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Dharmananda, founded in 1972, is a rural landsharing intentional community on 260 acres situated next to Terania Creek, in the subtropical north east corner of NSW 30 kilometres north of Lismore. The land now has 15 resident adults and 6 children.

Dharmananda residents are committed to living sustainably with a herd of 25 Jersey cows, large gardens, orchards and chooks. The community is committed to the peaceful resolution of its conflicts and many members play an active role in social change.

The Conference campsite will be on the banks of Terania Creek with shaded and sunny sites available. September is one of the most beautiful months of the year, generally fine and warm with crisp evenings. Bush toilet and shower facilities will be provided. There will be limited dormitory tents for those unable to bring a tent.

Most of the Conference proceedings, cooking and eating will take place about 150 metres away at Terania Learning Centre which was built by the Terania community nearly 20 years ago.



Delicious vegetarian food will be provided. "Special needs" can be catered for; please advise us of your requirements when you register.

### CHILD CARE

There will be a child care tent and resources for children. Carers will be rostered from the conference, in this way we are seeking to integrate children into the conference.

### COSTS

The cost includes meals and full conference program.

• Adults: \$145 - \$245

• Young adults 13 years to 25 years: \$100

• Children 5 years to 13 years: \$50

• Children under 5 years: Free

Please send a \$50 deposit before 11th September if you want to attend. The adult fee is on a sliding scale to allow for different economic situations. Please choose the amount you are able to pay. By paying a higher amount you will be contributing to young people being able to attend.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Jennie Ireland on (02) 6688 6366, fax (02) 6688 6193 or email: simonclo@nor.com.au or write to:

National Intentional Communities Conference Ross Road

The Channon, NSW 2480

### 2NO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

# INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES



# KEEPING THE TORCH BURNING

Intentional Communities and The Next Generation(s)

at

Dharmananda Ross Rd, The Channon NSW 2480

FRI 25TH - WED 30TH SEPT 98

# KEEPING THE TORCH BURNING...

### INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES

Intentional communities have been part of Australia's history since time immemorial. The most recent upsurge in intentional community has happened in the last 30 years. It has been estimated that up to 10,000 Australians live in intentional communities, that is, people who live together to achieve goals, such as reduced environmental impact, an increase in co-operation, reduced living expenses, greater social support and opportunity for a spiritual life.

# WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE CONFERENCE?

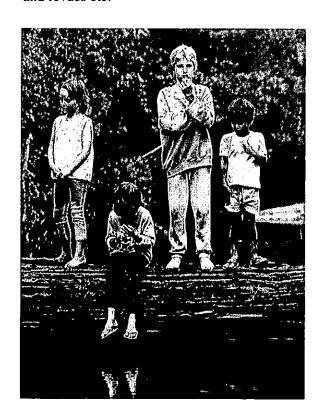
Up to 70 people will be attending. Conference organisers are particularly keen to involve young people to hear how their needs may be met by intentional communities.

The gathering will be highly participatory. People attending will determine workshops to explore the most important issues facing communities. Issues could include the following: intentional communities and the next generation; developing a national organisation for intentional communities; conflict resolution; leadership; economic; environmental and spiritual sustainability; social change.

All participants are requested to be present for the full 5 days of the Conference.

The gathering program will allow plenty of flexibility for people to talk and share their experiences, and will be centred on a "cafe" to foster informal networking.

There will be a significant creative aspect to the Gathering with singing, playback theatre, music and revues etc.



# WHO IS THE CONFERENCE FOR?

It's for people living on intentional communities (rural or urban) or for people who have made significant steps towards intentional community.

Participation in the Conference will be on the basis of a brief application detailing your experience with intentional community.

Young people's applications will be given priority to encourage their attendance.

### CONFERENCE ON THE WEB

Pan Community Council, our regional organisation for Landsharing Intentional Communities, has a Web Homepage which will contain full conference details. The web site is http://www.nor.com.au/users/pancom

The committee would very much appreciate any pre Conference ideas for workshops, processes, suggestions or papers that would be of relevance to the gathering. You can also contact the conference committee via e-mail on simonclo@nor.com.au We would like your contributions by 15/8/98.

# INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

# REGISTRATION

Name
Community (If applicable)
Address
Postcode
Phone (h) (w)
email
Names & ages of children
The fee I plan to pay including children is: \$
My involvement with intentional communities
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What I would like from the Conference is
I would like to offer a workshop on the following topics
(please indicate if you need any resources for the workshop)
I would like to use one of the dormitory tents provided Y/N
Please note any special needs including any major allergies
Transport details will be provided with your registration
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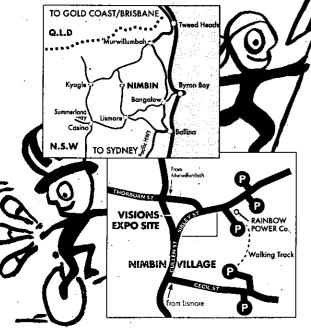
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### The practical stuff

#### How to get to Nimbin

**By car:** Nimbin is 30k from Lismore and an easy 1.5 hour drive from Byron Bay. It is a 3 hour drive from Brisbane, 2 from Surfers Paradise and access from S.E.Qld is quickest via Murwillumbah and Uki village.

By air: Hazelton Airlines (Ph. 131713) flies to Lismore from Sydney. Ansett Airlines (Ph. 131300) operates out of Ballina. By bus: Contact Lismore Visitor Heritage Centre (0266 220 122) for details of coach services from Brisbane, SE Qld, Sydney and from within the Northern Rivers region. For local tours - contact Nimbin Explorer (0266 891 557) or the Nimbin Tourist Connexion (0266 891 764).



#### Trouble free parking

Look for direction signs and clearly-identifiable parking marshals as you drive in to Nimbin for the expo. They'll direct you to parking sites only minutes on foot from "Visions of Nimbin".

#### Caring for the expo environment

We're aiming to equal or beat last year's astounding waste recycling achievement where only 7 wheelie bins of non-recyclable material were collected from 10,000 visitors. Your individual care and our collective actions will minimise the impact on Nimbin and the expo site.

#### Accommodation options

There are motels, guesthouses, B&B establishments, backpackers hostels and camping grounds in and around Nimbin. For details and bookings, contact the Nimbin Tourist Connexion (0266 891 764). For accommodation in Lismore and the surrounding region (including Byron Bay, Ballina and the Tweed Valley), contact the Lismore Visitor & Heritage Centre (0266 220 122).

#### Admission

Adults: single day entry \$10, weekend entry \$15. Teenagers: single day entry\$5, weekend entry \$8. Children under 12: free both days.

#### For more expo-information

A detailed program of events covering both days will be widely available at "Visions of Nimbin". If you need more advance information about any aspect of the expo, please contact the organisers, c/o Nimbin Community Centre, 81 Cullen Street, Nimbin NSW 2480. Phone: 0266 890 000 Fax: 0266 891 130 E-mail: dianar@nor.com.au www.nimbin.net

#### Helping us put it together

"Visions of Nimbin" is indebted to the sponsors of this year's expo. They range from individuals and local small businesses to governmental, regional and corporate organisations. Their support is invaluable and much appreciated by the "Visions" organisers and wider Nimbin community.

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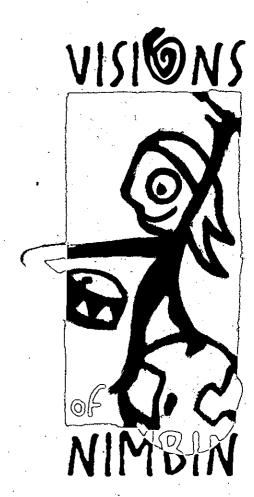




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#### What it's all about

#### A vision for the future

"Visions of Nimbin" was conceived as an opportunity to show the world that Australia's alternative capital is full of creative people involved in a wide range of endeavours, with positive visions for the future. Since the 1973 Aquarius Festival, Nimbin has been the epicentre of both societal change and personal exploration and at the forefront of alternative energy and ecologically sustainable development practices.

This is a vibrant community in a constant state of growth and change: the "Visions" expo is your chance to come and see the very best of Nimbin on display. All proceeds from this event go to community projects.

#### A celebration of the human spirit

"Visions" will showcase the philosophies and creative energy that have driven Nimbin for 25 years...communal land tenure and continually evolving shared living centres, the growing of chemical-free foods, alternative health care, environmental activism, a commitment to renewable energy and an earth-based spirituality.

Nowhere is the creative spirit more evident than in Nimbin's thriving artistic community, whose works and performances will be on display at "Visions".

### The "Visions" experience

The two-day expo program is jam-packed with workshops, exhibits and non-stop entertainment throughout the new "Visions" site in the heart of Nimbin. A brief sampling of the range of activities you can enjoy includes:

- Children's activities acrobatics, swimming, tie-dyeing, candle making, roller blading, belly dancing, theatre, music, art, puppets, a crystal hunt and heaps of other interactive fun.
- Visual arts exhibitions sculpture, photography, painting, ceramics, craftwork and fashion design; plus the highly-regarded Spring Arts Festival.
- Industry and trade exhibits showcasing the innovative products being made in both Nimbin and Northern NSW.
- Environmental displays featuring Landcare groups, environmental activism, rainforest regenerators, organic farmers, medicinal herb growers, permaculturalists, bushfood producers, tree planters, compost makers and manufacturers of eco-friendly products.
- Healing and spirituality workshops including meditation and massage, in assigned 'quiet spaces' indoors and out.
- Community living seminars building techniques, landsharing and low-cost shelter options, plus workshops on the dynamics of shared living, including conflict resolution and planning issues.
- Alternative power demonstrations solar, wind and water systems and energy sources, plus National Grid interactivity, 'green power' and energy efficiency.
- Aboriginal storytelling and cultural displays by representatives of the Bundialung people.
- People-friendly community computer systems and public access facilities aimed at 'NETworking' Nimbin locally and around the world.
- \*\*New waste systems workshops composting toilets and innovative greywater management.
- \*\* A travel fair comprising nature-based and eco-tourism operators from the region.
- Markets and shopping opportunities with a wide range of locally-made souvenirs, unique crafts and organic produce available throughout the village.

In addition, there will be exhibitions of Nimbin's heritage and history in the Community Centre, plus opportunities to observe the 'Nimbin News' and community radio station in operation, over the expo weekend.

#### Entertainment extravaganza

"Visions of Nimbin" has assembled the largest line-up of local talent ever. Non-stop entertainment will be taking place throughout the weekend - there's something for everyone. Highlights include:

- Music Diana ah Naid, Spliffmasters, Choral Spawn and Peppa Rose head a huge line up of local musicians with global influences.
- Dance flamenco, tribal, techno, can can, contemporary, modern jazz and belly dancing will feature in the Sunday 20th September "Art in Motion" evening dance spectacular.
- \*\*Poetry and theatre David Hallett and an all star line up of Nimbin's nationally-recognised poets, plus unforgettable theatre from the Nimbin Players.

#### Food from the heart

Eating at "Visions of Nimbin" will be a multi-cultural experience. Culinary styles from around the world will be on offer, with an emphasis on healthy food. Be tempted by a variety of flavours and foods including organic, vegan, vegetarian and even 'carnivorous' fare! Nimbin village cafes and restaurants will be open all weekend: don't forget to try our locally-produced coffee.

#### Tours and activities linked to the expo

To complement the exhibits, workshops and entertainment on offer at the "Visions of Nimbin" expo, a number of other options are available. They include:

- \*\*Nimbin Garden Club tours showcasing the area's finest rainforest plantings and superb private gardens. Advance bookings: contact Richard (0266 891 018).
- Chess competition all ages welcome, in the heart of Nimbin Village. For further information contact: Brian (0266 891 473).





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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS...

LIZ CLAY has worked as a primary school teacher, farmer and organic agriculture consultant and has been actively involved in the environment movement in both Melbourne and rural Victoria. Liz has been a key promoter and participant in a rare dialogue between environmental campaigners and loggers in Gippsland for the past few years and is now developing other forums to help groups with very different interests talk and listen to each other.

**SHARON PARSONS** is Community Development Officer for Indigenous Australians at Ipswich City Council which won the local government section of the 1997 Reconciliation Awards. Sharon's prodigious work in the comunity is marked by insight, commitment and a wonderful sense humour.

## COMMENTS...

#### COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS...

'Heart Politics makes visible that there are people who care, and are doing things in all sorts of ways - there is a wonderful sense that we are all contributing.'

'It's so supportive to spend time with like-minded people working for social change.'

'The gathering is a holiday in a sense but it also helps me focus on what I want to do in the next year. It gives me new skills and energy to achieve my goals.'

'A great mixture of practical skills and inspiring stories of the human spirit.'

## THE VENUE...

The gathering will be held at Camp Drewe set in the beautiful coastal heathland between Byron Bay and Lennox Head. Walks on the long undeveloped beach and swims in the surf and nearby tea tree lake are a feature of these gatherings. Facilities at the camp are simple with dormitories holding up to 6. Unfortunately we are not able to offer the on-site camping option this year. Nearby motels in Lennox Head and a camping ground at Lake Ainsworth are available. You should book and pay for them independently. Childcare is available for 4-12 year olds. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

## WORKSHOPS...

We welcome participants offering workshops related to the theme of the gathering. So far we know there will be workshops on:

- · Activist training & learning
- International justice & collaboration
- Documenting stories of social change.

# ENQUIRIES...

Elly & Greg Wilson (02) 6689 1074

# CREATIVE COLLABORATION

for Positive Social Change



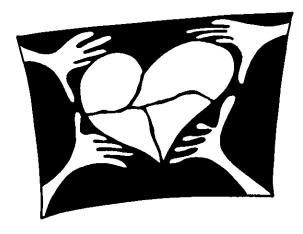
3rd ~ 7th September '98 Camp Drewe, Lennox Head

# CREATIVE COLLABORATION FOR POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE

# AN INVITATION...

We invite you to join us at the 10th North Coast Heart Politics Conference. These gatherings are a time to regenerate your spirit and build a community with others who are interested in social change. You may be an established agent of change, or you may still be seeking to find a way to contribute to community development, social justice or environmental healing. We welcome your participation.

Heart Politics recognises the power of working simultaneously at the personal and political levels. This event will bring together a diverse range of individuals involved in positive social change activities to share stories and skills and to explore how it is possible to make a difference.



This year's theme is creative collaboration. To work for change effectively we need to encompass different perspectives and find ways to work with these creatively. Having the willingness and skills to build bridges of healing and dialogue across differences is fundamental to lasting social change.

Reconciliation with Aboriginal people is a vital issue in Australia. The conference will provide a forum for discussion and our speaker will provide examples from her experience of collaborating across cultures to make a difference.

We'll also be looking at building dialogue and collaboration on other central issues for contemporary Australia such as environmental sustainability, local and international justice and the maintainance of community.

## OPPORTUNITIES...

This gathering will also offer opportunities to:

- Clarify your unique role and next steps as an agent of change
- Find courage and inspiration to initiate or sustain effective actions.

- Be sparked by new ideas for working with passion, creativity and humour on serious issues.
- Develop support structures and strategies to avoid burnout and disempowerment.

# CONFERENCE STYLE...

The gathering is a blend of conference, workshop and celebration. It will be a highly participatory event.

We will hear from keynote speakers, select workshops and interest groups, join support groups, participate in story sharing, enjoy music, dancing and relaxation time and have a lot of fun.

Participants are encouraged to network and establish ongoing support structures for their work and also to take time to rest and recuperate.

The gathering begins with registration from 4 until 6pm, followed by an evening meal, then an opening program at 7pm on Thursday 3th of September.

The conference closes at lunchtime on Monday the 7th.

As the opening and closing sessions and your participation in sessions are important, please make arrangements so you can attend the whole gathering.



**SCHOLARSHIP FUNO:** a scholarship fund has been established and we encourage those who need it to apply by enclosing a letter with your application, before the 23rd of July. Please include some information on your financial situation and your current work for social change. Also give us an indication of the amount you are able to pay. We particularly encourage young people (19-25 year olds) to apply for scholarships.

SLIDING SCALES: In recognition that there are wide differences in people's ability to pay, we ask you to choose an amount most appropriate taking into account your financial situation. The higher amount applies to those on a full-time wage (\$30,000 and above) and the lower end to those who are unwaged. By paying the amount at the higher end of the scale you are contributing to the scholarship fund and helping others to come. Every attempt has been made to keep costs to a minimum and most of the organising is done voluntarily.

**CHILDREN:** Our intention in providing childcare for a limited number of 4-12 year olds is to assist parents who could not otherwise attend. However you must book early. Childcare for under 4's will be worked out co operatively between parents and others willing to contribute. While it is generally not feasible for young children to attend sessions, we welcome interested teenagers to join in.

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Prices include acco	ommodation and delicious vegetarian food.
Adults:	\$215-\$395
Young People	(19-25 see scholarship section):
Children 4-18:	\$80
Under 4's:	\$40
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The conference is on Thursday even make separate cam	being held earlier this year and commences ing and goes to Monday lunchtime. If you aping or motel arrangements your registration, as we are still charged for the whole facility.
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