders throughout the school.

Q: Do the kids stay in the community when they leave school?

A: In our early years of great vision but no real grounding in it, the kids seemed to hear the theories and recognise the hypocrisy because they tended to leave when they were able to. But now, many of them aren't bothering to leave or tour the world as they used to. Many of those who have left over the years are coming back either to our community or others in this network, because we have transcended the theories, and are now realising them.

Q: Do intentional communities need leadership from a person or group? What sort of things should they look for in leadership?

A: Leadership is important. I know that a lot of communities have rejected it in favour of consensus but I think leadership is vital. But one needs to be very careful in the leadership that one accepts and the basic litmus test is to see if the leader is saying, "you need to help yourself, it's your responsibility." If so, you can be sure that you are not going to be burned by a leader who is trying to feather his nest and accumulate a mass following. Having visited communities all over the world and seen many of the spiritually oriented ones, easily 98 percent of them are honest and upright in what they are doing. The vision varies. Some have a broader context than others, but very few have any sort of manipulative intent.

Q: In Australia we have a few survivalist communities which have underground networks and are anticipating the day when the bomb is dropped. Have you had any experience with these groups?

A: Looking at epic shifts throughout

history it is evident that within the collective consciousness, there are two ways that people go. One is to open one's heart and mind and receive new creative possibilities. These people's attitude is: "The darker the cloud the more silver the lining", and a lot of us are starting to see a silver lining these days. There are tremendous possibilities occurring now. The other side of this phase shift is those who refuse to make that kind of change in themselves, toward greater openness, and honesty, and they tend to go with the old tendencies of habit, fear and defensiveness. I appreciate the concern that the survivalists have because it really does look as if the world is going down the tube but their response is just as militant as that of the power brokers. The atmosphere in these places seems to be very heavy and there have been a few murders recently in American survivalist communities.

Q: Do you intend to sow the seeds of the Emissary network here in Australia?

A: That really isn't my interest. I just want to assist people in any way that I can. If in doing that, people would like to be closely associated with the worldwide network called the Emissary Society that is wonderful. I really don't care. We have discovered a model that works and we are delighted to share that.

Q: There have been a couple of communities formed in Australia by getting shareholders from radio announcements. Is this a good way to go about it?

A: It is dangerous to invite a cross-section of people you don't really know because as I said before, this thing is like a marriage and you wouldn't marry someone you had never seen before. I have seen many communities fail because they have accepted all and sundry and then tried to do something collectively. Just having a bunch of people living on two acre plots of land is more like a subdivision than a community.

Q: If you had one thing to say to the communities in Australia at the moment to help them, what would it be?

A: Trust that there is an inherent design to life, that we are designed to collectively co-operate on the planet and that this trust to 'community' is right in cycle. Trust also that there are people on the planet who are available to guide and assist. And I would conclude by saying that the success of your endeavour is not so much in the structures you go for but in the open-hearted attitude with which you pursue them.

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From the organisers

Our festivals are continuing to grow and we have expanded just a little with a couple of new venues, lots of ideas and a bit more space. The festival is organised and run totally on a voluntary basis and if you could give us a hand during the event ... thank you. Oh and don't forget during the festival to Join the Folk Federation.

Food Festival

We are pleased to say we have made the grade of festival in this category. There will be huge array of quality restaurants setting up on site, dispensing a wide variety of multicultural fare.

Camping

Thanks to the work by the Caloundra City Council we have more room this year to spread. Camping areas are on site but camping areas are unshaded and unpowered. Please, no campfires. There are crash-pads available on site and a general store at the festival to stock up.

Parking

Season ticket holders will receive priority with parking on site.

Please, no pets!

In the unlikely event of rain, the entire festival can be held undercover.

If you bring your umbrella & gum boots it won't rain so please bring them. Maleny summer evenings can be quite cool ... bring a jumper.

ADMISSION FEES

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SEASON	AT GATE	PRE-PAID
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13-17 years	\$30	\$25
5-12 years	\$15	(Max \$26) \$13
DAY & EVENING	AT GATE	PRE-PAID
Adult	\$20	\$17
13-17 years	\$12	\$10
5-13 years	\$7	\$6
EVENING AFTER 4PM	AT GATE	PRE-PAID
Adult	\$15	\$12
13-17 years	\$6	\$4
6-13 years	\$3	\$2
TUES. MONDAY	AT GATE	PRE-PAID
Adult	\$6	pre-purchase
13-17 years	\$3	unavailable
5-13 years	free	
CAMPING	per head weekend	per head weekend
	Under 18	Under 18
	\$10	\$6
	free	Free

FAMILY CONCESSION Families attending the festival for the whole day and evening may purchase their family ticket for \$40 (prepurchase \$30)

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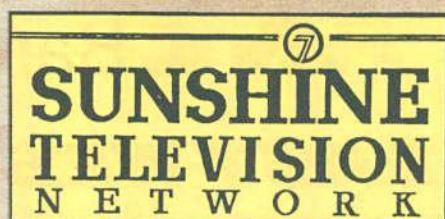
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Everyday

Festival guests **Visions Of A Nomad** will be performing on and off throughout festival at their own venue near the Visual Arts and Crafts site. There will be unprogrammed entertainment at this year's festival folk club (I Decide stage) operating for those hundreds of quality performers not on the formal programme. Lots of street entertainment has also been programmed although doesn't appear on this broadsheet. Don't forget there will be acoustic jam sessions happening at the *Session Tents*, *The Chai Tent*, *Yartz Venue* after 5pm, *The Gymnasium* each night and just about everywhere else. So bring your instruments and singing voices and join in.

Friday Evening

7.30pm **OPENING CONCERT** **Outdoor Stage**
Imbala Dancers open the festival with traditional Aboriginal dancing. Maleny has long been the gathering place for Murri people at the great Bunya Festivals. **Musica** a superb local band playing a variety of multicultural music. Opening of the festival with **HRH** or is she **Gerry Connolly** in disguise? **Dave De Hugard** fine singer of Australian traditional material.



Penny Davies & Roger Ilott musicians, singers, engineers of *Restless Recordings* and first class performers. (pictured above)
The Slaters an energetic addition to the Sunshine Coast's folk movement.

10.30pm **OPENING CABARET** **Big Top**
Blat'n Blat'n & Coolangubra A powerful combination of two class bands to fire up the festival's late evenings.

10.30pm **OPENING DANCE** **Pavilion**
featuring the champion bush band **The Leaping Lizards**.

11pm **LATE NIGHT LAUGHS** **Theatre**
A new addition to the Maleny Folk Festival each night ... tonight comedian **Gerry Connolly** will be assisted by songster **Bruce Watson** and members of the madcap **Two Hard Baskets**.

Saturday

9am **RHYTHM PERCUSSION FESTIVAL** **Union Stage**
Australia's foremost rhythm & percussion exponents each day present workshops on the exciting ethnic rhythms generating the new emerging Australian music. This mini-fest will culminate in a performance by participants on New Year's Eve. First up, **Linsey Pollak** with **Balkan Bop** make simple work of difficult Eastern European rhythms. Also, a mix of South American and Indian rhythms.

9am **Yartz**
Bonzannie A Commedia Dell'ate Troupe Commedia is an Italian 16th Century comedy of intrigue using stock characters often masked and largely improvised dialogue. Join this workshop each morning of the festival.

9am **Gymnasium**
International Dancer **Jean Tally** from the USA and local dance teacher **Joanne Byrne** conduct master classes in contemporary dance each morning of the festival culminating in a performance on Monday.

9.30am **SONGWRITER'S CONCERT** **Big Top**
A special concert of some great, if unknown songwriters. From Sydney comes **Peter Hicks**, the Coast's own all female trio **Highly Strung**, Brisbane's **Griff Bignall** and better known writer, humourist and musician **Lee Williams**.

9.30am **POLITICAL PARODY** **Forum**
Wonderful songwriter and humourist of note, **Bruce Watson** shows us how to pour scorn on some well known figures.

9.30am **CALEDONIA DREAMING** **Cafe**
Magnificent singers **Gordon McIntyre & Kate Delaney** and friends look at the traditional and contemporary folk song movement in Scotland.

9.30am **THE OZONE PICTURE SHOW** **Theatre**
The story of Broken Hill seen through the eyes of a kid growing up in the 50's presented by very fine singer/songwriter and performer **John Broomhall**.

9.30am **Main Pavilion**
Vicki Cox takes us through some interesting Irish country dances.

10am **Yartz**
Artist **Roy Oorloff** conducts a community arts project each day of the festival in which a unique record of festival folk through a collective self portrait is created.

10.30am **Festival Common**
Mandala International Dancers perform their multicultural dances.

11am **Gymnasium**
A songwriting class each day of the festival presented by **Phyl Lobl**, herself a great writer and a wonderful technician of song ... a first class workshop for aspiring songwriters. Bring your tape recorder.

11am **Festival Common**
Brisbane's Aboriginal dance troupe **Imbala** perform their traditional tribal dances.

11am **FOR THE FUTURE & THE PAST** **Union Stage**
Margaret Walters launches her CD/Cassette and with friends including *The Fagans* perform selections from this stunning album of unique and diverse Australian traditional and contemporary songs.

11am **Pavilion**
Petre Gjorgjievski & Lily Speviouska conducts Macedonian dancing.

11am **SONGS OF WAR & PEACE** **Cafe**
A look at the songs of war and peace by Brisbane's own **Ian Deardon**, **John Thompson** and friends.

11am **Yartz**
Colombia Linda conduct a hands on workshop featuring the music and dance of Latin America.

11am **Theatre**
A closer look at Thursday Island and it's music by the famous Thursday Island singers **The Mills Sisters** ... special guests.

11am **LIFE & WORK OF BANJO PATERSON** **Forum**
Songwriter, singer, poet, and gambler **John Dengate** looks at the life and work of one of Australia's great folk heroes.

11.30am **Festival Common**
Imbala Dancers Aboriginal song and dance from South East Queensland.

1pm **BLUES CONVENTION** **Big Top**
A popular innovation at last year's festival. This year it features guitarist extraordinaire **Phil Manning**, brilliant blues harp man **Doc Span**, local bluesman and songwriter **Chris Dent** and the wonderful **Leah Cotterell** and **Bebopera**.

1pm **Yartz**
Linsey Pollak talented instrument maker offers a hands on instrument making workshop. Each day features a different instrument ... pan pipes, flutes, drums. (Small fee for cost of materials).

1pm **Theatre**
Singer and musician from Western Australia, **Bernard Carney** presents a musical biography of the great *Tom Lehrer: Master of Satire*.

1pm **Yartz**
Cathy Teakle of *The Well Tempered Consort* *The Music of The Renaissance*. Cathy's specialty is lute and baroque recorder. Please BYO instruments & voices.

1pm **TALES & TUNES OF LITTLE RIVER** **Forum**
Reminiscences, songs and squeeze-box tunes of *Kathleen McCaughey* (1901-1989) presented by folklorist and performer **Dave De Hugard**.

1pm **IF YOU CAN TALK YOU CAN SING** **Gym**
With festival special guests **Frankie Armstrong** and **Darien Pritchard**. This workshop is for people who think they can't sing (please book at reception).

1pm **Pavilion**
Rezeda from Sydney perform and teach social dances from Hungary.

1pm **THE MUSIC OF SOUTH AMERICA** **Cafe**
With two brilliant South American folk bands **Ukikuna** and **Colombia Linda**.

1.30pm **Festival Common**
Mandala International Dancers perform multicultural dances.

2pm **Festival Common**
Djabugay Mona Mona Dance Group Down from Kuranda especially for the festival. Traditional Aboriginal dancing.

2.30pm **MUSICIANS AT RISK** **Theatre**
You are in for a surprise because there's more than one in every crowd. A musical comedy production performed by local artists and written by local musicians **Garry Jones** and **Stephanie Pollard**.

3.00pm **Forum Stage**
Rhythms of Reconciliation. First in a series of workshops on a shared dreaming between black and white Australians. An inspiration for surviving and prospering together in this great Southern land. Presented by **Wayne Armitage**, and Aboriginal elders **Lance Riley** and **Peter Costella**.

3pm **MAJOR CONCERT** **Big Top**
Jim Haynes a marvellous modern day swaggie.
Ukikuna an exciting new South American folk band from Woolloongong.
Phyl Lobl our songwriting workshop tutor singing some of her own songs.
Eric Bogle (Pictured right) probably Australia's greatest singer/songwriter in concert with his offsidiers **Brent Miller** and **John Munro**.



3pm **Yartz**
Jean Tally multi-cultural dance choreography.

3pm **SEXUAL FANTASIES OF A SWAGMAN** **Union Stage**
An informative and entertaining presentation from **Michael O'Rourke** about *folk music... what is it?*

3.30pm **Festival Common**
International dance troupe **The Mandala Dancers** perform their dances.

3.45pm **Pavilion**
Ruth Brent of *Arabesque* introduces the first of two dance workshops of Middle Eastern dances.

4.30pm **Gymnasium**
Fingerpicking Guitar Style a hands on workshop for people with basic guitar skills with master picker **Bernard Carney**.

4pm **THEATRE**
BIRRAWAMAN DREAMING
A visual presentation of the Aboriginal legend of the Glasshouse Mountains, presented by photographer **Robyn Adams**.

5pm **Cafe**
Imbala Dancers traditional Aboriginal dance and song.

5pm **Pavilion**
OLD TIME DANCE
Remember the *Oxford Waltz* and the *Gypsy Tap* ... here they are with dance band **In the Mood** featuring some *real* piano music.

5.30pm **Yartz**
Blues Harp For Beginners with **Garry Berryman**. Bring along your harmonica and learn from the start.

5.30pm **Cafe**
CAFE FOLKLORIC
The Tongan Brass Band 35 piece and in full costume.
Sher Punjab a remarkable dance troupe performing traditional Indian rites.
The Well Tempered Consort Renaissance music on original instruments.
Colombia Linda Brisbane's latest South American quality folk band.

5.30pm **Union Stage**
Explore the history of the world wide folk heroes with the **Brisbane Women's Workshop** ... a quality presentation.

5.30pm **Theatre**
AUSTRALIAN TRADITION
A special concert dedicated to the traditional folk music featuring **Alan Scott**, **Margaret Walters**, **Dave De Hugard**, **Helen Rowe** and **Bill Berry**.

6pm **Big Top**
THE FIDDLER'S CONVENTION
Some of the festival's best fiddle players gather to demonstrate the versatility of this wonderful instrument. A popular innovation from last year. Special guest is All American champion **Rudi Booper**.

6.30pm **Festival Common**
Morris Dancers from all over SE Queensland perform spectacular traditional olde English dances.

7pm **THE GREAT BAND CONTEST** **Union Stage**
Professional and semi-professional musicians enter their names which get drawn out of a hat four or five at a time. They form a band and enter the contest which starts tomorrow at this venue. The best band wins a spot in the big top on New Year's Eve. Be here for the entry and draw if you wish to enter. A power of fun for musicians and audience alike. Heats begin here at 3pm and finals to be notified.

8pm **EVENING CONCERT** **Outdoor venue**
Sher Punjab remarkable Indian Dancers.
Bruce Watson humorous songster from Melbourne.



THE COOKROOBOREE
Three Aboriginal dance groups come together for this special event. Hosted by Brisbane group **Imbala** with **Milmarjah Dreaming** and **Djabugay Mona Mona Dancers** from Kuranda. First time in Maleny for around 100 years.

Gordon McIntyre & Kate Delaney magnificent folk singers from Sydney.
Glynn Nicholas (pictured right) mime artist, storyteller, musician and comedian, host of the ABC's *Big Gig* and special guest of the festival.
The Hinterland Band great local band of superb songwriters.



11pm **SING UP!** **Gymnasium**
Late night rousing choruses with **Margaret Walters**. Bring your singing voices.

11.15 pm **LATE NIGHT CABARET** **Big Top**
featuring The Sunshine Coast's own rage band **The Spirits** and energetic new band from Brisbane **Full Quid**.

11.15 pm **LATE NIGHT BUSH DANCE** **Pavilion**
featuring the energetic dance music of Brisbane's **Verandah Band**.

11.30pm **LATE NIGHT LAUGHS** **Theatre**
featuring the humorous songs of **Lee Williams**, the stunts of members of **Two Hard Baskets** and the original, authentic and outrageous **Sandy Thorne**.

11.30pm **EVERGREEN REALM** **Cafe**
A Rainforest Suite (a musical description of the rainforest) performed by **Sirocco** with Chinese master **Chai Chang Ning**.

Sunday

9am **Yartz**
Bonzannie workshop continues from yesterday morning.

9am **Union Stage**
The Rhythm and Percussion Festival continues ... join **Jan Wositzky** and **Peter Firth** and the Celtic rhythm and percussion with the spoons, bones and bodhran with a fiddle and flute.

9am **Gymnasium**
Jean Tally continues with her contemporary dance workshop.

9.30am **MULTICULTURAL CONCERT** **Big Top**
A special concert celebrating multi-cultural Australia featuring **The Shanghai String Quartet**, **Balkan Bop**, **Ukikuna**, and **Nawang**.

9.30am **Pavilion**
Qing graduate in Chinese culture from Shanghai teaches Chinese dance.

9.30am **Theatre**
At last we have managed to convince Irish musicians, **The High Notes** to record an album. Help **Gordon McIntyre & Kate Delaney**, **Bernard Bolan** and **Penny Davies & Roger Ilott** and other guests launch it.

9.30am **Yartz**
Artist **Roy Oorloff** continues his community arts project from yesterday.

9.30am **Forum**
Musicians and Metaphysics - A workshop on the Tarot conducted by teachers and readers **Peg Radcliffe & Christina Eason**.

10am **Festival Common**
Djabugay Mona Mona Dance Group traditional Aboriginal dance from NQ.

10am **Cafe**
Something Fishy is top band from the Northern Rivers. Here they release their first album entitled *Progress*.

11am **Gymnasium**
Frankie Armstrong - improvising and playing with harmonies and three or four part songs. (maximum 50 people ... please book at reception).

11am **Theatre**
ERIC BOGLE IN CONCERT
Australia's most decorated songwriter and great performer here in concert with **Brent Miller** and **John Munro**.

11am **Forum**
Story teller **Michael Vlasto** from Northern New South Wales entertains us with an ancient cultural tradition.

11am **Yartz**
Brilliant French mime artist **Danny Simony** presents this workshop.

11am **WE HUMPED OUR BLUES SERENELY** **Union Stage**
Traditional singer **Alan Scott** revisits the shearer's songs celebrating the centenary of the shearer's strike.

11am **Gymnasium**
Phyl Lobl continues her master class for songwriters.

11am **Pavilion**
Live Hungarian dance music comes to the festival with **Rezeda** and dance called and demonstrated by **Kengugro**.

Noon Festival Common
Milmarjah Dreaming Aboriginal dancing and music from Northern Queensland and Mornington Island.



GUINNESS

CONCERT

Big Top

12.30pm
A special concert acknowledging the Irish contribution to Australian culture and this festival's major sponsor without whom ... featuring **The Emigrants, The Battlers, The High Notes, Danny & Tommy** and **Geraldine Doyle** (*pictured right*).



1pm Yartz
Linsey Pollak continues his instrument making workshop.

1pm SEND THE CITY SUNSHINE Cafe
Well known performer and songwriter **Bernard Bolan** and friends introduce us the the folk songs of the cities.

1.30pm RISE & FALL OF THE RAILWAYS Union Stage
Jim Haynes & Friends guide us through the history of Australian Railways in song and verse ... often humorous.

1.30pm Pavillion
Malaukwai Dancers. Join them and learn wonderful social dances from Boigu Island in Torres Strait. and also, **The Mills Sisters** with their Island Dances.

1.30pm Yartz
Four beautiful voices from one family ... **The Fagans.** This is your chance to sing in harmony.

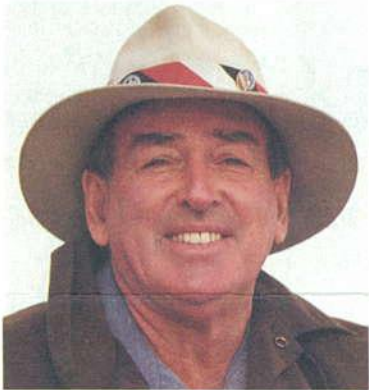
1.30pm Forum
Folklorist **Bill Scott** follows the movement of song from county to county and country to country and a look at parodies.

2pm Gymnasium
Phyl Lobl continues her songwriting workshop.

2pm Theatre
A repeat of yesterday's *Musicians at Risk* by **Garry Jones** and **Stephanie Pollard**.

2.30pm Theatre
Best selling author, writer **Sandy Thorne** presents *Bush Humour* - Australian humour at it's best with jokes, yarns, verse and some personal experiences.

2.40pm MAJOR CONCERT Big Top
Te Marana Tahiti & South Pacific Island Dancers
Hans Poulsen shaping Australian contemporary music.
Frankie Armstrong great woman of song from England.
Sirocco leacing Australia with *World Music* sounds.
Ted Egan (*pictured right*) songs of Australia, one of our best known writers & cultural pioneers.



3.30pm Festival Common
Malaukwai Dancers colourful Torres Strait Is Dancers 1st time at the festival.

4pm Yartz
Blues Harp for Advanced with American bluesman **Doc Span**.

4pm Forum
2nd workshop on a shared dreaming of black and white Australians. Exploring the need for a mutual love and respect in the years ahead. Presented by **Wayne Armitage**, and Aboriginal elders **Lance Riley** and **Peter Costella**.

4.30pm Gymnasium
Writer **Angelika Fremd** conducts a workshop which teach people how to use writing for enjoy nent, empowerment and therapy.

5pm Cafe
Milmarjah Dreaming Traditional Aboriginal dancing from Northern Queensland and Mornington Island.

5pm Theatre
Humour, politics and culture with Jan and his shadow **Bill Smith** who perform selections from their days with *The Bushwackers*, from their book and some new originals. (Doors close 5.25pm)

5.30pm Big Top
Regarded as one of the North America's finest female folk singers.She has taken a leading role in the British folk music revival. The Maleny Folk Festival's special guest, this is the first of two festival appearances. Peggy is at the forefront of the folk movement internationally. Supporting Peggy at this concert is **Bill Berry** regarded by many as the finest singer of traditional material in Australia.

5.30pm Cafe
Chai Chang Ning (*pictured right*) Master Chinese flute player.
Balkan Bop Sydney's answer to powerful Hungarian song and dance.
Nawang the wonderful sound of the Tibetan flute.
Te Marana Tahiti and South Pacific Island Dancers combine to perform traditional Polynesian dancing.



6pm Forum
Australian Folk Trust Chairperson **Dale Dengate** introduces a panel of **Alan Scott, Dave De Hugard** and **Ted Barraclough** to speak and open a discussion on *Oral History and Folklore. - Where Should It Be Going?*

6pm Festival Common
Djabugay Mona Mona Dancers.Traditional Aboriginal dances from the rain-forests of North Queensland.

6.30pm Festival Common
Mass Morris Dancing from Morris teams from all over the state.

6.45pm Theatre
Snippets From the Grand Tapestry of Birth. A powerful look at the female transformation through birth ... tales old and new, presented by the Natural Birthing Association of Queensland.

7.30pm Maleny Hotel
A dinner to inaugurate a poetry prize of \$1000 in each of two categories, rhyming verse and free verse. This dinner will feature some distinguished writers and an entertaining evening is planned as well as the announcement of the winners. Strictly limited tickets are \$25 each including dinner. Please book (074)414828.

8pm EVENING CONCERT Outdoor Venue
The Malaukwai Dancers colourful and spirited Thursday Island Dancers.
Coolangubra environmental music at its best with slides.
Bernard Carney humourous singer all the way from WA
Exotic Strings a brilliant string quartet show how to desanctify classical music.
Kevin Carmody a powerful voice of Aboriginal people.
Gondwanaland the definitive sound of contemporary Australia.

9pm Theatre
LIMELIGHT REVUE
A night of histrionics, trickery, mirth and music. A stage show not quite in the music hall tradition.

10.30pm Pavilion
LATE NIGHT DANCE
Go into a trans-alvania till late with Hungarian band **Rezeda**.

10.30pm Big Top
featuring The Sunshine Coast's **Hinterland Band** and special guest appearances by **Sirocco** and **Gondwanaland**... a festival special.

11pm Theatre
LATE NIGHT LAUGHS
featuring **Geraldine Doyle** with songster **Bernard Carney** and the outrageous **Sydney Phil** and **Monique**.

Monday

9am Yartz
Bonzannie workshop continues.

9am Forum
Internationally acclaimed master drummer from Bermuda **Keith Caisey** leads this workshop on Carribbean rhythms and African 'High Life' drumming and will be joined by other festival percussionists.

9am Gymnasium
Joanne Byrne continues the contemporary dance master classes.

9am Yartz
Make your mask for tonight's festival parade and then join the parade starting at the cafe at 8.15pm. This workshop runs all day.

9.30am Big Top
COUNTRY MUSIC CONVENTION
A special concert leaning to the country side of folk featuring new Sunshine Coast country band **Paradise, Sue Haselden, Noel Simonsen & The Cooloola Cowboys**, hot bluegrass band **The Slaters, Keith Blinman** and all American fiddle champ **Rudi Booher**.

9.30am Theatre
FACES OF AUSTRALIA
Ted Egan presents a special concert looking at Australia since the convicts.

9.30am Cafe
A LINK IN YOUR CHAIN
Special festival guest **Frankie Armstrong** sings to the theme of women's traditional songs. This presentation will open up for people to sing along.

9.30am Pavilion
Anne Hildeyard & Rob Bester teach some wonderful Breton Dances.

9.30pm Forum
TEN THOUSAND MILES AWAY
A personal and nostalgic look at how immigration shaped Australia with traditional and contemporary songs and poetry. Presented by **Bob & Laurel Wilson**.

10 am Yartz
Artist **Roy Oorloff** continues his community arts project.

11am Union Stage
NO HOLES BARRED
Jim Haynes & Friends examine the not so serious side of Australian sport and the Australian working class character.

11am Theatre
SOMEONE ELSE'S THUNDER
How to copy from the world's great songwriters and make it sound like *you* wrote it. Revealed at last - the secrets behind the success of some of the world's most acclaimed writers by one who has been there and done it ... **Mike McClellan**.

11am Yartz
Learn 20th Century circus skills.

11am Forum
CHAMPIONS OF RHYMING VERSE
A special concert featuring five of Australia's finest rhyming poets ... **Charlee Marshall, Shirley Friend, Marco Giori, Sandy Thorne**, and **Merv Langford (The Backyard Bard)**.

11am Cafe
DIGITAL DIDGE
Sirocco has a closer look at the world music scene and the modern and ancient technology of Australia.

11am Gymnasium
Phyl Lobl's final master class for songwriters.

11.30am Festival Common
Djabugay Mona Mona Dancers traditional Aboriginal dancing from NQ.

11.30am Pavilion
Petre Gjorgjievski & Lily Speviouska continue Macedonian dance.

12.30 pm Big Top
20TH CENTURY DREAMING
Maintaining the balance, harmony and respect for Australia - an Aboriginal perspective. A group of festival guests discuss their hopes for Australia and their lives as prominent Murris. Hosted by **Kev Carmody** and **Maureen Watson**.

1pm Yartz
Join **Judy Pippen**, tutor in drama, **Majella Jacobsen**, tutor in music and **Joanne Byrne** tutor in dance for a special performing arts workshop with an *I Decide* theme. Participants in the workshop will perform at the *I Decide Cafe* .

1.15pm Cafe
PENNY DAVIES & ROGER ILOTT CONCERT
Great performers, songwriters, and recordists from *Australia All Over* fame here in full flight.

1.30pm Forum
"Just because it's funny, doesn't mean it's right - the morality of comedy" a discussion based workshop with **Geraldine Doyle**.

1.30pm Theatre
HANS POULSEN IN CONCERT
A special concert featuring a wonderful performer ... a legend from the sixties who has really matured as a performer and writer.

1.30pm Pavilion
Ruth Brent from *Arabesque* continues teaching a variety of Middle Eastern Dances.

1.30pm Union Stage
Festival Didjeridoo players gather together led by master **Charlie McMahon** from *Gondwanaland*.

1.30pm Gym
FREE YOUR BODY & VOICE
Frankie Armstrong & Darien Pritchard conduct a singing workshop for Max 30 people. Relaxing and throat exercises and the influence of movement on how we sound. (Please book at reception).

1.30pm Yartz
Linsey Pollak continues his instrument making workshop.

3pm UNION VOICE ... UNION STRENGTH Union Stage
Battle cries in conflict - anthems in achievements. The songs of organised labour presented by **Don Henderson** and featuring some wonderful festival guests including **The Combined Unions Choir** and a special surprize. The Maleny Folk Festival welcomes the trade union movement's sponsorship for this special event especially **The Australian Workers Union**.

3pm Big Top
MAJOR CONCERT
Peter Ramplin beautiful singing voice from North Queensland.
Chris Fisher Band Original and energetic band from the Northern Rivers.
John Broomhall magnificent singer and writer from South Coast NSW.
Mike McClellan consistently a popular performer at this festival. He will be joined by **Geraldine Doyle**.

3pm Forum
MURRI HUMOUR
After 203 years we're still laughing. Exploring modern and traditional aboriginal humour with historian **Jackie Huggins** with some help from **Kev Carmody**.

3.30 pm Theatre
HARVEST THE SUBURBS
Alternative gardening techniques for the backyard enthusiast presented by festival regular **Jeffrey Hodges**.

4pm Yartz
An approach to researching, arranging and performing Irish and Celtic traditional music presented by Sydney Irish band **The High Notes**.

4.30pm Forum
BELLBIRDS & ORANGE JUICE
Poems from 1825 to the present which reflect the many spirits of Australia presented by Australia's poet at large and multi-media gadfly **Adrian Rawlins**.

5pm Pavilion
BUSH DANCE
featuring **The Royal Bounty Bush Band**.

5.30pm Theatre
PEGGY SEEGER IN CONCERT
Festival's special guest returns for her second appearance at the festival.

5.30pm Cafe
Djabugay Dancers Aboriginal dances from Kuranda.

5.30pm Pavilion
AFTERNOON TEA DANCE
featuring the multicultural sound of **Balkan Bop**.

6 pm Cafe
CAFE FOLKLORIC
The Shanghai String Quartet great Chinese musicians now from Sydney.
Mona Mona Dancers all the way from Djabugay country in North Queensland.
Rezeda and Kengugro brilliant Hungarian music and dance.

6.30pm Forum Stage
THE FIRE EVENT
Rhythms of Reconciliation Third in a series of workshops on a shared dreaming between black and white Australians. Looking at the cultural and spiritual renewal that this country needs, the ingredients are here. Presented by **Wayne Armitage**, and Aboriginal elders **Lance Riley** and **Peter Costella**.

8.30pm Big Top
The whole festival comes together for this very special event which begins as a parade through the festival streets leading us to the burning effigies and fireworks to the music of **Sirocco & Gondwanaland**. Directed by **Neil Cameron**.

9pm Outdoor Venue
EVENING CONCERT
Bernard Bolan humourist and Master of Ceremonies.
Nawang magnificent Tibetan flute.
Fagan Family the best harmony singers in the land.
The High Notes energetic Irish dance music.
Mills Sisters those wonderful women from Thursday Island.



9pm Theatre
Environmental band **Coolangubra** perform their full show ... music and some wonderful slides.

11.15pm Big Top
NEW YEAR CABARET
First of all the winner of the band contest. Musicians thrown together for the first time. Followed by the finale of the Percussion and Rhythm Festival with hundreds of musicians and Brisbane's hottest property **Pop Properly** to rage in 1991.

11.15pm Pavilion
NEW YEAR DANCE
Kitchener's Last Band bring in the new year dancers! ... come in costume!

11.15pm Cafe
ROCK & ROLL OUT THE BARRELL
Scratch any folkie and you'll find a rocker. **Bernard Carney** leads many of our festival guests for a madcap evening of old hits.

Tuesday

From 9am 1st Oval
NEW YEAR CRAFT MARKET
Marketeers from all over display and sell their handcrafts. Book on (074) 414828.

10am Union Stage
COUNTRY CULTURE
Keith Blinman Chairman of A.C.M.A.S. & producer of *The Book of Australian Country Music* examines the country music scene & where it's going.

10am Theatre
DOWN BELOW JACK!
The Fagans will lift the roof with your help singing songs of the coal mining industry ... guaranteed no pitfalls.

10am Cafe
ORAL RECOLLECTIONS
Murri singer and songwriter **Kevin Carmody** recalls life growing up on Downs.

10.30am Forum
Consumate storyteller Ted Barraclough spins some stories from all over the world finishing with some of those wonderful Australian bush yarns.

11am Festival Common
Djabugay Dancers Traditional Aboriginal dancing.

11.30 am Big Top
FOLK AUCTION
To be auctioned, one magnificent mural designed by artist **Garry Andrews** and painted under his direction by festival participants ... be generous!

Noon Big Top
FINAL CONCERT
The Emigrants a new force in Irish music.
Peter Firth great singer/songwriter from the north.
Rudi Booher (*Pictured right*) the American fiddle champion.
John Dengate humourist, folklorist, gambler and great performer from Sydney.
Hot Bananas quality good time jazz to finish.



Childrens Folk Festival



Better Than Ice-cream! This year's Childrens Folk Festival will have children coming back for seconds. The festival area is totally enclosed and secure with heaps of adult supervision. Please ...Preschoolers must be accompanied by a guardian. There will be non stop entertainment / craft / workshop programme by the cream of Australia's children's entertainers.

Saturday

8 - 9am Games - Each morning of the festival there will be a broad selection of both active and quiet games, catering to all age groups with **Jodie Witt**.

Morning Family Concert

9 - 10.30am with special guests **Ted Egan** and **Nerys Evans** and the dazzling **Shootingstars**.
9.30am OFFICIAL OPENING by **Glenn McGowan** Regional Supervisor of Studies Early Childhood Education.
10.30am - Djabugay Mona Mona Dance Team - Aboriginal kids dance, become involved in traditional face painting - learn to be a kangaroo.
10.30am Create your own mask with **Dennis Davies** workshop (part 1).
11 - 11.30am - Professor Wallace's Puppet Theatre
 Australia's oldest handpuppet Theatre.
11.30am Learn how to care for injured native animals with **Norma Harbour**
11.30am - Dancing with "the" Morris around the Maypole.
12 - 12.45pm Bush Pantomime with **Nambour Folk Club**.
1.30 - 2.30pm Michael Vlastow - story teller extraordinaire
2.30pm Rachel Nelson presents **Preposterous Plays** workshop for under eights with a theme of friendship. [1st of 2 workshops].
2.30pm Imbala - traditional Aboriginal dancing.
3pm Professor Wallace's Puppet Theatre.
3.30 - 4.15pm Concert with **Don Spencer**
4.15pm Games - Rounders.
4.15pm Firemaking demo with **Rick Rosa** and **Billy McPherson**.
4.30 - Preposterous Plays workshop with **Rachel Nelson**, designed for over 8s, theme - conservation.

Sunset Singalong

5.15 - 6.30 Concert - join in with **Mr Poetry** who recites for kids, and Christmas songs with **Eleanor Carney**.

Sunday

8 - 8.30 The Aboriginal Legend of the Glasshouse Mountains - slideshow.
8.30 - 9.30am Games.

Morning Family Concert

9.30 - 10.30am Mills Sisters from Thursday Is & songs with **Phyl Lobl**.
10 - 11am Workshop - *Fairies* with **Gabrielle Shootingstar**.
11 - 11.45 am Concert - **Don Spencer**.
11.45am Workshops - ochre painting with **Ric Rosa** and **Billy McPherson**. and *Star weaving and Woolpots* with **Shanti Martin**.
12 Concert - **Balkan Bop** - music from Macedonia, Greece.
12.30 - 1pm Blair Ostwald Aboriginal legends - author of *"Branded Black"*.
1pm Milmarjah Dreaming traditional Aboriginal dancing.
1 - 1.45pm Preposterous Plays workshop [continued] under eights.
1.30 - 2.30pm Workshop - Maskmaking part (2).
2.30 - 3pm More verse for kids with **Mr Poetry**.
3pm - Professor Wallace's Puppet Theatre.
3 - 4pm Make your own instruments for tonight's concert with **Bill Burvil**.
3.30pm Marbling with **Ophelia Rechlan** - create your own fantasy.
4 - 5pm Games - Soccer.
4 - 5pm Make grass animals with **Gary Cassidy**.
4 - 5pm Workshop - *Preposterous Plays* (cont) over eights.

Come All Ye Kids

5 - 6.30pm Evening Bush Dance. Bring your bushdancing shoes and dance to the music of **The Battlers** and sizzle with a sausage.
6.45 - 7.30pm Teddy Bears with **Eleanor Carney**. (3 to 6 years in Childminding). Bring your Teddys make Teddy ears, sing, dance and play games

Monday

8 - 9am Games.
8.30am - Workshop - Make a spinner with **Sue Collins**.

Morning Family Concert

9 - 10.30am Featuring songs with **Eleanor Carney**, **Kengugro**, a Folkloric troupe, dancing to the music of **Rezeda** and the Coast's own **Harlequin** - happy songs with mandolin and fiddle.
10.30am Workshop - *Fairies* with **Gabrielle** (part 2).
10.30am Toolmaking with **Ric Rosa** and **Billy McPherson**.
11 - 11.30am Verse for kids with **Mr Poetry**.
11.30 - 12 noon make your own puppets with **Professor Wallace**.
11.45am Jan Wositzky - The Music Tree and **Jack The Dancer** -
12.30pm Concert - *Preposterous Players* (under eights)
1.30 - 2.30pm Michael Vlastow - theatre, mask, music and mime.
2 - 2.45pm Concert featuring *Preposterous Players* (over eights).
2.45 pm Djabugay Mona Mona - traditional Aboriginal dance.
3pm Kitemaking workshop with **Linda** and **Dennis**.
3pm Music and song from **Pirate Pete**, **The Pied Piper** and **Harley the Rat**.
3.30 - 4pm Professor Wallace's Puppet Theatre.
4 - 5pm Games - Cricket.
4 - 5pm Make Bead Trees with **Sue Stone**.

Farewell 1990

5 - 6.30pm with **The Fairies**, **Jim Haynes** - *History and Geography* of Australia, **Myriad** music from Europe with a huge variety of instruments.

Tuesday

8.30 - 9am A monster **Treasure Hunt** for all kids.
9am Basket Weaving with **Sue Collins**.
9 - 9.30am Singalong with **The Shootingstars**.
9.30 - 10am Games.
10am Learn about bush tucker with **Ric Rosa** & **Billy McPherson**.
10 - 10.30am - Professor Wallace's Puppet Theatre.
10.30 - 12 noon Farewell to All Our New Friends with the extraordinary **Mr Poetry** and music *From Goats to Rubber Gloves* with **Linsey Pollak**.

... And That's Not All ...

There will be heaps of unprogrammed entertainment including **jugglers**, **clowns**, a **unicyclist**, **storytellers**, and **stiltwalkers**. As well, there will be continuous **craft** activities including **face painting**, **pottery**, **T shirt painting** and a **giant mural painting**. Lots of activities will lead up to the festival **parade** on New Years Eve. Inexpensive **nutritious** food will be on sale each lunch time.

Fully Supervised Childminding

6.30pm - 12.30am Fri to Sun night. 6.30pm - 1am Monday night.
 Fee \$3 (Season ticket holders) \$6 (Day / Evening ticket holders).
Bring sleeping bags and food.

Visual Arts and Crafts Festival

10am - 4.30pm

Roby Callaghan will be demonstrating the fine art of *Wood Sculpture*.

Saturday Evening

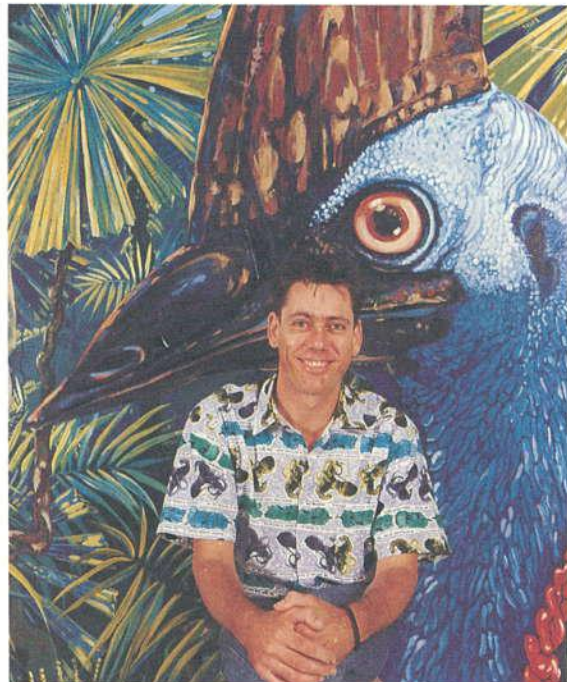
Mark O'Niell's plaster modeling workshop will develop concepts of drawing and design inspired from this slide evening and transform each individual's ideas into a 3 dimensional mixed media sculpture through the technique of plaster modeling and construction over the next 2 days. To pre-book is a must for this one.

Sunday

9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Mark ONiell's Plaster Moulding workshop starts after a slide presentation to introduce his ideas and concepts.

Gary Andrews mural continues as the colours start to emerge.



Mural artist Garry Andrews

Blair McNarmara's bottles are popping up everywhere!!

Pressing on with **John Drake's etching** workshop.

Adrienne and **Mahoney** are up to their ears and necks in jewellery.

The changing face of the mask-making workshop continues...**David Paulsen**.

Roby Callaghan continues her sculpture.

10am - 12noon

Forum *"The Artist - How do they make a living?"*
 Chaired By Australian Folk Trust Chairperson **Dale Dengate**.
 An invitation is extended to artists, musicians and interested persons to listen to a range of established professionals involved in Queensland's Visual Arts and Crafts industry.

10am - 12noon & 1am - 3pm

Folk Art / Tole Painting with **Tracey Mickleson**. continuing workshop from yesterday.

Leadlight / Copper Foiling workshop continues with **Rosy Jamison**

Paper Making and Marbling with **Meg Woods**

Pottery Informal demonstration with participation continues with **Penny Smith**

10am - 1pm

Puppet Making with **Milly Hine**
 Join the wonderful world of puppets through demonstration and participation.

Monday

All Day: **Tracy Balla's** mural gets its final touches today.

10am - 1pm

Puppet Making in a variety of styles with **Milly Hine**.

9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Garry Andrews mural will also be completed today.

Blair McNarmara's bottles find their place as part of the festival decor.

John Drake keeps *etching* on.

The *jewellery* is dazzling for **Adrienne** and **Mahoney**.

David Paulsen masks are looking forward to celebrating New Year.

Roby Callaghan continues her *sculpture*.

Mark O'Niell rounds off his *plaster sculptures*.

Leadlight / Copper Foiling Workshop Continues with **Rosy Jamison**

Pottery Informal demonstration with participation continues with **Penny Smith**.



Leadlight by Rosy Jamison

Discover your hidden talents when you wander into the extensive Visual Arts and Crafts venue and join experienced artists and craftspeople display crafts of lead-lighting, pottery, shoemaking, spinning, woodturning and more, as they are performed. Get your hands dirty, splash some paint and let your imagination take over. Artists are waiting to take you further in a variety of exciting and contemporary workshops.

These workshops will be very popular so you are strongly advised to pre-book. Phone (074) 414828 for information. All the workshops are free to ticket holders but in some workshops there may be minimal charges to cover materials.

Saturday Sunday & Monday

All Day

Tracy Balla, muralist will be creating fascinating paintings in various buildings around the festival site and into the evenings, watch out for the roving cartoonists **Ed Johnson** and **Wayne Flemming**. They may be lurking behind the nearest tree, in the bar, down the street, around the tent, on the stage or up a pole to surprise you with a new look at your personality as they capture your character on paper.

10am - 5pm

Displays and demonstrations of *Leather Sandal-making* by **Gillian Pechy**, *Wood Turning* by **Peter Jarvis**, *Spinning* by **Shelley Parker**, Hand crafted *Musical Instruments* including dulcimers, guitars and mandolins by **Geoff Wills**, **Doug Eaton**, **Doug Foster** and **George Paxevanos** (in the Arts and Crafts Pavilion) and *"Beads Galore"* a display of old and new beads by **Jenny Knudsen**.

Saturday

10am

Official opening parade, ceremonial ribbon cutting and formal speech by A.F.T. Chairperson, **Dale Dengate**.

10am - 1pm

Puppet Making with **Milly Hine**. Demonstration and instruction in puppet making including glove puppets, shadow puppets, string puppets, and hand and rod puppets.



Milly Hine and puppet friend

10am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Talented and experienced muralist **Garry Andrews** will guide interested participants in the painting of a colourful and exciting mural, representing the fusion of art and music. At the conclusion of the 3 day workshop, it is envisaged that a performance, informally involving festival musicians, would unveil the finished mural. A must to pre-book for this workshop. The magnificent mural will be auctioned in the Circus tent on Tuesday morning.

"Ten Green Bottles" **Blair McNamara's** plastic fantastic workshop, uses an everyday object to create a living environment of colour and design. Workshop participants will arrange coloured milk bottles in radiating and abstract patterns to form pathways and fields of colours. All are invited to join Blair in this fun-filled workshop.

John Drake will be conducting a Print workshop which allows its participants to discover and practice the traditional technique of *Etching on Copperplate*. This workshop will be conducted in (2) two sessions per day for 3-4 hours and those interested should pre-book.



John Drake

The festival atmosphere will be brought to life in **Julia Bell's Fabric Workshop**. Participants will experiment with lino printing and painting of colourful dyes on lengths of material. Her workshop will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday in (2) two sessions.

Festival goers are invited to join with **Adrienne Strong** and **Mahoney Archer** in the creative use of a range of materials and objects to construct their own *Jewellery*

David Paulsen Creative Mask Making - The age group limit is 10 years to pensioners. As opposed to traditional maskmaking, through the use of diverse materials we will explore creative aspects of form and colour. This workshop uses recycled materials. Come along and create your masterpiece with Dave Paulsen, an experienced teacher with young and old at schools and the Queensland College of Art. Dave's style is wild and zany rather than traditional and last year's workshop was a great success. Please book.

10am - 12noon & 1pm - 3pm

Calligraphy. Write and bind a book in two hours with **Peter Taylor**. Learn a calligraphic script - write a saying and bind it into a concertina book. Simple, sophisticated greeting cards for all occasions including embossing, pop-out landscapes and origami.

Folk Art / Tole Painting with **Tracey Mickleson**. Learn the basic techniques of this charming and traditional utensil and furniture decoration as practised by European peasants.

Leadlight / Copper Foiling with **Rosy Jamison**. Create your own work of art in the tiffany style with Rosy's assistance in design and colour combination.

Paper Making with **Meg Woods**. Paper making and marbling on paper.

Pottery with **Penny Smith**. Informal pottery demonstration which invites you to participate on the pottery wheels provided.

The koalas and us

NS 18/3/89

By **TREVOR PIMM**, of
Friends of the Koala

Koalas don't pose any threats to people, either in rural or urban areas, although it cannot be said that we do not pose a threat to them.

In the past, and unfortunately even in the present, we have been single-minded in our need to provide food and shelter for families, and have disregarded or been unaware of the consequences our actions have had on the land and its earlier inhabitants.

We have considered the country as an opponent to be studied and exploited in our pursuit of wealth and progress.

As a result the koala, along with many other native fauna, has suffered at our hands.

Not only have we cleared away almost all their habitat but we have slaughtered them in their millions for the fur.

Although the fur trade ceased many years ago we still are pushing them out of their old haunts in our need for more housing and development.

And yet it is not necessary to destroy our koalas to provide our own living space.



Farmers and timber-getters often are shown as the villains in the destruction of our forests and wildlife.

However, before they are condemned out of hand, consider the life



they were faced with and their urgent need to make a living from a seemingly hostile environment.

With hindsight we may say they were destructive but, with the lessons of the past, let us look to the future and take action now that will not have detrimental results.

Only then can we in this day be considered to be constructive.

The trees that were cleared so extensively as weeds can now be seen in a different light. They provide shade for stock in hot weather, significantly reducing heat stress.

Heat stress has a variety of effects on animals, including reduced fertility, decreased liveweight gain and reduced milk production.

Similarly, windbreak trees reduce cold stress which would otherwise lower an animal's produc-

tivity in cold windy conditions.

The same applies to crops and orchards, as is evident from the effort that macadamia growers take to protect their trees.

Advice on the real value of farm trees is available from the Department of Agriculture in a series of booklets called Farm Trees.

They show that in planting trees farmers are improving their productivity and their lifestyle as well as the appearance and value of their properties.

Koalas are living in the region and, although they are in precarious situations where their trees are few and far between, they can be assisted by the planting of more trees.

Friends of the Koala would like to know what economic limitations farmers see that would inhibit them from planting trees.



This article was supplied by The Big Scrub Environment Centre and represents its views

Are subsidies necessary or payment for fencing? What loss does a farmer face in withholding a small portion of land from stock for five years while trees are growing?

Should we support reduced rates and taxes for farmers who wish to grow trees?

How can we help farmers join a scheme recommended by the Department of Agriculture which will improve the appearance of properties, and which will assist in the rehabilitation of our dwindling koala population?

Friends of the Koala also would like to hear from farmers who would be prepared to plant trees on their land.

In particular, are there any koalas along the river banks and of prime importance to koalas and also along creeks and gullies.

● Mr Pimm can be contacted on 24 1577, or contact Mary Burg at the Big Scrub Environment Centre on 21 3278.

Next week: Living together with koalas in urban areas.

An easy guide to Nature's dangers

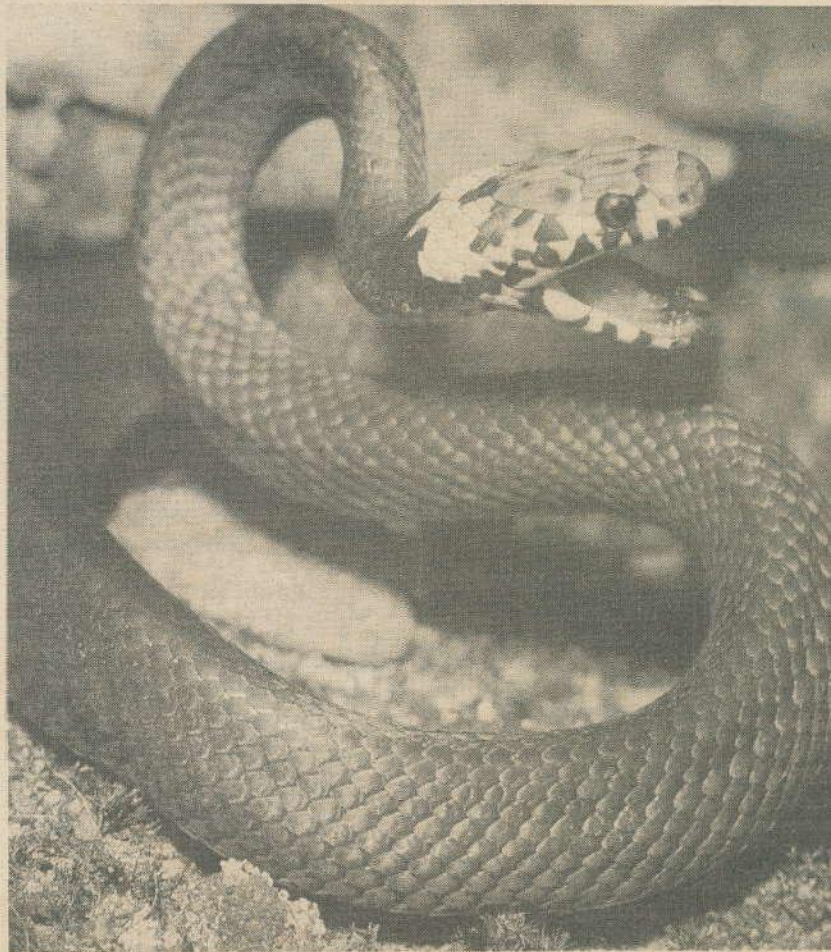
By senior ranger
STEVE PHILLIPS

During my time in the Lismore area I have had to answer many telephone and counter inquiries on the identification of snakes and spiders.

Needless to say, such identification over the phone sometimes can be very difficult, particularly when the major concern has been whether or not the animal is dangerous and poses a threat, real or otherwise, to life.

Additionally, the accurate identification of some animals requires expert knowledge which may not always be available, the alternative being large books with complicated information and sometimes written in a language or a fashion that many people find difficult to understand, let alone get hold of when it is needed.

However, over the past 12 months I have frequently been using a book Toxic Plants and Animals — A Guide for Australia. The book is a treasure chest of information and, by and large, is written in a manner that can be understood readily by any-



PARKS and

The pale-headed snake (*Hoplocephalus bitortuosus*). Hoplocephalus includes broad-headed snakes.

PAN-COM ROSTER FOR NIMBIN
NEIGHBOURHOOD AND INFORMATION
CENTRE (July to September)

Some members of Pan-Community Council have volunteered to operate the Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre on Saturdays as a contribution to the social activity of our area and to provide space and information for our Pan-com members and the general public on land sharing communities. The telephone number of the Centre is 891492 and the C.B. Channel is 11.

The following members will be operating the Centre:

- 29 July, 1989 - Aine (891349 - message - Neil/Nigel)
5 August, - Elike Shogog (897321)
12 August, - Wally Wallace
19 August, - Greg Behrend (897335)
26 August, - D. Roberts (891529)
(Newsletter Day)
P.T.O. →

2 September - Judy Lancaster

9 September - Aine (891349 -
message
Sail/Vigil)

16 September - Katrina &
Scrupp

23 September - To Be Advised
(Spring Equinox
Festival)

30 September - To Be Advised
(Newletter Day)

~~These~~ Contact numbers have been
tried to enable dates
In an emergency Brenda
Dunne (891176) has offered to
take over the duties of a
Saturday co-ordinator if, for
any reason, a rostered co-ordinator
is suddenly unable to attend - thank
you Brenda.



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

The aims and objectives of the Pan-Community Council;

1. Protection of the natural environment.
2. Promotion of social interaction between communities.
3. Direct assistance in dealing with local councils and other government bodies.
4. Fostering sustainable economic initiatives.
5. Promoting the general principles of multiple occupancy land use to media, councils, and the broader community.
6. Pooling resources, expertise and skill sharing to facilitate the above.

PAN-COM VOLUNTEERS OPEN THE NIMBIN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND INFORMATION CENTRE ON SATURDAYS FROM 10am TO 4pm

Starting on 29 April, 1989, Pan-Com volunteers are now operating the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre on Saturdays.

The Pan-Community Council has encouraged its members to participate in this activity as it is both a contribution to the social activity of Nimbin and District and it is now a space for our members and general public to discuss important aspects relating to multiple occupancy communities. The telephone number of the Centre is (066) 391492 and the C.B. Channel is 11.

For the information of members the following persons will be operating the Centre:

6.5.89	Diane Bowerman	897	message
13.5.89	Des Laver		
20.5.89	Greg Behrend	897338	
27.5.89	Newsletter Day	(Diana Roberts, Mike Shegog, Tom Redston, Wally Wallace, Aine)	
3.6.89	Judy Wallace		
10.6.89	Mike Shegog		
17.6.89	Wally Wallace		
24.6.89	Newsletter Day	(Newsletter Team)	
1.7.89	Katrina & Scruff	- Glenbin 891546 - Vicki	
8.7.89	Diana Roberts	891529 CB 29	
15.7.89	Judy Wallace		
22.7.89	Newsletter Day	(Newsletter Team)	Back?
29.7.89	Aine	891349 message at CB 39	(Gail + Nigel)



Irish to the last...

The Irish flavour that Shire President Cr Oliver Dunne has given to Council has been extended right up to the election of his successor.

The Byron Shire presidential election is to take place on St Patrick's Day — March 17th 1990. There will be two elections, one to elect a new President and one to elect a new Councillor.

The date, set by the Electoral Commissioner, is the last possible date under the Local Government Act that the election can take place. It must be held within three months of Cr Dunne's resignation which will take effect on December 20th.

Mr Pullinger, the Shire Manager, has been appointed Returning Officer for the extraordinary election.

There will be five polling stations — at Bangalow, Brunswick heads, Byron Bay, Federal and Mullumbimby. Voting will take place between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

Nomination deadline for candidates for both President and Councillor is 5.00pm on St Valentine's Day — Wednesday the 14th February.

Referendum on form of election

Cr Brian Boniface has set down a notice of motion at this week's Council meeting, calling for a referendum on how the Shire President should be elected. At present the president is elected by popular vote — the new president will be so elected on March 17th.

The alternative is for Councillors to select one of themselves to be president after a general election. In this case a President would be elected annually. If Council decides to hold the referendum, it will take place at the same time as the extraordinary election on March 17th.

The move by Cr Boniface cannot affect the way in which the replacement for Cr Oliver Dunne is elected.

The referendum result would, however, be binding on Council. The only other way the system for electing the President can be changed is for Council to request the Minister to make a determination on the matter.

Cr Boniface says 'Considering the circumstances surrounding Oliver Dunne's departure, I feel it appropriate for the community to be given the opportunity to reaffirm or not the popular election of a President. Cr Dunne has had to carry the can for decisions which have been taken by Council as a whole. I shall make no further comment after Tuesday on this matter and have no axe to grind in regard to how people should vote in such an election'.

Failure to vote

Shire Manager Barry Pullinger says that no further action will be taken over those who failed to vote at the 1988 Council by-election at which Cr Sigley was elected.

Council sent a threat of prosecution earlier this

year to those who had not voted and not either paid the \$25 fine or given a reason for not voting. The 'second demand' by Council had elicited some further payment of the penalty, Mr Pullinger said.

In an attempt to force Council to make up its mind in advance of the next election, Mr Pullinger is recommending to Council this week that it commits itself to taking full legal action against those who fail to vote in future Council elections.

It is illegal to be on the electoral role and not to vote. It is also illegal to be eligible for enrolment but not on the role. There is, however, no current provision for prosecuting people who are not on the role.

The deadline for getting on to the electoral roll in time to vote in the extraordinary election on March 14th next year is January 29th 1990. Enrolment can only be done through the Electoral Commission by filling in an enrolment card available at any Post Office.

Christmas deadlines

The deadline for all advertising bookings in next week's bumper edition of *The Echo* is **noon this Thursday**, subject to availability. Ring Jeff right now on 841777 if you need space.

Deadline for all copy is 6.00pm Thursday, with the exception of classifieds and sports news/results which must reach us, as usual, by 10am Monday.

There will be no edition of *The Echo* on December 27th. The following edition datelined January 3rd 1990 will be distributed on Wednesday (not Tuesday afternoon) that week due to the New Year's day holiday.



Council ranger Mark Bennett and Cape Byron manager Nick Rigby hold onto a goat while vet Greg Briggs carries the first kid off the ranks for inoculation.

\$4 a car for Cape

At its latest meeting held on Monday this week the Cape Byron Trust resolved to impose a parking fee at the Lighthouse of \$4 per car. Alternatively an annual fee of \$10 can be paid.

The Trust decided it had to act to create some income during the coming holiday period.

The Lands Department representative, Mr Phil Edwards, has resigned; the Minister has replaced him with the Northern Regional Manager of the Lands Department, Mr Steve MacDonald.

As an interim measure the Lands Department has also granted the Trust \$40,000 to cover on-going expenses.

The Trust has also decided to allow Council to operate an information centre in one of the Lighthouse cottages for the time being.



Leon Platt amidst several hundred carol singing children at the Carols by Candlelight held in the

grounds of the Mullumbimby Hospital. Over 500 people attended on a clear and starry Sunday night



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Preliminary Announcement

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Date: Friday 12th January, 1990

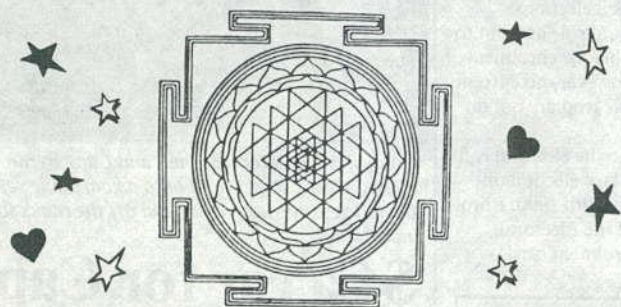
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In brief...

Good year for Heritage

Byron Heritage Homes, after a year's operation, have been rated the 19th largest home builder in the State. Releasing their annual industry ratings the Construction Research Company placed our local, young company up there amongst the oldest metropolitan home building companies.

This rating places Heritage Homes at top of the timber construction companies, having built 67 new homes in this last year.

Enterprise meet

Byron Shire Council will hold its public meeting this Wednesday at 3pm to discuss its proposed Enterprise Park for Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Lawson Street, Byron Bay.

The meeting will include 'brainstorming', considering a name for the Park, and user demands. It is hoped that from the meeting a working group of Park users will be formed to consider project development.

Jet services for Ballina

Jet services into Ballina will commence on Tuesday, 21st December, Member for Ballina, Don Page said last Monday. Mr Page said the initial flights would be morning and afternoon F28 jet flights on Tuesdays and Thursdays in and out of Ballina.

He said jet services into Ballina would be gradually built up over time, but much would depend upon new licensing arrangements still to be announced by the Minister for Transport, Mr Bruce Baird, in the near future.

Auction at Bruns Pub

An auction of catering equipment, cash registers, ice-making machinery, coffee percolators, speaker boxes, tables, chairs, old beds, crockery, and lots more will be held at the Brunswick Hotel at 11.00am this Saturday.

Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to the Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad with all remaining profits going to defray the cost of the Christmas party held by the hotel last Saturday.

Vote for Quota

Don't forget to judge the Christmas trees on display in most Mullum business houses. You judge with your dollars and sense by putting a contribution in the Quota boxes next to the trees. All proceeds go to purchasing a computer to help those with learning problems.

New building fees

Byron Shire Council will introduce an inspection fee of \$70 per visit to building sites on works which are approved after 1st January 1990. Although building application fees will be reduced by 25%, with a minimum fee of \$5, it is estimated that inspections of a private dwelling will add \$280 to its cost. One local builder has calculated that the new charge will increase inspection costs on a \$60,000 house by 103%.



Artist Penryn Madrell at the opening last Friday of her 'Windows of the Soul' exhibition at the Rijidij Gallery in Byron Bay (see full review page 38).

Flora reserve

The Minister for Natural Resources, Mr Ian Causley, has rejected proposals to turn the Blackbut Plateau into a nature reserve.

He will however create a flora reserve which is in the process of being finalised.

Mr Causley has also agreed that no new road construction or logging will be undertaken until an Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared and properly considered. This process is 'still some time away in view of other Forestry Commission priorities'.

Mr Causley, in a letter to Council, also says that the Commission has been urgently seeking to resolve arrangements for the rehabilitation and maintenance of the damaged Nevasae Road and suggesting that these repairs may be able to proceed shortly.

Dam study moves

Rous County Council has submitted its comments to Council on the Local Environmental Study brief for the proposed Federal Dam. RCC's chief engineer Mr Greg Finlayson says his Council has requested a meeting with Byron Council to further discuss the brief.

Both Councils have met with officers of the NSW Department to discuss specifications for the LES. Shire Planning Director Dr Jane Stanley says she expects to have full details of the Department of Planning's requirements 'within days'.

Dr Stanley said it would then be time to recall the steering group to discuss the LES. The group includes representatives of both Councils and Club W7, the resident group opposed to building the Federal Dam.

Club W7 delegate Brian Milgate reported that 400 people wish to petition the Shire Council Federal Dam Steering Committee to acknowledge their support for the brief.

The Federal Dam LES brief addresses the need for the dam, its location and characteristics, zoning requirements, construction techniques, water quality and costs. Once the terms of the LES have been finalised, consultants will be employed to carry out the study.



Students of St John's Primary School enjoy their 'Join the Circus' evening at Mullumbimby Civic Hall last Friday. A packed hall was treated to tightrope walking, magic tricks and other feats of derring-do by children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Pool funds in question

An analysis of Council's 1990 Estimates reveal that of the \$125,000 set aside for improvements to the Mullumbimby swimming pool, \$80,000 is in fact part of the funds raised by the Mullumbimby Pool Extension Committee over the last four years.

Committee president Ken Ashdown reacted with some annoyance to Council's inclusion of the community's hard won money, saying 'As far as I am concerned they are not getting the money. This money was raised by the Mullumbimby community for extending the pool, not for "improvements". We are not going to be fobbed off with the suggestion that \$80,000 of our money should be spent on minor improvements for which the Council should pay anyway.

'There has been no consultation. There has been some suggestion of a poll — if you want to go down that track then you can make every decision the subject of a poll. As of the 7th January 1990 there will in fact be over \$90,000 available, which will increase to over \$100,000 during the year'.

Works and Services Director Greg Alderson said that \$125,000 for pool improvements was a 'notional figure' and no decision on what sort of improvements could or should be made would be considered without full consultation with the committee and other interested parties in Mullumbimby.

Shire Clerk Barry Pullinger commented 'If nothing is budgeted in Council Estimates for 1990 then nothing will be available for next year. Full consultation will take place'.

Police survey public

Byron Bay police patrol commander, Inspector Chris Long, has organised a survey of 350 Byron Shire residents. The 8 page, 25 question survey asks for public opinions on the police role in the community.

Byron Bay High School students handed out 200 surveys in Byron; 75 each were handed out in Brunswick/Ocean Shores and Mullumbimby.

'We're only too willing to look at ideas from the public' Insp Long said. People can also send in their written opinions to the Byron Bay police station if they wish.

Responses to the survey will be kept confidential. Insp Long said he would be interested to see what people thought were the major criminal problems in the Shire.

Byron Hills

Developers of the Byron Hills Estate at Suffolk Park have refuted recent claims that the sub-division has badly damaged the environment. Byron Hills will become a 'conservationist's dream', according to Firebeach Pty Ltd, an associated company of Southport builders and developers, the Natcon Group.

Firebeach's managing director, Doug Burgess, says the sub-division will include six parks 'which far exceed Council requirements. Five of the parks are purely environmental; they will be preserved as they are for the benefit of everyone'.

Mr Burgess said a full concept plan of the parks would be made into a large sign for public display at the entrance to Byron Hills. He also said he was concerned the public image of Byron Hills had been damaged by newspaper reports which failed to point out the sub-division's positive aspects, such as undisturbed preservation areas, and walking track and water course systems.

'The sub-division has been years in the planning stage and there have been numerous meetings with the Shire Council's Planning Department during the past two years to ensure Byron Hills is a sub-division of which all residents of Byron Bay can be proud. It is grossly unfair of anyone to comment now because it has no resemblance to what it will look like in the near future.'

'We have every wish to retain as many trees as possible throughout the sub-division let alone the parks — trees help sell land which after all is the business we are in,' he said.

Local marketing agent for Byron Hills, Mrs Margaret Robertson of PRD Realty, Byron Bay, said last week that 60% of sub-division sales were to local people. A further 19% of buyers were from the Gold Coast and another 14% from Sydney.

The developers intend to proceed immediately with stages 2 and 3 of the Estate, subject to Council approval. Mrs Robertson said that barring any serious weather delays the Byron Hills stage 1 land would be 'fully on line' by the end of March.

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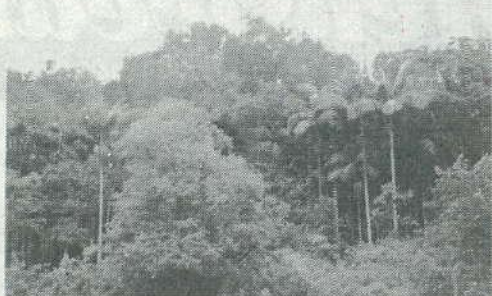
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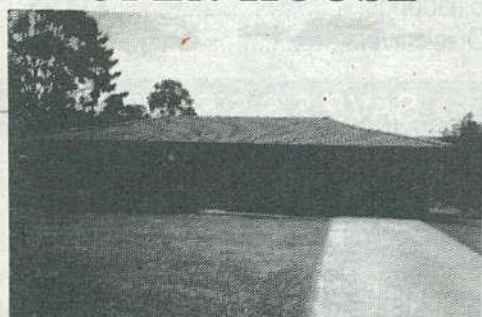
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A long, long campaign

SO the Labor party expects to spend around \$19 million on the next election, which the prime minister believes will be the most important since the war.

by MUNGO
MacCALLUM

There may be a few people, like Sir Robert Menzies, Gough Whitlam and Malcolm Fraser, who would dispute Bob Hawke's modest assessment, but we are unlikely to hear much criticism. There simply won't be room in the media for it.

The election may be, and probably is, five months away, but the campaign seems already to have been going on for almost that long. In fact, it may be a great deal too long for Andrew Peacock's liking. Whatever momentum he may have gained from the misnamed Economic Action Plan is already dissipating rapidly; the holiday break seems certain to kill it off entirely.

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Assuming that Paul Keating and Bill Kelty can hammer out another wage-tax deal, Labor will be in a position to regain the initiative in the New Year and will then proceed to outspend the opposition in the time that remains. In the current climate that may not be enough to bring off what still looks like an unlikely win, but it sure beats going into the campaign broke and desperate, as Labor has sometimes been in the past.

The main problem, however, remains: how to whip up any enthusiasm in a jaded electorate for the return of a government which has consistently failed to deliver the long-promised bacon. Hawke can, and will, talk a lot about the social wage; he has a case to make, but it is hard to persuade people who are convinced that their living standards are falling that the fact that their children stay at school longer (and thus remain a financial burden longer) is some kind of compensation for the fact that they cannot meet their mortgage payments.

Hawke is perfectly justified in trying to create a climate of moral outrage about the blatant inequity of the opposition's family package, and Keating can take the high ground in deploring the idea of a shabby auction, but in the end the promise of a dollar in the hand will

always retain its appeal. As has been proved more than once, nobody ever lost an election by underestimating the idealism of the swinging voters.

Labor will have to come up with something more substantial than the long winded appeal to altruism which characterised a large part of his sixtieth birthday address to the nation. Hawke is quite right: there are major policy differences between the parties, and there is a clear ideological gap. But these are not as stark as he likes to describe them, and even if they were there is no guarantee that the voters would care very much.

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In the Australian psyche, governments are there to fix things. If they don't you give the other mob a go. The fact that there are some things which governments in a democratic country simply can't fix, at least in the short term, is not considered a sufficient excuse.

Nor, on the whole, is the line that our lot haven't been quite perfect, but the other lot would be worse, at least they'd be a bit of a change. The other lot have to look truly disastrous before they are ruled out completely, as was the case in 1987 when the Joh for Canberra push blew the whole conservative campaign to pieces — and even then the conservatives very nearly got up.

That will not happen this time, despite the fact that Joh is still intent on leaving his political footprints all over Queensland in the form of yet another right wing party. The damage, if any, will be contained north of the Tweed River, where the Liberals and Nationals are already in considerable disarray. And there is no sign of another Joh on the political horizon, something for which everyone but Labor's federal strategists should be extremely grateful. If Labor is to win next year, it will have to do so on, to use one of Keating's favourite clichés, a level playing field.

Labor still has the two great advantages that incumbency gives working for it. It can determine the timetable to give itself the greatest possible advantage, and it has the control of the treasury, which means that while Peacock can only promise, Hawke can actually deliver. But if he is going to deliver anything, he needs to start soon. Last minute handouts are not going to impress a cynical electorate. It remains to be seen whether \$19 million worth of last minute advertising will do the trick.

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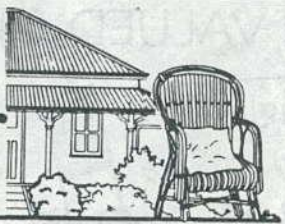
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A large proportion of the residents are now local youth from the Brunswick/Byron/Ballina area. The residents may be referred to the refuge by local welfare agencies such as Family and Community Services, the Community Centre, Police, Courts, family, neighbours, friends or themselves.

The plight of 12 to 14 year olds poses a problem for the community. The refuge is inappropriate accommodation for this age group as it does not provide a stable home environment and placing these children in a refuge would only lead to them becoming 'streetwise' at a young age.

What is more appropriate for these children is for them to be placed with foster parents in a home environment, but the lack of foster parents in this area makes this a difficult situation.

The Youth House's team of workers comprises four full-time workers (Lyn Smith, Owen Walker, Carol Commerford and Trish Collinson) and three relief workers (Carol Walker, Sue Binder and Lyla Manners).

The workers each work 43 hour shifts with about 8 hours voluntary, to staff the house 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

The staff run in-house programs such as carpentry, job seeking skills, accommodation seeking skills, sewing and just basic living skills with the residents.

One of the goals for the coming year is to establish an area at the rear of the house in which the residents can undertake fitness and exercise programs.

The Youth House committee is Julie O'Brien president, Sue Green vice president, Jon Smith treasurer, John De Laurence secretary with committee members Chris Lonegan, Grainne O'Brien, Tom Gilbert and Byron Bay High School Principal, Jack Harper. It is hoped that Jack Harper's presence on the committee will break down any barriers that may exist between the school and the refuge.

The Youth House has recently placed a submission with the Department of Housing for an extension to the back of the house to provide an extra bedroom, which will allow all the residents to have the privacy of their own rooms, and also to create a much needed larger office/-bedroom area for the workers.

The Youth House is in need of crockery, cutlery, saucepans and dining room chairs. If any members of the community would like to donate any of the above second hand items they would be greatly appreciated.

The Youth House would also like to sincerely thank those business houses who have supported the house with donations in the past. These donations are always greatly valued.

Enquiries can be made to 857 264.

Clean up Australia

Hundreds of thousands of Australians are expected to respond to the call to Clean Up Australia on January 21, 1990 to rid our waterways and parklands of unsightly and damaging rubbish.

Details of the Clean Up Australia campaign, backed by Westpac, were announced in Sydney by the chairman of the group co-ordinating the activity, Ian Kiernan.

Mr Kiernan, the solo around the world yachtsman who earlier this year initiated the successful 'Clean Up the Harbour' campaign, said that the national campaign would focus attention on the problem of waterways pollution.

Plans are afoot to put a boom across the Brunswick river at Mullumbimby on January 21st in an attempt to cleanse the river of the rubbish that floats up and down with the tide.

The Ambassador for the Environment, Sir Ninian Stephen, has agreed to be patron of the Clean Up Australia.

'Since we had the Clean Up the Harbour campaign in January, more than 75,000 Australians have participated in similar activities in Hobart, Adelaide, Darwin, Wollongong and the Central Coast of NSW,' Mr Kiernan said.

'Australians have demonstrated that they want to play an active role in the preservation of our environment and the idea of the Clean Up is a simple one in which people of all ages can participate'.

People in all areas of Australia who want to organise the event in their local area should contact the national office in Sydney on 008 021 979 for advice and assistance. With 36,735 km of coastline around Australia it will take an army of volunteers to help clean up our country.

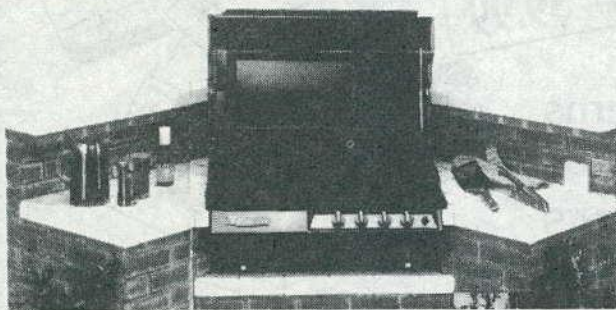
In each area where a Clean Up takes place, organisers will be provided with a detailed 'How To Do It' information kit, video and promotional support.

'It is important that Clean Up Australia remains an initiative of the people and that it is controlled by local groups and has a local identity. We'll be needing the support of government departments, waste disposal companies, local industries offering cash support, and volunteer groups to make the day successful.'

'The amount of rubbish we pull out of our waterways and parklands will depend entirely on the number of people who participate on the day. In the Harbour Clean Up in January we expected a couple of thousand people to remove about 100 tonnes of rubbish. Instead, we had 40,000 people who pulled out 5,000 tonnes — and that's about 250 semi-trailer loads,' Mr Kiernan said.

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IF YOU go to the back of St Henry's Church you'll find a loading bay full of wooden crutches. The priests at St Henry's, Father John and Father Douglas, insist that all pilgrims who come for the usual miracle must use only wooden crutches.

by Julia Moffat

St Henry's is built of bluestone in a quasi-Gothic style. It appears to be at least one hundred years old but in reality was built in 1975 by the Horrocks Construction Co.

Services are conducted according to Roman Catholic ritual. The parishioners and the pilgrims assume that St Henry's is a Roman Catholic Church but it is not. Fathers John and Douglas are not real priests but very good imitations.

John Ellison used to be an investment consultant and Douglas Farmer was proprietor of a video rental shop. They are directors of Henry Dowd P/L.

Each Monday, as most of the miracles have occurred on the day before, a white van backs into the loading bay of St Henry's and takes on board a stack of crutches. Once loaded, the van travels downtown to the rear of Henry's Garden Centre. The crutches are unloaded onto a square of concrete beside a furnace.

The furnace burns crutches and mill shavings and all types of wood waste. It is used to heat a large greenhouse in the garden centre. The greenhouse holds an extensive range of indoor pot plants which are much in demand.

The air of the greenhouse is warm and moist and there is the faintly discernible odour of varnish, which may come from the burning crutches or from the water which is sprayed onto the plants by automatic misters. Each plant has its own white plastic label pressed into the soil. And on the surface of the soil in each pot grows a fungus.

The fungus is dull green and inconspicuous. Customers are happy to have the fungus in the plant pots because they believe it is some sort of moss or fertiliser.

Something in the greenhouse must inhibit the spore-producing ability of the fungus because the nursery attendants are never sick. When the fungus is introduced to the ordinary home, however, it produces thousands of microscopic spores which invade the air.

These spores settle on the legs of humans and cause lesions. The leg muscles are also affected and it becomes almost impossible to walk. The victims of this fungal attack, which has no scientific name as yet, seek help from doctors, naturopaths and occultists, none of whom can offer a remedy. In desperation the sufferers turn to St Henry's for help.

The St Henry's solution is simple. After the pilgrim has spent an

appropriate amount of time in devout prayer, his or her legs are wiped down by Father John or Father Douglas with a cloth which is purported to be a scarf of St Henry's. The scarf is impregnated with an antibacterial substance which kills the fungal infection.

The pilgrims are grateful for this miraculous cure and often give large donations to the church.

As mentioned before, all pilgrims must come to St Henry's on wooden crutches. Harry's Surgical Appliances does a brisk trade in this item.

St Henry's Church, Horrocks Construction Co., Henry's Garden Centre and Harry's Surgical Appliances are subsidiary companies of Henry Dowd P/L.

Before medical specialists demand an examination of St Henry's scarf, the directors of Henry Dowd P/L will have established patent rights to their antibacterial solution and launched it in the pharmaceutical marketplace to the plaudits of the medics and the public.

All traces of the fungus will be removed from Henry's Garden Centre but it will be well established in homes throughout the city at least long enough for Dowd's Pharmaceutical Corp. to achieve a decent profit. Business will drop off at the garden centre and at Harry's Surgical Appliances but trade will remain worthwhile because of their good reputations with the public.

St Henry's Church will be destroyed by a mysterious explosion which will baffle the best minds of the city's police force. There will be some evidence that the good fathers met with foul play.

Future activities of Henry Dowd P/L will involve a large parcel of land at the edge of a swamp.



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The year in retrospect 1989

'For better or worse'? Definitely better — a year to remember.

This year was not only the end of a decade, but the end of an era, which in the main was concerned with egotistical aims of the individual. Some were able to achieve their ambitions, others not.

by Elizabeth Gray

However the majority have nevertheless concerned themselves with meeting expectations which may now be seen as outgrown, or outdated or even inappropriate to the individual's needs.

In a time of plenty and environmental wholeness individual expectations are the norm. However, as global reality hits home (manifested by the strong Capricornian influence of Saturn, Neptune and Uranus conjunct) new expectations, new aims and new objectives will be sought — but not before completing the main task of dealing with the past. For many on a personal level, this past has been old pain or perhaps guilt. There have been disappointments to face. This process, however, has softened many people's expectations of others.

Many are preparing to give more of themselves.

1989 has been the year in which caring heart politics and spiritual grounding have become 'talked about' concepts. Music and film (both ruled by Neptune) have contributed a great deal to this less self orientated way of relating. Change although gradual has largely manifested because of the 'peoples power' recognition of problems, talked about for years. Crises have finally demanded action.

The strongest urge for mankind to accept responsibility for the sea and our living planet was this year by means of the incredible oil slick disaster at King William Sound. The magnitude of environmental destruction struck home. Helpless animals and birds stranded and dying touched the hearts of people around the world. People responded on an emotional level. Many who did not want to listen to the logic of recycling and pollution control etc. have now opened their hearts to change, as an expression of love to their fellows and friends. Trust is again an important issue.

AIDS as a secretive slow illness threatening our young and sexually active is redefining sexual expression. People are talking about quality of sexual fulfilment and there is a more caring responsible attitude than that prevalent in the 70's and much of the 80's. Prejudices are dissolving.

However, this year like many others has seen what appears on television news, as seemingly constant violence (either by the individual or the group). The Chinese Army's massacre in Tiananmen Square of their own people was in my view, the most shameful. One would hope for peaceful reforms as the 'old guard' pass out. Corruption, especially in



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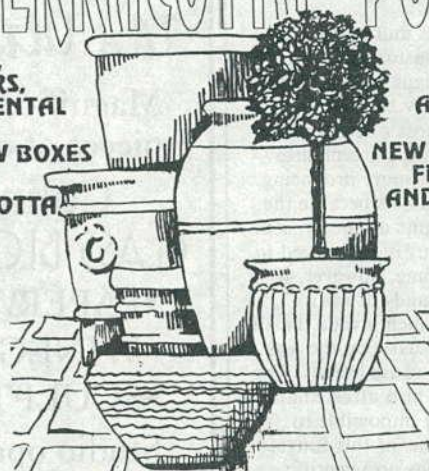
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Government, has been another very big issue. All Governments have been seen to be corruptible. In both East and West wealth and its associated power has been the lure. The exposure of corruption is associated with the transit of Pluto through Scorpio plunging deep into milky depths to reveal truths long hidden and hence prepare for restructuring on a more growth orientated level.

The climax and ending of the era came though with the dismantling of the Berlin Wall which had been the concrete manifestation of a cold war between East and West. The timing coincided with the Pluto Mercury conjunction on the 9th November at the midpoint of Scorpio — the strongest point of power. Here we

are talking about true self empowerment or people's power. The final exact Saturn/Neptune conjunction and Full moon was on the 13th November when the whole developed world responded to their own inner dissolution of fear. There was release!

The Queensland election too was a passing out of the old guard and the corruptible. The Labor Government in Queensland has been given the people's mandate for change. Worldwide, individuals are uniting to amass true people power and finally accept their own responsibilities to life and each other. The ramifications are fantastic! Co-operation is now very possible, but also of course necessary to repair environmental damage caused by greed. An attitudinal or what astrologers call 'generational' shift to doing things differently is in effect. In Australia the Saturn/Neptune influence has mainly focused on financial restraint. We are being told that although high interest rates hurt the family's pocket, they will help the country as a whole.

Many of the old heroes have fallen from their pedestals of fame. Greed is being exposed as unfriendly and antisocial. Enough is enough.

Attitudes are changing to quality of life and self fulfilment. Co-operation, networking, interhelp and community involvement are now possible, no longer an ideal. In my view, this year's clouds (of economic recession) have had silver linings (releasing collective unconscious fears).

But have you dealt with your unreal expectations? Have you forgiven yourself for not achieving, often unachievable goals? If so, you are ready for the 90's when the wild card Uranus will play her hand.

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I HAVE to laugh when I recall the night Tarbrush Mackenzie thought he was drowning in Granny Mathews' potato patch. The spud field was more than three hundred yards from Redclay Creek, the sky was clear of clouds and fiery with stars, the ground dry and hard, yet Tarbrush thought his lungs were filling with saltwater from the deep blue sea.

by Tarquin Dupree

Tarbrush was a regular patron of the Redclay Inn, or perhaps it was the other way around, for the owner, Granny Mathews, never asked him to settle his extensive account, and never minded if he weaved his way home through her spuds and turnips. What he called home we never discovered. There was much speculation, particularly between Henry L. and me, on Tarbrush's habitat and his life history.

Henry used to describe us all cleverly enough in that magazine he

The drowning of Tarbrush Mackenzie

wrote for, but he never painted a better word-picture than that of Tarbrush Mackenzie, 'a dirty gin-sodden bundle of rags on the floor in the corner with its head on a candle box and covered by a horse rug.' He was never pretty to look at, or to smell.

It was the night of Henry's description that Tarbrush thought he was drowning.

We were in the old bark kitchen, singing away heartily, and I think Tarbrush must have been inspired by Abe Mathews' rendition of 'Lowlands', in which a sailor dies on board ship, crying out to his mates, 'I'm drifting with the current, and I'm drifting with the tide!' The effect of these sorrowful lines was not immediate, though Tarbrush was awake long enough to join us in the chorus. It was later that it happened. The words must have fermented in his brains.

It was about two o'clock in the morning and we were calling it a day when the scream of a wounded banshee rose out of the potato patch. I can testify that we all jumped out of our boots and muttered a few poorly-remembered prayers before we opened the kitchen door to have a look. As well as the stars, the moon was out and bright, and we could see and hear that the suspected banshee was none other than Tarbrush with his brains inflamed, gone ratty like old Rats, who used to pick fights with his swag. Tarbrush was down on his back in the dirt, thrashing and hollering, his arms and legs waving furiously like a bug about to meet its Creator, or an up-ended tortoise.

'Oh! Save me, lads!' he cried. 'I'm drowning! I'm going under! Save me!'

We laughed at him at first, out of relief and amusement, but then we saw he was in trouble. He was real scared. Little Jimmy Nowlett, the bullock driver, ran down to the patch to pick him up. Now Jimmy, as his name implies, is a big lad, and strong from cursing stupid beasts, but Tarbrush grabbed him with a shout and a scream, like a drowning man clutching at his last hope, pulled him to the ground and sat on him like he was a log. Poor Jimmy bellowed for Tarbrush to get off, and Tarbrush yelled that he was going under for the third time. The noise was horrible, worse than the time the baker's mad cat savaged the constable's sow.

We ran down to end the ruckus

and then we saw the look on Tarbrush's face. It was a mask of pure horror. He really believed he was drowning. His breath came in huge sobs and there was a terrible rattling noise in his throat. I tell you, I almost died of fright; there may be a fancy medical term for what was happening, but Tarbrush was drowning.

It took all our strength to lift him and drag him back to the kitchen, where Granny Mathews slapped him hard on the face, which seemed to help, and we walked him round for hours until he was just his normal ratty self again. Then he wandered off to his mysterious home without a word of thanks, and us tucked out and Little Jimmy with a cracked rib and all.

After that event Henry, in his more poetic moods, took to calling Tarbrush 'The Spirit of Oblivion.' It was a good description and it became a nickname for a while, but we all knew, including Henry, that it wasn't exactly spot on; Tarbrush had more cunning and intelligence than he liked to reveal.

Some said he was once a successful business type in Sydney and his wife had run off and ruined him, and in his sorrow he had gone bush and become a shepherd until his flock was destroyed by something other and he took to drink. It was as good a story as any, and better than Henry's joking guess that Tarbrush was merely an unhappy writer.

Tarbrush was an ugly, evil-smelling creature. He was evil—smelling because his guts were rotten with gin and his body hadn't been acquainted with water for a long time (not that any of us were perfect in that regard); he was ugly because the booze had taken the decent human shape out of his face. On the rare occasions that he was awake, his eyes were dim, darkening lamps in puffed-up sockets, his mouth a moving slit in pale, bloated flesh. His broken nose retained some dignity and his large, well-shaped brow indicated that there might be something else besides worms behind it. Not that we ever took much trouble to find out. We guessed by his greasy white hair that he was about fifty years old, but he might have been thirty. It's hard to tell age in a man ruined by drink.

But like I was saying earlier, there was real cunning inside that old carcass. I was there the time he came stumbling into the pub, as per-

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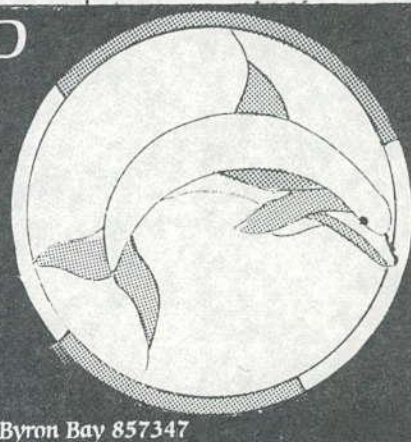
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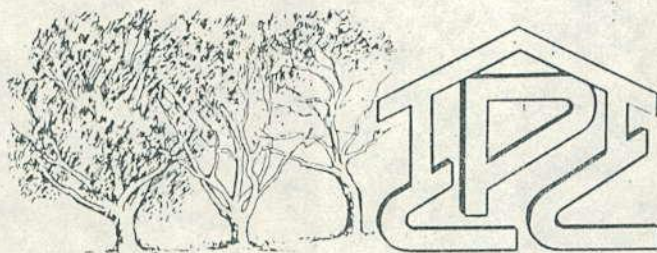
I refer to your letter of 7 Aug 1989 concerning the \$400 Rural levies which you asked to be waived. The council's executive committee resolved that the conditions remain, but also to the effect that the levy be refunded to you (section 504) to help fund the on-site facilities to which you refer. This in effect means that they are considered having been paid and refunded. This arrangement is for reasons of consistency with other applicants. I trust this explains the position. Please submit a copy of this letter with your building applications.

Signed P. Reynolders

(for the Town Clerk) Lismore

Dear Mike,

Haven't seen Paul who wrote the original letter when he got slapped by the levee when submitting his house plans. But we ^{BC} are contracted to pay an amount each year (for I think 20 years?) to cover cost of the bridge construction, which they are starting, & we made our section of the road, so I presume the on-site facilities would be the bridge. Joy.



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

12 December 1989

Registrar of Credit Unions,
P.O. BOX 972
PARRAMATTA N.S.W. 2150.

Dear Registrar,

North Coast Ethical Credit Union Application for Registration

Members of Pan - Community Council at its meeting on 10 December 1989 resolved to strongly support The Channon Trust's application for registration of the North Coast Ethical Credit Union. Our members are acutely aware of the need for an ethical credit union which can assure concerned investors that their funds will be utilised in an ethical and environmentally sound manner particularly in this " rainbow " bio-region. The Channon Trust has already demonstrated its commitment not to discriminate against the financially disadvantaged and will facilitate the provision of funds for housing and small businesses to people who would otherwise be denied these opportunities.

The Pan - Community Council is represented by 20 Multiple - Occupancy Communities in a bio-region covering the Tweed, Byron Bay, Ballina, Lismore and Kyogle Shires and 16 individuals supporting the following aims and objectives:

1. Protection of the natural environment
2. Promotion of social interaction between communities
3. Direct assistance in dealing with local councils and other government bodies
4. Fostering sustainable economic initiatives
5. Promoting the general principles of multiple occupancy land use to media, councils, and the broader community
6. Pooling resources, expertise and skill sharing to facilitate the above

Yours fraternally,

Mike Shegog

Mike Shegog (for) Pan - Community Council - (066) 897321



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Mr M Shegog
Pan - Community Council
PO Box 102
NIMBIN 2480 294

Our Reference GM:SS
Your Reference
Contact
Telephone 895-0729
Facsimile

-3 JAN 1990

Dear Mr Shegog

Reference is made to your letter dated 12 December 1989,
concerning the proposed North Coast Ethical Credit Union Ltd.

Your comments supporting the proposal have been noted and will
be taken into account when the application is being
considered.

Yours faithfully

G McKenna
for REGISTRAR OF CREDIT UNIONS

For The Children Of The World

We the participants of the 1989 EARTHWALK Conference held at Kurrajong, NSW, Australia, hereby express our deep concern with the deteriorating condition of the world's environment, and propose

an Earth Treaty

between the people and governments of all nations and our Mother the Earth. We endorse the following solution-strategy, to help counteract the current global ecological crisis and to ensure the safety and welfare of present and future generations. We recognise the vital necessity for a change in our relationship with the Earth for the preservation of life, and we pledge to help:

- **establish** a world-wide ERA (Earth Repair Action) Decade to begin with FIERY, the (First International Earth Repair Year), starting on World Environment Day, June 5, 1990, to activate the spirit of global co-operation, and unite people, communities, religions and nations in the common, productive purpose of repairing our Earth for a safer more peaceful future (See Petition and Draft Resolution to the United Nations, printed overleaf)
- **motivate** the governments of every nation to fund and support the ERA Decade by reallocating annually at least 10% of all military budgets, personnel and resources, within each nation, and achieve World Peace by the Year 2000
- **protect** and respect remaining native forests, flora and all life forms and stop destruction for short term economic gain. For every mature tree felled, at least 100 trees need to be fully grown
- **foster** an attitude that transcends regional and national differences; appreciates and respects Mother Earth as our home, and perceives humanity as one family
- **respect** indigenous peoples' cultures and value their contribution as custodians for the preservation of the remaining wilderness
- **research** into eliminating the hazards of toxic waste and all life-damaging pollutants of air, soil and water, including a transition to energy systems using only renewable resources
- **include** into the public and private education systems within every nation, the subject of permanent, self sustaining, organic agriculture and self help development programs to grow an abundance of nutritious food, build community and individual health, and end world hunger
- **build** small and large-scale hygienic composting facilities and establish natural resource recovery programs, to ensure that all presently-wasted bio-degradable materials be recycled and processed into humus to replenish the soil and reforest the lands
- **co-ordinate** programs such as shade houses for tree propagation; the planting and maintenance of forest, fruit and nut trees; hygienic composting bins for soil production and organic food gardens within schools, colleges and community centres for youth, senior citizens, drug and alcohol rehabilitation and corrective services
- **campaign** for the names and objectives of all National Defence Forces to be changed to Peace Keeping Services, and that these personnel help plant and care for billions of trees to replace forests lost and to replenish the atmosphere
- **initiate** by June 5, 1989 the birth of the National Committee for UNEP (United Nations Environment Program) in Australia, and as soon as possible in other nations, to implement the proposed EARTH TREATY and any other global environmental reforms necessary to save the Earth for our children and the generations to come.



People of all nations are invited to contribute to the further implementation of the Earth Treaty. Suggestions and enquiries about FIERY and the ERA Decade, please contact Earth Repair Foundation, PO Box 15, Hazelbrook, 2779, NSW, Australia. Phone (047) 58 6393, Fax (047) 58 6904.



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If you would like to participate in the manifestation of the ERA (Earth Repair Action) Decade, then sign and gather signatures on the Petition overleaf and send to your local Member of Federal Parliament. Please also send to at least three friends, world leaders or the media and help snowball this action world wide. Additional A3 size copies are available for \$5 for \$2, post-free. All proceeds and donations go to the Earth Repair Fund (ERF), and are invested into composting, tree growing and ERA education programs. For further information contact: Earth Repair Foundation, PO Box 15, Hazelbrook, 2779, NSW, Aust.

new world news



Blowin' In The Wind

USSR — A new type of wind powered electric generating device, partly made from recycled military hardware, has recently gone into operation on the Apsheron Peninsula of the Caspian Sea, in the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan.

Wind power has long been used on the Apsheron. Baku, 'City of Winds', is the capital city, and local farmers use home-made wind motors to water their kitchen gardens.

The device has a 7.5 kilowatt capacity, and can be automatically switched into the electric network. Its blades are made of old helicopter propellers.

ALTERNATIVES

Hot Food

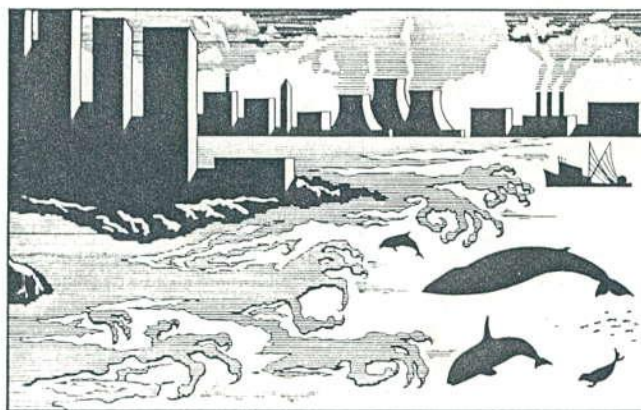
UK — The UK government has bowed to public concern and shelved its plan to permit food irradiation. The government accepted the advice of its experts that bombarding food with radiation to improve its shelf life is 'theoretically safe' but conceded that, in practice, irradiation would be used dangerously to mask the hazards of tainted food. The ban on the process, first imposed in 1987, will remain in force until suitable regulatory controls can be devised, including a simple method to detect whether food has been irradiated. The government's retreat came in the face of formidable public opposition. Opinion polls showed that up to 90 percent of people were against the existing ban being lifted.

THE GUARDIAN

Radioactive Islands and Oceans

USA & JAPAN — The Pacific may become a nuclear dumping ground for Japan and the US. The US is looking at the Marshall Islands as a possible dumping site for its high level nuclear waste and Japan wants to dump at sea.

Legislation passed by the US Congress in December 1987 provides for the consideration of the Marshall Islands, as well as some mainland US States, as possible dumping grounds. "The poisons are there already," says Wilfred Kendall, the Marshall's Chief of Mission in Washington. "The uninhabited islands are forever contaminated. Why not turn a liability into an asset?" Marshall Islands



president Amata Kabua has also suggested the Marshalls as a possible dumping site.

Kendall said that there have also been talks between the Marshall Islands and the Japanese. At the same time the Japanese are keen that the London Dumping Convention (LDC) Panel of Experts (which is

examining political, legal, social and economic aspects of dumping at sea) produce a report favourable to their plans.)

Coincidentally, Japan's Foreign Affairs Minister, Kuramari, has been visiting Pacific nations, dispensing economic aid.

TRIBUNE/CHAIN REACTION

Noah's Return

BRITAIN — Recently, Ark, an environmental pressure group in Britain, ruffled researchers involved in studying climatic change by predicting that the sea level will rise by up to 5.7 metres as a result of global warming, by the year 2050.

Current scientific consensus suggests that the rise will be between 20 centimetres and 1.4 metres. Ark accompanied its vastly upgraded forecast with detailed coloured maps

showing the effect of the rising waters on Britain's coastline. "Parliament may have to move to Birmingham," claimed the report, "because vast areas of central London will have disappeared beneath water." At a recent press conference, Margaret Thatcher emphatically denied that she was leaving Downing St for higher ground, but her snorkel and flippers were more than suspicious.

NEW SCIENTIST



Ain't No Rubbish



EGYPT — The tip-dwellers of Cairo are transforming their lives by recycling refuse. For years the enterprising

Zableen people have carved themselves a precarious existence by gathering rubbish around Egypt's sprawling capital. Now, however, grants from Oxfam, the British aid agency, and the Ford Foundation are enabling the Zableens to set up their own recycling plant, and it is generating a profit that they are ploughing back into other community enterprises.

Such has been the

success of this recycling that the community has been able to set up credit schemes to assist families who are replacing their corrugated iron and hardboard shacks with brick buildings. Initially the loans went mostly to men, but recently Zableen women have been taking advantage of the credit system to establish their own co-operatives.

THE NEW INTERNATIONALIST

Craft of the Month

RECYCLING PAPER

AT HOME

with Peter Steggall



Here is your chance to partake in conservation of resources!

Today Peter Steggall will be demonstrating basic methods for making paper and cards in the kitchen. Look for Peter's stall just down from the main gate near the white shed.

RECYCLING TIP

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19TH NOVEMBER & 3RD DECEMBER

NIMBIN COUNTRY - SUN. 2 NOV.

EVAN'S HEAD - SAT. 25TH NOV.

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The Channon Craft Market

NEWSHEET N° 119

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Charity of the Day



GROW

GROW is a Community mental health movement of Australian origin and increasing international significance. GROW describes itself formally as a voluntary association of people with varying degrees of acknowledged inadequacy or maladjustment, who earnestly desire to improve the quality of their lives and who through shared learning and mutual help, have and are finding together the way to mental health and personal maturity.

GROW is a school of adult education to regain and/or maintain mental health or maturity as well as a prevention from the way down. It is a program for all people who acknowledge their need for help at any stage of their development.

GROW meetings are run weekly, last 2 hours and followed by refreshments. Meetings are confidential, anonymous - first names only - non denominational and open to all. No fees or introduction are necessary. More information - phone Angela on 293288 or Fay on 321679.



Market Bookings

Tel. 244411

**NEXT MARKET MEETING -
TUESDAY 7.30 pm. AT THE
CHANNON TEAHOUSE**

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Music

Casino & District Brass Band



The Casino & District Brass Band Inc. is made up of 30 members ranging in age from 10 yrs through to adult. The bandmaster is Mrs. Cheryl Siddon. The band plays at many festivals throughout the North Coast & Strath. Queensland, including the Tropicana Festival in Southport, Murwillumbah Banana Tweed Festival, Chincogan Fiesta & most recently the Henry Parkes re-enactment ceremony at Tentfield & the Grafton Jacaranda Festival. The band plays at many varied functions in & around Casino including the Beef Week Parade & Anzac Day. The Band will play from 9.30 to noon today.



HARMONICS

The HARMONICS are a male/female vocal duo with a flair for fun & the romance of life. The evident enjoyment in their work is highly infectious! Feast on the Harmonic's blend of re-vamped gems from the romantic 30's & 40's, a sprinkle of 50's & 60's classics topped with a dash of originals. Served with

just the right volume - delicious on any occasion! Lina has been heard with Hot Pursuit, The Persuaders & Bahloo. Shiva has worked with Blue Skies, Anahata & as a Gosford-based entertainer. Harmonics appear today (from noon), with Tony Narvo on piano (of "2 Men & a Piano"). Whether you like to Swing & Swoon with schmaltz, or do a two-step & a tango, the Harmonics promise you a great time! Bookings. 216400 or 337123 (duo or band)

Permaculture

Permaculture encourages the restoration of balance to our environments through the practical application of ecological principles. In the broadest sense, Permaculture refers to land-use systems which utilise resources in a sustainable way.

From a philosophy of cooperation with nature and each other, of caring for the earth and people, it presents an approach to designing environments which have the diversity, stability and resilience of natural ecosystems, to regenerate damaged land and preserve environments which are still intact. Permaculture is a practical concept applicable from a balcony to the farm, from the city to the wilderness, enabling us to establish productive environments providing our food, energy, shelter, material and non-material needs, as well as the social and economic infrastructures that will support them.

Permaculture is a synthesis of ecology and geography, observation and design. Permaculture encompasses all aspects of human environments and culture, urban and rural, and their local and global impact. It involves ethics of earth care because the sustainable use of land cannot be separated from lifestyle and philosophical issues.

The Permaculture Design Certificate Course

The Permaculture Design Course is an 72 hour intensive series of lectures, practical design, and hands on experience. It begins with the development of a keen understanding of the patterns in nature; landform, water, forest, soil and climate, and how to apply this in the design of self-sustaining productive ecosystems for house and garden, farm and forest, village and city. It also deals with social strategies; bioregional development, legal structures, land ownership, ethical finance systems, and community self-help. A Certificate of Permaculture Design is issued at the end of the course qualifying participants as a trainee designer. Following 2 years of applied work in one or more of 12 specialist fields, an application for a Diploma can be made to the Institute. Higher degrees are also available.

Essential texts:

- Permaculture One - Bill Mollison & David Holmgren
- Permaculture Two - Bill Mollison
- Permaculture: A Designers Manual - Bill Mollison

Key Topics

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| * Ecology and sustainability | * Creative Problem Solving |
| * Patterns in Nature and Design | * Design for Communities and Human Settlements |
| * House, Garden and Farm Design | * Villages & Multiple Occupancy |
| * Orchards and Tree Crops | * Bioregional Planning |
| * Poultry and Animal Forage Systems | * Legal Structures & Land Tenure |
| * Aquaculture and Water Systems | * Community Economic Systems |
| * Forests and Wildlife | * Urban Renewal |
| * Ecological Pest Management | * Recycling and Waste Management |
| * Design for Bush Fire | * Education and Self Reliance |
| * Appropriate Technologies | * The Future: Planning for global climatic change, Greenhouse & other issues. |
| * Australian natives & bush foods | |

Course Details

This part time course will be conducted on alternating weekends, two of which will be residential. The course will include lectures, group work, practical site analysis & design, outdoor observation, hands on experience and excursions to established examples of permaculture. Course fees include accommodation and catering for residential sections.

Dates:

- Jan 20-21st
- Feb 2-5 (inclusive)
- Feb 17-18th
- Mar 3- 4th
- Mar 16-18th (inclusive)

Location

- Life Resources Exchange, 80 Hindmarsh St Lismore 9am-5pm
- Gunundi Conf.Centre, Ballina 10amFri - 6pmMon Residential
- L.R.E. Lismore (Sat) & farm excursion (Sun) 9am-5pm
- L.R.E. Lismore 9am-5pm
- Residential 10am Fri - 7pm Sun

Registration:

The full course fee is \$385 which covers all lectures, course notes, and food and accommodation for the two residential periods. A deposit of \$100 must be made in advance to secure your registration. **Registrations made on or before the 1st Jan will receive \$35 discount.** Balance of fee to be paid upon commencement of the course. **LETS accepted** for up to 20% of full course fee.

Registrations and enquiries to be directed to:

Robyn Francis, 35 Ocean Drive, Evans Head 2473. Ph (066) 824265

Course Participants

The course is open to all people from all walks of life. There are no academic pre-requisites but participants are expected to have read the Permaculture books. Being an inter-disciplinary subject it is of particular benefit to professional people interested in developing a more wholistic approach to their work and working more effectively with people from other disciplines. Participants in past courses have included both professional and lay people involved in gardening, commercial and hobby farming, agricultural science, horticulture, architecture, town planning, civil engineering, finance & management, public relations, local politics, social work, healing and health work, the arts, education (primary, secondary & tertiary), third world development, environment & resource planning, ecologically based real estate and land development.

The underlying objective of this course is to facilitate the formation of competent teams of planners, designers, educators, corporate and practical skills in the Northern Rivers region to work on bioregional planning and development for the future: environmentally sound, socially aware and long term sustainable with full account of the local implications of global factors.

The needs of various cultural and socio-economic groups and communities will receive special attention with particular reference to Aboriginal Communities and rural resettlement issues: communities, MO & village planning

Robyn Francis has been consulting and teaching in Permaculture Design for the past 5 years in Australia, USA, Europe and India. She is director of Permaculture International Ltd, president of the Earthbank Society and editor of the International Permaculture Journal. She received the Community Service Award in 1985 in recognition of her work. As a teacher Ms Francis enriches theory with a wealth of insight and practical experience, and the use of pattern learning and experiential techniques.

Background: Following 5 years overseas (1972-77) observing traditional land use and cultures throughout Asia and Europe, Robyn returned to Australia and developed a property in the NSW Mid North Coast for 6 yrs, with nursery, organic market garden, orchard and poultry system, and reforestation. Her activities there extended into community self-help, economic, social and bioregional planning issues, and Multiple Occupancy.

1984-(Feb)'89 Robyn Francis was based in Sydney teaching Permaculture at the Ryde School of Horticulture (TAFE), conducting numerous design courses, short courses and workshops, giving lectures and seminars for universities and Government Departments, and designing and consulting for private clients, rural and urban. In 1986 she established the EPICentre (Earthcare Permaculture Initiatives) in Enmore, a resource and information centre, and toured the USA, Germany and India for 6 months teaching, lecturing, consulting and visiting urban and rural permaculture projects.

1987 Robyn taught the first Permaculture Course in India with Bill Mollison at Hyderabad University, founded Permaculture International Ltd, and consulted for the NSW Housing Department on an Aboriginal Village and farm in Southern NSW. In 1988 she conducted 3 TAFE funded permaculture courses for Aboriginal communities in Stn NSW and at Tennant Creek, N.T.

Robyn now lives on the North Coast, where she continues her work teaching, consulting, and editing the International Journal. She recently taught two Arid Lands Permaculture Design Courses for Aboriginals with the Tjangentyere Council in Alice Springs.

Guest lecturers and key local resource people will enrich the bioregional focus of the Northern Rivers course, drawing upon region skills and experience.

REGISTRATION FORM - Nthn Rivers Permaculture Course Jan '90

NAME _____ PH _____

ADDRESS _____

Occupation _____

Reasons for doing this course _____

Enclosed find cheque/other _____ for \$ _____ being a deposit / full fee for the Pert-time Design Course commencing 20th Jan 1990 in Lismore.

Signed _____ Date _____

Registrations and enquiries:

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Planning for the Future

Northern Rivers Part-time Permaculture Design Certificate Course with Robyn Francis & guest lecturers Commencing Sat 20th January, 1990



"Awareness of the need for change is rapidly growing in all sectors of society. Information and direction for appropriate action is urgently required. Bioregional cooperation and organisation are key factors for planning and building a sustainable future."

"This involves a complete re-think of current land use planning and resource management. Local government issues, recycling and waste management, energy conservation, sustainable agriculture and rural land use, sound development of new and existing towns and villages, strengthening regional economies, empowering people to become an effective part of the solution in their lives and work... are all key areas for immediate action."

- Robyn Francis

Plastics, Packaging and Their Alternatives

We live in the "Plastic Age". Plastics are used everywhere and have many benefits over other materials. They are light, cheap and easy to manufacture. There are many different sorts of plastics which can be used in thousands of different ways. Because of its stability in the environment, plastic has many drawbacks. Its manufacture creates toxic wastes and when burnt plastic gives off highly toxic fumes.

Disposable plastic packaging generates the lion's share of the litter problem and pollutes both land and ocean. The plastic bag carelessly thrown away may disappear from view but storm water drains will carry it out to sea where it will endanger marine life. Plastic containers have been found blocking the stomachs of whales and tangled around seals and dolphins. "Photodegradable" plastic bags don't solve the problem either. They require 6 to 8 weeks of sunlight to degrade and will not break down if buried. In water, break-down time is much longer than in sunlight. **The solution to the plastic mountain is not to devise new sorts of plastic but to use less of it.**

Alternatives

- **Choose recyclable packaging materials.** Glass and paper-based materials, aluminium, steel. Recyclable plastics (PET) and "photodegradable" plastics are not recommended because there are environmental problems with their manufacture and disposal.
- **Buy fresh food.** This avoids buying plasticfoam base used to package meat, cheese and vegetable products. Butchers, delis and greengrocers do not usually use as much plastic as supermarkets.
- **Choose goods with minimal packaging.** Avoid individually wrapped items and plastic bubble-packs. Where possible, buy in bulk.
- **Use less plastic.** Try to minimise your use of disposable plastics. For school lunches, use grease-proof paper not cling-wrap or plastic food bags. For covering food, a saucer or plate can be used instead of plastic film. Don't accept disposable plastic bags at the shops, take your own durable shopping bags. When refusing disposable plastic bags, explain your choice to retailers. Support the few stores that refill containers.

Paper

Paper is a renewable and recyclable resource and is a good substitute for plastic. It's better to use recycled paper because its manufacture uses less energy and resources than new paper.

In its natural state, paper is a pale brown colour. To bleach the paper white an oxygen process can be used but the cheaper chlorine process is commonly used. This chlorine process creates large quantities of persistent organochlorine pollutants including dioxin (one of the most toxic man made chemicals known). Trace quantities of dioxin end up in bleached paper products including coffee filters, tea bags, disposable nappies and tampons.

Paper Recycling and Alternatives

- **Use unbleached and recycled paper when available.** The availability will increase with the demand so keep asking for it.
- **Make maximum use of all paper.** Use both sides of stationery, re-use envelopes, photo-copy on both sides, re-use fancy wrapping paper.
- **Use cloth nappies.** See Cleaning Agents section above for details on washing them. In the long term cloth nappies are cheaper than disposable ones.
- **Use handkerchiefs** instead of tissues.
- **Use cloth serviettes** instead of paper ones.
- **Use china plates and cups** instead of disposable ones.
- **Use cloth hand-towel** in kitchen, not paper.
- **Buy products in bulk and use sparingly.** Avoid over-packaged, individually wrapped products.
- **Recycle all paper.** Avoid use of plastic-coated paper cartons (eg milk and juice packets) as these are not recyclable.

**Washing soda must be kept out of reach of children and pets. Although it is not a danger for the environment, it is toxic if swallowed.

#Eucalyptus oil should be kept out of reach of children and pets. Eucalyptus vapour and extremely small doses (one or two drops) of eucalyptus oil have medicinal purposes, but doses of just 3 ml (about one teaspoon) can be fatal. It should be used very sparingly since it can kill many beneficial animals, plants and micro-organisms.

This leaflet contains information compiled from a number of different sources and not all cleaning methods have been tested by the Toxic and Hazardous Chemicals Committee. We can assume no responsibility for the effectiveness of the alternatives and suggest a trial is done first.

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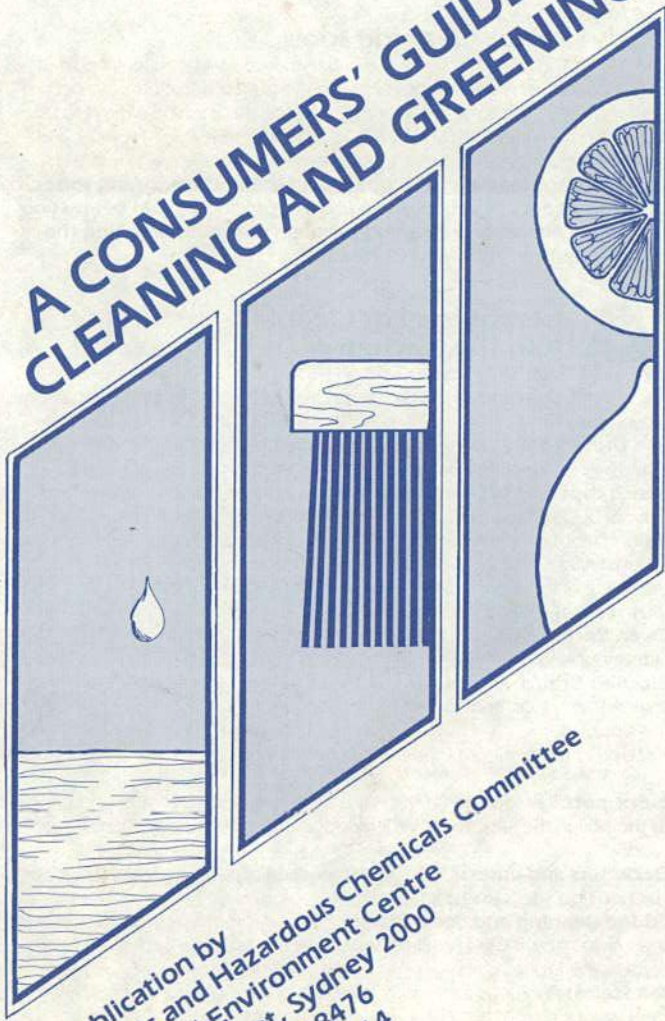
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In recent times, the plundering and pollution of Earth has escalated at an astonishing rate. Today it has reached a critical threshold. To ensure Earth's survival for future generations we have to take action now and reduce our impact on the environment.

Many people think that government and industry will do the job for them but their record speaks for itself. Governments are too slow to respond to environmental problems and industry usually shelters behind their inaction. The lead **has** to come from the public who can, and must, learn to be satisfied with less.

Consumer Power can Protect Earth

Everybody's actions affect the environment and what you buy or don't buy will make a difference to the well-being of Earth. You can take increased responsibility, exercise your market power and buy products that don't pollute and despoil the environment. Manufacturers and retailers will soon get the message that people prefer products and services that don't damage the environment.

There are three things for us all to remember

1. **Buy products that don't pollute. Use safe alternatives.**
2. **Reduce use of energy and resources. Use less of everything.**
3. **Buy products without packaging or with packaging that can be recycled.**

Once you accept these principles, you are ready to tackle the fine detail. This pamphlet aims to help you start.

Household Pollutants

Many cleaning agents are toxic to people and the environment. Minimising their use reduces the **chemical load** on both you and Earth. And there need be no sacrifice in standards of cleanliness. For centuries soaps have been used to clean just about everything. It wasn't until 1907 that the first synthetic detergents were made. Since then, the range of detergents has increased dramatically so that today we have almost as many cleaning agents as we have cleaning jobs. The volume of detergents produced are impressive. In 1984, world production was 17,000,000 tonnes.

Detergents are made from petro-chemicals... a non-renewable resource. Many detergents are not readily biodegradable and pollute Earth's water cycle long after use.

Biodegradable means that the substance is capable of being decomposed by the action of bacteria and other living organisms such as fungi. Biodegradable products are less harmful than non-biodegradable ones because they do not accumulate in the environment. However, "biodegradable" doesn't necessarily mean that the product is 100% biodegradable. Australian Standard for Biodegradability of Surfactants lays down that for a surfactant to be "biologically soft" it must biodegrade by at least 80% before the end of the 21 day test. Products (surfactants) which are "biologically hard" may biodegrade to only 50% but may still be called "biodegradable". Therefore look for a "biologically soft" label. Better still, use the alternatives for greener house-care mentioned in this pamphlet.

Cleaning agents are amazing cocktails of chemicals. They can include:

Surfactants (surface-active agents) is the name often given to detergents. However they are generally only a component of detergents and are used as wetting agents to enhance the power of detergents. Their presence in detergents, shampoos and rinse aids may cause an increase in the body's absorption rate of pesticide residues found in food etc. Some surfactants also affect the immune system.

Phosphates are found in detergents, laundry powders and liquids, and shampoos. Phosphates act to soften hard water, increase alkalinity

and help prevent dirt in water after it comes from the clothes, dishes or hair. If the environment is loaded up with too many phosphates, water pollution occurs. This happens when the phosphate-rich water adds extra nutrients to the environment, upsetting the balance between algae and various plant life. The waterways then become choked with weeds as other less aggressive plant and animal life is robbed of oxygen. The end result of this process of “eutrophication” is lifeless streams and rivers. Phosphates are unnecessary and have been banned in inland states of the USA and in Switzerland.

Fluorescers are added to powders to produce that “whiter than white” look. They are also used in the new gleaming business shirt. Fluorescers don’t clean but optically brighten by absorbing ultra-violet light and re-emitting blue light. In other words they give the appearance of whiteness, not a guarantee of cleanliness.

Enzymes are proteins used to hasten stain removal in laundry products, fabric conditioners and most pre-wash soakers. They can cause severe allergic reactions, just like the protein of bee stings, in some people and may also cause asthma in people who handle them a lot. They are called “biological detergents” (not to be confused with biodegradable*) and the word “bio” may indicate its presence.

Dyes and Deodorisers are included in cleaners, deodorisers and toilet cleaners. They give the illusion of freshness by creating a camouflage of colour and scent to mask odours and stains. One toilet freshener, “Fragrasan” contains paradichlorbenzene, an organochlorine chemical which accumulates in the body and has a life-span of 15 years or more.

Disinfectants kill bacteria which can cause infection and ill-health. The problem is that they also kill off the good bacteria which are needed to decompose sewage. The use of disinfectants should be minimised.

Solvents are present in many products including dry-cleaning fluids, spot and paint removers, nail polish, furniture polish and some leather stains. They are usually volatile and can be harmful if a lot is breathed in. Solvents should only be used in well-ventilated spaces but even then will contribute to air pollution generally.

Bleach consists of sodium, potassium, calcium or magnesium hypochlorite. These chemical salts disinfect, bleach and deodorise, and if used in small quantities are not detrimental to the environment. If too much bleach is used, “free chlorine” can react with other (organic) matter in the sewage and form very dangerous, highly persistent chemicals called organochlorines. Making bleach can also give rise to environmental threats. The most common manufacturing method produces the environmental pollutant mercury as a waste product. **Remember. Bleach can be dangerous if misused. It should never be mixed with ammonia as the reaction produces toxic fumes which are readily inhaled.**

How To Use Less Pollutants

1. Experiment With Less

Using less chemicals in your home doesn’t mean that you have to accept a lower standard of cleanliness. Remember, your house isn’t an operating theatre or scientific laboratory and certainly isn’t the battlefield of dangerous germs that is shown on our TV screens. Manufacturers’ instructions should never be taken as the final word on product use because the sellers have a financial interest in making you use more. So start to vary the way you use chemicals. Begin by experimenting with the **amount** of chemicals you use. See how little you can get away with.

2. Give Cleaners More Time To Work

If chemical cleaners are given **more time** to do the job, you will need to use less of them. Soak pots and plates in the sink. If clothes are really dirty, rub them with soap and soak before washing. Soak stains on porcelain

and laminex (see recipes below). Soak the toilet bowl. Leave mould and oven cleaners on overnight. For tough grime on stove tops place sodden cloth over grime until grime is softened and easily removed.

3. Prevent Dirt Build-up

If you do it regularly, housework need never become overwhelming. And quick action on a spot, stain or mark will solve little dirt problems fast and save further effort.

4. Use Better Cleaning Tools

The “quick and easy” convenience of harsh chemical cleaners have made us forget about the advantages of brushes, scourers and cloths as effective cleaning tools. The stronger your implements, the less you’ll need to use harsh chemical cleaners. Steel wool is a brilliant, cheap all-rounder and scrubbing brushes are now available with long handles.

Using strong cleaning tools goes hand in hand with using softer cleaning agents. If you learn to use the products listed below you can tackle almost any cleaning problem without damaging the environment or your family’s health.

Alternatives For Cleaning

• In The Kitchen

Washing Dishes –

By Hand: Use pure soap. Dissolve by rubbing soap between gloved hands, by using a wire basket shaker or soap flakes.

In a Dishwasher: Washing soda** can be used instead of proprietary brands. For rinse-aids, use vinegar to prevent spotting and streaking.

Bench tops and stainless steel sinks: Clean with plastic scourer and soap or bi-carb soda. Stubborn dried-on spots can be soaked by leaving a sodden cloth on them for ten minutes and then wiping off.

Ovens: Make a paste of bi-carb soda and water. Apply with a spatula to the inside of the warmed oven. Leave to dry and then clean off with a stiff brush or scourer and very hot water.

Oven Racks: Soak in washing soda** dissolved in hot water in the laundry sink.

Blocked Drains: Rubber plunger. Clean grease-blocked drains by soaking with washing soda** and hot water. Don’t pour grease down the sink.

Kettle: To remove hard water encrustation, boil equal parts vinegar and water in the kettle.

Burnt pots: Dissolve two teaspoons of bi-carb soda in water and bring to the boil in the saucepan. When cool, clean off with a scourer or steel wool.

Decanters and Vases: Clean with uncooked rice and a few tea leaves or crushed egg shells and a little vinegar.

Fridge cleaning and deodorising: After cleaning with warm water and soap, wipe down with vanilla essence or leave an open packet of bi-carb soda in the fridge.

Tea Stains: Rub cups and mugs with salt or lemon juice or scour with steel wool.

Copper: Using a soft cloth, rub with vinegar. Polish with a dry cloth.

Aluminium Pans: To shine, boil a mixture of vinegar and water in them.

Brass: Shine with a loose paste of vinegar and salt.

Chrome: Polish with apple cider vinegar.

Silver: Make a solution of one part washing soda** to twenty parts water and put into an aluminium pan. The effervescent bubbles that are created are not toxic. Dip the silver into the mixture briefly. Rinse in hot water then dry with a clean soft cloth.

Pewter: Polish with the outer leaves of a cabbage and then buff with a soft cloth.

• In The Laundry

Washing Clothes

Pure soap or soap flakes do just as good a job as harsh powders and liquid cleaners.

For machine washing, dissolve soap flakes in a little hot water before adding them to the washing water. Soap residue or scum is the result of water hardness and is easily dealt with by adding ¼ cup of washing soda** to the wash cycle. In areas where the water is very hard add ½ cup of washing soda** to the wash cycle and ¼ cup to the rinse cycle. When changing from detergents to soap, you may need to remove the detergent residues from the clothes. Add ½ cup of washing soda** to the machine and pre-wash. To help prevent streaking in dark cottons and prolonging the life of panty hose and stretch fabrics, add half a cup of white vinegar to the rinse cycle.

Hand washing. Run soap-filled wire-basket shaker under the tap when washing by hand. You can use up all the little bits of un-used soap in this way too. Soap bits can also be collected in a jar. When half full, add very hot water and let the mixture soak thoroughly, stirring occasionally until it forms a gel.

Stain Removal

Act quickly – a fresh stain can be far more easily removed than a dried and ingrained stain. Scrape off or absorb as much of the stain as possible. If the stain is fresh and not greasy it can often be removed by putting it straight into cold water. Don’t use hot water as this sets the stain permanently.

Ball-Point Pen Stains: Using methylated spirits, flush fabric repeatedly and then rinse.

Blood: Soak in cold water for ten minutes and then wash with soap.

Coffee: Wash out with cool water, then vinegar. Rinse.

Fruit Stains: Immediately cover stain with salt and soak in milk before washing.

Glues: Many glue stains can be removed by dabbing with eucalyptus#.

Grass Stains: Soak with methylated spirits, allow to dry and then wash.

Grease Spots: 1. If the spot is fresh, sprinkle thickly with bi-carb soda, leave for a few minutes then brush off. For dried grease stains, wet fabric and rub bi-carb soda into spot. If a stubborn stain, repeat and leave for a few hours, then wash. 2. If the grease-stained fabric can take a hot iron, place brown paper over the stain and press for a few moments with a hot iron. The grease will absorb into the paper. Wash in warm soapy water.

Heavy Soil: As for grease spots 1.

Ink: Soak stain in milk.

Linen Spots: Rub spots with bi-carb soda and lemon juice before washing.

Lipstick: Soak stain in milk for thirty minutes and then wash in warm soapy water. Put a little glycerine on the stain and a few hours later wipe with eucalyptus#.

Mildew: The fungus can be killed by hanging fabric in hot sun or outside on a frosty night.

Mustard: As for tea.

Nappies: After scraping off the excess, soak soiled nappies in 3 tablespoons of bi-carb soda dissolved in warm water. For stubborn stains repeat several times. Wash in warm soapy water. Sun-dry.

Perfume Stain: As for tea.

Raspberry Stain: Wash with soapy water and then rub lemon juice over the stain. Leave for one hour before washing out.

Red Wine: Pour salt on immediately, let it stand for a while, then soak in cold water and rub out.

Rust: Saturate stain with lemon juice and cover with bi-carb soda and leave to soak.

Scorch: Rub well with white vinegar and rinse with cool water.

Tar: Saturate stain with eucalyptus# and cover with bi-carb soda for one hour. Wash off in warm water. For stubborn stains repeat several times.

Tea and Cocoa: Rub with glycerine, leave for three to four hours, and then wash with soap and cold water.

Wax and Chewing Gum: To remove from fabric, place a block of ice onto wax or gum or place fabric in plastic bag and put in freezer. After two hours scrape off and sponge with eucalyptus#.

• In The Bathroom

Tiles and basin: Make a paste of bi-carb soda and water. Apply with soft cloth. Wipe off with clean moist cloth. Leave a while for stubborn stains.

Mould Removal: Wipe vinegar onto surfaces, leave overnight and scrub off.

Toilet Cleaner: Use vinegar and leave to soak for ten minutes. Limescale can then be scrubbed off.

Deodoriser: Open windows top and bottom to draw in fresh air. Place a small bowl of pot pourri or a pot of “eau de cologne” mint in bathroom and toilet. Wipe floors with vanilla essence.

Bathing: Put ½ cup of rolled oats in the toe of a discarded stocking or sock and run it under the tap as the bath fills. The oat-treated water will pamper your skin and the oat sock can be used for cleaning your skin.

Shampoo: This can be made from mixtures of water and herbs, vinegar, lemon juice (as conditioner and hair lightener), egg yolks (for dry hair) or beer (for body).

• Furnishings

Carved Furniture: To clean, apply cedar oil with a cloth and then use an old shaving brush or very soft baby’s hair brush to clean the difficult corners.

Floors: Clean lino tiles and floors (and bench tops) with one tablespoon of lemon essence diluted in ½ bucket of water, or wash with vinegar and soap.

Furniture Polish: For softwoods, rub with a mixture of olive oil and lemon juice. For highly polished furniture, wipe over with a chamois leather wrung out in vinegar and water. Polish with a soft dry cloth.

Varnished Surfaces: Clean with a little cold tea.

Vinyl Wallpaper: Clean with a warm cloth and white vinegar.

Vinyl Upholstery: To cut down on the release of volatile plasticisers from new vinyl, wash with a strong solution of cider vinegar then rinse and dry well.

Wall Paper: Remove all dust with a feather duster or vacuum cleaner. Then wipe the wall paper lightly with a thickly sliced piece of bread that is two days old. Discard the bread as it becomes dirty.

Wax Floors: Use bees wax to polish.

White Heat Marks on Furniture: Remove these by rubbing with a paste made from cigarette ash mixed with a little water.

Windows and Mirrors: Clean with a solution of ½ cup of white vinegar mixed with one litre of water, or clean with a little cold tea. They can also be rubbed dry with newspaper. If windows are very grimy, use soapy water as a pre-wash.

Wood and Leather: As a finish rub with olive oil.

Aerosols and Their Alternatives

All aerosol products are bad for the environment. It takes a lot of energy and resources to produce them, making them the most expensive type of throw-away packaging. Aerosols also use environmentally damaging propellants. Chlorofluorocarbons destroy Earth’s protective ozone layer. Hydrocarbons are GreenHouse Gases and help create smog in cities. The use of aerosols should be avoided. Pump-action packs are preferable but there are other alternatives as well.

Product	Alternatives
Personal Deodorant	Roll-on or solid stick. Lavender oil.
Insect Repellent	Baby oil, lavender oil. Use herbal mosquito coils and incense. Fly screens, mosquito nets. See our sister pamphlet “A Consumer’s Guide to Safer Pest Control”
Insecticides	Soaking. Stain removing soap.
Pre-Wash Sprays	Spray clothes lightly with water.
Ironing Aids	Gel. Washing hair with beer.
Hair-Spray, Mousse	Shaving Cream
Shaving Cream	See “In The Bathroom” deodoriser.
Air Fresheners	See Furnishings.
Furniture Polish	

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Planning Our Environment

A bi-monthly newsletter from Pam Allan, Shadow Minister for the Environment and Tony Doyle, Shadow Minister for Planning

Labor leads the way

Bob Carr announces Greenhouse Impact Commission

Leader of the State Opposition, Bob Carr, speaking at the State Labor Conference on 10 June 1989, pledged that a Labor government would do everything in its power to counter the greenhouse effect and to prepare for its implications.

A Labor government would establish a Greenhouse Impact Commission which would be a small, tightly organised body with overriding powers to set the necessary standards for government and the private sector.

"Our greatest gift to the next generation of Australians will be a better balanced and stable environment," Bob Carr said to conference delegates.

In contrast, the Greiner Government has done less than any other State government to prepare for the greenhouse effect.

The Greenhouse Impact Commission

"Our greatest gift to the next generation of Australians will be a better balanced and stable environment"

would have a limited term of four years and it would be required to report to parliament every six months. Its role would be that of a watchdog.

Energy initiatives

With its advice, a Labor government would implement a number of initiatives:

- Adopt comprehensive energy conservation
- Apply new standards to achieve energy efficient buildings
- Provide research funds to develop new energy efficient technologies

- Introduce a programme to change energy use in the private sector

- Forge ahead of all other governments in recycling products with high energy content, such as aluminium
- Plan the labelling of goods on supermarket shelves according to their greenhouse impact
- Amend the Local Government Act and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to require government and councils to take into account the new standards developed by our Greenhouse Impact Commission

Nuclear no answer

Bob Carr made it clear to the conference that concern about the greenhouse effect was not a reason to support nuclear power. "The answer is not nuclear power with its deadly risks but proper planning for energy efficiency."

Work is now underway to prepare legislation establishing the Commission in the next session of Parliament.

Opposition Leader Bob Carr

Inside

- Wal Murray gets it wrong again
- \$7 million dollars for greenhouse research
- Greiner kills his own recycling policy



Tweed Coast seminar slams Government development policy

Over one hundred people from a cross-section of the community, attended a Coast Watch forum on North Coast developments recently. They expressed grave concern about the Greiner Government's approach to coastal development.

They demanded a referendum on coastal development in the Tweed Shire. Public opinion would be sought on:

- The alienation of public land by the proposed Fingal resort
- How far back from the coast buildings should be set
- Coastal building height restrictions.

The Coastal Watch seminar at Tweed Heads was part of the successful Labor Listens programme of seminars on key community issues. Matters of particular concern at the seminar included:

- Sensitive care for the rights and lifestyle of people in the coast villages



Tony Doyle and Bob Carr

- An appreciation of the rights and special historical place of the Aborigines/Torres Straits Islanders on the Tweed Coast
- Preservation of scarce public coastal land for future generations
- Conservation of environmentally sensitive areas such as beaches and dunes, rare rainforests and wetlands to support the local commercial and recreational fishing industries

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- Enhancement of coastal lands already degraded for short term financial gains
- Development of environmentally sensitive tourist facilities.
- Encouragement of low-budget recreation areas

Should bottle deposits be reintroduced?

The economics of reintroducing bottle deposits has been in the news recently with the release, by the Commonwealth Government's Business Regulation Review Unit, of a report titled *Container Deposit Legislation and the Control of Litter and Waste*.

Bottle deposits were used to encourage people to return their bottles which were then reused by drink manufacturers. In New South Wales this practice was discontinued in the early 1960s.

South Australia introduced the bottle deposit system in 1978. High rates of return are reported in that State.

The Commonwealth report was made possible by the assistance of the Litter Research Association which sponsored a consultancy for the report. The Litter Research Association is a group of brewing, soft drink and beverage packaging companies fund-

ing a variety of voluntary activities aimed at promoting waste control and recycling.

The report's main finding was that the costs of container deposit legislation far outweighed the potential benefits.

However, governments all over the world are currently moving to minimise the amount of garbage that is discarded. According to a recent article in the *Financial Review*, some British cities have only three years before they run out of landfill sites in which to bury rubbish.

There is also concern to reduce the energy used in manufacturing by reusing articles.

The Green Independents recently elected in Tasmania included the introduction of bottle deposit legislation on their platform.

It is time for the issue and the options to be re-examined in NSW.

Government disables its own recycling policy

Despite the State Government's new policy on recycled paper, members of Parliament cannot be supplied with letterhead printed on recycled paper.

The Government's decision to close the Government Printer's Office means all work for Parliamentarians is put out to contractors. Apparently, none of the private contractors approached will print on recycled paper for fear that the paper will damage their machinery.



Higher density housing threat

Suburban sprawl covering our coasts; prime harbourside heritage estates obliterated by wall-to-wall villa homes; the unique village character of Blue Mountains towns destroyed.

All these irreversible planning disasters could happen under the Greiner Government's controversial changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessments Act (EPA Act).

Using the new section 72A, a developer can request a council to prepare a local environmental plan enabling "any prescribed residential development on any prescribed land". This could allow councils to approve residential development where the zoning currently prohibits it.

It depends on what types of land the regulations accompanying the Act nominate. For example, regulations could allow high-rise housing or even tourist-type developments in any location.

Other major problems

- Section 72A allows developer-driven spot rezoning. Developers can apply for land to be rezoned to suit the development they want. Until now, zoning could be changed only by the State government or by the council, after a publicly considered local environmental plan is prepared.

- Ad hoc planning replaces the cur-

rent system where new developments are assessed in the context of a pre-existing plan prepared by the

local council with public consultation

- Only the developer, as the applicant, can appeal to the Land and Environment Court if the council rejects the development sought under the new s.72A.

- Residents cannot appeal against a rezoning made under s.72A

- It removes the public's right to seek a public hearing concerning a zoning application made under s.72A.

Regulations

Regulations are needed to define the types of residential developments and sites allowed. However, the government can change regulations quickly and easily.

The regulations gazetted to come into effect on 30 June allow "town houses, villa houses, duplexes or any other form of residential flat buildings" on any land zoned either residential or "special uses" adjacent to residential zonings.

The maximum dwelling height of two storeys could be closer to three and a half storeys because any building can have park-

ing/laundry underneath and an open roof garden on top.

These regulations allow prime foreshore estates such as Strickland House, Vaucluse and the Dame Edith Walker Homes to be rezoned, with the owners' consent, for medium density housing with no public consultation.

Many other surplus government properties, such as court houses, hospitals and fire stations, are currently zoned "special uses".

Labor policy

Measures to encourage urban consolidation are needed, to respond to the current housing crisis and to contain the high cost of further new development in the outer areas of Sydney.

A Labor government would promote medium density housing through a State Environmental Planning Policy. The advantages are:

- It is specific to medium density housing rather than a broad change to the Act which can allow a range of development options depending on the regulations.

- It preserves the environmental protection measures of

Regulations are needed to define the types of residential developments and sites allowed. However, the government can change regulations quickly and easily

the Act.

- It maintains orderly development by taking the local context into account.



\$7 million for Federal greenhouse research

The Federal Government has announced a \$7 million national greenhouse programme of research and policy advice for responding to the global threat posed by the greenhouse effect.

The Government is tackling the problem now rather than waiting

until the effects of global warming are upon us.

A National Greenhouse Advisory Committee of up to six experts will be appointed to:

- Advise the Government on the priority areas for further research.

- Promote public understanding of greenhouse issues.

More than \$5.4 million will be directed to the CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology to accelerate their current work on the greenhouse effect.



Shadow ministers in the field and on the water



Pam Allan with members of the Nepean River Committee

Tony Doyle and Pam Allan travel extensively to see at first hand particular issues and to hear the views of local groups and individuals. These visits contribute significantly to new policies the Opposition is currently formulating.

Tony Doyle has visited Ballina, Tweed Heads, the Hunter region, the Illawarra and North Entrance peninsula on Lake Macquarie regarding coastal development proposals. He has also met with Hawkesbury-Nepean conservation groups on a range of local planning issues.

Pam Allan's recent inspections have included the South-East forests, the Porpoise Pool at Coffs Harbour, Kosciuszko National Park concerning the impact of development on the park, Blue Mountains National Parks Association and Lord Howe Island regarding its draft management plan.

Greenhouse concern - media overkill says Wal Murray

The Greiner Government's inaction and disinterest in environmental issues is fast becoming a farce.

The Deputy Premier, Wal Murray, said at the National Party's State conference on 18 June environmental groups' claims about the greenhouse effect were unproven. He denounced the current public and media concern with the environment as "an orgy of environmental overkill".

Mr Murray told the conference that "Fears about the future of planet Earth, fears for the destruction of the Earth's ozone layer and fears that the greenhouse effect is finally going to drown us or fry us are based on the conclusions of a relatively small group of scientists".

On logging in New South Wales,

Mr Murray derided any comparison with rainforest destruction in other parts of the world as "odious and wildly inaccurate".

"Fears about the future of the planet are based on the conclusions of a relatively small group of scientists".

- Wal Murray

His solution to the loss of natural forests included everyone helping out by planting trees. "For my part, over the last nine years, Daphne and I have planted 47 trees around our house, giving us now 72 trees in our garden."

The *Sydney Morning Herald's* humorous "Stay in Touch" column derided Murray's speech as a "don't you worry about that" response. The column decided not to make a joke out of what Wal Murray had said because they could not think of anything funnier that what Murray had said!

Price hikes disguised in new water bills

The Water Board's switch to quarterly billing is welcome but it has disguised the big increases in this year's water rates.

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- Excess water rates for usage over the new lower maximum of 250 kilolitres a year.
- If you live in parts of Parramatta, Blacktown, Holroyd or Baulkham Hills, the new levy of \$20 per house for the Upper Parramatta River Trust.

For additional copies or comment ring Pam Allan on (02) 631 7006 or Tony Doyle on (043) 41 8414.

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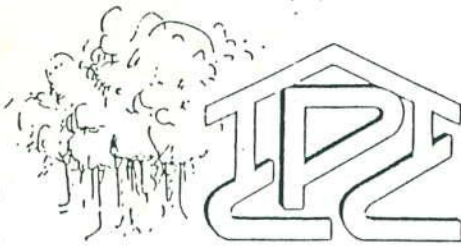
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PAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS REPORT

The concept of people power was solidly established on the Spring Equinox week-end gathering of the Pan Community Council-- and what an informative and energizing week-end it was! A crowd of about 200 people enjoyed some brilliant speakers on Saturday.

Speakers included solicitor Tony Pagotto, who has been involved in legal structuring for many of the multiple occupancies in the area. Jan Oliver, a vivacious women's educationalist, spoke of the difficulties community women experience in the area of building. Dave Lambert of the R.R.T.F. gave a summary of the operations of the task force. Jude and Michelle Fanton from Seed Savers spoke on the values of seed saving and composting. Dave Mc Conchie, a senior lecturer on environmental science of the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education, spoke on environmental degradation in the Northern Rivers area and the need for M.O's to lead the way in alternative areas of land management. Karl McLaughlin of the Rainbow Power Company, spoke of economies of scale in alternative energy systems. Peter Pedals also of the R.P.C. spoke of the disadvantages of using 240v grid power as opposed to alternative energy.

Pan Community Council wishes to thank the Rainbow Power Company for its generous support in supplying a complete solar system and 12v music and public address facilities for the entire week-end. The system worked faultlessly.

Simon Clough of the Channon Trust spoke of the advantages of ethical banking and the success of the Channon Tea House.

COMMUNITY FORUM

On Sunday the 25th of September, the actual business of the Pan Council started. Listed below are some of the problems of a few of the communities. Many more were unable to be heard through lack of time, but will be discussed at the next Pan Council gathering..... For agenda items and meeting dates see Page 3.

BYRRILL CREEK COMMUNITY..... Established for 8 years, 6 as a co-op, has 13 families living there. Problems with local council include the spraying of 24-D to remove groundsel. No monitoring of biological control by the Tweed Shire council was considered, although the gall fly was introduced by Clyde Wild, a biochemist, for that purpose. The community had also made offers to the council to pull out the plants by hand at a cost less than what it costs to spray the poison. When all reasonable alternative measures were rejected, members of Byrrill Creek and some friends of nearby communities still pulled out the majority of the plants by hand... leaving the rest to the gall fly. After 5 successful court appearances for injunctions, legal aid has been withdrawn.

Members of the Byrrill Creek Community asks for our collective support and point out that isolation brings about them picking us off.

BLACKHORSE COMMUNITY..... Is an isolated community. They have applied for Wildlife Refuge Status. Their problem is that after a 2 year struggle with the Kyogle Shire council for development approval,

it was finally granted with an outrageous set of conditions attached. One such condition insists they not interfere with neighbouring farmers spraying poison and other unsound environmental practises. They have gained the support, as a community, from most of the Kyogle businesses, with the exception of the Esso service station, the top florist, and the Health food shop.

All members present at the Community Forum day unanimously agreed to boycott these businesses. The people of Blackhorse ask for moral support and back-up and believe that in not agreeing to council's unreasonable set of conditions, a precedent will be set for future multiple occupancies.

BILLEN CLIFFS..... Is a community that was structured as Strata Title. They have some 150 members and own 2 acres of land each. They have been seeking to rezone the land as rural residential and were assured this could be done 2½ years ago. The 60 families residing there have spent some \$35,000 in legal costs and are still waiting to be rezoned.

GLENBIN COMMUNITY..... This community took on the Lismore City council over the exhorbatant road levies they have imposed on all M.O's. After a long battle they won their case in the Land and Environment Court, and a more reasonable sum of \$350 per household was set. However Lismore City council wants to spend more taxpayers money in appealing against Justice Grippe's decision. No guarantees of legal aid have been forthcoming and the community stands to pay a further \$1,000 in costs to defend the appeal. Glenbin has received and will continue to receive our collective support.

WADEVILLE (TYAMAKARI)..... Update..... Although a large number of this communities members were enticed away with "affordable" home loans, 10 members still wish to make a go of it. These members rightly believe that by vacating the land the State Government would open it up for tenders leaving them with little chance of getting it back through those measures. People presently living there wish to establish a permaculturally based community, while the Shire council would see it revert back to grazing land. They generally have a mistrust of a government that offered them a place to live and then taken it away. They have been threatened with removal, but eviction notices have yet to be served.

WEBSTERS CREEK..... This community has had conflicting requirements over the position of their houses. A town planner of the Lismore City council considered that they lived too far from the road, while at another time the council considered them too close to the road. They feel that they should have the right to choose a suitable location for their own homes.

EMISHAN.... Gungas Road.... The council here insists on a 20 metre firebreak in regenerating rainforest gullies with a 70 - 80° slopes. Their development approval application is withheld until they comply with the demand. Although it has been proved environmentally unsound to burn rainforest, the Lismore City council still maintain this demand.

** As other communities face this situation it was proposed at Pan Council that a alternative fire management plan be put together. Dave McConchie, senior lecturer on Environmental Science has agreed to act as an consultant for this plan and for Pan council in general.

I have inserted a piece out of the Northern Star newspaper for those of you who may have missed it. Also, any community member who feels they would like to be involved with the Newsletter, please contact Sophia Andrea, c/o Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre, (message book) or feel free to attend the next gathering of the Pan Community Council to be held at..... MOONDANI COMMUNITY.. FALLS ROAD, NIMBIN.

16th OCTOBER.

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

A special meeting will be held to discuss the Wadeville issue on the 23rd OCTOBER. at the Wadeville House.

THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR COMMUNITIES TO UNITE.

AGENDA ITEMS SO FAR FOR THE NEXT GATHERING:

Aims and objectives of the Pan Community Council.
Press Release.
List of Boycotted businesses.
Number of gatherings both business and social per year.
Operation of the P.C.C.
Misty Mountains court case over noxious weeds.
Letters of support.

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Pan Community Council wishes to thank Tim of Wadeville for the wonderful food he cooked up for us all over the week-end. He assures us his talents will be available again at future functions. Good on you Tim!

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Communes rally behind Wadeville's 10 stay-puts

Ten residents of the axed Wadeville multiple occupancy pilot scheme are 'digging in' for passive resistance to possible eviction next week, backed by 22 other communities.

The State Government yesterday rejected an offer made by the residents on Tuesday to buy the 86-ha property.

The offer was \$160,000, to be paid within 12 months.

The residents planned to raise the money by selling 28 shares in a proposed private multiple occupancy on the site.

The Wadeville project was a \$1-million social experiment, started by the Labor Government in 1985.

It was aimed at helping low-income families form co-operative communities, develop rural property and build housing according to their needs.

Residents lived in tents, huts and caravans for more than two years, awaiting building permission which they never received.

They say that an inflexible planning policy,

introduced late last year by the Labor Government, started the community's decline. After adverse reports in Sydney media, the project was scrapped last month by the Greiner Government.

The Government will sell the property on open tender.

Residents were told last month that the project had been terminated and they would be ineligible for Affordable Home Loans if they remained on the land after September 30.

Some have complied with the Government's wishes, but at least seven adults and three children will remain on the land after the deadline.

"We will carry on life as normal, working on our gardens, crops and nursery," said a spokesman, Mr Vyvyan Stott.

He said that any attempts by the Government to remove residents by force would meet passive resistance on the Wadeville site 'along the lines of Terania Creek' by members of at least 20 multiple occupancies.

At a meeting of a multiple occupancy in-

● Reporter: RORY MEDCALF
● Pictures: DARCY McFADDEN

terest group, the Pan-Community Council, 22 communities pledged support to the 'stay-put' decision, Mr Stott said.

He said that initial legal advice suggested that the Government did not have the right to forcibly remove residents from the property.

One resident, who identified himself as Tim, said that Wadeville could still be a success story — if the Government gave the residents a chance.

"We don't want their money — we just want 12 months to establish ourselves," he said.

"If we offered private shares for sale at about \$6000 each, they'd be snapped up."

The project officer of the pilot scheme, Mr Dudley Leggett, said that the continued occupation of the property would give multiple occupancies a bad name, and jeopardise every one of the home loans which the Government had offered to residents who left.

Mr Leggett, who is leaving Wadeville, said the Government had stated it would not give any loans unless the land was vacated.

But some residents believe the Wadeville 'dream' can be salvaged: Tim has set up a nursery in the past 18 months; more than a hectare of watermelons had just been planted and a bakery almost established when the project was axed.

Some residents believe a 13-ha Wadeville macadamia plantation is viable, a belief shared by a neighbouring farmer.

One resident who will stay, Mr Colin Rickardt, said the home loan the Government had offered him if he left — about \$24,000 — would force him into a suburban slum.

The loans are not valid for buying shares in a multiple occupancy.

"I came here two years ago to make my own life on a farm, and I won't give that up,"

Mr Rickardt said.

"Those of us who are staying have endured hardship together, and we're determined to stick this one out."

"If, in a year, we have failed, I'll be the first to admit I was wrong."

"But I believe we can make this place a success."



VYVYAN STOTT



COLIN RICKARDT



TIM, another Wadeville stay-put, tends to his nursery.



PHILIP WADICK packing his belongings at Wadeville yesterday. He is one who is leaving what started as a social experiment and ended in heartbreak.



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FINANCE REPORT

Report from Vicki Goodhue, Treasurer of P.C.C. ...1-10-88.

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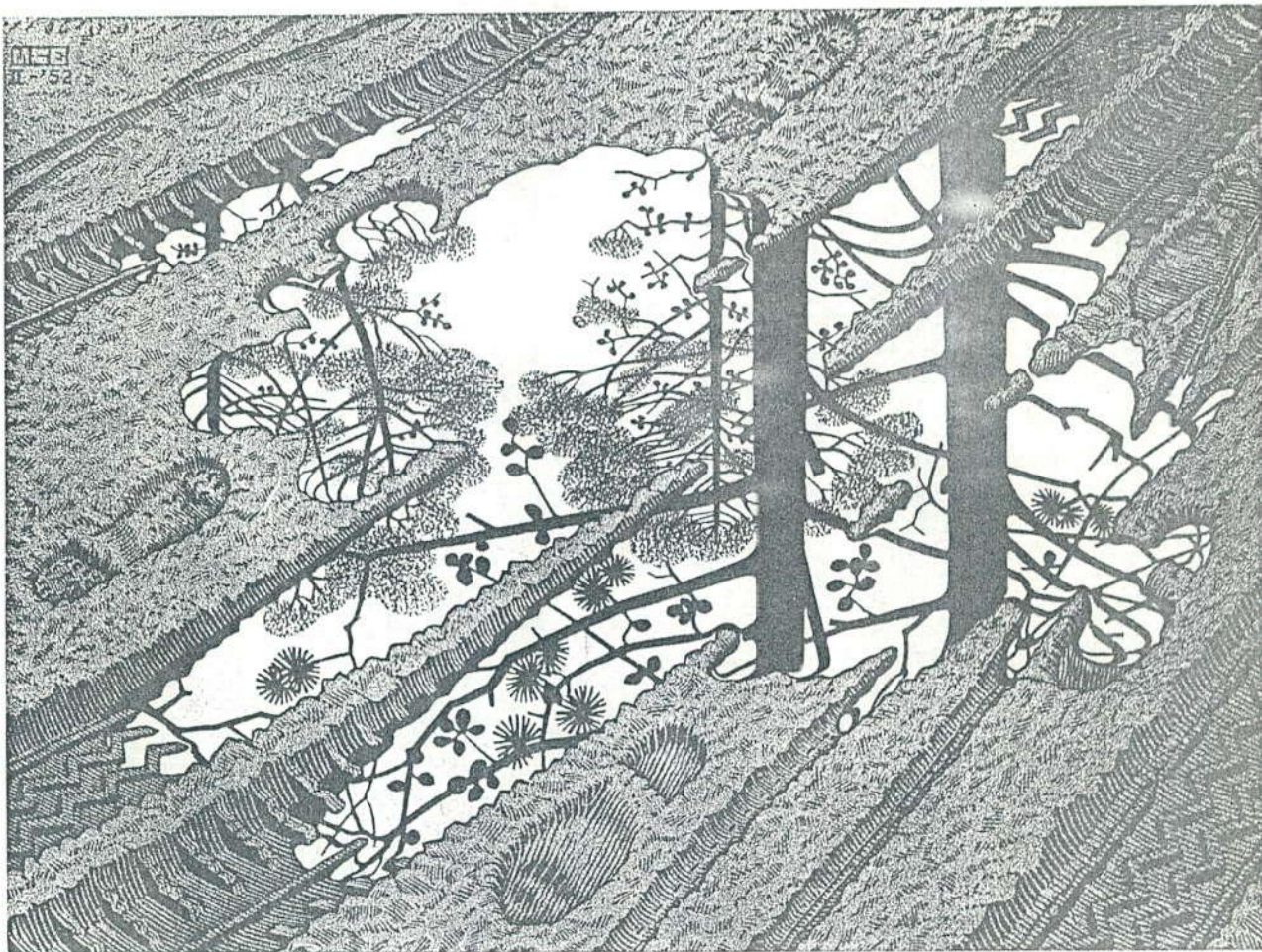
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Profit on food sales at P.C.C. gathering...	\$102.61
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		<u>\$346.29</u>
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TM AND NATURAL LAW: CONSCIOUSNESS AND GOVERNMENT

both by Michael Sanford King

Reviewed by Robbie Swan

These two small books embrace a huge chunk of legal and constitutional philosophy.

TM (Transcendental Meditation) and Natural Law

Sets out to trace the two main streams of current legal philosophy. The first one is the Natural Law theory which basically proposes that there 'exists' a set of natural laws emanating from God or some higher intelligence and that this body of law is fixed eternal and interpreted according to the level of awareness of the interpreters.

The second stream of thought is that of the positivists who reject the idea of an absolute source of law and maintain that there is only law as it has been built up by human society, through case law and statute. Both streams of thought have their good and bad sides.

Natural Law theory has often been used to support bigoted ideas like 'women should stay at home' and is often a fall-back for reactionary philosophers. Yet it also has the capacity to cut across inflexible State-defined dogmas and bureaucracy with an appeal to a higher morality. The Nuremberg Trials and subsequent 'crimes against humanity' are, in effect, appeals to Natural Law Justice when no existing legal structures could be found to bring war criminals to trial. But many bigoted regimes like the present Iranian one are based purely on what these countries perceive as Natural Law.

This book is interesting, simple and easy to read and if it has a fault it is that it is too strenuously non-provocative and written without any reference to current practical examples.

TM, Consciousness and Government

Is a harder book to read and tries to take a theoretical look at the Australian Constitution and the laying down of Natural law therein. The book tends to suggest overall

that perhaps the way of the benevolent dictator might be a suitable alternative democracy although again there are no connections made with present political structures.

The author is a barrister and transcendental meditation teacher from Perth and in trying to combine and explain legal theory against his spiritual theory, has taken on a major task. The books are well worth reading and the

ideas of the TM founder, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, are woven through them providing one of the most interesting slants on the development of legal thought for some time.

It is interesting to reflect the actual TM movement in Australia at present after reviewing these books. After the Beatles involvement with the Maharishi in the late 60s (somehow construed as an embarrassment by the

movement today) TM went through a radical image change in the 70s as it started to attract the American scientific mind and the American advertising image. Lots of people joined up. However, in the 80's, the Australian TM movement has been plagued with problems and it would seem that its reliance on Natural Law and the 'benevolent' dictator to sort out its financial and personnel problems is not working. (S)

THE MAGIC OF CONFLICT

by Thomas F. Crum

Published by Simon & Schuster (New York)

Reviewed By Duncan Roads

When asked to review this book, I was immediate in my judgement – yet another 'new age' book on how to manipulate the other person into a less favourable position than yourself.

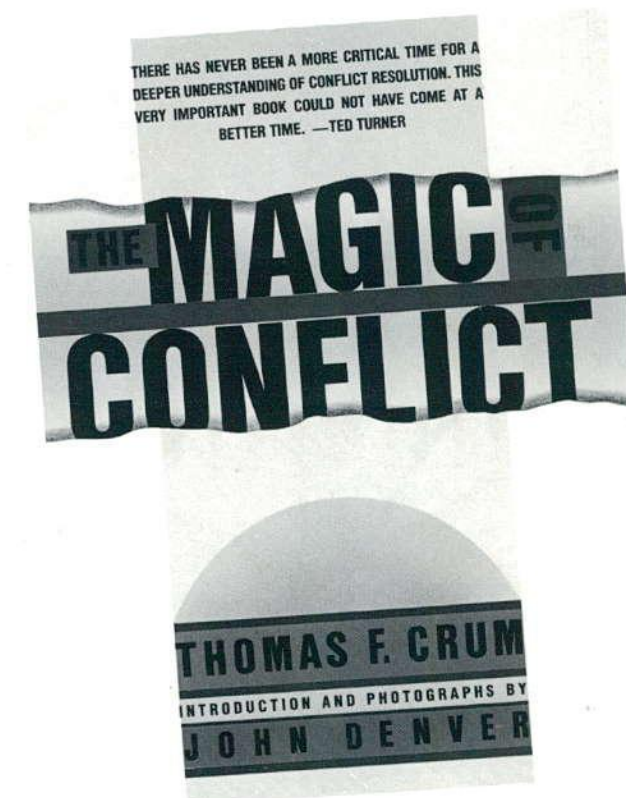
I couldn't have been more wrong!

One could easily interpret the title as being a book for those who thrive on conflict, or people with apparently high levels of self-esteem – but it is not the case.

The Magic of Conflict is for all people who are sick of conflict in any sense of the word. The book presents a highly readable concept to apply to those situations where conflict occurs. Based on the philosophy of Aikido, (a Japanese martial art form) the author mixes theory and practise, inspirational anecdotes and exercises that combine to give a simple practical tool.

This book really impressed me with the attitude of I WIN/YOU WIN which is applied to each conflict. It means that there is not a loser and a winner, but two winners. This is the most mature approach to the often neglected subject of conflict. I feel it is also the only permanent cure for recurring conflict of any nature.

With the introduction and



photography by John Denver, and a thanks list that reads like the 'new age' *Who's Who* of the USA, this book is certainly being well

recommended. If you are trying to avoid conflict continually, or if you are up to your neck in it – get hold of this book and read it. (S)

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PRESS RELEASE 5th December

A large gathering of residents, ex-residents and friends and supporters of Multiple Occupancies (MO's) is expected to attend Lismore City Council's meeting tomorrow night (**Tuesday December 6th**) to give witness to the almost inevitable defeat of Cr Diana Roberts' rescission motion seeking to retain MO's as a community housing option within the Lismore area.

"There are a large number of families and single people in this area who would not have been able to secure their own housing without the enabling provisions of MO's" said Environment Centre President Bob Hopkins. "We've received indications from every Lismore MO that residents will be attending tomorrow night in force to re-affirm their support for their chosen lifestyle and to make their outrage known at the restriction of future choices for other people who seek a more integrated, environmentally sustainable living option".

MOs have been at the forefront of social change in this area over the last 20 years exploring low cost housing options, community support activities, re-forestation of degraded and marginal rural land (the only lands allowable for MO settlement), developments in autonomous power and other forms of appropriate technology, environmental protection, alternative health options, and the re-vitalization of local economies. As such they also represent a major threat to the entrenched conservative political forces and the development lobby (who oppose the alienation of land from the property market- MOs being cheaper than any other form of rural housing development and are not conducive to easy sale of share holdings) who comprise the dominant opposition to MOs and who are responsible for forcing this change to planning regulations.

This retrograde step is motivated by political mischief and fuelled by misinformation. Misuse of personal power is the means whereby this step will become enacted and we re-affirm that we will not allow this to happen without the strongest possible protest occurring

Further details: Tarang 891529, Louise Greaves 891123
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"AS IT WAS...."

Maureen Watson

BLACK IS FOR THE PEOPLE,
THE PEOPLE OF MY RACE,
YELLOW FOR THE SUN THE LIFE GIVING FORCE,
AS AGELESS AS TIME AND SPACE.
AND FOR OUR LAND, THE RED,
LIKE THE BLOOD THAT'S BEEN SHED,
SINCE OUR WHOLE WORLD CHANGED PACE.
BUT LONG AGO THE SEEDS WERE PLANTED,
TENDED AND NOURISHED WITH LOVE,
THEIR ROOTS WERE SPREAD,
THROUGHOUT THE LAND,
WHILE THE EARTH GAVE BIRTH ABOVE.
SO A PEOPLE WERE BORN, AND THEY PROSPERED,
THEIR FRUIT RIPENED IN THE SUN,
ALL LIVING THINGS ON THIS EARTH FLOURISHED,
AND THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE WERE ONE.
BUT NOW THE CONCRETE IS THICK,
AND THE AIR IS FOUL,
ALIENS RAPE AND RAVAGE THE EARTH,
BUT THE LAND IS OUR MOTHER,
AND WE'RE EACH PART OF THE OTHER,
IN LIFE, IN DEATH, IN BIRTH.
AND AS IT WAS SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME,
SINCE THEY PLACED THE STARS ROUND THE SUN,
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING,
SO IT WILL BE IN THE END,
WITH THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE AS ONE.

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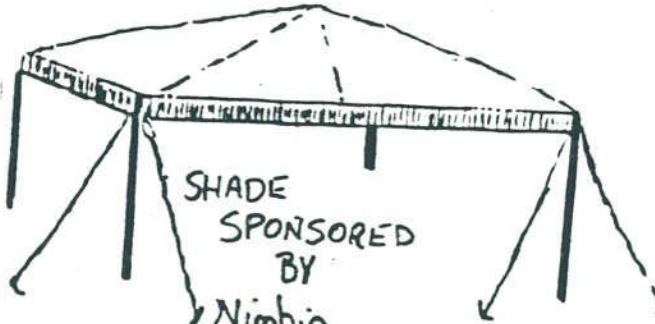

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INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KYOGLE, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1991.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1991.

- A. That section 94 contributions be paid in full for all future Multiple Occupancy applications before any approval is granted.

Moved A. Lazaredes/R. Standfield.

91/TPB24 Recommended to Council:

- B. That in respect of Avalon, section 94 contributions must be paid in full for sites 5,6,7,13,15,17,18,19,26,27,29,30,35,36,37,38,39 or on any M.O. before any licences are issued or applications approved. Council Staff to be instructed to institute legal proceedings for any breach of Local Government Act or Ordinance without further reference to Council and authority be given to engage D.M. Jones and Associates for legal assistance. Staron Pty. 'ltd. to be advised of this decision immediately.

Moved A. Lazaredes/R. Standfield.

G. Missingham recorded her vote against the motion.

THIS IS PAGE NUMBER 23 OF THE INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KYOGLE, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1991.

.....*[Signature]* SHIRE CLERK.*[Signature]* CHAIRPERSON.

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WHAT IS A HOUSING CO-OP?



A housing co-op is a legally registered organisation, run on a non-profit making basis. Everyone who belongs to the co-op has an equal share and an equal say in it.

The housing co-op consists of a group of people who get together jointly to rent and manage the housing they live in.

The members meet on a regular basis to carry out business relating to their housing co-op.

They are also willing to do work through the co-op's sub-committees, for house selection, maintenance, publicity, social activities, etc.

In common equity co-ops, there is usually a sponsor, such as the Department of Housing or a body like ARCH, which shares equity in the property with the co-op whilst the tenant members undertake all the management aspects. Encouragement is given to members to treat the housing as their own, at the same time respecting the overall requirements of the co-op.

WHY DO CO-OPS EXIST?

Co-ops provide a good standard of housing which is partly owned by the co-op, and controlled by the members themselves.

Co-op housing is an alternative form choice of tenure to home ownership, renting or public housing. It has the advantage of being affordable and long term housing. Tenants have security of tenure and control over their homes but as individuals they cannot necessarily make capital gains when they leave.



THE ROLE OF THE ASSOCIATION TO RESOURCE CO-OP HOUSING

ARCH is a resource co-op funded by the Department of Housing and directed by housing co-ops affiliated to it. It exists to provide the services that co-ops need in developing and managing effectively, and to represent their interests.

ARCH is involved in the Project Development process and acts very much as a "development agent" for co-ops. The development process involves two stages of resourcing and assessment before the co-op is recommended to the Department of Housing and the Ministerial Advisory Committee.

ARCH is also involved in negotiation and constant checking with government agents who need to ensure that the co-op is providing "value for money" and is complying with the detailed rules laid down for the development of publicly-funded housing schemes.

ARCH has a major education, training and resource role. As well as resourcing individual co-ops, Arch provides intensive training workshops, information kits and model formats to assist groups in their education and formation process and in accessing funds for co-op housing.

ARCH tries to ensure that co-op members understand the procedures required and have as much control as possible of the decisions relating to their co-op scheme.

ARCH also has a pivotal role in compiling statistics on the sector and reporting back on its operation, thus ensuring overall accountability and responsibility.

ARCH also acts as a **financing arm** of the program and is responsible for:-

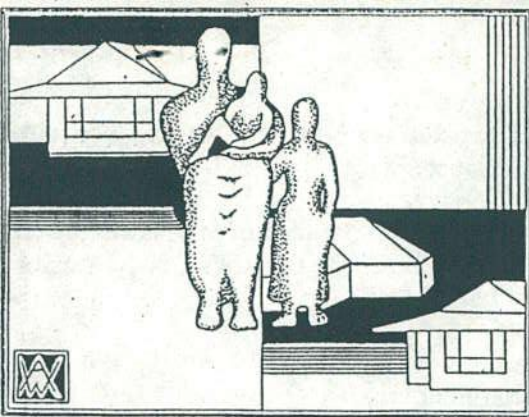
- attracting finances, donations grants and loans from the private sector;

- negotiating for mixed use of private loan finance with government finance;
- overseeing the financial operation of co-operatives and their management in line with the NSW Co-op Housing Program Guidelines.

Any CERC member could be voted onto the Board of ARCH by the shareholders.

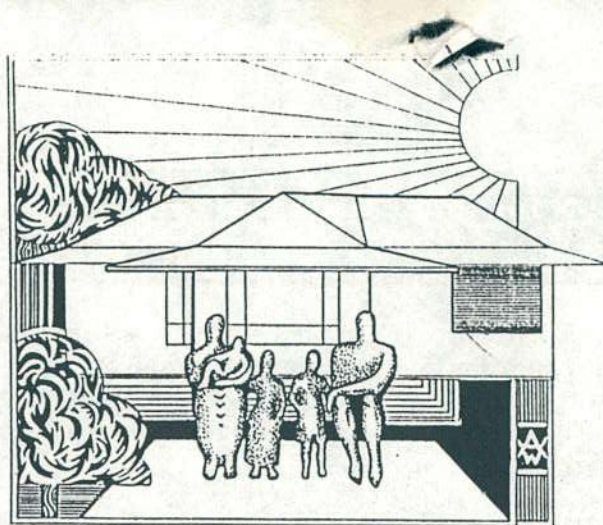
ARCH's other main tasks are:-

- to promote the NSW Co-op Housing Program to attract new co-ops;
- to encourage the establishment of co-ops that are viable and effective;
- to provide initial assessment of new co-ops;
- to develop group skills within co-ops that assist in effective decision-making and allow co-ops to work together as a group of people;
- to assist in setting up bookkeeping systems and to assist co-ops to manage finances;
- to provide guidance in the purchase of houses for co-ops;
- to give co-ops skills to maintain houses in good condition;
- to assist co-ops in understanding their legal responsibilities under the Residential Tenancies Act 1989 which relates to the management of rental housing;
- to provide advice on incorporation (becoming a legal entity) and assist co-ops to understand and adhere to their legal responsibilities under The Co-operation Act 1923;
- to provide co-ops with basic and essential information on the current program and update the co-ops on program changes.



WHAT ABOUT FINANCES ?

- Common equity rental housing co-ops should approach ARCH for resourcing and initial assessment, and then submit to the State Ministerial Advisory Committee for funding under the federal government scheme called the Local Government and Community Housing Program. LG&CHP is administered by the Department of Housing.
- The Group does not need to be legally formed when applying for funds from the scheme, but must become legally incorporated before they can purchase housing, usually with a combination of LG & CHP monies, and loans from banks or supporters.
- Rents are a regular source of income and cover paying back the first mortgage to the private lender, maintaining the housing, running costs and any surpluses towards repaying LG&CHP monies. Rents are 27% of tenants' incomes or up to ceiling rents equivalent to market value.
- Co-operatives do not make a profit from rents. All the co-operatives' funds are used for expansion and improvements.
- After the first stage assessment with ARCH, seeding grants may be available to cover other expenses, such as the costs of legal and technical advice in the course of preparing a feasibility study. Applications for seeding grants are made to the Department of Housing.



WHERE TO GET ASSISTANCE & ADVICE

**The Association to Resource
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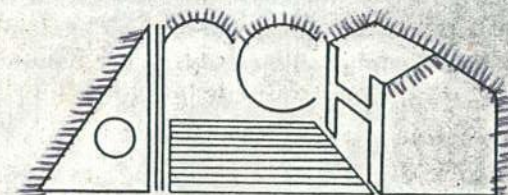
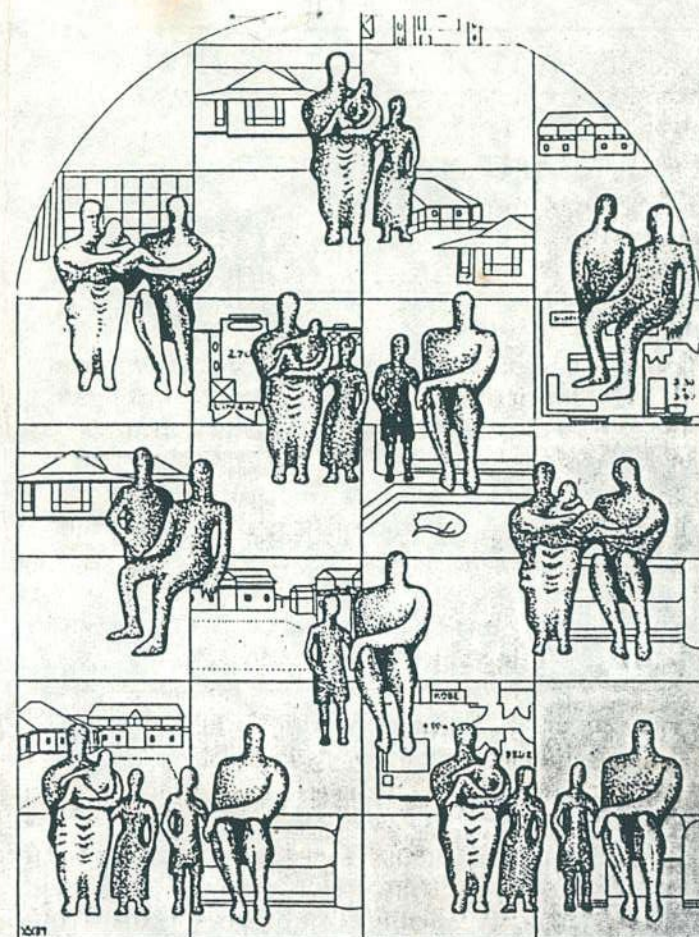
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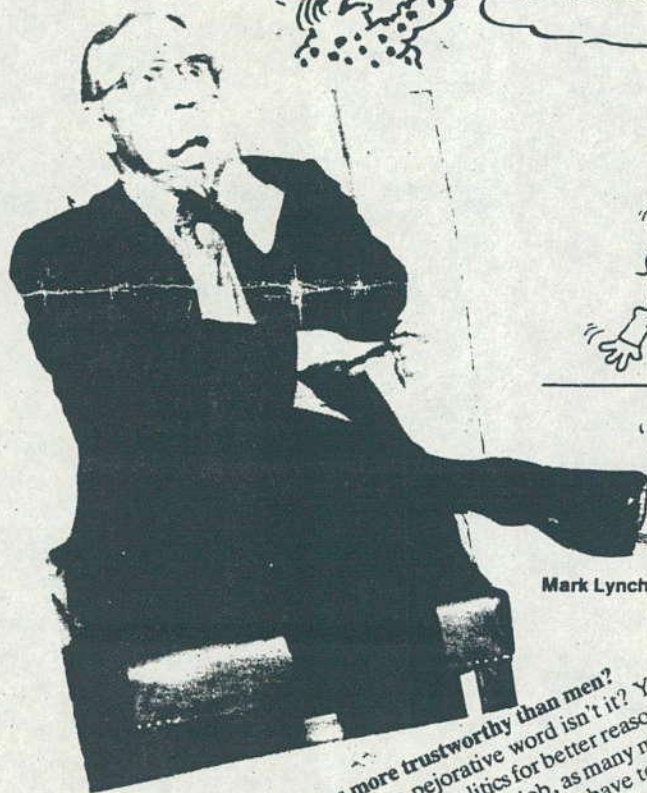
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Mark Lynch, *The Australian*, April 27

Are women in politics more trustworthy than men?
Trustworthy is a bit of a pejorative word isn't it? Yes. I think
they are. I think women go into politics for better reasons than men
do. I think women don't see it as just a job, as many men do — not
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THE BULLETIN, JANUARY 10, : 89

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Nimbin Rocks to be opened to visitors

By RUSSELL ELDRIDGE

The Aboriginal community is planning a tourist and educational complex at Nimbin Rocks which will include guided walking tours, a craft centre and cabin accommodation.

The project will be funded by a grant from the NSW Government and North Coast Aboriginal lands councils.

A 1.5 km interpretive walking trail is the first stage.

It is hoped that within a year the rest of the project will be complete, comprising a conference centre, an exhibition space, a craft workshop and the visitors' cabins.

The Ngulingah Local Lands Council controls 48 ha of land at the Nimbin Rocks site. The council is developing the project in conjunction with the Wai-bal Aboriginal Community Co-operative.

The 10 buildings planned for the site will be supplied by Sypack, an Aboriginal enterprise which builds kit homes at its Chinderah factory.

"This is an Aboriginal



Picture: BRETT WILKS

Discussing the project with the Nimbin Rocks member John Bayles, chairman

initiative to share our living culture with the wider community," said Mr Neil Liddell, the acting heritage officer with the Regional Lands Council.

"Aboriginal Studies is being introduced to secondary schools, and this project

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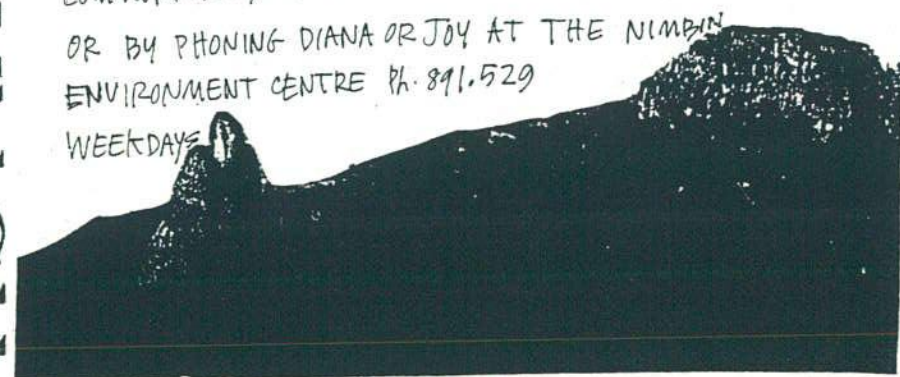
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THE PAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL STAFFS THE NIMBIN NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE EVERY SATURDAY AND INFORMATION ON THE COUNCIL AND ITS ACTIVITIES, WHICH INCLUDES ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE TO COMMUNITIES, CAN BE OBTAINED THERE

OR BY PHONING DIANA OR JOY AT THE NIMBIN ENVIRONMENT CENTRE Ph. 891.529 WEEKDAYS



ed near the rocks, and NGULINAH LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (IN ASSOCIATION WITH WAI BAL ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE) CONTROLS AND IS DEVELOPING A 48 HA. SITE AT THE NIMBIN ROCKS AND HAS INVITED PAN-COM TO HOLD THEIR NOVEMBER MEETING THERE.

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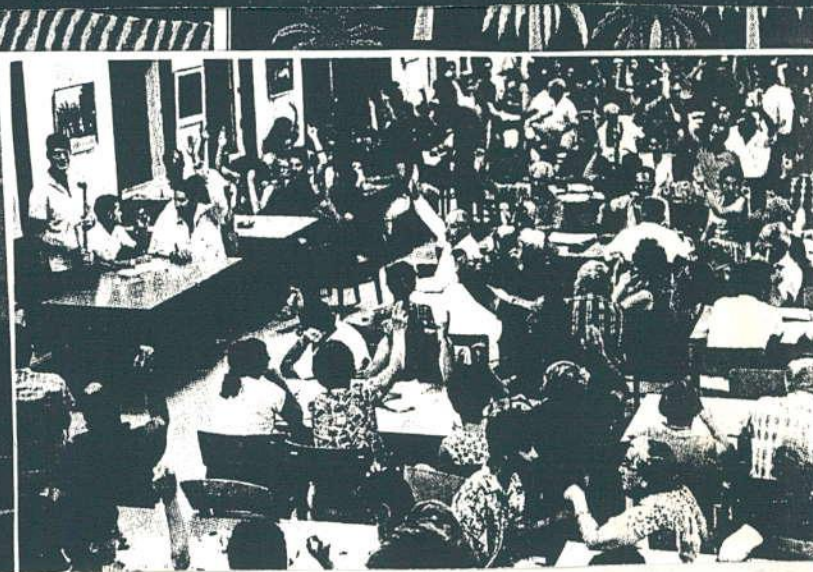
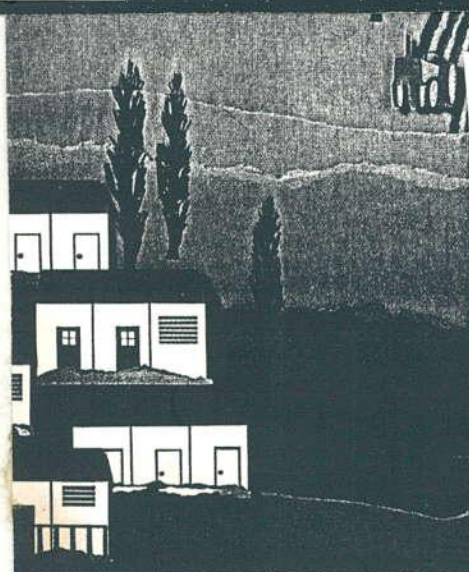
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PAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS AN UMBRELLA ORGANISATION FOR LAND-SHARING COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES. THEIR NEXT MEETING WILL BRING TOGETHER POLITICIANS OF THE FAR NORTH COAST TO INFORM THEM OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH LIFE ON A MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY.

NEVILLE NEWELL, HARRY WOODS, JANELLE SAFFIN AND RICHARD JONES WILL MEET WITH MEMBERS OF LAND SHARING COMMUNITIES ON SUNDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, AT 2 PM AT 'PINPUNA' COMMUNITY, ZOUC ROAD VIA NIMBIN.

CONTACT: JOY WALLACE, PHONE - 212048
DIANA ROBERTS, PHONE - 891529

MPs to visit community

Far North Coast politicians tomorrow are due to find out first hand about the achievements and difficulties of life on a multiple occupancy.

The Pan Community Council, an umbrella organisation for land-sharing communities in Northern New South Wales, has invited the politicians to its meeting at Pinpuna community, Zouch Road, via Nimbin.

The Federal Member for Richmond, Mr Neville Newell, the Federal Member for Page, Mr Harry Woods, the ALP candidate for the State seat of Lismore, Ms Janelle Saffin, and Democrat MLC Mr Richard Jones are due to attend.

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•• CHARITY ••

The Pan-Community Council evolved in 1988 in response to a perceived need to improve communication between land-sharing communities and to promote the general principles to media, councils and the broader community.

Since formation Pan-Com has been involved in many activities relevant to the development and growth of land-sharing communities and has had dealings with local, state and federal governments, government instrumentalities, the courts and the media on behalf of many communities and individuals. We hope you will support us by giving generously at the market gate and please come to our stall to find out more about our activities.

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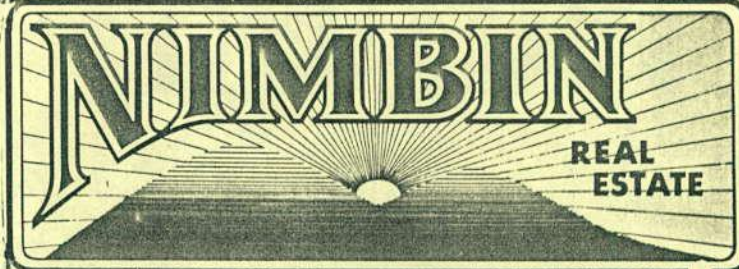
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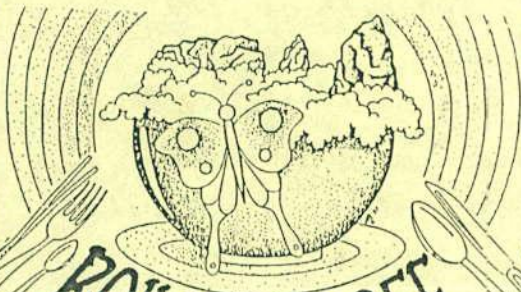
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1. To protect the natural environment.
2. To promote social interaction between communities
3. To provide direct assistance in dealing with local councils and other government bodies.
4. To foster sustainable economic initiatives.
5. To promote the general principles of multiple occupancy land use to media, councils and the broader community.
6. To pool resources, expertise and skill sharing to facilitate the above.

Since formation Pan-Com has already been involved in many activities relevant to the development and growth of M.O.'s and has had dealings with local, state and federal governments, government instrumentalities and the media on behalf of the many communities and individuals we represent.

To further our aims we have decided to contribute regularly to Nimbin News. Our contributions will be a summary of the more important issues we feel people should be aware of. We produce our own monthly newsletter which contains a lot more detailed information and is available from us for a \$20 per year subscription. Amongst many items our newsletter contains a list of shares for sale on M.O.'s so send us details if you wish to be included.

We have also recently decided to open the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre on Saturdays (10am to 4pm) both as a contribution to the social activity of Nimbin and

district and as a space for our members and the general public to discuss important issues relating to M.O. communities. Our phone no. there is (066)891492 (C.B. Channel 11). For those who want to become more actively involved in Pan-Com, we meet monthly and our next meeting will be Sunday, June 18, 11am at Tyomakari (Wadeville) community, Stoney Chute Rd. via Nimbin. Everyone is welcome to attend.

State Environment Planning Policy No. 15 - M.O. development

On 14 June 1988 the Minister of Planning revoked an earlier direction from the former Labor government to limit the contribution from M.O.'s for services and community facilities

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Everything answers to Karma (the law of cause and effect) and we don't have to ask why? when something happens, but to look at the seeds we have sown. Energy follows thoughts. As we cause effects in the climate with our toxic waste, pollution and deforestation and the balances are upset, we can no longer ignore the consequences because we are all affected. We need to acknowledge that we are all responsible and instead of bemoaning and negating what is only "Justice" on nature's scale, begin to put in positive thoughts and actions. Also in our daily lives we need to take responsibility for the way things are, to begin change by our thinking. When we observe our thoughts we find a lot of our actions and reactions are based on fear. We need to incorporate positive thoughts and actions, to let go of habit and pattern, and this is the hard bit. Begin to realise that you have the power to change and create. Affirm your power and start the change now. No one else is responsible for you, you are the creator of your world.

CULTURE AND LUXURY AT CUT RATES AT THE BUSH THEATRE

For anyone visiting Nimbin it should be a must for them to visit our local picture theatre. Indeed, one of my more sophisticated visitors said it was the best thing in Nimbin.

The Theatre is based in the old converted butter factory in idyllic surroundings opposite the river.

There are armchair type theatre seats but even more sensational is to grab one of the canvas deck chair types and lay back and view what is the latest version of entertainment according to the movie makers.

All this for \$5.00 and if that is not enough you can have dinner before hand at the plush carpeted little Restaurant adjoining the Theatre and no need to rush your meal, if it is not finished in time you just take your apple crumble or what ever with you.

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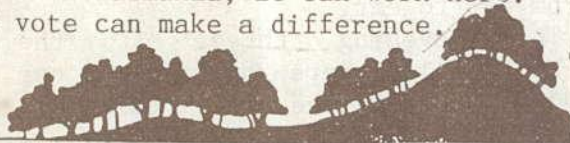
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KAHLIL GIBRAN
The Prophet

to \$1950 per dwelling. It is now open to councils to set their own limits. The Minister also decided that councils could prepare their own local environment plans (L.E.P.'s) for M.O. development. In response to this Kyogle Council has prepared a draft L.E.P. which, whilst seeming favourable to M.O. developments in Kyogle shire would seem to virtually halt new M.O. development, if adopted, due to spot zoning regulations. Pan-Com has prepared a response to this draft L.E.P. and is seeking a meeting with Kyogle Council. Contact us for more details. Those people on communities considering paying the \$1950 levy might be interested to know that some M.O. residents have been able to work off their levies by doing council work. However, if you are a recipient of social security payments you will need to be aware that if you take this option you will have to declare this "income" to the Department even though you are not actually getting the cash in hand.

Are you on the electoral roll? Pan-Com is in the process of encouraging everyone involved in or supportive of M.O.'s to register on the electoral roll. We are trying to get sympathetic people to stand in the next local government elections and every vote will be vital. It worked in Tasmania, it can work here. Your vote can make a difference.



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TYAMOKARI (Wadeville) - update

About six weeks ago a small article appeared in the Northern Star - we were to be facing legal action for unlawfully living on the farm, but we have had no further word at all on this.

Between 20 and 30 of us are living here in tents, enduring the record rainy season....nevertheless no one is landlording it over us, and a few Australians are living on their own land, even without the approval of the big money power.

Black cockies, rainbow rosellas and wedgetail eagles fly overhead. The sweet smelling wattle is in bloom and the occasional sublime sunset graces the evening sky.

We will keep on and welcome warmly other organically minded people wanting a home.

Vyvyan Stott



ULURU DURING EARTHWALK.

20-30 MARCH 1989

Central Australia was awash. Heavy storms had left Alice Springs in flood. Rivers broke their banks; roads became impassable. The vast system of dry salt pans and lakes surrounding Uluru filled rapidly, spilling into one another, forming a river washing across the desert and cutting a 300 metre long, 4 metre deep trench across the Stuart Highway, just south of the Uluru turnoff in a mad frenzy to find its escape.

Those people who reached Uluru before the rain were joined by others who flew in or drove from Queensland and the North. Those coming from the East and South waited at the edge of the great divide.

The camping ground was a sea of water. One hundred and twenty rooms of the Sheriton were evacuated and the resort was awash.

The rock was magnificent, covered in waterfalls, and surrounded by crystal clear pools of water. Slowly, as the rain blew over and things began to dry out, others began arriving and our numbers swelled to about 100.

Guboo was with all the overland travellers from N.S.W., Victoria and S.A. on the other side of the chasm, just 200 kms. away, yet unable to get through. All the charter buses that had been organised, through Bus Australia, were cancelled, leaving many of our supporters stranded and unable to attend. Many others had been convinced by news reports that the event had been cancelled altogether.

It was suggested that the Mutitjulu (local Aboriginal group) had 'sung down' the rain to prevent

our gathering as much had been made of their opposition to our ceremony. So strong was his fear that one Aboriginal lad thought the Mutitjulu were 'singing him' and, in a fit, lashed out at his travelling companions before retreating into himself, shaking for days, despite the loving attention of many friends. Others felt that the rain was a great cleanse and, as Guboo later put it, 'tears of joy' at our coming. It subsequently rained all over Australia, as if to wash away the past and herald a new beginning.

Miraculously, the highway opened on the afternoon before our planned ceremony and the cars rolled into the camp as we walked to our evening circle on the lookout. As they



joined us our numbers grew and grew to about 250. As the sun set, seven rays of light spread across us from the setting sun behind Kata Juta (the Olgas). The rain had broken the heat wave and the evaporation of the moisture caused cloud formations that accentuated the wonders of sunrise and sunset. It didn't take long for us to feel the power of this special place. Many of us began to have powerful dreams and all seemed light hearted, some grinning from ear to ear.

That evening three of the traditional owners joined us at our camp to sit by the fire, talk and sing.

The dawn ceremony on the 30th was wonderful with greetings offered from many communities and countries. Greetings came from the people of Cape York inviting us to gather at the Laura Festival later this year.

The meditation was very strong and people stood hugging each other for a long, long time before disbanding and singing 'Peace is Possible' and 'Love on Earth' as they walked down the hill and back to the camp.



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TO ALL COMMUNITIES: TIME TO UNITE

Congratulations and warm thanks should go to the PAN-COMMUNITY COUNCIL and all those concerned for their very well organized and successful first weekend gathering held to help and unite the Multiple Occupancy movement.

Saturday's speakers were lively and interesting, food delicious, and the chosen site absolutely idyllic for the whole project.

Sunday gave the communities the opportunity to discuss and enlighten the people about the problems they were currently encountering and concerned about.

Let's hope this very positive move is a catalyst for people not to lose heart when faced with difficulties, but to work together with tolerance for differences, towards more humane, rewarding, environmentally non-destructive lifestyles for all.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with Pan-Community Council please write C/o PO Box 102 Nimbin 2480.

BRENDA.

To the people of the Rainbow Region Hi there, this is a short, somewhat sad late, tale of a much loved, though obviously mis-understood friend of the earth. The people of the Rainbow Region would know this man as Indian Bill!

Yes, the Indian has departed to that eternal world beyond...

His departure was not all that pretty and to those who knew, loved and laughed with him it came as quite a shock.

His time of passing was late April '88.

Lots of love & stuff. BB

ps he had some poetic works published

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For all those of you who were unfortunate enough to miss the "Hangi of the Year" on Sunday September the 25th, (when we (sadly) farewelled Fran and Wello to a life of retirement at the beach, but (gladly) said "Hello!" to the new owners, John and Jenny Smith) - grieve no more! J.J. and friends (especially Tongan princess Nettie) are Hangi specialists, and will roast another whole pig to celebrate New Year's Eve this year. Book early to ensure you don't miss out this time, and put your thinking caps on to decide how you are going to dress up. The theme for the night will be the letter 'P', so come as a Priest, a Pauper, a Pterodactyl, (yes, the 'p' is silent, as in swimming pool - but don't you dare!) or a p... oops, sorry, sargeant - only joking! We are also opening on Christmas Day for a spectacular traditional Christmas lunch, with turkey, ham, mince pies, Xmas pudd, and all the trimmings!

John & Jenny are keen to continue all the fine fare and fair prices we have come to expect at the Gallery, and add some new personal touches. there will be speciality dishes, featuring fresh seafood in season, more choice of vegetarian recipes, and the new 'Gallery Poolside Bar', where you can relax on Sundays from 2 till 5 to live music. 'Loose Joints' will play on the 13th & the 20th November, and light snacks will be available, as well as full a la carte menu.

Where better could you spend a sunny summer sunday?

halimba

WISE: NUCLEAR NEWS ROUNDUP

Wise, World Information Service on Energy celebrates their tenth anniversary, here are some extracts from the Newsletter.

Solar '88 Conference in Melbourne, Nov 17-18-19. Phone (03) 654-4533.

UK Government plans to close Dounreay Nuclear plant by 1997, and the reprocessing plant three years latter. The French Superphenix fast reactor has been closed for the last 15 months due to major leaks of liquid sodium. The UK state utility CEBG has announced it is to decommission and partially dismantle its 26- year old BERKLEY MW Magnox reactor, the first commercial reactor in operation, the first commercial unit to be taken apart.

This is a process taking in three stages, five to seven years and perhaps 120-150 years for the reactor cores. The cost is upward of 300-450 million pounds.

(Source UK Friends of the Earth. Fungi Soup; The Three Mile Island Reactor dismantled and decommissioned was found to contain algae, fungi, yeast and bacteria in core coolant, feeding on the hydraulic fluid from tools during defueling. Novel mutations could be evolving to leak back into the environment in nuclear waste stored in drums.

ACCIDENTS.

Savannah River US nuclear Weapons reactor went out of control in August as operators trying to restart it after a four month shutdown because of a power spike, surge. The reactor was shut down and DOE officials called the episode a "complete collapse", of safety procedures that could have resulted in a disaster the magnitude of Chernobyl. (Greenpeace).

Desecration of the Nation



Hi Nimbin News

1988 -celebration of the nation-
ha! Who is celebrating? Yes, the
rich; or those named in the
Fitzgerald inquiry (but granted
immunity with three 'hail mary's').

The pinch is tighter as they
squeeze the noose, trapping whoever
they can.

So I drew you a 1988 comic strip,
the words can be sung to the perky
theme "Celebration of a Nation".

Sincerely Pam Bovine.



WAKE UP AUSTRALIA, CAN'T YOU SEE?
A FOREST IS NOTHING, WITHOUT A TREE....

After a while
you learn the subtle difference
between holding a hand
and chaining a soul,
And you learn
that love doesn't mean leaning and
company doesn't mean security,
And you begin
to learn that kisses aren't contracts
and presents aren't promises,
And you begin
to accept your defeats with your
head up and your eyes open,
with the grace of an adult,

not the grief of a child,
And you learn
to build all your roads on today
because tomorrow's ground is too
uncertain for plans
After a while
you learn that even sunshine burns
if you get too much,
So plant the garden of your own
soul, instead of waiting for someone
to bring the flowers.
And you learn
that you really can endure... D.T.E. Qld



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PAN-COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The concept of People Power was solidly established on the Spring Equinox weekend gathering of the Pan-Community Council - and what an informative and energizing weekend it was! A crowd of about 200 people enjoyed some brilliant speakers on Saturday.

Speakers included solicitor Tony Pagotto, who has been involved in legal structuring for many of the multiple occupancies in the area. Jan Oliver, a vivacious women's educationalist, spoke of the difficulties community women experience in the area of building. Dave Lambert of the R.R.T.F. gave a summary of the operations of the Task Force. Jude and Michel Fanton from Seed Savers spoke of the values of seed saving and composting. David McConchie, a senior lecturer on environmental science at M.R.C.A.E., spoke on environmental degradation of the Northern Rivers area and the need for M.O.s to lead the way in alternative areas of land management. Karl McLaughlin of the Rainbow Power Company spoke of economies of scale in alternative energy. Peter Pedals, also of R.P.C., spoke of the disadvantages of using 240v grid power as opposed to alternative energy.

Pan-Community Council wishes to thank the Rainbow Power Company for its generous support in supplying a complete solar system and 12v music and public address facilities for the entire weekend. The system worked faultlessly.

Simon Clough of the Channon Trust spoke of the advantages of ethical banking and the success of the Channon Tea House.

COMMUNITY FORUM

On Sunday 25th September, the actual business of the Pan Council started. Listed below are some of the problems of a few of the communities. Many more were unable to be heard through lack of time, but will be discussed at the next Pan Council gathering.

BYRRILL CREEK COMMUNITY

Established for 8 years, 6 as a co-op, has 13 families living there. Problems with the local council include the spraying of 24-D to remove groundsel. No monitoring of biological control by the Tweed Shire Council was considered, although the gall fly was introduced by Clyde Wild, a biochemist, for that purpose. The community has also made offers to the Council to pull out the plants by hand at a cost less than what it costs to spray the poison. When all reasonable alternative measures were rejected, members of Byrrill Creek and some friends of nearby communities still pulled out the majority of plants by hand...leaving the rest to the gall fly. After 5 successful court appearances for injunctions, legal aid has been withdrawn.

Members of Byrrill Creek Community ask for our collective support and point out that isolation brings about them picking us off.

BLACKHORSE COMMUNITY

is an isolated community. They have applied for Wildlife Refuge Status. Their problem is that after a 2 year struggle with the Kyogle Shire Council for development approval, it was finally granted with an

outrageous set of conditions attached. One such condition insists they do not interfere with neighbouring farmers spraying poison and other unsound environmental practices.

They have gained the support, as a community from most of the Kyogle businesses, with the exception of the Esso service station, the top florist and the health food shop. All members present at the Community Forum agreed to boycott these businesses. The people at Blackhorse ask for moral support and back-up, and believe that in not agreeing to the Council's unreasonable set of conditions, a precedent will be set for future MOs.

BILLEN CLIFFS

structured as a Strata Title. They have some 150 members who own 2 acres of land each. They have been seeking to rezone the land as rural residential and were assured this could be done 2 1/2 years ago. The 60 families residing there have spent some \$35,000 in legal costs and are still waiting to be rezoned.

GLENBIN COMMUNITY

This community took on the Lismore City Council over exorbitant road levies it had imposed on all MO's. After a long battle they won their case in the Land and Environment Court, and a more reasonable sum of \$350 per household was set. However Lismore City Council wants to spend more taxpayers' money in appealing against Justice Gripps' decision. No guarantees of legal aid have been forthcoming and the community stands to pay a further \$1000 in costs to defend the appeal. Glenbin has received and will continue to receive our support.

EMISHAN

(Gungas Rd.) The Council here insists on a 20 metre firebreak in regenerating rainforest gullies with 70-80 degree slopes. Their development approval application is withheld until they comply with the demand. Although it has been proved environmentally unsound to burn rainforest, the Lismore City Council still maintains this demand.

WEBSTERS CREEK

This community has had conflicting requirements over the position of their houses. A town planner of the Lismore City Council considered that they lived too far from the road, while at another time the Council considered that they lived too far from the road. They feel that they should have the right to choose a suitable location for their own homes.

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WADEVILLE (TYAMAKARI*)

Although a large number of this community's members were enticed away with "affordable" home loans, 10 members still wish to make a go of it. These members rightly believe that by vacating the land the State Government would open it up to tenders leaving them with little chance of getting it back through those measures. People presently living there wish to establish a permaculturally based community, while the Shire Council would see it revert to grazing land. They generally have a mistrust of a government that had offered them a place to live and then taken it away. They have been threatened with removal, but eviction notices have not been served.

[* - We hope this is the standard spelling for this community's name. There would appear to be at least two other spellings current - Tyamokari, Tyamocardi - and as the original of this article was unsigned, it was difficult to check for accuracy. (see "CONTRIBUTIONS" at bottom of page 1)]

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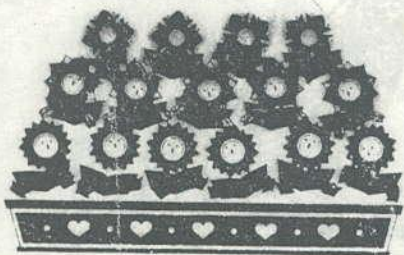
I am writing this update from the steps of the Cawongla Hall, trying not to set my face aflame whilst lighting bumpers, while the kids enjoy the facilities at the Preschool.

Our community now consists of nine people - myself and Kate, our three young ones (Reuben, Jessica, Bobby), Tim, Hum, Vyvyan and Skye. The Project Manager and his family has vacated, clearing the air somewhat (and with him went 90% of the community's plant and equipment and the phone key). The DoH (Dept. of Housing) has verbally stated that it will forcibly evict us to facilitate the sale of the property by 'open tender'. Our property will be put on the market from late this week or early next week, so even though we have not yet received eviction notices things could hot up out here quite soon.

We have no intention of leaving, and legal advice tells us to stay put. We are expanding our gardens and our nursery is growing every day with new plantings and structures to facilitate them. Fences are being erected (and bulldozer traps dug ha! ha!) and the community house and laundry facilities given a touch of T.L.C.

The latest communication comes from DoH Coffs Harbour Regional Manager Warren Russell. It states that...no consideration of proposal or further correspondence entered into until vacant possession...it is in the common long-term interests of the few remaining residents to leave immediately...relocation assistance still available.

Recent correspondence from the Prime Minister's Office suggests that the Wadeville affair...is the responsibility of the NSW Govt...correspondence forwarded to



NIMBIN CHOIR.

Ever fancied yourself as a chorister? No? (Ever fancied a chorister? Some of us have.) Well, neither have many of those who come along to sing with the Nimbin Choir.

But we sure have fun, chortling away with Bach and the Beatles and a diverse repertoire.

So if you'd like to make a joyful noise in the company of like-minded persons, poke your vox-box through the door of the Town Hall Annexe on Thursday evenings between 6 and 8.

Make new friends, discover new talent (choirs are known to be full of it!) - perhaps even discover a voice and lungs you didn't know you had.

Love to hear you there!!!!

GORDIE & PETER

"IMAGINE" on "Nimbin News"

In the first issue of "Imagine", a network friend, they cite NN as - "Nimbin News", conceived at the famous Aquarius Festival in 1973, is perhaps the longest running alternative rag. Nowadays it's produced at Tunttable Falls Community outside Nimbin. Nimbin News remained an inspiration through the lean years of "New Age" press when everyone was first "going bush" and then "getting it together".

WADEVILLE UPDATE CONT....

the Premier's Dept.

We have made the DoH an offer of \$160,000 for this 215 acres including plant and equipment. We felt this was reasonable seeing as participants in 'The Wadeville Project' contributed over \$50,000 in labour alone over the last year. Current market value is \$180,000 maximum.

We have applied for legal aid, if not for full support then at least for a barrister's opinion. Our solicitor suggests that an ongoing legal battle could last 8-9 years. A pretty heavy thought, but at least we would have houses built by then.

The latest news from the Kyogle Shire Council may be a setback for us in attracting shareholders, but only a minor one compared to the hurdles so far.

We have ad. going in to 'Earth Garden' and 'Grass Roots' - if they don't make this issue, then the next one.

Bill Rixon, National Party MP is going in to bat for us. I had an interview with him on Friday 14th and he hopes to be able to convince the Minister for Housing, Joe Schipp, that we really are not a bunch of poverty conscious leeches on 'the system', that we do deserve a fair go and a chance to provide our own housing.

Love and Peace from Gordon W. King.

PS: If you would like to join our community please make personal enquiries at Lot 2, Stoney Chute Rd., (opposite Avalon) or at the Neighbourhood Centre, 891 492.



Good value around the village.

There's an old saying from the musical "Fiddler on the roof" that 'god never shuts a door without opening a window,' and all those lovers of lebanese food who have been mourning the passing of Lismore's only authentic falafel merchant (next door to Caddies, & bought out by them) can breathe a sigh of relief. Roland has begun selling a range of luscious lebanese rolls, backed up by a selection of drinks from freshly ground coffee to REAL orange juice from his mobile side-walk cafe, sited on the vacant block between Vinnies and the Post Office. The falafels, hummus and tabouleh are all excellent, with lots of yummy crisp salad, and the donner kebab on its spit looks mouth-watering. The prices are very reasonable, so give this enterprising young entrepreneur your support. 'Fast Food' it's not, but it's well worth the wait!

This week's 'value for money' award goes to Eric Bazzana, who has shown empathy for the plight of the impecunious many among our locals by dropping the price of his Super petrol to lower than most Lismore outlets. At 53.9 cents per litre, Erioc deserves a pat on the back for showing that it's possible to run a business without ripping off the public. He is now an agent for the Lismore gas company, and often sells locally grown pumpkins, onions, and potatoes even cheaper than Harris Farm market. Don't know where he is? Up the hill at the corner on the left, just before you reach the Gallery restaurant. Nice one, Eric!

Hats off also to Judy Soward, whose hot chips have got off to a flying start, with larger portions than anywhere else in the village, and cooked in vegetable oil. I know where I'll be buying MY chips in future!

KALIMBA



BLUE BOWERBIRD RAP

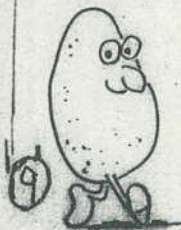
HELP! THE BLUE PLASTIC RINGS from 2-litre plastic NORCO MILK bottles are just the right size to flip over and jam tight on the neck of a satin bowerbird.

Bowerbirds are collecting now.

HELP by:

- * snipping all rings;
- * 'phone 21 2771 and hassle Norco to [a] change the colour; [b] put their money and energy into the issuing of Interim Warnings on the bottle - immediately;
- * remove anything toxic or dangerous which will attract satin or regent bowerbirds - i.e. anything cream, blue, yellow or green (especially biros, felt pens which they use to "paint" bower twigs);
- * as they decorate with snail shells - if you use snail bait, collect the shells;
- * plant them mulberries for food and "painting"; plant them a safe blue garden - iris, cornflowers, forget-me-nots, hyacinths.

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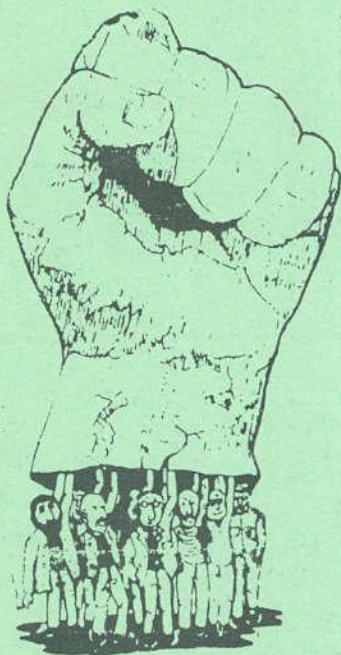
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Franca Wolfe

The ink smudges in this paper are a specially formulated Rorschach programme to test your powers of observation and tolerance. But apologies anyway.

EDITORIAL

As spring slowly melts into summer here we are with another Nimbin News. Creating it is an exciting process --some of our office discussion is worth transcribing and there's always a flow of new energy as well as a deepening of commitment and growing of skills.

For me it brings a fulfillment better than I'd dreamed of -- working together for the sake of communication and furthering our ideals.

Susan

Nowadays there is a boom in alternative interests, news and lifestyle mags, newsletters, a wide choice of reading material expanding the information network of the New Age. Here at Nimbin News, we have a delicious array of such exchange publications-- Greenpeace, Land Rights News, Permaculture International, Chain Reaction, Wise, Social Alternatives Earth First, and many more providing hours of research, the fruits you now see.

Nimbin News may owe some of its success to the tranquility of country life, that leaves us abundant time for contemplation, reading, writing, arts and music. Thanks also to the creative support of those who wrote or sent contributions, much appreciated by the Nimbin News Collective.

Hope you enjoy our latest offering. Peace, Happiness,

RICHARD

THE NIMBIN NEWS COLLECTIVE

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COMMUNITIES UNITING

At long last it is actually happening - the uniting of the multiple occupancy movement enabling them to protect and promote their special interests and requirements and solve their problems.

A number of individuals from various communities in the area have joined together to form the Pan-Community Council. The concerns of the PCC are:

- 1) Protection of the natural environment,
- 2) Promotion of social interaction between communities,
- 3) Direct assistance in dealing with local shire councils and other government bodies,
- 4) Fostering sustainable economic initiatives, e.g. LETS system,

5) Promoting general principles of multiple occupancy land use to media, councils and the larger community,

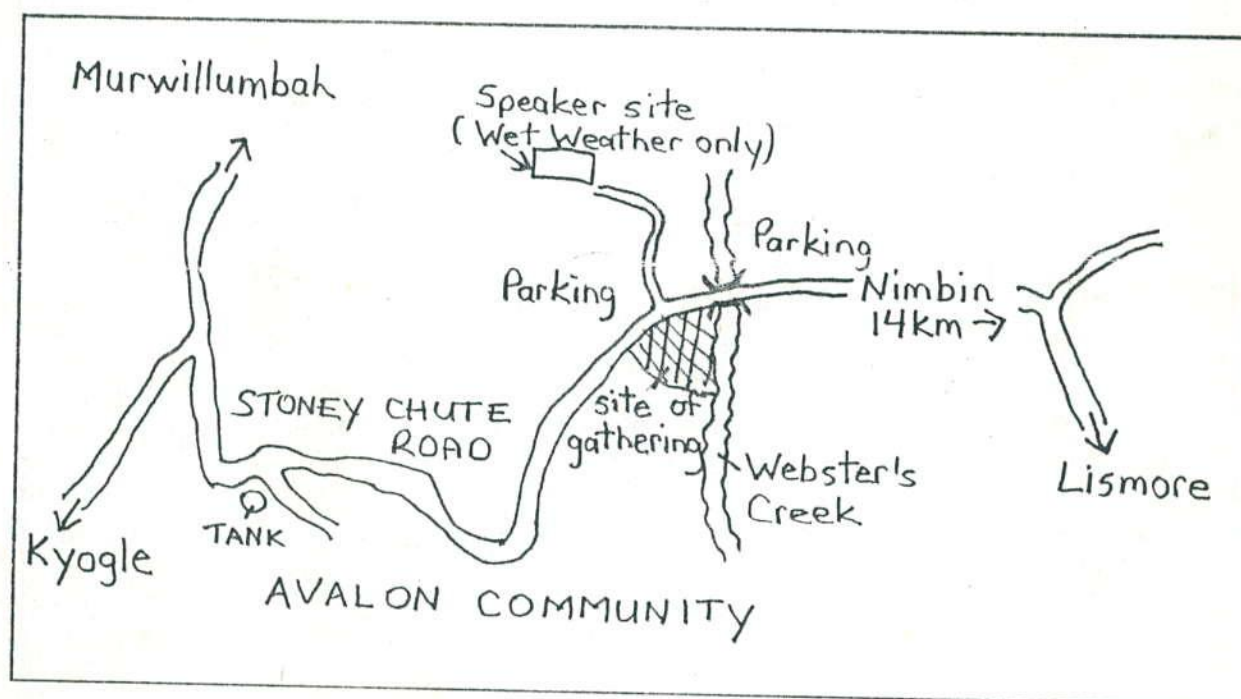
6) Pooling resources, expertise, and skillsharing to facilitate the above.

WEEKEND GATHERING PLANNED

Where: Reserve, eastern boundary, beside Websters Creek, Avalon Community, Stoney Chute Road.

When: Saturday 24th - Sunday, 25th September.

Who: All interested multiple occupancy and land sharing communities.



WEEKEND VENUE

Saturday

Speakers invited:

Mac Nicholson: Bodhi Farm Community resident, Alderman, Lismore City Council.

Tony Fagotto: Solicitor, M.O. specialist.

David Lambert: Secretary, Rural Resettlement Task Force.

Martha Faison: Tree Works, Metafamily resident.

Dave McConchie: Environmentalist, Lecturer NRCAE, Water quality, pesticides and chemical residue.

Robert Kooyman: Forestry commission, Rainforest reforestation.

Michel and Jude Fantom: Seed Savers' Network, Roadside reserves, Botanical and preservation gardens, Rubbish tips and composting.

Dave Lovell: Kyogle Shire Council President.

Jeff Champion: President, Lismore and District United Ratepayers Association.

Jan Oliver: Builder.

Peter Pedals: Low cost alternative energy.

Karl McLaughlin: Smallscale hydro power.

Sunday

Open forum, discussions. Special interest groups.

MEALS

BREAKFAST: Bring your own.

LUNCH: Made available by Glenbin community as fundraising for their legal battle.

DINNER: Provided by PCC at a cost of \$2 each.

N.B.: Bring your own plates, bowls and utensils.

ENTERTAINMENT

 generously provided by "Bahloo". Donations accepted to cover their costs. Bring your own instruments to play around the communal bonfire.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is being organised.

SUGGESTIONS

You are encouraged to arrive and set up camp Friday, September 23rd, so that we may be free to launch together into the event at the opening circle at 9:30 am Saturday.

PLEASE BRING: Your own camping shelter, eating bowls, cups etc., breakfast food, musical instruments, cash, tons of goodwill.

PLEASE DON'T BRING: Dogs and cats.

REMINDERS

Please let us know by September 16th how many of you are coming so that we may feed you, (PCC, PO Box 102, Nimbin, 2480.)

Membership in FCC is initially set at \$2, and will be accepted at the desk in the food tent. You can also let us know then what skills, time and energy you would like to make available to build our strength and effectiveness.

For further information, contact:

Peter and Vicky Marshall 89 1546
Peter and Linda Lewis 32 1102
Brenda Durant 89 1176.

Communities together,
P.C.C.

PS

Circulate this letter, so that those we may have missed may be included too.



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The Pan-community Council was formed mid 1988 in response to a perceived need to improve communication between multiple occupancy (M.O.) communities. Our aims and objectives are as follows:-

1. To protect the natural environment.
2. To promote social interaction between communities
3. To provide direct assistance in dealing with local councils and other government bodies.
4. To foster sustainable economic initiatives.
5. To promote the general principles of multiple occupancy land use to media, councils and the broader community.
6. To pool resources, expertise and skill sharing to facilitate the above.

Since formation Pan-Com has already been involved in many activities relevant to the development and growth of M.O.'s and has had dealings with local, state and federal governments, government instrumentalities and the media on behalf of the many communities and individuals we represent.

To further our aims we have decided to contribute regularly to Nimbin News. Our contributions will be a summary of the more important issues we feel people should be aware of. We produce our own monthly newsletter which contains a lot more detailed information and is available from us for a \$20 per year subscription. Amongst many items our newsletter contains a list of shares for sale on M.O.'s so send us details if you wish to be included.

We have also recently decided to open the Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre on Saturdays (10am to 4pm) both as a contribution to the social activity of Nimbin and

district and as a space for our members and the general public to discuss important issues relating to M.O. communities. Our phone no. there is (066)891492 (C.B.Channel 11). For those who want to become more actively involved in Pan-Com, we meet monthly and our next meeting will be Sunday, June 18, 11am at Tyomakari (Wadeville) community, Stoney Chute Rd. via Nimbin. Everyone is welcome to attend.

State Environment Planning Policy No. 15 - M.O. development

On 14 June 1988 the Minister of Planning revoked an earlier direction from the former Labor government to limit the contribution from M.O.'s for services and community facilities etc. →



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to \$1950 per dwelling. It is now open to councils to set their own limits. The Minister also decided that councils could prepare their own local environment plans (L.E.P.'s) for M.O. development. In response to this Kyogle Council has prepared a draft L.E.P. which, whilst seeming favourable to M.O. developments in Kyogle shire would seem to virtually halt new M.O. development, if adopted, due to spot zoning regulations. Pan-Com has prepared a response to this draft L.E.P. and is seeking a meeting with Kyogle Council. Contact us for more details. Those people on communities considering paying the \$1950 levy might be interested to know that some M.O. residents have been able to work off their levies by doing council work. However, if you are a recipient of social security payments you will need to be aware that if you take this option you will have to declare this "income" to the Department even though you are not actually getting the cash in hand.

Are you on the electoral roll? Pan-Com is in the process of encouraging everyone involved in or supportive of M.O.'s to register on the electoral roll. We are trying to get sympathetic people to stand in the next local government elections and every vote will be vital. It worked in Tasmania, it can work here. Your vote can make a difference.

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TYAMOKARI (Wadeville) - update

About six weeks ago a small article appeared in the Northern Star - we were to be facing legal action for unlawfully living on the farm, but we have had no further word at all on this.

Between 20 and 30 of us are living here in tents, enduring the record rainy season....nevertheless no one is landlording it over us, and a few Australians are living on their own land, even without the approval of the big money power.

Black cockies, rainbow rosellas and wedgetail eagles fly overhead. The sweet smelling wattle is in bloom and the occasional sublime sunset graces the evening sky.

We will keep on and welcome warmly other organically minded people wanting a home.

Vyvyan Stott



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Folks - How about giving more thought to participating in and supporting Pan-Com monthly meetings - Their aims will be so beneficial to our alternative society and also society in general will be aided with their environmental concern. The meetings are held on a different community each month. It's a delight to visit these MOs which always seem to be positioned in the most beautiful naturous rainforest areas. The atmosphere is invariably friendly and welcoming. The dialogue would be helpful and informative to community participants, and after the meeting there is usually a pleasant social activity (swimming, volleyball) to relax within and enjoy new company.

Phone or call in after 10 AM Saturdays to Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre. Call 891492.



VIDEO



The Health Promotion Unit of the Ku-ring-gai Hospital with the assistance of the N.S.W. Department of Health have released a 24 minute video entitled "Your the boss: the safe use of Pesticides." It is designed to raise awareness of the environment and physical dangers of using pesticides and is available in both English and Italian. The video deals with procedures people should adopt when and if using potentially lethal substances. For further info contact: Patricia Krolik, Health Promotions Unit, Hillview 1334 Pacific Hwy, Turramurra. 2074. Ph (02) 449-9144

Citizens Against Sand Mining

The organization "Citizens Against Sand Mining" (CASM) are now actively complaining against the reintroduction of the sandmining industry on the Northern N.S.W. coast. C.A.S.M. has already been involved in taking Australmin Holdings Ltd to the Land and Environment court to prevent the development of the Newrybar Sandmining project and reopening of of Woodburn's separation plant. Although unsuccessful in stopping the project C.A.S.M. was able to gain a further 100 stringent conditions with which Australmin Holdings must now comply.

The mineral sands industry already hold licences covering over 700sq/km of Northern N.S.W. coast stretching from north of Byron Bay to Yamba but that's the tip of the iceberg. Twelve off-shore exploration leases have already been approved and with the reopening of the Woodburn separation plant a new onslaught of development applications are expected.

If sand mining is aloud to further develop, the North Coast faces constant machinery noise, dust and diesel fumes, depreciation of land value, the loss of native plant and animal species, destabilization of sand dunes, soil erosion and heavy traffic on the narrow local roads. C.A.S.M. → contact them by writing to; the secretary, "The Bayles" Fernleigh Rd, Tintenbar 2480



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Recently Justice Bignold of the NSW Land & Environment Court rejected an application by Dianne Rundle from Byrill Creek to stop the spraying off 2,4D by the Far North Coast County Council.

Arguing against stopping the spraying, barrister Norton QC stated, "The Crown, through the Dept. of Agriculture & the Attorney-General is concerned that the availability of 2,4D as an agricultural herbicide should not be affected by these or similar proceedings. 2,4D is a proven successful herbicide which has been used successfully all around Australia and overseas for many years in cereal crops, banana plantations and on pasture lands to impede the spread of groundsel bush, which as a declared noxious weed must be eradicated as a matter of law to enable farming and grazing to continue. It is a readily available herbicide and is very selective in it's operation - ie it does not kill grasses. The chemical is registered in Europe, (banned in 5 European countries), Canada, USA (banned in 4

states) and Australia. It is a chemical of prime importance to agriculture. In Australia, it is estimated that some 2,3000 TONNES are used annually and 2,4D represents Australia's principal agricultural and chemical manufacturing industry."

In rejecting the scientific evidence of the applicant's witnesses, the Judge said, "...I accept the prevailing view of the relevant regulatory authorities...The only reasonable conclusion that I can reach is that the activity is not likely to significantly affect the environment."

The Environmental Defenders Office is currently preparing a Supreme Court challenge to de-register 2,4D for use on all but cereal crops.

Ongoing financial support for this action is needed. Contact the Big Scrub Environment Centre, Keen St., Lismore, 2480. Ph 066 -213278, or your local toxic action group.

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Dear Nulbin News,

Attached is the article promised for your next issue. I realise it is very long but I feel it is important that some of the issues surrounding M.O. developments are dealt with in detail by Nulbin News as there is a lot of confusion in the community at large, not helped by superficial media coverage. I hope that after reading this contribution you will consider it worth printing in full.

I would like to draw your attention to the last but one paragraph. Kyogle Council & The Minister for Local Govt. have been informed of Avalon's allegations surrounding the pecuniary interests of David Lovell & prejudicial behaviour by David Lovell & Council employees. It is quite likely that by the time you go to press these matters will be public along with other developments surrounding Kyogle Council. However as the mainstream media have not taken up these issues we believe there must be a risk of defamation proceedings should they do so. If you feel you should not print the paragraph referred to then feel free to omit it without consulting Pan-Com.

Regards,

Aria Roberts

Pan-Com Co-ordinator

HOME DEMOLISHED IN KYOGLE SHIRE

On September 11, 1989, Kyogle Shire Council demolished the home of Tonia Jansen & her 2 children, residents of Avalon, a multiple occupancy (M.O.) at Stony Creek. Pan-Community Council, an organisation representing M.O. communities in ~~NSW~~ northern NSW & other rural dwellers wish to take this opportunity to inform Nimbin News' readers of events leading up to the demolition, subsequent actions & the attitude of Kyogle Shire Council to M.O. development within the Shire.

1989 on Avalon

June 3 - Avalon hold a meeting & agree that David Lovell, a Kyogle Councillor ~~Atkinson~~, should be stopped from removing timber from Avalon, something he has been doing for many years. Tonia seconds this motion.

June 14 - 2 Health & Building Inspectors from Kyogle Council inspect Tonia's home.

June 16 - The same 2 return, ostensibly to deliver a demolition order but they are walked off the property.

June 29 - A demolition order is issued on the grounds that Tonia's home is not Council approved.

July 3 - The Company Secretary of Staron Pty Ltd (the company that owns Avalon) receives the demolition order. The appeal period is within 60 days from date of service. Council claims it was delivered 4 days earlier.

August - Following advice Tonia writes to Council requesting negotiations, & stating she is unable to pay the Section 94 contributions. Subsequently she applies for ~~temporary~~ temporary dwelling licence.

August 25 - Council refuse Tonia's application on the following grounds:-

- a) a demolition order has been issued in respect of her home.
- b) she stated she is unable to pay the section 94 contributions therefore it is reasonable to assume she could not afford to construct a permanent dwelling.
- c) the facilities are unsanitary.
- d) the structure poses a real risk of fire.

August 30 - Tonia lodges an appeal against the demolition order (58 days after Avalon received the order, 62 days after Council claim it was delivered) & an appeal against the refusal ^{to grant a} ~~of a~~ temporary dwelling licence.

As previously stated, Tonia's home was demolished on Sept. 11, 1989, in the presence of 21 police & 7 Council employees. This heavy-handed approach, a perverse & unjustifiable waste of taxpayers' money, resulted in the arrest of 9 people who appeared in Court on October 4. Their case has been held over to March 3, 1990.

On the day of the demolition Avalon found formal acknowledgment from the Land & Environment Court of the appeal lodged against the demolition order. Had this been discovered hours earlier it is unlikely police would have allowed the demolition to go ahead.

Subsequently Kyogle Shire Council have claimed that the appeal is invalid as it was not lodged within 60 days from date of service of the demolition order & it was lodged by Tonia Tansen & not Sharon P/L, ~~therefore~~ Pan-Len will represent Sharon in Court (currently expected to be in late November) & will attempt to satisfy the Court that the appeal was lodged within the 60 day period, that Tonia, as a director of Sharon, was authorised to act on the company's behalf & that Kyogle Shire Council

acted unreasonably.

Following the demolition Pan Com organised a public meeting in Numbin, attended by 200 people, and issued a media release deploring the actions of Kyogle Council, especially in view of the acute housing shortage on the North Coast at the present time.

At a time when it is virtually impossible for low income earners to become home-owners, it would seem more appropriate that Tonia's efforts to provide her own low-cost housing should have been commended rather than totally negated by destruction.

M.O. residents provide their own housing without access to low-income housing loans. Also, it has proved to be extremely difficult for M.O. residents to obtain the First Home Owners Grant or finance from a conventional lending institution since all these sources of finance are dependent upon

individual ownership of land. Tonia's home was built out of bamboo & was erected by a reputable builder of bamboo homes who has had similar constructions approved in other Shires as permanent dwellings. Despite repeated requests by Pan Com, both personally & publically, Kyogle Council still has not provided any information as to why the dwelling was considered to be unsanitary & a fire risk. At no time prior to demolition did Council advise Tonia how her temporary dwelling could be improved in order to avoid demolition.

Temporary dwellings are merely a temporary form of accommodation used whilst a permanent home is being constructed. Tents & caravans meet these requirements. Tonia's home was more luxurious & less of a fire risk than any tent.

Home rebuilt

Following the demolition donations were received from many sources & in late September a pole frame house was erected on Tonia's site thanks to many willing

hands. Whilst still needing floors, walls, windows & doors it's a great start. A temporary dwelling licence has been requested from Council but has not been issued at time of writing.

Road levies & Development Conditions

In the State Environmental Planning Policy No 15, 1988 relating to multiple occupancy of rural land, Councils were directed to limit contributions for services & community facilities (commonly referred to as road levies) to a maximum of \$1950 per dwelling. This maximum limit was ~~deleted~~ removed by the NSW Liberal Government when it came to power & there is currently no maximum. In the same policy Councils were also directed to consider the availability & standard of public road access to M.O's. Pan-Com feels that Councils invariably make unreasonable demands on M.O. developments when considering these 2 issues. Developments are asked to do things such as bitumen sections of public road, provide concrete causeways, upgrade intersections onto public roads, gravel & widen existing public roads & the list goes on. The expense required to comply with conditions such as these is considerable & often prohibitive to development. In addition, Councils have imposed the maximum \$1950 levy (currently \$1985) without question or justification. Councils seem to forget that the very nature of multiple occupancy i.e. multiple dwellings on a shared piece of land, involves the establishment & maintenance of an extensive internal road network at considerable expense to each community. If M.O's were subdivisions these networks would be the responsibility of Council.

In addition M.O's provide many other services such as their own power, sewerage disposal systems &

water supply, recycling of resources, extensive voluntary involvement in community based services & activities, enormous contributions to local business & employment creation, childcare facilities & activities for kids etc. etc. The list is considerable yet none of these ~~as~~ aspects seem to be considered by Councils when they look at M.O. development applications.

Contrary to a claim by Philip Thew, Kyogle Shire Clerk, Pan-Com stresses that residents of M.O's do not consider they "should occupy a privileged position" in society, "exempt from building regulations & development contributions". Currently, development conditions are imposed in an ~~and~~ arbitrary & often unreasonable manner. This is substantiated by the fact that all communities who have had the starring to contest Council imposed conditions at court have received favourable outcomes. For instance, Glen Bin community had their road levy cut from \$3500 to \$350 per dwelling in court.

It's interesting to note a statement made by Kyogle Shire Engineer, Patrick Knight. "Time after time it has been shown that when M.O's are required to comply with reasonable conditions they end up being more expensive to build on than a normal town or village block with its established services." Firstly, this is quite untrue and secondly, from Pan-Com's observations it would seem to be more the case that Kyogle Council is trying to make M.O. development as expensive as possible, by imposing unreasonable conditions in a bid to keep them out of the shire. Kyogle Shire Council has recently adopted a policy that virtually prohibits new M.O. development in the shire. Many M.O. ^{residents} in Kyogle Shire are frustrated by the unco-operative and obstructionist attitude often adopted by Council and the absence of a uniform policy towards land-sharing communities. Pan-Com feels that Kyogle Council seems to have lost sight of the State

Government's aims for M.O. development which includes: "enabling the pooling of resources, particularly where low incomes are involved, to economically develop a wide range of communal rural living opportunities, including the construction of low cost buildings."

Recent events have focussed attention on M.O. developments and highlighted many of the problems surrounding such developments. Residents of M.O's are ordinary people, as diverse in their attitudes & outlooks as society generally. The only difference is that they share the ownership of their land.

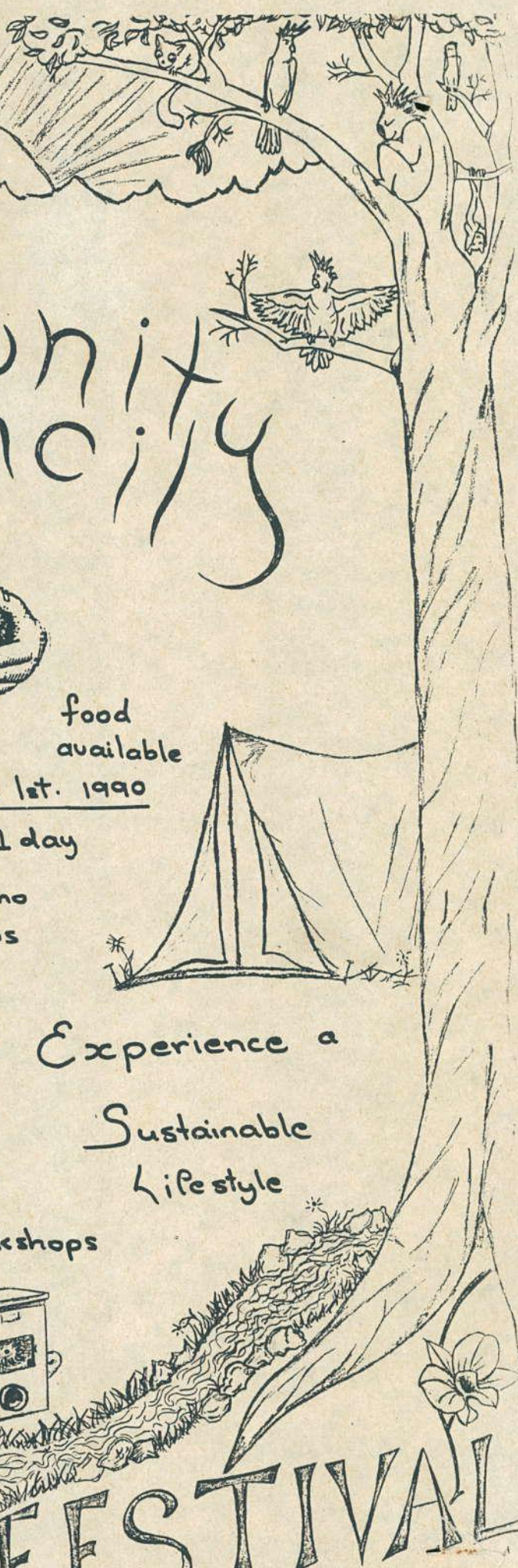
While Pan-Lem applauds Government support for the concept of M.O's the absence of any legislation not open to broad interpretation gives Councils a free hand in imposing development conditions and compounds the problems of all M.O's. It is this situation that Kyogle Shire Council are taking advantage of and which ^{forces many} ~~leaves~~ communities ~~with~~ to resort to the Land & Environment Court.

In the meantime Kyogle Council are threatening further demolitions in the shire. They are also threatening to fine Avalon residents for carrying out building works without building approval & charge them \$308.10 to cover demolition costs. Should Avalon refuse to pay Council claim they will start bankruptcy proceedings against them.

Pan-Lem is aware that some residents in Kyogle & neighbouring shires feel Avalon residents brought this situation on themselves but consider this - if you lived on an M.O. & you stopped a local Councillor removing timber from your property, thereby affecting his livelihood, do you think you could guarantee unprejudicial treatment by Council?

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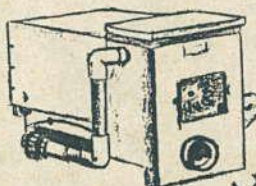
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The Northern Star recently refused to run an advertisement with Fast Buck\$'s criticisms of ICAC's report on the Byron Academy "in any shape or form".

What was submitted was a sedately worded and well documented article and he was prepared to tone it down further. However the Star basically hasn't got the balls to cross the local hierarchy - which of course includes Dr Treyvaud, principal of the local Uni campus which was heavily involved in the Academy report. They'll run Wal Murray's emotive anti-ICAC outburst for free - he's OK because he's National Party.

Subsequently the Star even refused to run a classified ad. explaining what had happened. Anyway I demonstrated alone outside the Star offices with signs saying: "NORTHERN STAR HAS NO BALLS" and "FREEDOM OF THE PRESS" and NRTV gave this good coverage on their news.

NRTV doesn't like the Northern Star.

What words come into mind in relation to the Star? "boring", "biased", "insipid", "facile", "ungracious", "non-investigative", "shallow", "uninformative", "stooge", "humourless" Its editorials are usually gutless, puerile and vacuous, desperately searching for something to say or feel strongly about. With its fifties format and its thinness it is very bad value. If you want to know what's going on in the rest of the world you need to buy a Sydney paper as well.

The priorities of the Star are profits, profits and profits - and because of that, ironically, they miss out on sales. Thinking people are reluctant to buy it. Sure the Star will run the odd story on the environment if that boosts sales, but the public interest is basically not on their menu.

The following are some of the North Coast elite whom the Star lacks the balls to offend by printing the truth; these are the people who in effect run Lismore, and who in most cases also have had substantial long-term links to the Byron Academy, Kurt Shaefer, Roger Munro, Robbie Pitt and Rod Treyvaud. They also have substantial property-related interests particularly in the Lennox Head area, as well as other parts of Ballina Shire and in Queensland. Some of them are quite well known as the "Barons of Molesworth Street" and have extensive interconnections via unit trusts and money-lending and money-hiding entities. They are also heavy bastards who regularly resort to intimidation to keep the lid on.

LAW: Elton Stone, Jim Poulos, Paul Starkey, Chris Lomax, John Maxwell.

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THREE EXAMPLES OF STAR MENTALITY:

- Sales of the Star in Byron Bay are disproportionately low. So what did they do? They put a new "bright side" journo there to dig up light and humorous human-interest type stuff. They figure that Byron people don't buy the Star because there's always bad news coming out of Byron!

- When Buck\$ complains about their attitude they reckon they give him a "pretty good run". Sure they put his name in the paper - but if they did their frigging job it wouldn't be necessary to have his name in the paper!

- The other reason given for not running the ad. was that by the time they pay their legal advisers to check it they make no money on it. They should be paying Buck\$, not making a profit out of him!

This is how the bosses at the Star think and how they see the world, never realising that North Coast people these days want to know the truth, not to be jollied along with bullshit. The Star would sell a lot more papers if they broadened and deepened the paper's scope and adapted to the demographic changes in the region reflected in the last Federal election result. To do that they would probably need to get rid of John Howard and editor Doug Parrington for a start, for though they are nice enough guys, they lack imagination and balls. Secondly they would also have to stop leaning on and censoring their investigative journalists and instead let them use the information they have in a way that benefits the common good instead of suppressing it to protect vested interests.

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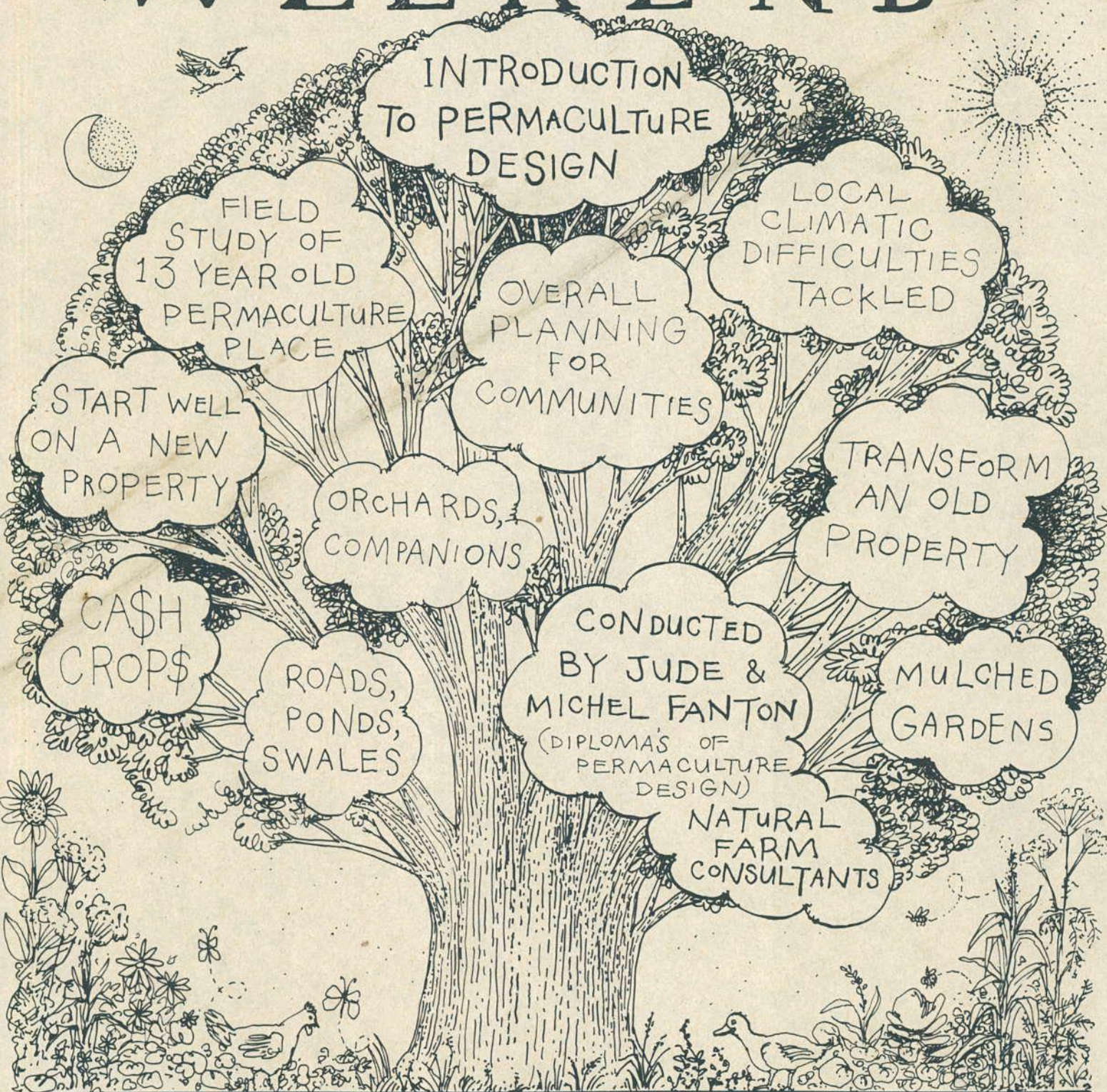
ENVIRONMENTALISTS, STUDENTS, JURNOS AND THINKERS GENERALLY:

If you agree that the Star is out of touch and cowardly, wave an appropriate placard at either 4.00 PM THIS FRIDAY OR 10.00 AM THIS SATURDAY MORNING OUTSIDE ITS OFFICES IN GOONELLABAH. These people have too much power and too little responsibility!

[Copies of Fast Buck\$ ICAC criticisms will be available at the rally.]

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Suza Clark,
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Dear Suza,

Apologies for the delay in replying. Whilst it was good to get your letter and to receive such a request from Sydney, I feel at a bit of a loss when considering how to give you the information you want by letter. A half-day conversation would be easier. There really isn't anything written that covers what you want except for State Environmental Planning Policy 15, a State Govt. document that local Govt. has to abide by when considering development applications for multiple occupancy development. A copy can be obtained from local councils or the State Govt. SEPP 15 contains guidelines for Councils. My problem with it is that whilst it reads as an enlightened document in some respects, it gives Councils a whole list of things they have to "consider" before approving an M.O. (We prefer to call M.O.s land-sharing communities now as it's more meaningful). Councils use this list to impose costly and often difficult development conditions on communities bearing in mind that one of the aims of M.O. development is to provide housing for low-income earners. These conditions can be appealed in the Land & Environment Court but this is often a costly exercise and very stressful, especially for new communities.

In regard to buildings: buildings have to comply with the building code - Ordinance 70 - and obviously some people have challenged the interpretation of this code by building with new materials such as bamboo, changing ceiling heights, not putting 4 walls up, etc.

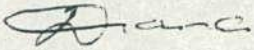
In relation to levies: Councils can impose a maximum levy of \$1940 on each building application (refer SEPP 15) to cover Section 94 contributions. Of course, Council's generally apply the maximum levy. In addition, Council can require specific work to be carried out prior to the D.A. being approved. This may include upgrading of public roads, widening a road intersection, improving a bridge structure, etc. Other levies are generally as determined by the M.O. itself. Council requirements are generally very costly and the inability of communities to pay for these is why there are so many illegal M.O.s around. Some communities are actually thinking of buying road building equipment with other communities - a long way off yet I suspect.

Phone: Telecom installs one phone per community for the standard connection fee to a point not further than 300m from the boundary. To take it further or to have additional connections, the applicant has to pay all costs to a maximum of \$1400.

There's a lot more I could mention but this should give you something to go on with. Perhaps when you have obtained a copy of SEPP 15 you may have more specific questions. Please don't hesitate to write or ring me at work Tues, Fri, Sat am (066) 891 529.

Good luck!

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diana".

Diana Roberts

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10-10-1990.
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Pan - Community Council

Dear Diana,

I'm down here in the big smoke and have become involved with the Manly-Warringah Evening College. The college is holding a Summer School on Monday Jan. 14 to Friday Jan. 18, 1991.

One of the topics which ~~had~~^{has} aroused interest is the "Alternative Lifestyle." Having been a resident up North for 11 years I figured I must know enough about it to at least organise some speakers and information from some of the areas covered by such a broad topic.

— So — I'm needing some written information on the communities. I have anecdotal info. in my head from my own experiences but I would really appreciate info. on the ~~the~~ state of things with particular regard to the latest legislation, local council & state laws, levies, buildings allowed etc.

I wondered if you would have printed info. available on such matters. If you have I would

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