



PLANNING Nimbin's FUTURE

The **"Envisioning Nimbin"**
Community Planning Day
and the **Robert Theobald** address
are being co-ordinated by
**the Nimbin Community Development
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REWORKING THE FUTURE: a public address by **ROBERT THEOBALD**



**Tuesday
October 6th
Nimbin
Bowling
Club
2.00-4.30 PM**

Robert Theobald is an economist, futurist and herald for the 21st century. He has recently given a series of lectures entitled *The Healing Century* on the ABC. He is an adviser for governments, a consultant to industry, a writer, speaker and broadcaster a career that has spanned the past four decades. He has written and edited over 25 books on the subject of futurism, economics and fundamental change. He was recently listed as the 7th most influential futurist by the *Encyclopedia of the Future*.

In order to provide a framework for investigation of the ways we can organise our community life, **Robert Theobald** will give a public address on the subject of "Reworking tomorrow to meet the real needs our communities face". A gifted speaker Robert says the structures which we currently operate under are outdated and not sustainable. This will be an inspirational opportunity for anyone interested in the future of their community.

APPLICATION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 1998 ENVISIONING NIMBIN PLANNING DAY

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

What fields of activity are you involved in within the Nimbin community?

What community groups do you belong to? (if applicable)

Return completed form to the Nimbin Community Centre, 81 Cullen Street, Nimbin by 16/10/1998



With the 21st Century a little over 15 months away, two major events are planned for Nimbin that will help us shape our future as a community and determine our priorities.

Around Australia people in rural and regional communities are indicating they feel left out of decision making and planning processes that impact significantly on the future. Small villages such as Nimbin within larger Council areas often feel at even more of a disadvantage.

Ever increasing rates of change will impact on all our lives. However because of our distinct sense of local identity and our strong tradition of community involvement we are in a position where we can act to meet the challenges we will face.

To do this we need to take a proactive role in identifying the things we would like to see happen within our community and begin planning for the future we would like to see.

It is a responsibility that we must act on ourselves as no-one else can do it for us. Remember that we are not inheriting the earth from our parents but borrowing it from our children.



ENVISIONING NIMBIN a community planning day



WHAT: This Community Planning Day will attempt to take stock of our current situation, re-evaluate and identify preferred future options.

- These are times of high unemployment (especially amongst young people), overstressed community services and immense pressure on our natural environment.
- By developing a strategic plan for Nimbin we can guide our community future by providing

government and industry representatives (who make decisions that impact on us) with a clear statement of our community aspirations.

- It will also provide us with a framework to guide community developed initiatives and funding priorities.
- It gives us the opportunity to build on existing strengths within our community and work in association with recent successful

funding projects such as the Community Partnerships Drug Grant and the Work for the Dole Scheme.

- We can develop plans for our future consistent with how we would like to see our district develop and change under our own direction and control.



WHO: Participation is open to all residents of Nimbin though there will be a maximum number of 50 participants in order to ensure workable outcomes.

- Preference will be given to those currently involved in community affairs.

• Participation is free. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided by donation.

- We are hoping for a wide representation from all groups and geographical areas of the district.
- If you would like to take part please complete the application form (over) and return to:

Envisioning Vision
Nimbin Community Centre
by Friday October 16th.

HOW: The outcomes of the day will be documented and a final report will be compiled which will be used to guide Council planners and other government departments and to guide and support grant applications.

When:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st
NIMBIN BOWLING CLUB
9 AM ~ 4 PM

For further information contact the NCDA 6689 0000

This Tired Brown Land

Mark O'Connor

Introduction by Tim Flannery

A book which is full of all the info that we need in our crusade! I believe it will become our 'bible' with the need to constantly be referring to it

—Dr Harry Cohen, President, WA Branch of AESP

Environmentalist and poet Mark O'Connor sets out the arguments for the case that the fragile continent of Australia now has too many people to be sustainable. He views with concern projections that our current population of 18 million is set to rise to 27 million by the year 2050.

He looks beyond the myths of Australia as a vast and fertile expanse and explains just how serious our exploitation of our water and land resources has become. He produces the scientific evidence for the environmental argument that it is imperative that we take steps to reduce our population growth now.

For many years now, over 60 per cent of Australians have wanted to reduce immigration (for reasons which have nothing to do with race). O'Connor looks at why politicians have not followed this. He identifies the special interest groups which have captured the immigration debate and continue to push high levels of immigration despite the likely harmful long-term effects for all Australians.

Mark O'Connor lives in Canberra. Until this year he was vice-president of Australians for an Ecologically Sustainable Population.

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for \$19.95 (including p&p)

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To *Peter*

As a person involved in intentional community we assume you are committed to community self-reliance and ecological sustainability. There are presently few communities that have truly achieved this. Yet this may very soon become a necessity for any person or community that wishes to survive in the Year 2000.

Life On Earth (LOE) has been researching the Y2K "millennium bug" problem and associated social, environmental & financial instabilities. Our conclusion is that the millennium bug is likely to trigger a global economic and financial collapse on or before Y2K (Year 2000). The social consequences would be truly catastrophic — businesses and industries failing, widespread poverty and starvation, epidemics, breakdown of law and order, etc. This has happened in many countries already. It can happen here in "the lucky country" too.

Life On Earth balances optimism with a precautionary approach. Thus we are preparing for a worst-case Y2K scenario, whilst also making the best-case better! Some "underdeveloped" countries will be little affected by the Y2K computer systems crash. Australia and other developed nations may lose essential services and supplies, plunging into chaos. History shows that larger and cohesive groups do better in such disasters than small groups, families or individuals. There is strength in numbers, cooperation and unity.

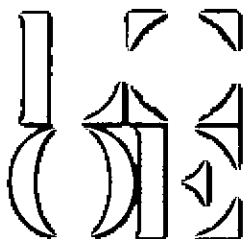
LOE wants to show that Australia can be "the clever country", or at least one region can! We are preparing an ambitious Y2K Plan for the NSW Northern Rivers Region — from Coffs Harbour to Coolangatta. At the same time other communities and regions can use LOE's Life Organiser to develop their own Y2K Plans as part of an emerging national response.

In essence, these Y2K Plans will coordinate rapid development of sustainable lifestyles and communities within bio-regions — people cooperating to meet their needs locally and regionally. This is a new conservative way of life that safeguards the essentials — food, water, air, health, transportation, communication, emergency services. Preparing for future wellbeing reduces or eliminates the panic and violence that can arise when safety and security are threatened.

This bold move accelerates local, national and global trends towards Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD). Successful implementation of Y2K Plans will rapidly develop self-reliance of individuals, communities and bio-regions, thus minimising the load on computer-dependent systems at risk.

This should be welcomed politically as it demonstrates responsible action by aware, concerned and forward-thinking citizens — acting to care for themselves and reduce the government's burden of responsibility. *not*

As public awareness of the severity of the Y2K problem grows, concerned citizens will want to secure the safety and wellbeing of themselves, their families and friends. This is our opportunity! Local, regional and national publicity campaigns can bring together growing numbers of Australians who desire healthy, sustainable, meaningful lives. Developing intentional communities and regional economies will reduce unemployment and begin to solve other social problems too...



The Y2K Plan is totally win-win. If Y2K turns out really bad, we're prepared for the worst. If not, we've made massive and urgently needed progress in ESD — development that is ecologically, economically and socially sustainable. This builds upon local Agenda 21 and other government and community initiatives. The Y2K Plan builds sustainable wealth and health through partnership and leadership in "everything ecological" — organic food, clean air and water, eco-education and eco-tourism, alternative technology, health and healing, eco-arts and crafts, sports and leisure, cultural development, etc.

Why is LOE taking on this huge task? We see that government authorities who might already be preparing the public and themselves for this impending disaster are not doing so. We see they are already over-burdened and under-funded, so we are helping to prepare for Y2K by meta-networking all those who wish to build a Sustainable New Millennium.

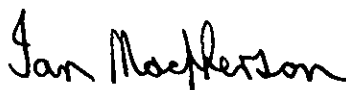
Certain areas of Australia are already internationally famous for progressive, alternative, healthy living, such as Byron Bay and other parts of the Northern Rivers Region. An emerging network of nationally-coordinated Y2K Plans could inspire people worldwide to cooperate in preparing for the new millennium, improving their lives and the Earth greatly as they do.

We hope you will want to participate in this world-leading development. Our intention is to plan and organise regional eco-lifestyles that will be a sheer joy and delight to live . . . what are your personal plans for Y2K?

If you cannot participate personally, please endorse and support this proposal in writing today. The few LOE staff are presently all volunteers. We need much participation and assistance to achieve this grand vision in time.

Whatever you can do to help at this late "eleventh hour" — less than 500 days to Y2K! — will be gratefully appreciated. Who knows what wonderful developments may be possible with sufficient people, funding and cooperation? Future generations will thank and bless us all for this wise, far-sighted action . . .

Please contact us soon if you can. We sincerely look forward to your involvement.



Ian David Macpherson



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Plan for Sustainable Wealth and Health

This is an invitation to improve the quality of your life, in an ecological and cost effective way. At the same time you can improve social, economic and environmental conditions in Australia and overseas.

LIFE wants to involve you in projects and actions that will improve your life quality and enjoyment. We want to inspire your commitment and motivation towards **"the good life"**. How can we do that?

First of all, perhaps by reminding you that quality of life has been going downhill since the 1960's, especially in Australia. Let's face it, social and environmental problems are also more numerous and extensive than ever before. Yet there are also **Integrated Solutions** to these problems, just waiting to be put into practice.

For example, the Dharmanunda Community founded by Dudley Leggett (director of SRI, a network partner) provides a beautiful, low-stress country lifestyle in a lush, tranquil and secluded rainforest valley just 30 minutes inland from Byron Bay and some of the best surf in the world. The twenty adult residents all spend a total of only two days a week each maintaining the 200 acre property and producing all their organic food, including butter, cheeses, tofu and breads. So they are entirely self-sufficient including their own water supply and solar power. No huge shopping bills here ... \$38 per person per week covers all expenses.

And apart from additional building and infrastructure development, the rest of their time is their own to do with as they please. That's quite a lifestyle system! Is this "the good life"?

So, is this a good time to change the systems by which we live? Why? So we can actually solve problems rather than just complain about them! Then we can all enjoy more happening lifestyles while creating a brighter future for generations to come. After all, good planets are hard to find.

With your cooperation and commitment we can all create sustainable Wealth and Health. Together we can build better ways of living and a more hopeful future for humanity and all life on planet Earth.

Let's Get Y2K Wise - Understanding the Millennium Bug

The Y2K (Year 2000) "millennium bug" is starting to get the attention it deserves. Attempts to fix the problems are long overdue, urgently needed and in many ways just too late. Computer developers have known about Y2K for over 30 years.

The problem is due to a space saving idea where only 2 digits, instead of 4 are used for recording the year. This doesn't work in the Year 2000. Governments, business and communities around the world are only just beginning to recognise the complexity and extent of this "little bug". Most Y2K compliance efforts are **"too little, too late"** and projects will inevitably not be completed on time as only 9% to 17% of computer projects do (SEE www.standishgroup.com). Some systems already have problems with 'use-by-dates'. Even the year 99 can create havoc with the widely used Cobol language! The problems are increasing NOW, not just from 1/1/2000 onwards (SEE www.yourdon.com, www.garynorth.com).

There are daunting costs in making computers Y2K compliant - estimated at four trillion \$US (4,000,000,000,000) worldwide - and not enough time to fix most of the computers in the world. Big mainframes and the embedded systems in many machines are particularly difficult and time consuming to fix. Large regional and global networks of computers will not work unless all are Y2K compliant because faulty computers corrupt compliant ones ...

Most people know little of how incredibly extensive and complex the bug problems are. Nor how drastically their "personal" life, job or business, community and culture are likely to be affected. Especially considering our fragile global economic system, which was virtually guaranteed to crash in the next 3 to 5 years anyway.

Many people are convinced that most countries are presently heading towards worst case crisis situations that seriously threaten human welfare and the health of the environment. Living in such an interdependent world means all our lives could be significantly affected by this problem. So now is the time to **"Get Y2K Wise!"**

We would like everyone to be more aware of the potential magnitude of the Y2K problem, and to comprehend the need for sustainable solutions. Then more people will plan and be ready for likely crisis situations.

Let's Thank The Bug!

The "millennium bug" may turn out to be Planet Earth's saviour? The implications of this bug look set to bring about multiple systems crashes that will drastically derail the rampant consumption and mass production machine, with conservative estimates of 8% to 35% reduction in GNP. We propose this is a good time to abandon this runaway machine and the dangerously competitive behaviors that are dominating and threatening our very existence.

Many agree this is *"The systems crash we had to have!"* Without it, the next millennium might have been a very short one, at least for the human species.

So, while the bug crisis presents dangers to be assessed, it also presents incredible opportunities. Our thorough Y2K research continues as we formulate best through to worst case scenarios. The worst case dangers may motivate people like you to accelerate healthy and sustainable actions, co-developing systems that work for everyone. Widespread concern can stimulate comprehensive action as people see they cannot rely on governments, big organisations and institutions, or perhaps even money.

Perhaps human beings will at last recognise that responsibility is essential for enduring wellbeing - caring for ourselves, each other and the eco-systems that make life possible. With responsibility, cooperation and commitment we can develop self-reliance, implementing the sustainable systems so urgently needed for a healthy and prosperous future.

Embracing The Bug, Let The Dance Begin ...

LIFE is bringing together a diverse and knowledgeable network of experienced people, relevant organisations and Y2K compliant projects. Together we can make changes we cannot do alone - in Personal and Family LIFE, as well as Community and Regional LIFE. Through joint ventures and strategic alliances we can foster the cooperation needed in these times

of intense change. If you have a commitment to high quality, ecological living, why not integrate your work and play (plerking!) in LIFE ...

So we invite you to involve yourself! More people and resources are urgently required. LIFE is for everyone - individuals, groups and projects that want to achieve more, sooner. How? By collective use of LIFE Organisers and Project Kits that make cooperation easy and enable everyone involved to build sustainable wealth and health.

LIFE Communities and Projects are presently being established. These can ensure that the people knowledgeable and experienced in all aspects of healthy and sustainable living are well resourced and in the best possible position to survive and prosper in the years ahead. So, while preparing for potential impacts of the Y2K crisis, we can embrace immediate opportunities to improve lifestyles and build sustainable wealth, particularly in the Northern Rivers Region of NSW.

In this way, LIFE will nurture the people, knowledge and resources required for creating a diverse range of model lifestyles and communities. These will inspire and help shape the future of communities and cultures on this beautiful planet!

Preparing for change into the new millennium is a vitally important community service, plus an opportunity to actually improve your living. Can you spare a few hours this week, a day or even more? Can you sponsor or raise funds? With less than 500 days till the Year 2000 ... call us!

So if you want to embrace the Bug as a major opportunity, let's talk and see you soon. Otherwise, we invite you to order at least one copy of "The Millennium Bug - An Australian Perspective". This 80 page booklet by Phil Mason compiles more than 175 excerpts from newspapers, magazines and web pages. Bringing together views of world-leading analysts, experts and investigative reporters, it begins to reveal what governments, big business and the media are not telling us.

For copies send a cheque or money order, made out to "Mr. P. Mason".
Cost: \$7 per copy, for 10 or more \$6 per copy.
Postage: 1-2 = \$2, 3-4 = \$4, 5-9 = \$7, 10-16 = \$8, 17+ = COD.
Send to: P.O. Box 1627, Byron Bay, NSW 2481.

Also, we invite you to check out the following Internet web sites:

http://www.garynorth.com	with 100's of links.
.year2000.com	Peter De Jager's Web site.
.y2ktimebomb.com	Westergaard.
.yourdon.com	Ed Yourdon (computer guru).
.y2k.gov.au	Australian Government Web site.

Also see "Time Bomb 2000" By Ed Yourdon (Prentice Hall), available through Dymocks [Amazon Books in the U.S. <http://www.amazon.com>].

Where To Next? What Do We Need?

Do you have skills, money or resources that could help LIFE in any way? Do you know others who could? Do you have personal links to any of the Networking Areas in the following list? This is an important time for us all to review priorities in our lives. At the very least please help by photocopying this and distributing it to family, friends and associates.

Let's work smarter and faster ... time is precious!

LIFE is presently focusing on networking and presentations for the following Networking Areas.

1. Organisers, Managers, Planners, Designers, Engineers, etc.

These are required immediately to accelerate design and testing.

We invite all skilled and experienced individuals, groups and businesses, particularly people knowledgeable in social and environmental activities.

2. Family, Friends and the General Public. People are needed to promote and network through community groups, clubs, associations, etc.. For example Rotary, Apex, RSL, CWA, progress associations, recreation and sports, schools, TAFE and Universities, special interest groups, public meetings in town/village halls and council chambers.

3. Finance and Investment. Life is inviting financial assistance and offering investment opportunities. We are networking through family, friends, associated networks, fund managers and investment advisors to:

- individuals with capital in banks and stocks increasingly at risk;
- philanthropic individuals and networks;
- social and environmental organisations;
- ethical investment groups and the companies they represent;
- general investment and financial management groups;

4. Local, State, Federal and International bodies, associated consultants and advisors, incl. all levels of government, UN, etc.

5. Industry Organisations, Businesses, Consultants.

We are focusing on those industries that provide goods or services considered useful for Sustainable Survival, plus unsustainable industries that could become relatively sustainable.

ALSO IMPORTANT are the highly toxic industries that need to be "shut down" and that require crisis management strategies to minimise the direct threats to human and environmental wellbeing. For example nuclear, some mining, manufacturing and waste management industries.

Let's Coordinate and Celebrate!

We hope to see you soon at our next networking gathering.

WHEN:

WHERE:

A selection of the following are addressed at LIFE meetings, with the agenda influenced by those that confirm their attendance and areas of interest.

- * actions and projects for local communities (esp. youth involvement).
- * food production, nourishing, healing and health.

- * media, film and internet.
- * festival/ expo/ forum - of arts, music and sustainability.
- * organisation and management - the LIFE Organiser.
- * regional planning and strategy for Y2K.
- * making money - through business startups, network marketing, sharing resources, and clever Y2K compliant investments.

What are your passions, interests and concerns? Please call to confirm your attendance, express your particular interests, suggest others to invite, add agenda items, present a review of your present activities, or arrange other times to meet.

Please call 0266 5853 719 or 0417 673 177 or Sydney (02) 9973 2329

We welcome your offers of assistance. Can you think of others who could help? Please copy and distribute this. Invite others to come along.

Would you like to organise and promote a LIFE gathering in your own local area?

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In today's highly complex and rapidly changing world, can you keep up?
Do you have the expert knowledge and financial muscle to stay afloat?
Will the "millennium bug" wipe out your investments, job or business?
Why invest in institutions and markets over which you have no control?

Isn't it time to build security now before the next depression or crash?

LOE invites you to share in a new system of sustainable wealth and health.
It's very simple and easy! It works on the traditional basis of trust and
cooperation - no complex contracts or hidden fees. Just your word.

Take this opportunity to join a new financial system that delivers a
dependable income for life. You can invest as little as \$2 per week.
This is a low-risk, high-security, high-performance investment that
offers reliable long-term wealth PLUS a terrific quality of life.
It's designed to meet your every need for comfortable, satisfying living.

You CAN plan to meet all your financial and health needs.

You CAN establish a firm foundation for your future wellbeing.

This is a time-limited offer for personal applicants only. We invite you to
enjoy an unparalleled quality of life with us.

Yours sincerely,

Ian David Macpherson

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Summary: Your Integrated Lifestyle Solution

an invitation ... to invest in you, your community, and life

LOE invites you to share in a new system of sustainable wealth and health.

This is an Integrated Lifestyle Solution that utilises the most advanced financial knowledge and understanding of human wellbeing.

Existing financial systems are volatile and unpredictable. Most Australian investors have suffered massive losses during recent financial instabilities, stock market crashes and currency collapses.

Just how secure is your income and your lifestyle?
Are you sufficiently in control of your own destiny?

Modern Australian banks and financial institutions are at the mercy of uncontrollable international market forces. They are part of a global financial network operated by computers, many of which will fail in the year 2000 due to the "millennium bug".

Do you know how this will affect your income, business and investments?
Will you be one of the many that suffer in the coming recession?

Economists and financial analysts say that modern financial systems are naturally unstable because of their extreme complexity and dependence on vast networks of fallible computer systems.

Why not step out of that crazy game and into a new life?

At last there is a real alternative to all this chaos and confusion!

You can now share in dependable wealth and health from an integrated range of cooperative Australian businesses and enterprises. You can invest as little or as much as you choose of your time, energy and money into a balanced, sustainable investment portfolio to suit you and your needs.

You will benefit immensely from membership in a profit-sharing system with a "product" everyone wants - Integrated LifeStyle Solutions that really satisfy. Life On Earth (LOE) offers you an opportunity to fulfill your dreams of prosperity and leisure by balancing your investment in you, your community, and life.

Please contact us immediately for further details of this extraordinary offer. Application for Founding Membership accepted until September 30th 1998.

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LIFEview: a "worldview of worldviews", a meta-paradigm for sustainable wealth & health

LOE's scientific, systemic and eco-logical solutions are based on a new biological understanding of perception, experience and reality - LIFEview. LIFEview is truly trans-disciplinary. It provides a simple, experiential foundation for conflict resolution and for building agreements that last.

In LIFEview, personal experience is the basis for explaining human behaviour and culture -for understanding the old natural and sustainable cultures, how we diverged and evolved away from them, and how we can design our way ahead to new societies of sustainable wealth and health.

LIFEview is the basis of proprietary intellectual knowledge such as:

- * a General System Theory (GST) - explains how systems exist and operate;
- * a Map of the Multiverse - a "universe of universes";
- * a LIFE Organiser and LIFE Achiever - how to achieve anything in life!

Topics for Presentations and Consultations

- * The Millennium Bug - the hidden scope and scale of the computer problems.
- * The Y2K Crisis - the global and national context, opportunities and threats.
- * Reality, science, philosophy, ecology and systems thinking.
- * Human behaviour, language, emotions, groups, organisations, networks.
- * Community and cultural development, the arts, media and communications.
- * Systems and institutions - politics, business; law, education, health.
- * Change, conservation, influence, networking, marketing, promoting.
- * Problem solving, project design and management, quality assuring.
- * Securing substantial investment and funding for your organisation.

Many practical ideas will be presented in an experiential format that enables rapid learning. Everything presented is grounded and testable in human experience. You will not be asked to accept anything on faith, belief or principle. As scientists, LOE consultants explain the consequences of certain actions, but make no demands or recommendations ...

"The LOE Challenge"

Our "challenge" to you is - show us a problem, and we'll show you the solution! So why not try our remedies for social and environmental problems ... and the problems of groups and networks that seek to solve these problems!

The Y2K Problem isn't going to go away because it's too late to fix many big computer networks in time. We warmly invite you not to go into denial about the potentially horrific human future that is unfolding as a result. That takes an unusual courage and emotional maturity. Take heart, because a crash of the producer-consumer system could be the best news for the Earth and Mother Nature since the beginning of human domination and exploitation ...

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LOE Consulting Operations

Life On Earth (LOE) is pleased to announce that consultations are available in Australia during September and October 1998. After this LOE expects to be fully occupied into the new millennium, developing and maintaining wealthy, healthy, sustainable LIFEstyles within The LIFE Network.

the Y2K problem

The Y2K (Year 2000) millennium bug computer problem is the most serious threat to human wealth and health since the great depression that led to World War II. The predicted Y2K computer failures will make it impossible for many banks, financial institutions, utilities (electricity, gas, water), corporations, governments, communications services, transport, shops and supermarkets, hospitals, etc. to provide their usual goods and services. The combined effect may well bring down the global economic and financial system, with catastrophic consequences.

developing Integrated Solutions to Y2K

LOE's research shows that over 90% of social and environmental groups - and their members - are at significant risk from the Y2K Problem.

DON'T PANIC! LOE consults to individuals, groups and networks on how to plan and prepare for this imminent Y2K crisis and systems crash. We assist you to build a cooperative meta-network that implements Integrated Solutions to enable your successful transition into the new millennium.

This is a SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY not to be missed! Consultancy is available to those active in areas related to "building a better world", such as health and healing, sustainability and conservation, peace, democracy, justice, education, ethical investment, responsible business, arts and cultural development, community and celebration, etc.

All these sectors of society are presently ill-prepared for the coming changes. **Priorities and actions need to be shifted so that necessary precautions are completed in time - with less than 500 days to Y2K!**

LOE's Y2K Solution - in essence

Any comprehensive solution to a collapse of the existing way of life must necessarily be complex and far-reaching. LOE's Integrated Solution is, and we can provide as much detail about the systemic complexity as you require. Our Integrated Solution synthesises all the known and proven solutions we have found through 13 years of international research.

In essence, however, the solution is simple: **meta-network all concerned persons and groups who want to cooperate to implement known solutions immediately.** Meta-networking maximises people's effectiveness and efficiency at solving problems and pursuing opportunities, such as the looming Y2K crisis. So LOE is presently developing a strong and empowERed meta-network of individuals and groups committed to high quality living.

The LOE Solution to the Y2K Problem

Life On Earth (LOE) offers an Integrated Solution to the Y2K problem — development that is economically, socially and ecologically sustainable. This solves the problem of the era: **"How to combine the needs of people and society, the environment and business to create sustainable wealth and health?"**

Keep in mind that LOE assesses a high likelihood of global economic and financial collapse between October 1998 and January 2000, due to the Y2K (Year 2000) "millennium bug" problem and associated instabilities. LOE offers the best, most comprehensive and practical Integrated Solution to this looming crisis that will affect every individual and organisation.

LOE works with you and/or your organisation to develop a Y2K Plan using the proven method of the five step **Life Organiser**, as follows.

1. Survey. We assist you to comprehensively survey and assess your needs and wants for high-quality, healthy, sustainable living and commerce. We integrate this into our local, regional, national and global Survey database. This enables us to maximise the strengths and opportunities of the growing LOE Meta-Network of joint adVenture partners and strategic alliances.

2. Explain. LOE uses advanced learning programs tailored to identify your strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) in the context of our rapidly evolving world — especially the business and financial climate — as we approach the Year 2000 (Y2K).

3. Design. Together we design a Y2K Plan to meet your specific needs and wants. Your action plan will be fully integrated into LOE's Meta-Networking Plan for sustainable wealth and health — to ensure the greatest benefit for yourself, all adVenture partners and strategic alliances, and society. Intelligent and supportive meta-networking creates a cooperative whole that IS actually greater than the sum of the parts!

4. Test. Together we develop and refine your Y2K Plan using simulation and real-life situations until you are confident of successful Implementation.

5. Implement. Your Y2K Plan is put into action!

LOE Integrated Solutions have some or all of the following features.

- * Converting assets and investments at risk from the Y2K systems crash and consequent economic downturn.
- * Eliminating or minimising exposure to litigation.
- * Investing in Y2K-secure, high-performing property, infrastructure and development opportunities.
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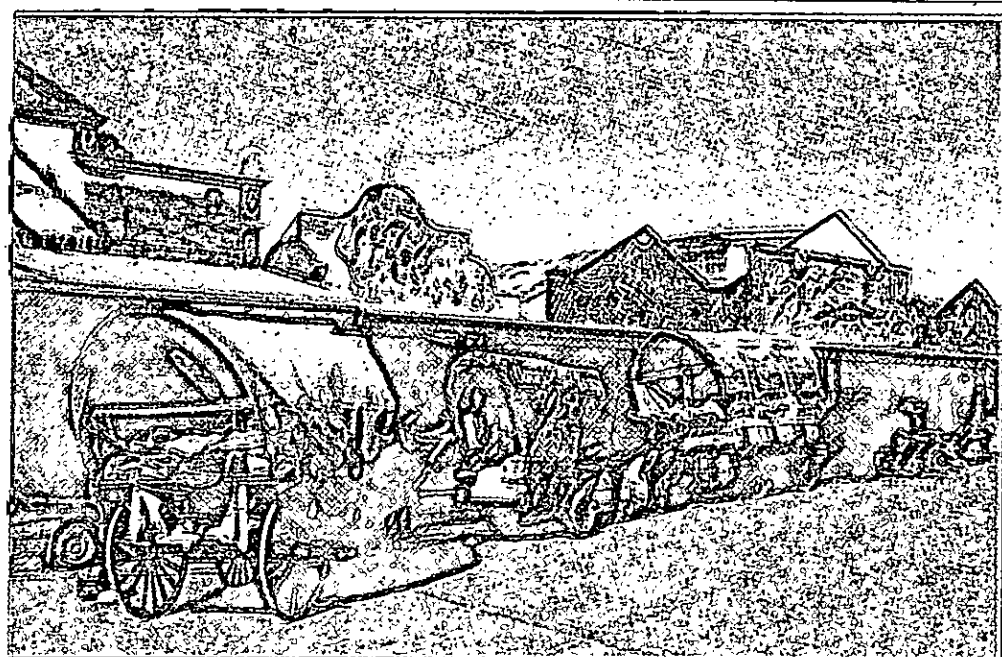
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Welcome to Nimbin & Environs number three. The new and improved version! As Nimbin grows and changes we need to update the information in the publication and we have done this while still keeping much of the historical data of previous issues.

Nimbin itself is a thriving village with many creative and talented folk hiding away in the hills doing their own thing.

The results of this can be seen in the many shops displaying beautiful handmade arts and crafts. Nimbin children are writing, painting, dancing, singing, playing sports and doing gymnastics.

Singers and songwriters, poets, playwrights and storytellers, potters and painters, dancers, dreamers and meditators - Nimbin has them all.

It is a beautiful place with beautiful people. Smile at them and they smile back. Say hullo and you'll have made a friend.

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Introduction

Why is Nimbin Different?

" Nimbin is powerful magic. The word has entered the language of the land and it has become a reference point in its culture. It is a word that resonates with myth and when people speak of it - either in praise or derision - the magic is speaking about them. Like a Rorschach inkspot..." *Graham Dunstan - an original 'Aquarian' in 1973.*

First Impressions

The first things that strikes visitors entering Nimbin are the colourful murals which dominate the shops in the main street. These are the most visible legacy of AQUARIUS the student festival, which in 1973, rejuvenated Nimbin from a dying dairy village to the "Alternative Capital of Australia".

Many people world-wide have heard of Nimbin and they may wish to know more about it than the shallow treatment provided from time to time, by the mainstream media.

What Does the Name Mean?

Nimbin is derived from the Aboriginal

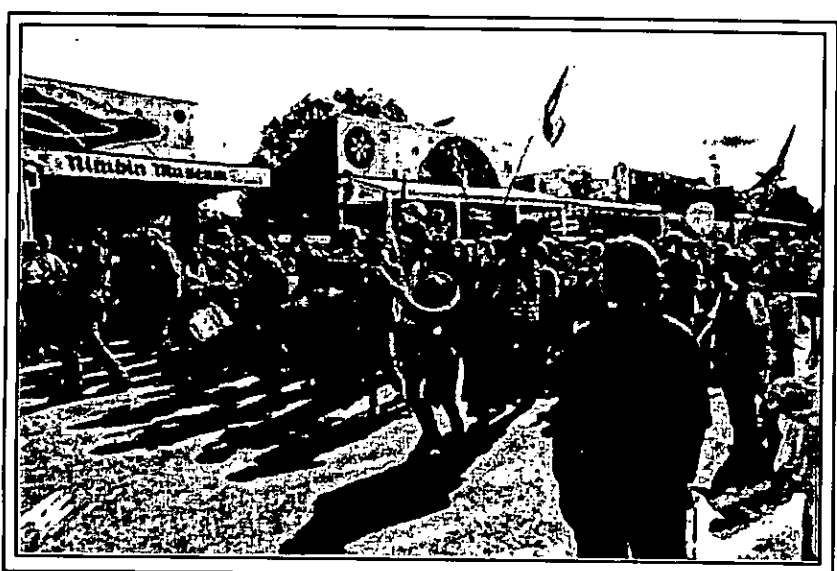
Bundjalung tribal word "Nmbngee" which means a small, old wise man. The three giant rocks which dominate the Nimbin valley, are ancient mystical reminders of the distant past. Nearby Mount Warning a former volcano, shaped this landscape aeons ago

The Traveller as Seeker

Koori legends speak of Nimbin as a place of pilgrimage in pre-European times, and it remains an attractive centre for tourists, travellers and seekers today, both for its natural beauty and for the unique lifestyles practised in the surrounding hinterland.

To the people who live here, the village represents freedom; a zone of sanctuary from our Modern New World Order. Nimbin has room for individual expression and an acceptance of each person as a unique being. In fact, it's a great experiment!

Come and enjoy an abundant natural environment with a close knit, creative, diverse community. We still have clean air, fresh water and friendly faces.



Historical Perspective

Early days

The first white settler rode in on horseback with her husband and two daughters in May 1882. She had piled the accompanying wagons high with everything they needed to start a new life. History leaves us only with the name of Mrs. Britt. Her husband's name was George. Women's Lib. in those days? Perhaps the husband had become incapacitated in some way. The arrival of the white settlers is, of course, a relatively recent event compared with the long period in which the Aborigines populated the area in past times.

For them, it had been a place of male initiation, a place to meet and learn and then to move on.

Much has changed in the last 100 years, however. Where you now see green hills, was once the "Big Scrub" which disappeared gradually with the coming of the settlers. They came first for the rich stands of timber and then they settled permanently. Only pockets of the rainforest are now left in the same way that only few members of the original inhabitants have survived.

In those early days, life was harsh and the thought of conservation as such, must have been far from the settlers' minds. They received a good price from the timber as they cleared land for dairy and beef cattle and the growing of bananas.

The New Settlers

After the Aquarius Festival of '73, the 'alternatives' had different problems to face but many common threads were there. Left with

only a portion of the original forest, they were certainly much more careful with what remained! Twice they stood up to the Police and Authorities to save what was left at Terania Creek in 1979 and Mt. Nardi in 1982 and won out substantially.

A strong contingent of local 'Greenies' have been active ever since then, helping to save our heritage in other parts of the country - not without criticism and controversy.

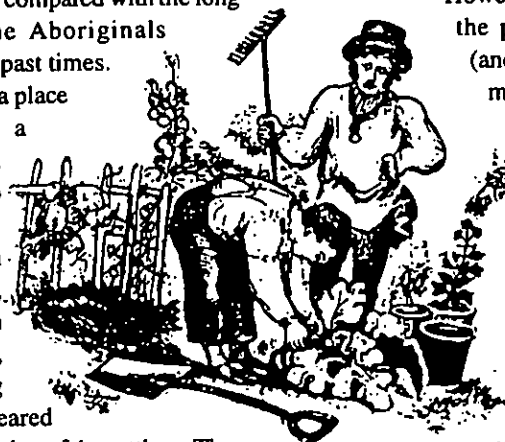
However, it must be said that the population of Australia (and also overseas) are now much more aware of the issues at stake, partly due to these early protests and to the general lifestyle centered on Nimbin itself.

Aquarius

In 1972, scouts from the Australian Union of Students came to the village and persuaded the

Nimbin Progress Association to allow a festival to be held here. Johnny Allen, Graeme Dunstan and Paul Joseph organised a celebration of the dawning of the 'Consciousness' and 'Protest' movements in the heady days of the Vietnam war, free love and marijuana - a festival of discovery....It lasted 10 days and marked a watershed in Australian popular culture.

Many decided to stay and bought up the cheap land available, settling in to a new lifestyle. Although it could be said that now Nimbin is "A Living Theatre" it remains an enigma, an energy, a process that some think could be outside the normal parameters of everyday living.



GEOLOGY OF THE NIMBIN DISTRICT

Researched by Bob Hopkins

Nimbin sits on the southern foothills of the Nightcap Range, part of the remaining edge of the great Mt. Warning crater or 'caldera'.

Lava Flows

Volcanic activity ceased about 20 million years ago, leaving much of the sedimentary rock deposits of the previous Clarence-Moreton basin (dating back 230 million years) covered with flows of lava. They have since been subjected to erosion and weathering, eventually forming the river passages and alluvial flats of the Richmond Valley.

The Sedimentary Layer

The erosion was not uniform so we were left with valleys separated by ridges and mountain ranges of varying heights, in some case exposing the underlying layer.

Coal Formations

These include the Walloon Coal Measures, thin grey clay and sandstone with coal deposits rarely wider than half a metre, and often seen in fresh road cuttings and quarries. The deposits in the Blue Knob area however, are often a metre wide and at least four mines have been worked locally.

Ancient Remains

The dominant Basalt deposits have been eroded to gently rounded hills whereas the Rhyolite overlying the basalt, being more resistant to

weathering, has tended to form the spectacular sheer cliff faces of the Nightcap and Border Ranges.

The famous Nimbin Rocks are the remains of a rhyolite dyke which cut the countryside in a north-west direction.

Acid Podzolic and podzal clay soils have been formed through weathering and fossil plants of the Jurassic Age can often be found in road cuttings, such as on the hill leading out of Nimbin on the Lismore Road.

Precious Stones

A wide variety of gemstones are to be found, most being sourced in the igneous rocks such as local basalt. Because of their greater hardness, the gems are concentrated in the alluvial beds of the drainage systems. Agate, cornelian chalcedony, chert and flint, jasper and the occasional quartz crystal, can be found along the creek beds particularly after floods.



Nimbin - A Centre of Learning

Bundjalung Knowledge

For Bundjalung people traditional places of higher learning are not located in man-made places such as the universities, colleges, schools, churches or temples of the district but are places in the natural world where the presence of Ancestral Creator Beings is strongest. These beings created the land and its creatures, and continue their influence today. The secret/sacred Bundjalung initiation and ceremonial sites of the Nimbin area, we are told, are particularly special places of higher learning.

The written history of Europeans records the names of influential thinkers who have pondered the workings of the world and the meaning of life. The Einsteins and Platos of Aboriginal history attribute their deepest insights to the Ancestors and their names are not remembered in oral history. Koori science, however, is outstanding among the knowledge systems of all cultures in being the longest continuous body of thought, focussed on the experience of living in a particular country. In depth of knowledge of the ecology of Nimbin, modern western science is no match for Koori science as it existed at the time of the European invasion of Bundjalung lands.

Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind...

Albert Einstein

Koori science does not divide knowledge into separate realms of science and religion. Nature is alive with human qualities such as feelings, awareness and spirit. This is not the machine-like world of western science. The western view, that humans alone are conscious in a soul-less mechanical universe, is beginning to crumble

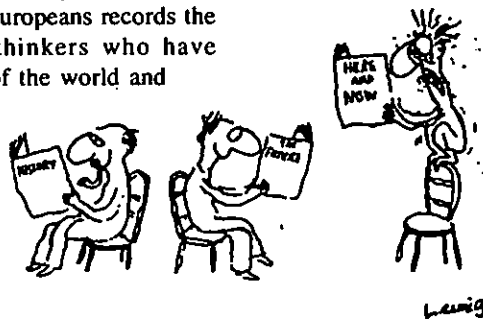
with advances in fields such as ecology and quantum physics. An eminent Australian ecologist, Charles Birch, for example, holds the view that matter is not mindless. He was awarded the prestigious one million dollar Templeton Prize for advances in religion and science in 1991. This new direction in the philosophy of western science is leading to a new respect for the wisdom of indigenous knowledge and to a re-enchantment of western science. Such knowledge was freely given to the first

Europeans to come to the area, the cedar getters. They were led to stands of the trees they so eagerly sought. There was little conflict between the two peoples at the time of the cedar getters. These strangers sought little else from the land.

They brought with them bully beef, flour, tea, clothing, oblivious to the abundance of foods, medicines and other requirements for life all around them. We can suppose that this first harvesting of cedar trees did not violate Bundjalung Law.

Colonial Science and Agriculture

Resistance came later, with the introduction of foreign plants and animals that had supplied the needs of the strangers in their own land. Hard-footed cattle and sheep trampled the soft native grasses and violated the sacred water holes. Forests were felled regardless of sacred burial trees and bora grounds. Colonial science assured the new arrivals that the indigenous people were not fully human and that Australian foods were vastly inferior to those of the homeland. The settlers were oblivious to the highly evolved technologies used by the Bundjalung to farm and maintain the land without domesticating any



of the species harvested. It was Terra Nullius, the uninhabited land, free for the taking, free to transform. The squatters took up huge holdings for their flocks. It has only recently been acknowledged that much of the success of the early grazing enterprises on the North Coast was due to the bush skills and labour of indigenous stockmen.

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Proverbs 29:18

Early accounts by the first settlers in the Nimbin Valley show that not only were battles fought with the custodians of the land, but also with the land itself. Forests were felled and burnt and crops of corn were

planted in clearings amid the debris. Inkweed, a pioneer plant for healing bare earth, battled the corn seedlings for sunlight. Huge flocks of white cockatoos descended on the ripening

cobs. The battle with nature turned, as the European technologies of agriculture transformed, the valley to an open woodland of introduced grasses for the sheep and cattle. The abundant harvests of flour from native grasses was replaced by that from the foreign grasses, wheat, barley, oats. The powerful European technologies of war finally overwhelmed the resistance of the people also. The surviving Bundjalung were tightly controlled in mission settlements, their vast storehouse of knowledge, like the forests, surviving only in scattered remnants.

The Priceless Remnants

In some areas, before the breakup of the large

holdings, it was possible for Bundjalung communities to maintain much of their traditional life. Today, for example, Baryulgil near Tabulum is a stronghold of Bundjalung culture and language. The people of that area succeeded in remaining on their land by being indispensable for the running of Yugilbah Station in the early days. Like the forests, their knowledge survives in remnants whose value is now becoming widely recognised by the whole community.

The traditional land management practice that is most well known today was the use of fire. This extends the eucalypt and grassland habitat of bird and mammal food species. The remnant

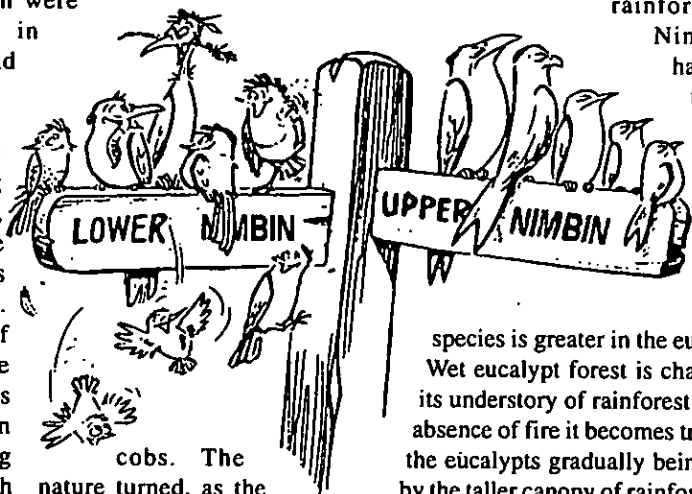
rainforests of the Nimbin district have far more tree species than the wet eucalypt forests, but the abundance of bird and mammal

species is greater in the eucalypt forest. Wet eucalypt forest is characterised by its understory of rainforest plants. In the absence of fire it becomes true rainforest, the eucalypts gradually being shaded out by the taller canopy of rainforest trees. The

Bundjalung cared for the whole of their country. Since white settlement there have been massive changes to the ecology of the area. It would take considerable research of Lands Department documents to reconstruct the pre-invasion pattern of vegetation.

The remnant forests of the valley today are mainly wet eucalypt forest with; patches of sub-tropical forest in sheltered valleys, riverine rainforest along waterways and dry rainforest in some more exposed or less fertile areas.

The sedimentary rock that forms most of the soils in the valley is enriched by alluvial runoff of red basalt and grey rhyolite soils from the



Nimbin is a leader in the process of Reconciliation of the two cultures, based on a shared sense of place.

Higher Learning

At some places in this area the land itself seems to trigger spiritual experience whether or not the person is aware of Bundjalung tradition. Transcendental or mystical moments that have had a deep significance in people's lives are rarely spoken of for fear of ridicule in today's secular society. Bundjalung people do not summarily dismiss these "natural highs" as a sign of madness or of the effects of hallucinogenic drugs. Such experiences have been investigated by the American environmental psychologist, James Swan, for Native American sacred places. Swan believes such experiences cannot be sought, as in a drug induced state, but that the place itself draws the person to it. The particular learning is for that person, at that time, at that place.

From accounts I have collected over the past ten years for the Nimbin area various triggers to the experience have included the beauty of a mountain view, eye contact with a wild animal, the sound of wind in she-oaks. The experience is one of a deep connection and belonging, a shared consciousness with all that is but feeling an essential individual part of the whole and a feeling of deep peace, bliss, energy, elation. Many leading conservationists attribute their dedication to some such experience.

Education Centres

In the search for sustainable methods of farming, Nimbin is a leading centre of learning. For over twenty years the alternative communities in the area, beginning with Tunttable Falls, have been developing sustainable methods of agriculture compatible with wildlife. Nimbin's permaculture education centre, Djanbung Gardens, emphasizes the spiritual dimension of farming. The Seed Savers Network, to conserve genetic diversity of food species is now based at Byron Bay but had its beginnings here. The farming of bush foods has been pioneered here. Woodlots using local native species have helped

supply the local timber mill for many years and many varieties of tree crops have been trialled by old and new settlers. This area is among the most productive and diverse agricultural areas in Australia. The climate of the McPherson overlap allows the widest range of tropical, sub-tropical and warm-temperate crops of any area of NSW.

If you are thinking

A year ahead, sow seed.

If you are thinking ten years

Ahead, plant a tree.

If you are thinking one hundred

Years ahead, educate the people.

By sowing seed once, you will harvest once.

By planting a tree, you will harvest tenfold.

By educating the people,

You will harvest one hundredfold.

Chinese traditional poem.

At the Nimbin Central School organic methods based on the ecology of pest species form part of a unique agriculture curriculum. The beginnings of an integrated production system are underway; the dam for fish, yabbies and Chinese Chestnuts; bees for pollination and honey; a fenced plot for organically grown vegetables; an orchard of temperate fruit trees and another for sub-tropical species. A survey showed that the parents of students at this school have proportionately more higher educational qualifications than at any other NSW state school.

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ERRATUM

[...grey rhyolite soils from the]

surrounding hills of volcanic origin. With their Tallowwood, Flooded gum, Blue gum and White Mahogany the wet eucalypt forests have produced more timber per hectare than any other forest type.

Becoming Indigenous

Many of the early settlers had been dispossessed from their land back in the Mother Country. They were political exiles or landless urban poor and sought the freedom of self-sufficiency in the valley. At home it may have been illegal to harvest wild game on the estates of the upper classes. Here they soon learnt to supplement their diet with duck from the wetlands, fish from the rivers and creeks, and wallabies and possums from the forests. There were still descendants living a few years ago who could imitate the calls of rainforest pigeons to lure them within firing range. Each generation deepened attachment to this place as knowledge of its nature grew.

Sympathy with nature is evidence of perfect health.

You cannot perceive nature but with a serene mind.

Thoreau

The early post-Aquarius settlers also arrived with a deep sense of alienation from the urban society. There began an exodus from the suburbs in search of a new sense of community and of belonging. They were attracted by the spiritual dimension of Bundjalung culture and aimed to live more closely attuned to the natural world.

[Nimbin is a leader...]

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So enjoy your meetings here with the people of many cultures who are drawn to this special valley. Take time also to soak in the quiet places of natural beauty. Check out an eco-tour. You may well find inspiration to act decisively back in your own neighbourhood in the healing of our land and its communities.

Respect the wisdom of the Bundjalung elders and do not visit places that are of special significance to them without permission.

Wally Davies
Nimbin Central School

NIMBIN POST OFFICE

Early settlers were obliged to ride into Lismore for their mail and it was not until 1885, after much petitioning by the residents, that Nimbin received a mail service.

The first mail contractor was Nathaniel Gordon of Jiggi who brought the mail by horseback once a week to both Goolmangar and Nimbin. This contract was later taken over by James Frith who then became the postmaster when a Post Office was opened on the January 1st, 1886. His salary was \$20 per annum. Tuesday was mail day and the mail left Nimbin at 7am. Incoming mail arrived at 6pm.

In 1901, because of the small amount of business, Nimbin Post Office was reduced to a receiving office only and another receiving office was established three miles south of the village. This was known as the Nimbin Rocks Post Office. On April 1st, 1905 the Nimbin office was re-opened as a Post Office in the shop premises of Mr L.W.Hancock who was Post Master.

The shop was later bought by C.J.Sibley and in 1908 a telephone was installed making it possible to send and receive telegrams. In 1911 money order facilities were put in place and a branch of the Government Savings Bank was opened.

A new Post Office was built by Mr Les Loewenthal in 1914 but this building burned down. In 1917 another was built by Mr E.W.Morton to house the Post Office and telephone exchange on the present site.

It was not until 1947 that Nimbin residents had a daily delivery service. It was sorted into district bundles and delivered to outlying farmers by the cream-carrier together with bread, meat and groceries.

Today, as well as normal mail facilities, Nimbin's Post Office functions not only as a mail service but also as a bank, an agent for payment of rates, telephone and electricity accounts, a fax office and also has a range of colourful postcards featuring the work of Nimbin artists and photographers.

It has come a long way from the days of horseback deliveries.

Source: Australia Post Historical Archives

Benny Zable - Demonstrator Extraordinaire

Benny explains how the village became a showplace

'In The Beginning Was'... the Picture

Leading up to the Aquarian Festival in '73, the Nimbin Village was painted up! Vernon Treweeke came up with the original idea and Graeme Dunstan liaised with Johnnie Allen to help get the project going. Permission was sought from the shopkeepers.

The Rainbow Cafe was the first place painted by Vernon, featuring rainbow stars. This inspired many other artists, among them Lindsay Burke and Dick Weight, to spread the Rainbow theme to neighbouring buildings. For instance, the picture in the Tomato Sauce (now the Neighbourhood Centre and the Youth Club) was of a tomato sauce 'explosion' and Dick was also responsible for the murals inside the building.

A Burst of Activity

The RSL building was purchased (later to become the Media Centre) and was rather appropriately painted with a large Union Jack! Then the plumber's shop which became the Learning Exchange, landed up with a mural of flying saucers by a certain 'Peter Painter'. In 1992, Susukka Trading replaced this one with a mural by Colleen Saulwick. In addition, Daisy's Cafe (now Rick's) had murals painted inside and out.

Outside Influences

In 1977, Graeme Dunstan as director of the Lismore Festival of the Arts, gave us paint donated by the British Paints company and I, personally, took on the job of carrying on the tradition. Singer-comedian-painter, Rolf Harris was contacted and painted a mural in the Nimbin Hall under the instructions of the local kids. It was removed in 1980 but a section has survived and can be seen on the wall next to the Museum in Rainbow Lane.

Eastern Influences

I created a mural for the Healing & Environment Centre from a Buddhist painting of the healing Buddha, received from Nepal. A traditional 'dotting of the eyes' ceremony was performed afterwards by visiting Buddhist monk Phra Kantopalo. Later, the well known environmentalist, John Seed, installed mandalas either side of the picture depicting the sun and the moon.

Win Some, Lose Some

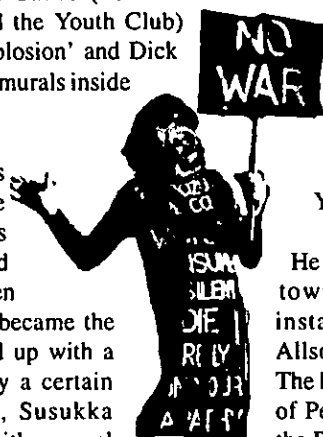
Although Frank de la Rambelje painted several doors without hindrance, a mural of Nimbin personalities I created for the Newsagents, was removed after the business changed hands in about 1980. Later, Richard Bingham got the local art students to depict the International Year of Youth at this site.

Richard Bingham's Effort!

He managed to maintain the murals in town during the 80's with further installations in the school grounds, Allsopp Park and the Nimbin Garage. The latter honoured the International Year of Peace in 1986 and was supported by the Dept. of Foreign Affairs.

20th Anniversary

In the 90's a new wave of restoration emerged in preparation for the impending Aquarius celebration. Donato and others created the paving in Rainbow Lane as well as a number of sculptural works around the village. Gabrielle and Brian painted Zodiac signs for the owners of the Emporium, who, in their turn, commissioned Paul Paitson to carry out the wonderful relief sculpture of the dragon. Bob, Richard and myself were also part of a group effort over the Neighbourhood Centre.



The Koori Influence

In '92/93, a series of murals were created by local aboriginals. Alan Barker added to the Neighbourhood Centre and with Herbie, did some paintings in the garden of the Rainbow Cafe. Burri created works inside the Rainbow, the Museum and over Ricks Cafe. He also added the snake on the Aboriginal mural over the

Nimbin Hall, and contributed to the Nimbin Sign Project. The restored Nimbin Hall was later honoured to have Koori artists paint murals in celebration of the Year of Indigenous People. **Nimbin has a growing population of artists and organisations helping to continue the work in progress of Nimbin as a PUBLIC GALLERY AND PERFORMANCE SPACE.**

SAVING THE FORESTS

The saving of Terania Creek Basin in 1979, was the first big protest action (outside a city) in Australia's history.

The Terania Native Forest Action Group had continued efforts over 5 years through all lawful processes, to prevent logging - even meeting with a refusal to conduct an **Environmental Impact Study**.

In August, they, and other local settlers and sympathisers from distant cities, decided to put their bodies on the line and to obstruct the logging operation until public awareness was aroused.

For four tense and strenuous weeks, up to 300 protestors creatively 'danced' a non-violent struggle against the sawmilling company, the

NSW Forestry Commission and a force of 150 police! Finally, the State Government had no other choice but to promise a public enquiry.

Forty arrests were made but no significant injuries sustained, a tribute to the protesters themselves who went to considerable lengths to avoid provoking violence. At the same time, they maintained a stringent camera and notetaking vigil on all fronts.

Most remarkable, was the spontaneous organisation of the camp into a workable consensus decision-making community, whilst enduring a constantly changing group, living in

open paddock conditions.

It was a transformative experience for many, personal egos taking a back seat for the over-riding good of saving a public treasure.

The protest was a milestone in the conservation movement, setting a pattern for later actions such as the Franklin River in Tasmania.

Dudley Leggett.



The Good Old Days

In this area, the Dairy Industry was the main source of income from 1910 to 1950 at which time Norco closed the Butter Factory.

Old-timer **Lionel Moffitt** watched the collapse of some 300 farms and 6 lorries carting cream, leaving a handful of determined locals to carry on as best they could.

Dairy farming was a 7-day a week job, milking twice a day, land clearing, building, fencing and growing crops for the animals.

As a child Lionel helped with the milking and walked several miles to school and as a teenager he represented the Junior Farmers in many an award.

Lionel tells of his father showing his wife his lovely 10-acres of crops, going to bed that night - only to wake up to find the crop devastated by a flash flood!

Phyllis Williams was brought up on a local dairy farm which had a reasonable income, many things being home-made and transported mainly by horse. She

says life was much simpler in those days - the many luxury items we now enjoy were not missed! People often intermarried in the district and consequently there was no shortage of sundry relatives to go on picnics with and socialise in general. Regular 'dress-up' balls were held culminating in the 'white ball' at Blue Knob Hall.

Nimbin itself was quite a thriving place Phyllis recalls. Two blacksmiths, two cafes, two bakers, a dentist, a barber, two grocery shops, two banks, churches, etc. Furthermore, there was a library, a billiard room and an RSL - they whooped it up in those days!

The first settlers arrived in 1882 when the first parcel of land in the Parish of Terania was purchased from the Government.

Barry Walker of Walker Bros operated the only timber mill left in the area but his first effort at farming on Mt Nardi proved 'too wet and weedy' to be successful. So he shifted house lower down to Gungas Road and set up his mill continuing with the making of banana boxes,

until that industry petered out. He was thankful that the "New Settlers" boosted business by their home building and thus ensured the mill's survival.

Gordon Hensen is a third generation Australian, his grandfather of Danish descent landed at Port Kembla in 1898. He went to school with other notables, Bill Charter, Ted Williams, Bob Nowlan, etc., growing up on the 365 acre property at the bottom of Blue Knob where Hensen Road is now. In the early 70's he moved

closer to Nimbin and later set up his engineering shop which his son, Bill, has now taken over. He's been in the local Fire Brigade for 28 years, Captain for 18 years and Group Captain for the last 7 years. For a 'retirement' hobby you'll see Gordon attending his restored collection of steam engines every year at the Lismore Show.

Kev Soward's parents came to this area in the 1920's to cut timber and dairy farm. His father would go to Hensen's Mill at Lions Head (now known as Sphinx Rock) and camp all week as the journey was long! Their house, incidentally was built on the place where the tip is now - small wonder that both Kev and his father,



Charlie, have been associated with **WASTE BUSTERS** for so long....

Moving into Nimbin, Kev did a very sensible thing, he managed the local garage and ended up by marrying the proprietor's daughter. In 1973 he and Judy Soward owned the business. Prior to this he acquired another garage over the road which burned down in rather mysterious circumstances. Ah, Nimbin - you've done it again! Strange as it may seem, before he sold the site to Mal Rothwell for his new shops, Kev fancied himself as an entrepreneur and was going to do the same. He decided the Council's regulations rat-race was not for him, however. Finally, the Bowls Club have had Kev as a member for 20 years and in this time he's

attained the Presidency and the Singles Championship.

Bill Charter's grand parents came into the district in 1912 and he, himself, was born in a hospital that was next door to the house and store which they now occupy. (The present hospital was built just after the 2nd worldwar). He apprenticed in plumbing at a local business as a lad and many years later started his own firm with his brother. Later, he and his wife Betty, made it their own, both in building and plumbing.

Bill helped start the Chamber of Commerce, has been a member of the Bowls Club for 35 years, and even found time to run quite a sizeable farm with bananas, cattle and vegetables!

Tribal Religion

Combining respect of our Mother Earth with the Age of the Stars

"We're just like a church - only in the Aquarian Age, we're tribal - family, with the unconditional love (mother love) bonding - the missing factor in so many modern lifestyles." says Judy, the Secretary, Star Earth Tribe, Nimbin. ...

"And when nurtured lovingly and given the freedom to pursue and develop our true will (our star path), the true genius (our star) RISES.

"I believe we are all special although we tend to complicate our lives with reasons, restrictions and a lack of self-love. We come together to unite the people - the tribe who represents our Mother Earth, guiding civilisation back to respecting Her and at the same time, combining our New Age hi-tech enviro-friendly non-materialistic skills and creative genius."

Since incorporating in 1993, we have researched and developed our charity to meet the needs of the young, unemployed, refugees and indigenous, using a 'Talking Stick' circle method of decision making. Our gatherings are at the Solstice and the Equinox.

An Expanding Land Program with Life Membership of \$1,000 into a future self-

sustaining industry, is payable over 100 days. An evolving guide to harmonious tribal living - 'The Tribal Story' (A Hippy Handbook) for members, etc., includes Socio-Ecology and Hempology.

When the infrastructure is finally established, up to 100 placements will be open for Tribal living and self-reliance training.

The idea of the use of hemp as a Planetary Healer is being introduced. A proposal to John Howard last February, introduces the Star Earth plan to bring sanctuary to the streets.

"Off the streets, off the dole, off the drugs, with Cannabis Legislation." This concept introduces also the Cannabis-Hemp Growers, Graders & Traders Assoc. - a non-profit, people powered organisation - set up to save the Economy and Ecology for 'harm minimisation', 'controlled availability' and the 'spiritual education and guidance of drugs'.

Prospective members can apply to the Star Earth Tribe, PO Box 65, Nimbin, 2480 or call at the Sanctuary Circle Centre, 3/80 Cullen St., Nimbin between 5 - 7 pm Tues. - Sundays.

Health Matters

Coming to Nimbin can be a healing experience in itself, with its clean fresh air, rolling hills and early bird songs. Keeping healthy however, is dependent on diet, exercise, stress control, etc., all of which effect the ability of our immune systems to cope with those nasty bugs!

Eating food grown without chemicals is a 'must' for some and we have an organic grocery, a health food shop and some organic meat on sale at the butcher's.

Nimbin folk are an energetic lot! They play many sports, go cycling, horse riding and swimming; do Tai Chi and yoga, as well as belly dancing and tribal dancing. There is a gymnastics group and a gym for the really serious.

In Nimbin when people fall sick they have a wide choice of healing paths which need not involve taking pharmaceutical drugs. Many believe that alternative medicines strengthen the body's resources by stimulating its own disease-fighting mechanisms.

The Apothecary is a naturopathic health centre and dispenses herbal and homoeopathy medicines and other cosmetic and herbal products. Talk to Cr. Diana Roberts, Colleen or Amanda. They give advice and administer the most appropriate remedies for you.

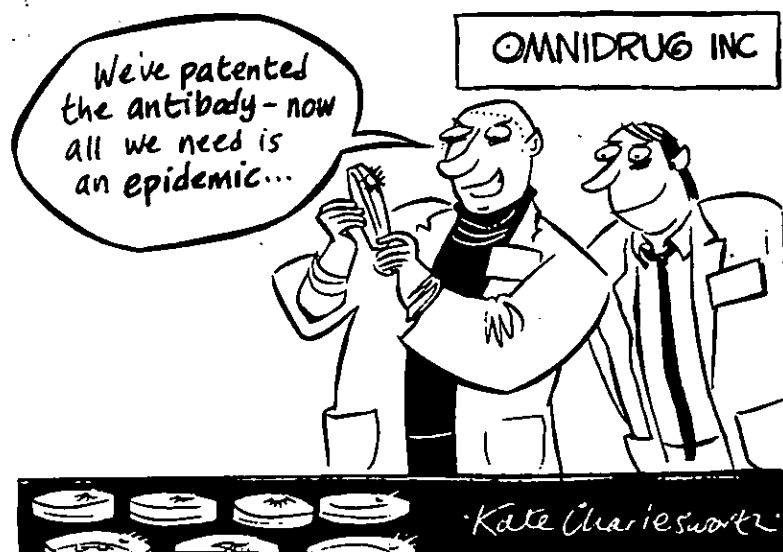
Behind the Apothecary there is Graham Johnson who is an osteopath, also Dr. Denise Perroux who combines her GP qualifications with natural health practices, Sandy Lederman a classical homoeopath and Daniel Ferguson a behavioural psychologist. (Bookings through the Apothecary).

Homoeopathy is administering minute doses of agents that have a similar effect to the symptoms of the patient. Martyn Harper (also a chiropractor) and Pamela Bensemann (also a masseuse) practise in Cecil St.

Next to the Central School is Doug. Whitlen, chiropractor, herbalist, acupuncturist and masseur. Another healer specialising in acupuncture is Sister Joy Smith now at Blue Springs M.O. Incidentally, at the doctors'

surgery, Drs David Helliwell and Dr. Gambin also use this alternative method, for pain relief.

Other things on offer are reflexology, Bach flower remedies, crystal healing, iridology, re-birthing, co-counselling and others from time to time.



The Nyimbunje

From a study into the significance of the Nimbin Rocks sacred site as an aboriginal heritage by National Parks, Grafton Branch, we extracted the following information.

Chief consultant to this investigation was Dick Donnelly, a former Bundjalung tribal elder, who had managed to absorb many of the old stories that were told throughout the tribe.

The significance of the Rocks is associated with a little man from the Bundjalung who was thought to have supernatural powers. This little man was called Nyimbunje and is believed to be buried on the south-eastern slopes near the Nimbin Rocks.

The name given to any man with extraordinary powers was Wee-un (clever man) and they also had a special name for little men which was Nyimbunje. Because he was the first with supernatural powers, he became one of the most important Wee-un in the eyes of the people. In fact, this Nyimbunje became so powerful over the clever men, they believed he controlled everything, including the Jurraveel (sacred sites).

So it was understood if a Wee-un had performed a ritual for food at Jurraveel and was unsuccessful, Nyimbunje would be called in and he would perform the ritual successfully.

Dick said he was a very kind man, and he would go from camp to camp to see if everyone had plenty to eat. If they were short he would let the Wee-un know what Jurraveel site to visit and then there would be plenty of food for everyone.

He indicated that he was the equivalent of Birrogon, the aboriginal 'Jesus' who was killed and buried at Arrakoon, near South West Rocks on the mid-north coast of NSW. Thus, the Bundjalung buried their Nyimbunje near the Rocks at Nimbin, also providing a landmark for a mythological burial site.

Finally, a Pastor Bundock of Woodenbong, an initiate, says he would never personally go back to the Nimbin Rocks and he says that Nyimbunje

would be really annoyed if anyone took anthropologists to the site.



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Wildlife Rescue

There's more wildlife around Nimbin than you can possibly imagine, and I'm not talking about the Hippies! Some of the most colourful, appealing and quirky animals and birds you'll find anywhere, are thriving in the hills and forests of the Northern Rivers area and most Nimbin folk are acutely aware of sharing their habitat.

Living in close daily contact with our native animals, provides a never-ending source of delight and wonder at the beauty and diversity of Nature's creations.

The sad truth that civilisation is threatening the continued existence of our precious native fauna cannot be denied, and we are all responsible for this. The odds are against them due to road injuries, collisions with person-made structures, insecticide poisoning, new diseases and introduced feral predators. We can only try to lower these odds and attempt to re-balance the fragile ecology by rescuing the victims and orphans and caring for them as best we can.

If YOU come across an injured native animal or bird on your travels, please help by phoning the WILDLIFE CARERS HOTLINE on 281866 and a trained volunteer will be able to assist.

Thanks!

*Vale, Nimbin Wildlife Carer,
Phone 891 031.*

Round and About Beautiful Nimbin

The Nimbin Rocks

These rocks stand as sentinels over the Valley and are situated two miles south of Nimbin in a rainforest area, south-west of Goolmangar Creek. They protrude into the air some 250 metres above sea level and appear in most unusual shapes - like giant stalagmites!

The European names are Needle Rock, Cathedral Rock and Thimble Rock and they are often used as a symbol to represent Nimbin itself. The highest is Thimble with the sharp-looking Needle below it and a triangle is formed pointing to Lismore, with the addition of the Cathedral. After severe clearing by early settlers and farmers, regrowth of rainforest timbers and small shrubs can now be seen. The geology shows that the area is Lismore Basalt with the rocks themselves being Ryolite Obsidian.

Goolmangar Creek

This creek crosses the Nimbin valley, starting from just below Sphinx Rock (an amazing landmark that can be seen practically from any point), and meanders to the South entering the valley where the Lismore/Nimbin Road takes its course. Geologically, Goolmangar Creek carved out this valley between the Koonorigan Range, the Rocks and Mountain Top. The latter plateau has a remarkable scenic drive showing large pioneering Paulonia tree plantations. Stoney Chute is another peak in this area.

Nimbin Town

You can visit the local swimming pool and picnic area by the Bowling Club but there are many other natural swimming holes, notably one near the Youth Hostel and the other by the Bush Factory. Others, you can find in Goolmangar Creek. Short rides by cycle or car can be made up Gungas and Crofton roads (both deadends!)

and to Lillian Rock and Mt. Nardi. Gungas ends at the weir which supplies water to Nimbin.

Mt. Nardi

The most popular of all trips, but too steep for cycling. The view from Mt Nardi is spectacular. There are great rainforest walks - some very easy - and the road is sealed all the way to the TV Towers and picnic areas.

The Channon

Make a point of visiting this charming village, the home of the pioneering country market - held on the second Sunday of each month. Visit the craft shop, tea house, Tavern and the arts & crafts studio nearby, where you can watch the artists at work. You can then drive through to see the Terania rainforests and the famous



Protesters Falls; (the site of the first protest), the track being well sign-posted.

East of Nimbin

Well worth a visit, are Dunoon with its macadamia plantations open to visitors, Rocky Creek Dam which supplies water to the surrounding area and Minyon Falls with its walks, picnic areas and kids' facilities.

To the Coast You will discover the popular beaches of Byron Bay, Broken Head (see the nature reserve) and Ballina. Byron lighthouse is the most easterly point of the Australian mainland and passing it, Captain Cook named Mt. Warning as a prominent landmark!

Mount Warning

The aboriginal name is "Woolumbin" meaning the sleeping weather man. Situated near Uki, it's the largest mountain in the area and is the remains of the original volcanic plug. Drive part of the way, plenty of tourist facilities and a good climb, make this trip a 'must' for the fairly fit. Note, however that overnight camping is no longer permitted at the park.

Lillian Rock, Sphinx Rock

An opening into the original crater formed by Mt. Warning, is shown by Lillian Rock, a monolith situated between the Tweed Range and Blue Knob. The main road of Murwillumbah/Kyogle and the Blue Knob Rd. leading into Nimbin, make use of this passage created in former times.

Sphinx Rock, just to the right of the Blue Knob Range, can be reached by hardy bushwalkers from the top of Mt. Nardi via Mt. Neville.

Waterfalls

To the north of Cawongla and a short distance down Williams Rd. is Hanging Rock which is a very deep swimming hole with a high waterfall. A wonderful spot but the rocks are hot on bare feet.

Tuntale Falls are impressive but somewhat difficult to access.

There are a series of falls near Rocky Creek Dam known as Rummery Falls and on the same escarpment are the Minyon and the Condong Falls.

Forest Walks

Do not go off the beaten tracks as it is very easy to get lost. The walks on Mt. Nardi were put in by the Nimbin Progress Association and lead you through four different types of forest flora. For a much longer walk there is the historic Nightcap Track which goes from Nightcap Rd., Dunoon across Huonbrook Rd. and Coopers Creek, finally joining up at the south end of of Gibbergunyah Rd.

As you follow the mountain paths on the ranges leading into Queensland, you will find a never-ending richness of scenic beauty.

(For more information ask at the Neighbourhood Centre or Tourist Info Office).

Full Moon Celebrations at Crystal Castle Connect with Nature on full moon nights!

Have a candle-lit dinner at the Terrace Cafe among spectacular crystals and overlooking a beautiful valley. Your aura can be photographed and Tarot or Palmistry readings are available. Celebration includes a group guided meditation for cleansing your personal crystal or there is also the option of horse riding in the moonlight.

Book early at 843 111

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Nimbin has a wealth of creative talent as is evidenced by the beautiful craft shops and the many artists who display their products at markets in the region.

The Nimbin Craft Gallery, situated in Sibley Street just down from the hotel, has a wide range of local professionally crafted gifts. Just the thing for souvenirs. Next door you will find **Susukka Trading** with wonderful Guatemalan fabrics, clothing and craft work. If you're looking for colourful jackets or pants this is the shop for you.

Across the road, in Cullen Street, **The Hat Lady** has a fantastic display of individual hand-crafted hats which complement the locally designed fashion clothing much of which is made from hemp fabric and is the creation of **Wildskin Designers**.

Then there is **Perko's Spiral Art** with amazing functional artwork contrived from what most of us would see as junk. The **Nimbin Museum** should not be missed with its weird and wonderful collection of memorabilia of the farming days, hippie 'invasion' and hemp culture.

In **Rainbow Lane**, open to the elements, **Jasmine** offers a wide assortment of jewellery and trinkets.

The **Cottager** is another craft shop dedicated to supporting local cottage industry. The beautiful craft work displayed there will amaze you with its perfection in design and detail.

Triple Blah, a small video theatre featuring documentary films of the area, also has considerable stock of hemp related paraphernalia.

At the entrance to the organic greengrocery you can discover gorgeous gemstones and jewellery.

On the verandah, behind **Choice's Cafe**, there is a lovely boutique and gift shop and, next door, you will be delighted with the vast array of colourful candles.

Call in at any or all of the shops and discover the cornucopia of creative talent available in Nimbin.

THE NIMBIN MUSEUM

Michael Balderstone, who is reputed to have gone to school with Jeff Kennett the Premier of Victoria, wandered all over the globe before settling in Nimbin in 1985. He opened up the Nimbin Museum on Boxing Day 1992.

Prior to that, for six years it had been a junk shop, with Michael fending off so many questions about the local scene, that he decided to SHOW his visiting tourists how things were, by their viewing of his rounded-up exhibits.

Local artists gave their time and talent to create a 'happening' with a difference. In fact, in the museum you can meet real and stuffed hippies, and you'll find it's hard sometimes to tell them apart!

You are urged to ask questions and find out what the local tribes are about -what the common vision is, what are the new values? With Nimbin long revered as a sacred place, an initiation and healing area, the effort is how to re-learn to live in harmony with the planet in the 20th century - no small task!

Some think this place is a last refuge, the cutting edge, a mystical core where change happens. It seems to be trying to deal with all the issues that most of the world turns its back upon. There's a revolution here with no shots fired but plenty of seeds planted. They are sprouting and growing all the time, though. Environmental subjects, laughed at 20 years ago, now make headlines. Nimbin will always be popular with New-age truth seekers everywhere.

When you come into the museum, cast your eye all about you and see Nimbin's past, present and future. Donate \$2 - more if you can, our rent is high! Follow the path of the Rainbow Serpent as it winds through seven rooms; starting with the Bunjalung era then

moving to the Pioneer and Hippy periods of Nimbin's unique history. Deep inside is the Cave of Prophecy and on the way out you discover the hemp room. Although donations may appear unimportant, the rent is high & the artists work voluntary.

This is not a normal Museum, but then neither is Nimbin a normal country town.

An Olde Tyme Ballad of Nimbin

I'll tell you the tale of a jealous male, and a
maid of sweet sixteen,

She was blonde and dumb and lived with
her mum, as part of the Nimbin scene.
She worked all week for a rich old Greek,
for her Dad was on the dole,
And her one delight was a Friday night
when she had a little rock and roll.

Then one fine day in the month of May, she
found her big romance,
He was dark and sleek with a scar on his
cheek, and a pair of drain-pipe pants.
And she thought with you I could be true,
through all the years to come,
For she loved the gay abandoned way, he
chewed his chewing gum.

It started well, because he fell for all her
girlish charms,
But he had some doubt when he caught her
out in someone else's arms.
He said, "My Dear, you know-look here!
this is going a bit too far,"
And he went quite white, and he sloshed
her right in the middle of her cha-cha-cha.

He went before a man-of-the-law, who said
"This will not do -
I've had enough of the sort of stuff I get
from the likes of you".
And was she peeved when he received a
term in the local clink,
In a fit of pique, she married the Greek -
and now she's dressed in mink!

anon

Life On A Community

Eleven years ago I, my partner and my three children, drove onto our community. This was in answer to an advertisement we had seen in Grass Roots whilst visiting a community in North Queensland.

We had all lived in a communal situation for a number of years prior to this and had made the decisions that this was definitely our preference of lifestyle. We immediately felt strongly connected to the land, its fertility and marvellous North Westerly aspects and we returned, not long afterwards, to begin our 3 months trial period - necessary before we could become shareholders.

Our community has grown in many ways over these 11 years, now having 13 families, and we have been through many experiences together. Nimbin seems to be a place of extremes and the strength we gain, as we live together so closely over a period of time, is of an extended family. Our group has to work at their relationships, in order to grow into healthy and balanced individuals.

It is not always easy with such a variety of personalities but there is a feeling for me, that the group spirit is becoming quite mature.

We hold meetings monthly to discuss and make decision on all aspects of our community - personal, business, land care and general issues. We have a good turnout and people are interested in being involved, making sure their voices are heard!

We all have our own dwellings but often share meals with others and our community meals are enjoyed by all.

There are workdays, communal workshops and laundry where 240V power is available when needed. Solar power is widely used, as is a low voltage circuit to top up batteries. Communal orchards, dams, chooks, vegie patches and a few kms of buried water pipe, roads, etc., are maintained financially by way of a weekly levy. Furthermore, we have planted many thousands of trees on a piece of land that had been denuded by previous farming practices over the years.

Together we have experienced births, marriages,

love and support; landslides, fire, madness and violence; togetherness, separateness, meditation, music, dance, laughter, visions, ideas, emotions, women's and men's groups. For me, it's never been boring or mundane...

In this area there are over 60 communities and ours is probably one of the smallest which seems to encourage quite an intimate feeling amongst our people. Each community is unique and every one adds to the diversity of Nimbin - our larger communal organisation!

The same pathways are being traversed, experiences shared, lessons learnt - often in tune with the Universal Spirit. This does not always sit comfortably with the times and values created by society as a whole, but that's why I love living communally in Nimbin.

Tarang, Moondani Community.

Radio NIM on the way

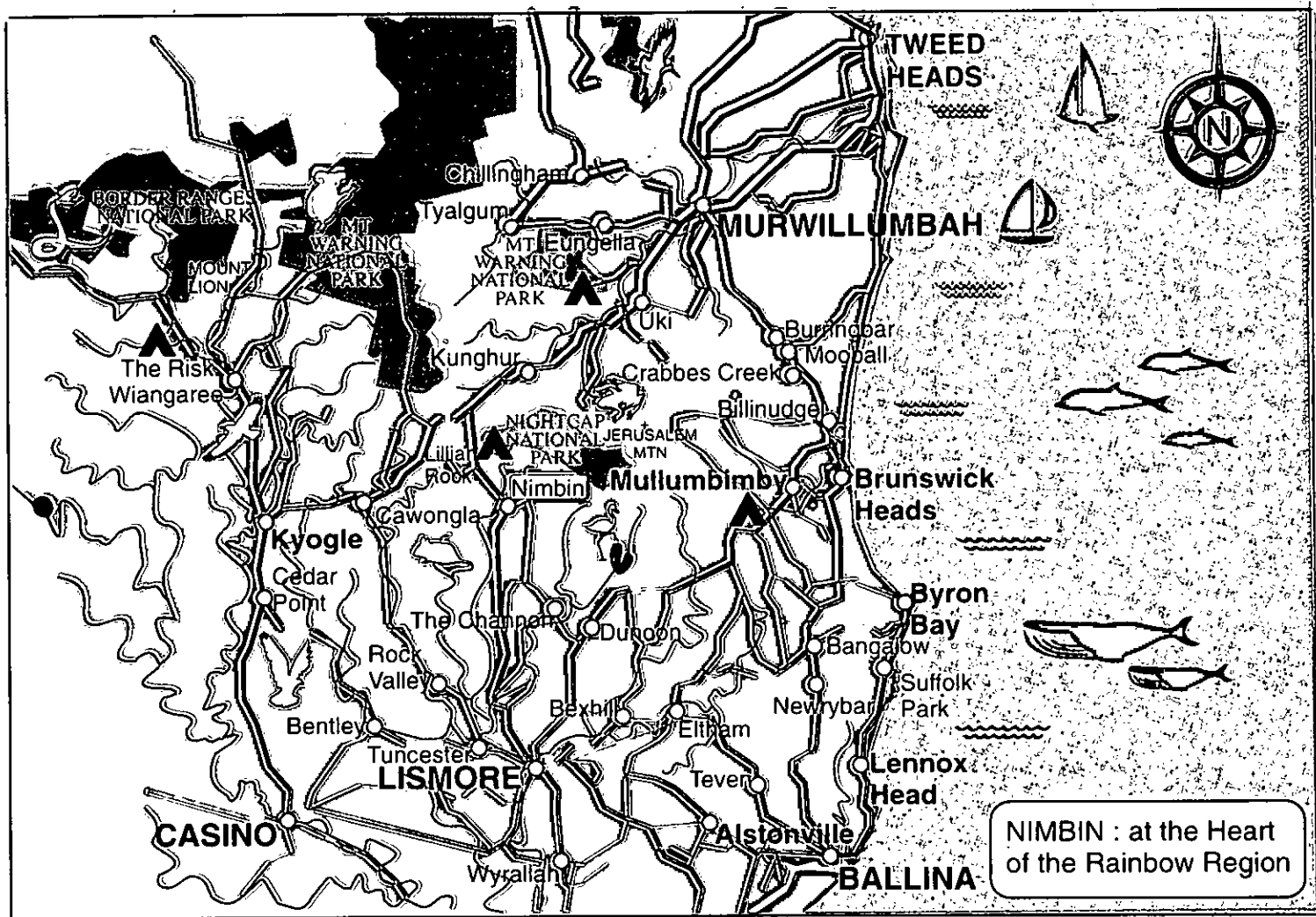
Nimbin Independent Media Inc. is working towards obtaining a license for a Community Radio station in Nimbin with the call sign of 2NIM FM.

Nimbin people have indicated tremendous support for this venture and our membership is steadily growing. We are now waiting on a test transmission permit which will allow us to begin broadcasting early in the new year.

Community broadcasting means just that - full community participation, not only in programmes but also in the day to day running and policy making of the station.

All sectors of the community can be involved, young and old, farmers and hippies, business and social, all colours, races and nationalities. There is a place for everyone who wants to be part of 2NIMFM.

Enquiries 891 182, A/H 891 720



RAINBOW POWER CO

The Rainbow Power Company represents a new era in environmentally and socially sensitive businesses.

RPC's structure is such that it invites worker participation in the decision making process and the every day running of the Company.

The business is about selling, manufacturing, designing and installing renewable energy systems based primarily on the Energy from Nature, the energy From sun, wind and water flow that is part and parcel of Earth's weather system.

The Company came about from the culture and the environmental sensitivity that is very much a way of life amongst the new settlers of the Nimbin area. Most of the workers, like so many of the people in the Nimbin area, depend on solar panels and water turbines for their own home energy needs. Some of the founding members of the Company had been experimenting and tinkering with these energy sources for years before the Company inception. The Company was officially registered as a private Company in July 1987 and now is the single largest employer in the Nimbin area The

Rainbow Power Company now sells by Mail Order and through retail outlets around Australia.

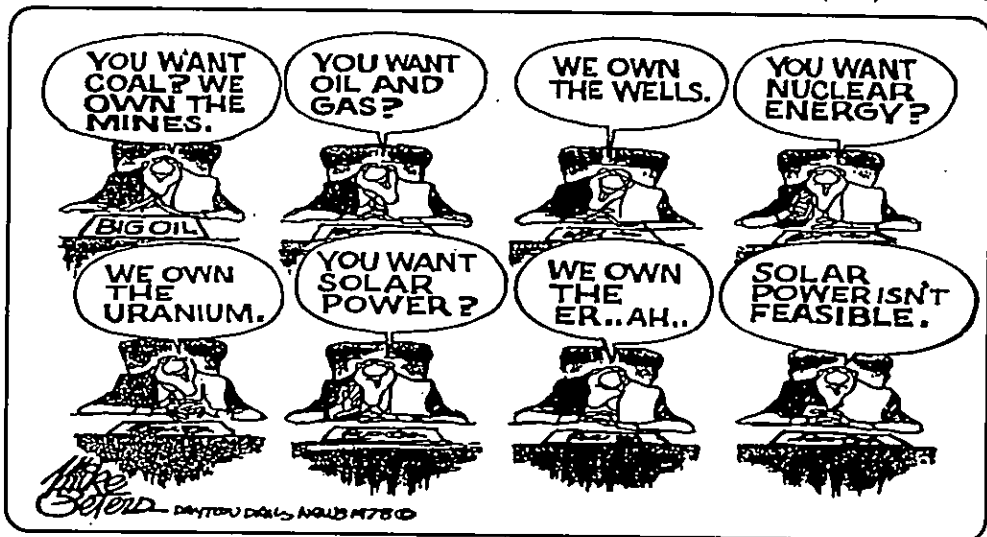
It also has it's own export company "RESHAPE" Pty Ltd which is responsible for Rainbow Power Company's export operations. Projects are regularly conducted all around the world with a particular emphasis on Asia and the South Pacific.

Another company associated with the Nimbin based renewable energy industry is Energy from Nature Home Pty Ltd whose aims include the building of a renewable energy display home, an eco-tourist attraction, an education / training and conference centre as well as the marketing of modular dwellings.

Fascinating tours of the entire complex are regularly conducted for interested visitors. As one visitor commented in the visitor's book "The whole world should take a close look at this place."

Peter Pedals

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DJANBUNG GARDENS

A cornucopia of productivity, Djanbung Gardens is a vibrant example of permaculture in practice. Here you can explore edible landscapes of organic herbs and vegetables, food forests, orchards and poultry systems, swales, dams and aquaculture ponds, bushfood plantings and dozens of unique design ideas. Appropriate technologies include the Rivercare 2000 award-winning compost toilet and wetland treatment system.

Designed and managed by internationally renowned permaculture designer and educator, Robyn Francis, Djanbung Gardens provides a wide range of permaculture courses and workshops. Permaculture books, garden charts and educational resources are available from the centre.

Right on the edge of the village, Djanbung Gardens is next door to Jarlanbah Permaculture Hamlet. See advertisement for opening hours and tours.

Nimbin School of Arts

This organisation manages the Nimbin Hall which is the largest community facility in the area.

It has been the focus for community and cultural life in the valley since it was established in 1903. The last few years has seen the building undergoing considerable repairs, restoration, renovations and extensions leading to the enhancement of the capacity for theatre, music and exhibitions.

The School of Arts continues to have increasing and highly varied demands for its use. It provides a venue for gymnastics, aerobics, hapkido, jazz ballet, aerobatics, belly dancing, tribal dancing, choirs, workshops, meetings, exhibitions, music tuition, rehearsals, theatre, school productions, religious services, dances, concerts, recitals, displays, soup kitchen, Lifeline clothing sales, conferences and many other happenings.

The Bush Factory

The Bush Factory houses a complex of arts-related businesses in an old butter factory in a rural setting, just outside Nimbin.

The Bush Theatre and the Mulgum Cafe are open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights for movies and the occasional dance or theatre show.

Bush Traks is the North Coast's longest running recording studio and has an excellent reputation for quality musical production and innovation. It is now also producing interactive multimedia. **Nimbin Candles** is one of Australia's leading candle manufacturers.

Teleport BBS is a public access computer board offering subscribers e-mail services, news groups and public domain software.

Other Bush Factory enterprises include **Nimbin Natural Fibres** (hemp fashions), theatre crafts, music productions, dress making and **Benny Zable's** banner workshop.

Please note, the only Bush Factory business open to the public is Bush Theatre, at times advertised on the notice board near the bridge. The Factory is not open to tourists, and all visits should be by appointment with the business concerned.

NIMBIN COUNTRY MARKET

This is now run by the Nimbin Headers Sports Club on their ground in Cecil Street and is a great outlet for local arts, crafts and produce.

Surplus stall fees are being used to upgrade the new venue to provide better facilities while still keeping the old traditional flavour of a friendly country market.

Entertainment is provided where local performers are given the opportunity to display their talents.

There is a children's play area and several stalls selling delicious fresh food. Each month a local charity benefits from gate donations.

Visitors from the Gold Coast and Queensland can travel via the sealed scenic drive from Murwillumbah to Nimbin and return via Bangalow where a market is also held on the same day.

Nimbin Community School

This is a non-government independent primary school registered with the Education Dept. and established in 1977.

Parents and friends are responsible for the teaching program, building maintenance, fund raising and general school policy. The basic commitment is one day per week and the 'governing' body includes qualified teachers.

The main building and annexe is in Cullen St. and there is a bus to assist in transport. General meetings are held monthly with work groups organised more frequently.

Whilst the syllabus emphasises the development of the 4 Rs (to include reasoning), these skills are supplemented by other activities with special emphasis on the Arts.

Pan Community Council

The Council is comprised of members of Multiple Occupancy (MO) or land sharing communities, and was formed in 1988.

The Aims & Objects of Pan Com are:

1. Protection of the natural environment
2. The promotion of land sharing communities through the media and statutory bodies
3. Fostering sustainable economic initiatives
4. Promoting social interaction between land sharing communities.

It deals with specific problems of a legal nature as well as assistance when negotiating with local councils, representation at the Land & Environment Court, etc. For more information, contact *Simon Clough* on 886 217.

Nimbin Neighbourhood & Information Centre Inc.

51 Cullen St. - Phone 891 692 or Fax 891 492

It provides services as follows: Photocopier and fax machine, Rural & Town youth services (RYIS), Local Independently Living Youth Worker (LILYS), Advocacy, Referrals to government agencies, Administering emergency cash to needy people, Supervision of

Community Service Workers, Appropriate referral, Provision of information, Community message service, Deaf translator, Bookings for venues, Skills Bank.

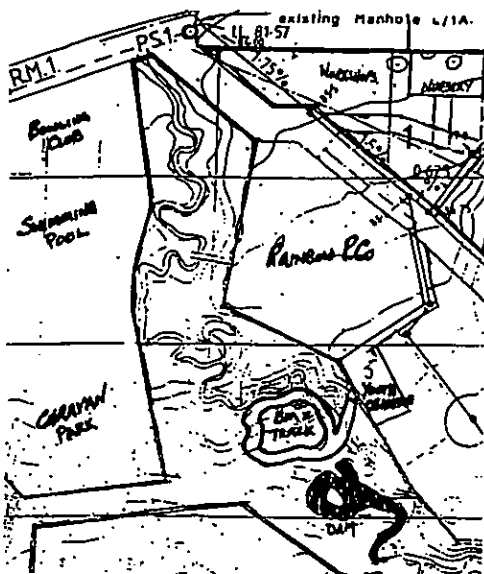
NIMBIN YOUTH CENTRE

The Nimbin Youth Club which has been operating out of the Tomato Sauce building for many years has now become incorporated. We will now be known as the Nimbin Youth Centre.

With our strong working committee we are about to build a B.M.X track which has been long needed for our youth.

The Youth Centre now owns land behind Rainbow Power Company which we have fenced with two gates. We have a temporary caravan on the site which will manage B.M.X racing days and the serving of drinks and icecreams.

Our long term plan is to obtain grants to enable us to build a clubhouse for the youth of Nimbin.



Nimbin Youth Centre & BMX Track

Nimbin HEMP embassy

Nimbin, like any other town or suburb these days, is a place where lots of drugs are consumed all the time, but what sets Nimbin apart is the availability of illegal 'drugs'.

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Our unique Information and Drug Education Centre is regularly open (when the Plantem's at the door) at 41a Cullen Street, down the lane beside the Hotel and we invite you to please call by and check out our approach to appropriate drug use.

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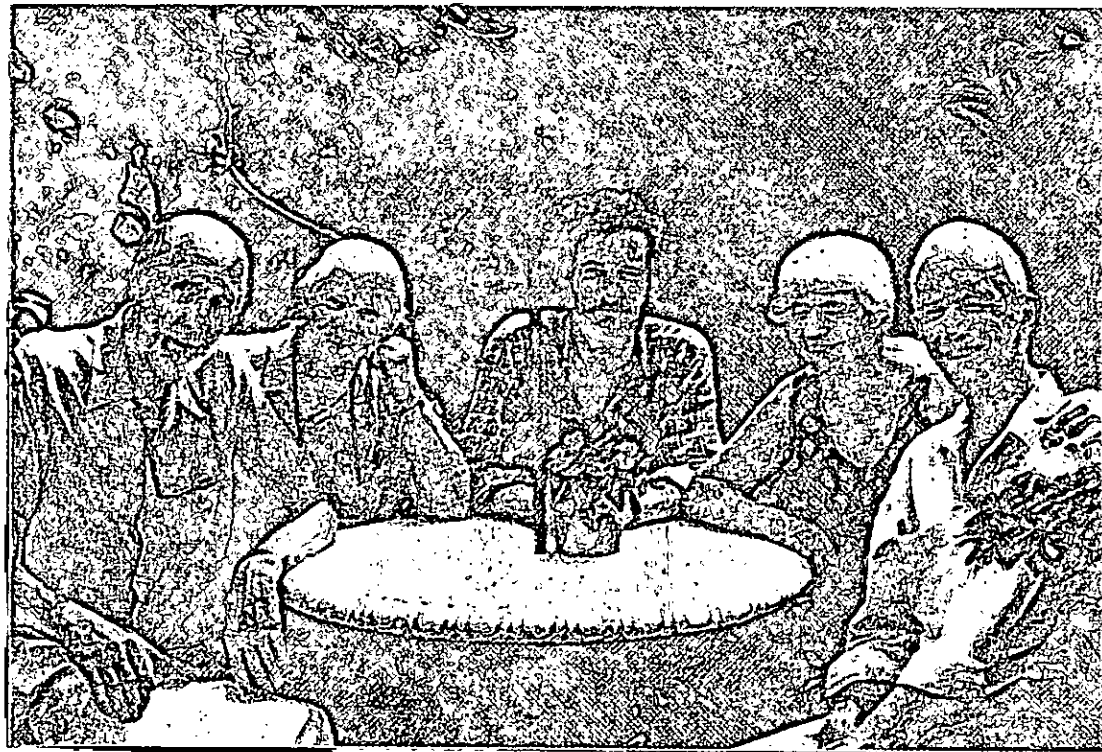


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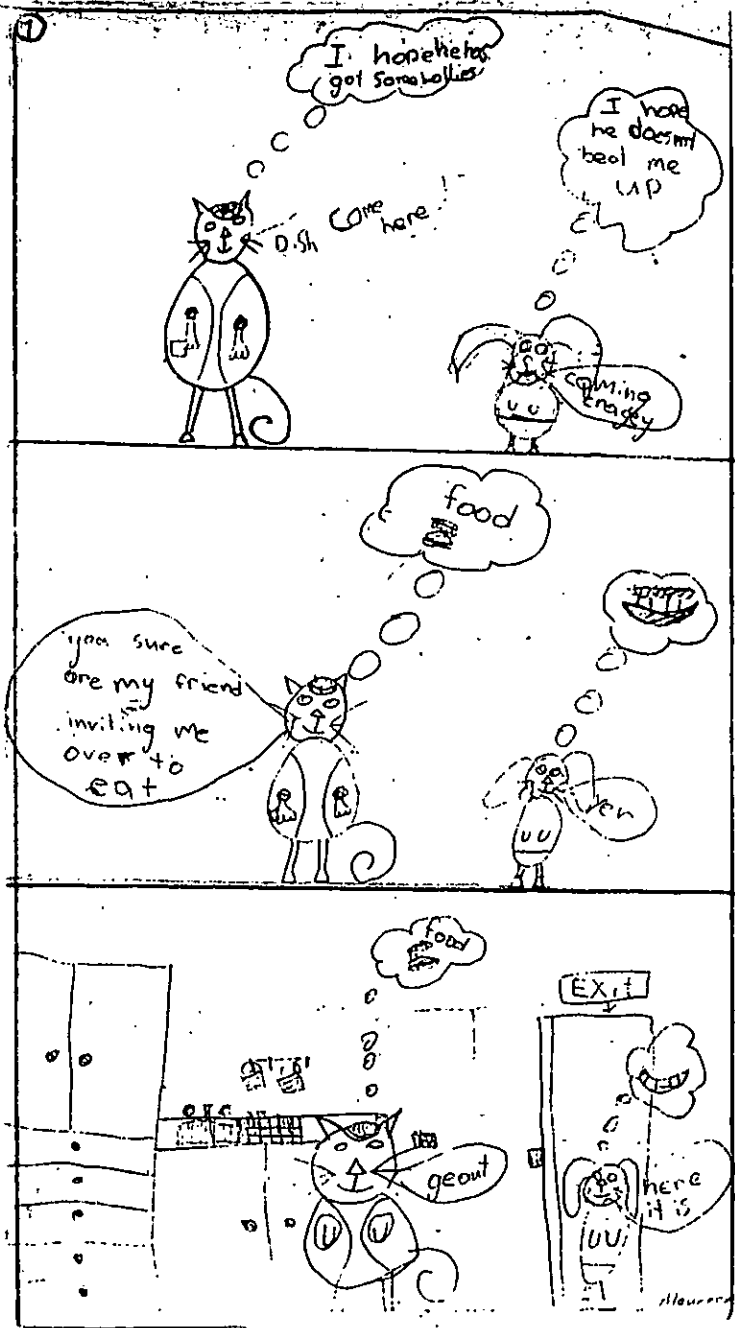
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To make lemon wine - follow this recipe, using the juice of 40 lemons, no peel or rind. Any other fruit can be used, also - and more FRUIT WINE or less sugar will make sweet or dry.

PEACH WINE

(To make 2 gallons)

Ingredients and Materials

Peaches - 6 lbs pitted and peeled
Sugar - 6 lbs
Sultanas - 8 ozs
Wine Yeast
Yeast Nutrient
One gallon jugs (2 of them) - cheaper at bottle recyclers
Rubber bungs (2 of them) @ \$1.50
Airlocks (2 of them) @ \$1.00
Plastic tube - 1 metre for syphoning
Sodium metabisulphate powder or camden tablets.

Method

Dissolve sugar in boiling water in bucket. Add peaches and sufficient water to make up to two gallons.

When temperature is about 25 degrees celsius, add yeast and nutrient, stir well, cover and leave in a warm place. Stir twice daily with a clean spoon for one week.

After a week, vigorous fermentation will have ceased and the must should be strained into 1-gallon glass jugs, corked with a rubber bung with a fermenter airlock fitted and half-filled with water, to keep stray yeasts from souring the wine.

Leave in a cool, dark place for at least 3 months till all bubbles have ceased, checking that the airlocks have sufficient water. The wine can be stored in the jugs till you want to drink it or it can be bottled into old wine bottles, cleaned and sterilised, and corked - use a syphon tube for clear wine. The longer you can leave it to mature, the better.

Sterilisation

Very important! All utensils, bottles, tubing, everything must be sterilised at all stages of wine-making.

Sodium metabisulphate powder from Health Food Store: one tablespoon per litre makes a standard sterilising liquid - just rinse cleaned bottles etc. in this.

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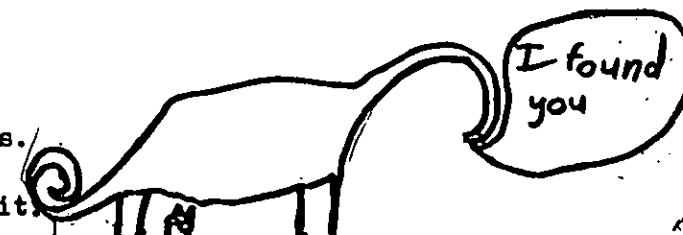
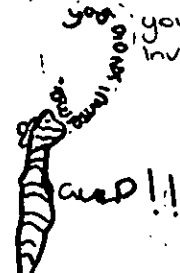
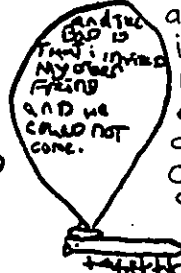
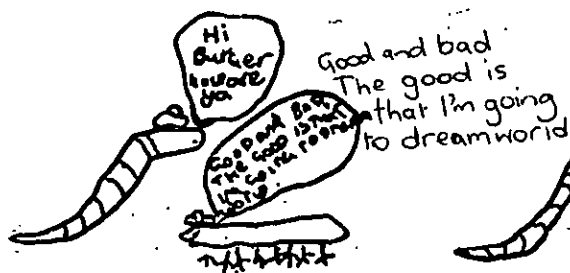
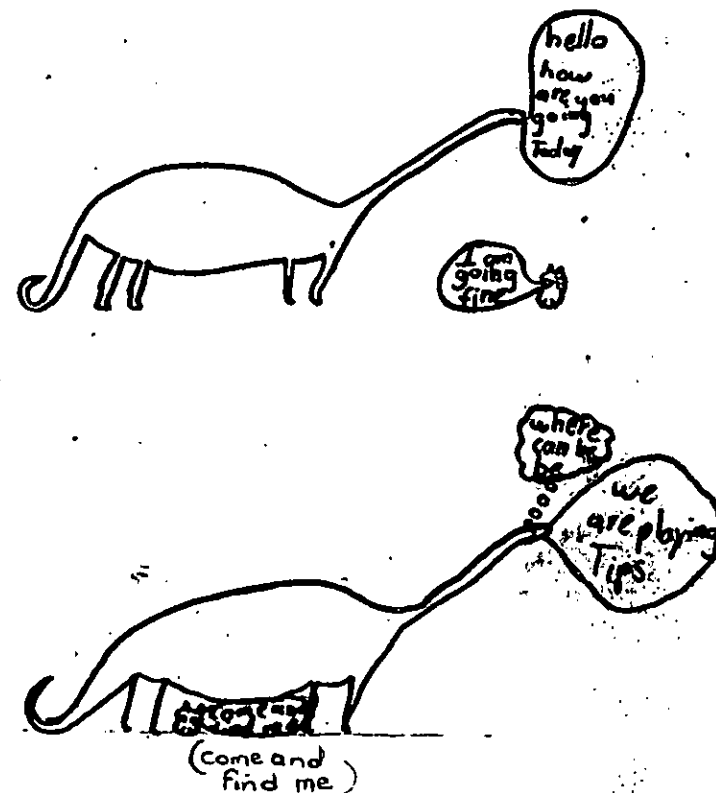
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and my brother the whale,
lyes dying in the guts of a ship
and my mother, the earth is crying
for her children
and my father the sun will burn us,
although he loves us.

PIKES



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 30.3.91

1. **PRESENT:** As recorded on a separate sheet.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Helen, David Crosby, Jerry Bradley, Rob Topping, & Jim Bell.
3. **NON CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Paula-recycling of today's rubbish; big bins on the way to the shop. If we don't bring rubbish into the valley, we don't have to remove it! Charlie- Every Tuesday 7.30PM at the Fire Station from the 2/4 for a month, will be training in bush fire procedures.
4. Bert Clapham, P.O. Nimbin- Info sharing. Nimbin P.O. is a full time agency, on of the busiest on the North Coast. People residing in an area where there is a delivery service, MUST use this service, the P.O. is only temporary pick up. Mail closes at 11.15AM and clears at 11.30AM Express or Priority Paid to be in earlier. Folder of info passed onto Co-Op. This P.O. is an Agency for the Commonwealth Bank, with limited power of transaction. Sending of mail to CO-op. ADDRESS is: Community Mail Bag, Tuntabla Falls Via Nimbin, 2480, NSW. Our Mail arrives at 10.15AM, & is not sorted before 11.30AM
5. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Ross & John Sercombe, Jim Bell's nephews from Brisbane, who will use his house occasionally.
6. **QUEST:** FOR new SHARE CERTIFICATE, new design required for certificate, Franca will do this, it needs to have number, name & room for the round Co-Op seal of approval.
7. **MINUTES OF LAST AGM.:** Read & moved by Harry, Seconded Phyl, - That they be accepted. Carried unanimously.
8. **AUDITORS REPORT:** Books not completed by Auditor. Will be published in T.P. when it arrives. Perhaps early Easter accounts for lateness of the report.
9. **RETAINING OF RUTHERFORDS:** As auditors, proposed Phyl, seconded Susan. carried unanimously.
10. **BUDGET:** As recorded on printed sheet devised by treasurer, Phyllis Bradley. Karlin- Request for KIDS CLUB HOUSE which she would co-ordinate with the kids & willing helpers. Half hour discussion ensued. **MOTION -** That we accept the Budget as presented, noting that the CO-op supports Karlin's offer of energy to co-ordinate the YOUTH SPACE. Sally seconded Charlie. **AMMENDMENT -** That a special levy of \$33 may be collected from all Resident rate payers to support this work. Ian moved seconded Phyllis. 25 for, 1 against and 2 abstained.
11. **MOTION:** That no board member serve on the board for more than 3 years consecutively. Tony Belton, sec Julie Page. 32 for, 4 against.
12. **APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER:** Karli & Liz both did the job.
13. **RESIGNATION OF ENTIRE BOARD OF 1990-1991:** - - - - -
14. **NOMINATIONS:** For the appointment of nine co-ordinators. **NOMINATIONS:** CRAIG BURNETT, MEGAN JAMES, JO DALY, JULIE PAGE, MARK SAULWICK, JOAN GENNERY, NATALIE SUMMERVILLE, PETER HUGHES, DAVO BRADFORD. MAUREEN MATAPI. **ELECTED BOARD:** All of these with the exception of Davo.
15. **SELLING OF RAINBOW CAFE:** And using proceeds to- a) Make a Cafe/Kitchen at 1001, b) Make permanent improvements on the Co-op, this asset would better serve more shareholders if the value was here. - current estimated valuation from Nimbin Lifestyle Real Estate is \$125,000. - Nine Tuntabla people currently work at the Rainbow, Four are for selling, approx 30 against & approx 3 abstainers. This agenda item was brought forward from no. 23 while the voting was being counted.

EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES CONT.

BOARD MEETING: 1.4.91

New Co-ordinators Portfolios:
Mark Saulwick-Far, Maintenance,
Forest & Roads.

Peter Hughes - Chair & Convener
Megan James - Secretary,
Craig Burnett- Treasurer,
Julie Page - Kids
Joanne Daly - Stock & Typing
Joan Gennery- House Transfer
Natalie Summerville-Work Levies
Maureen Matapi-Council Liason.

TRIBAL MEETING 5.5.91

The board seeks to know the whereabouts of all cats & dogs so a registered letter be sent to the owners. A new on the job building inspector coming out 8th May to look around. Share Applications: Jan Goodridge- 2nd appl, passed. Rahima Sapphire Wolfe-2nd share appl, passed. Jane Gristwood-2nd share appl, passed. Motion: That by-laws changes may only be made, with proper notice, by a 2/3rd majority decision of two consecutive tribal meetings, with a quorum of board members present. 17 for 3 against. passed. Motion: That the Co-op grant the shop an additional \$300 (for burgler alarm) to be added to the \$700 (stolen) all of which to be an interest free loan, repayable over 12 month period. 21 for 1 against.

Security on the property: General discussion & Julie Page suggested that strangers seen wondering around be asked where they are going, & to politely say you are heading in the same direction & accompany them if there is no other shareholder to vouch for them.

THAT'S ALL (JOKE!!)

HIGH FIRE RISK YEAR:

ARE YOUR HOUSE AND SURROUNDS PREPARED?

Because we had a small late wet this year, and because the winter rain we may or may not get instead will probably not be enough to properly refill ground water like we're used to, it will probably be a dry spring, with very little water for any use, especially firefighting.

So, now would be a good time to start reducing fire hazard for yourself and your territory of interest. According to the Lismore City Council, we are required to have 5 metres clear around each building. Later DA's for similar communities require an average of 30 metres; not bare earth, but of low fuel, less than 4 tonnes per hectare, say 6cm of mulch, and more downhill than up, because fires burn faster and hotter uphill.

I suggest we work on having a trail around each building in the "bush" at that average distance. Within that trail, you could slash or weed or brush cut or burn; anything to reduce the fuel, and give you an outer line of defence in an emergency.

We have a few trained firemen now; Jerry, Charlie, me, Igor, Terry, Bear, Al, Mark, Toppo

I think we would be willing to help anyone who wants to do hazard reduction by burning around their house, good practice and workout for us and our equipment, good help for you.

Reduction by hand methods is less wasteful of nutrients, but fire is "easier".

Ian 5.5.91

CHILD CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

It was an experience. Thank you fellow board members. Good luck & my full support for the new members!! A total of \$750 was spent - \$220 on a kids camp & the balance on horse jumps, dressage etc. Igor.

Igor

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES.

Tribal Meeting 6.1.91

Environment Co-ordinator: Received a letter from LANFAX informing us of proposal to upgrade MT.Nardi Receiver & create major changes for traffic on Newton Drive.

Site application: Eden Hill.

Jim Dickson still vetoes Laurie De Marcos original proposal but doesn't mind him moving closer to Steve Munday. Gloria Vetoes Laurie on the grounds of past associations & inter family disputes & because Laurie is unreasonable, unco-operative & untrustworthy. MOTION: That Gloria wishes to veto Laurie & that the meeting upholds the veto opposing Laurie from having a site anywhere on the co-op. Moved: Gloria, 2nd:Ted. Five in favour, many against. veto defeated. New (1st) appl for site on Eden near Steve Munday. MOTION: That a group form itself to ascertain the viability of site. Moved: Harry, 2nd. Charlie. Motion carried 17 - 15.

ANNOUNCEMENT from the Board. That the ban on Don Tamari be upheld by residents & that he is not provided with accommodation or given lifts in the valley.

BOARD MEETING: 18.1.91

Environment Co-ordinator: Test results indicate fairly high levels of fecal coliforms in creek, particularly at Centre.

Eden Ridge: Report from committee that the site walk was successful for all parties.

TRIBAL MEETING: 3.2.91

Site Approvals: 2nd approval Peter Harriot. Joes Road near Pixies Valley. Approved.

Laurie De Marco, Eden Ridge. 2nd approval. Approved.

Share application: Muala. 2nd appl.

approved. Christine Chester- 2nd appl purchase of Rosemary Leonards house. approved.

Helicopter Raids: Decided- a letter of protest be written concerning the danger of illegal procedures by police & the traumatising of children. Also Inq. be made about drug laws & Citizens rights. ie: Norml, Drug line etc. Richard Jones maybe invited to next meeting. General Discussion: People growing dope on a community in commercial qtys affect the community detrimentally. We should not bend under oppressive laws but not endanger others. Members should stay with police when they are on the property. In S.A. dope is decriminalised & these problems do not occur. Active involvement in decrim. Marijuana may alleviate the problem. How can we do this??

Trail bikes: Some riders still practising dangerous behaviour. Decided kids need place of their own. ie: a recreational centre. MOTION: To ban 2 strokes or any unlicensed bikes. 9 for 1 against.

TRIBAL MEETING 3.3.91

Mark O'Brien tenders his plan of planting at the Nth End. No objections. Treasurer: \$8000 cash rates outstanding. Work Levy: Work to be done by end March. If not pay \$225 cash. Jobs offered: Hall Sats, hall gardens, clearing around tractor sheds, under grids, tracks & drains. Rainbow painting. Sth End Road.

SHARE APPROVAL: Sandy Burke - 2nd appr no objections. Board Meeting 22.3.91 Insurance: decided to insure Hall, shop and Brown House. Also decided that fire extinguishers also be supplied to these premises. Brown House valued at \$15,000 for insurance, needs \$1000 worth of work Co-op pays for insurance & extinguishers.

A.G.M. MINUTES. P. 11 & 12

16. MOTION: Amending a by law- That all prospective shareholders be required to be resident for the same qualifying time of 12 months. Moved by the Board. This is 2nd approval. Motion put as read. 23 for, 6 against.
17. PROPOSAL: To purchase part of BOB Hayworth's creekside block of Walla Gulla, at the North End. Moved: Igor von Sabler. -Held over to T.M.
22. Brought forward at this point. Is as Reads: That a fine to the value of one share per cat/dog be imposed on person/persons violating the bylaw/ rule. A one or two month moratorium be given to offenders, after which they will be fined. Fines payable by next AGM or share to be forfeited. T.Belton Motion - That anyone, whether shareholder or hosted guest, violating the bylaw relating to cats & dogs, be given a two month moratorium, after which their share is forfeit. Moved Ian, Sec. Harry. 23 for 5 against.
18. APPROVAL: For the possibilities of a well co-ordinated ABC coverage. Put forward by T.Belton; it was decided to put off for discussion at next TM.
19. CHANGEOVER OF BOARD: To meet in a week Sunday 7th. 9AM; BBQ at Gary's in the arvo. More formal gathering at the office in AM.
20. MOTION* To define the commons. re sites. Nell & Mandy (moved) We need to be clear about the boundary areas, & should be careful about allowing personal sites on commons, and that we don't allocate any more for private use. MOTION: Any decisions regarding right of occupation on commons may only be made at a General Meeting. 20 for. 1 against.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY 1991. (From Auditors)

CURRENT ASSETS	Note	1991 \$	1990 \$
Cash	5	9,242.92	5,676.91
Receivables	6	0.00	10,166.50
Investments	7	10,940.29	71,329.27
total current assets		20,183.21	87,172.68
Non Current Assets			
Receivables	8	90.00	90.00
Property, Plant & Equipment	9	321,091.74	224,930.02
Total Non Current Assets		321,181.74	225,020.02
TOTAL ASSETS		341,364.95	312,192.70
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	10	12,241.40	5,175.00
Total Current Liabilities		12,241.40	5,175.00
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	11	14,733.47	6,500.00
Total non Current Liabilities		14,733.47	6,500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		26,974.87	11,675.00
NET ASSETS		314,390.08	300,517.70
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY			
Share Capital	12	65,600.00	63,800.00
Reserves	13	112,005.20	105,222.20
Retained Profits		136,784.88	131,495.50
TOTAL SHAREHOLDER EQUITY	12	\$314,390.08	\$300,517.70

Time For Some Crystal Gazing?

This month (May) is the eighteenth anniversary of the Aquarius Festival at Nimbin, from which the concept, the dream, the vision, the intuition of the Tuntable Falls Community evolved.

That span of 18 years has seen the dream materialize into a solidly established community of some 150 adult residents, 100 or so children and a sizeable minority of "guests".

The original scene of forsaken cow paddocks, a couple of aging farmhouses and a scattering of decrepit cowbails and sheds has been transformed into the present reality of 120 dwellings, pre-school, primary school, hall, shop, and the roads, water and power systems, gardens and orchards and management structure that come with such development.

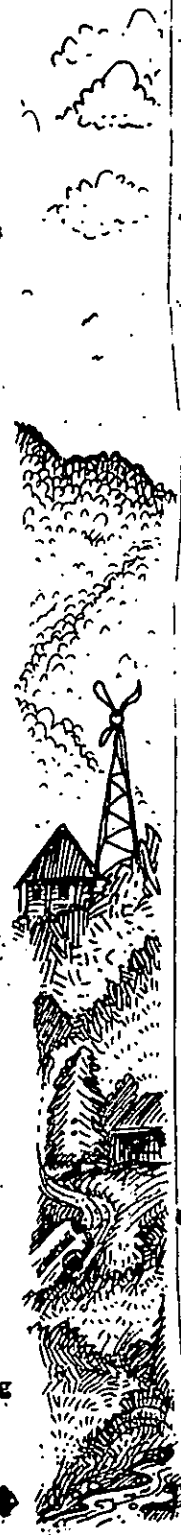
So far so good. But the evolutionary process doesn't suddenly become static and fixed. New challenges are arising out of the pressures created by this very development.

The infants of the Tuntable pioneers have grown into teenagers and many more are following on. In a very few years this generation of young adults will be looking for their own living space on which to build their dwellings and gardens. Where will they find these spaces? A survey carried out a couple of years ago to find possible building sites came up with only 15 or so sites. The local authority development code for Tuntable imposes a population "ceiling" of about 500. We are more than half-way there.

Perhaps now is the time to be doing some serious creative planning for the future of this community.

Perhaps we should now be thinking seriously of putting a stop to the sale of shares or dwellings to anyone except the children of residents. Will the pressure for new building sites lead to a concept of medium-density housing? Will we be forced to return to the idealistic concept of hamlet living — bedroom units around a community kitchen complex? Do we want a permaculture-style setting with linking corridors of forest? Or will we be forced by population pressures into vistas of suburban sprawl?

Do we rather urgently need a new EIS for the future? Not only humans live within the Tuntable Falls boundaries. To what extent are we putting at risk the populations of wallabies, possums, bandicoots, echidnas, snakes, goannas, scrub turkeys, parrots, pigeons, doves, bower birds and much of the smaller wildlife which we fondly observe around us?



THE SHOP

Nothing has ever been written about the shop in Tuntable Times before, so we thought it was time we did something about it, considering it is such a very obvious feature of our community.

The shop's official title is now "Co-ordination Co-operative Community Store". The building belongs to the co-op and the "business" inside the building (eg. stock and fixtures) is owned collectively by 7 shareholders: Lindy, Megan, Mick, Neil, Heidi, Helen and Phyl. We intend to provide an annual balance-sheet at our AGM each year from now on.

As most people probably know, a break-in occurred at the shop recently (and the office) and lots of our stock got taken this time, as well as a fair bit of damage to the back doors and fixtures inside. Because of the frequency of robberies in the last year, we are in the process of organising an alarm system which we hope will be a deterrent. We also hope that if the alarm sounded one night that people within earshot would go and investigate and not leave it to just the shop shareholders.

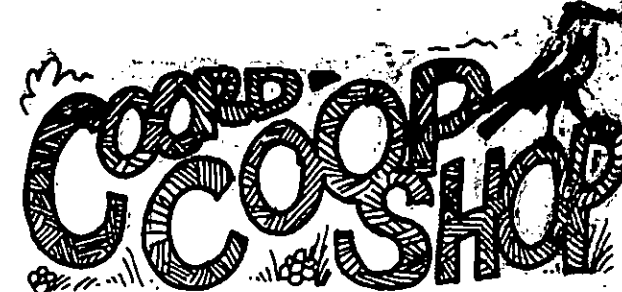
We have new stock in that you may not be aware of: a range of homeopathic remedies and other natural healing remedies from the Apothecary in town (for the same prices they sell it), a range of wheat-free products (pasta, flours etc.), and continual additions to our range of bulk foods (nuts, dried fruits, spices, herbs, tamari, honey etc.).

And a word about prices (of course!). We know our cigarettes, chocolates and some grocery lines are more expensive than they are in town ... it is impossible for it to be otherwise when we have to pick up all goods ourselves from our various suppliers, none of whom will deliver to our door. We try to balance this out by making our bulk foods as cheap as anywhere else and by keeping fruit and vegetable prices down wherever possible. Also we extend credit, which is quite a service to offer these days. It is worth remembering that we are a small corner store, fairly isolated, and trying to survive in an economic recession.

So, to "wrap it up"..... we are interested to hear feedback

about the Shop (try and throw some positive stuff at us sometimes

too, not just the negative). We're always looking for local, organic veges (we pay cash for most), homemade pickles and jams, or anything you think may sell in the Shop, including craft-work.



PS. And when you're waiting to be served or feeling dissatisfied with the Shop or Shopkeeper perhaps spare a thought for the many things we do that often don't even get acknowledged eg. taking and giving messages daily, answering questions about anything anyone wants to know, disposing of rubbish left inside or outside the Shop, child-minding, passing possessions from one person to another etc. etc.

And thank-you for supporting us.

Lindy, for the Shop Crew

SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL

Sunday at 3pm

At the shop

Everybody welcome.

NEW POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

THE PO. has been discussing our postal set-up at the shop recently and has decided to give us a new pigeon-hole system soon so we will be able to take better care of our (your) mail. We are date-stamping all our incoming mail and will return unclaimed mail after a period of 28 days. So let us know if you are going to be away for more than a month. We spend a lot of time each week re-addressing people's mail and request that if you need your mail re-addressed, please organise it through Nimbin PO. The fee is only \$5 a month and the first month is free for anyone holding a pension, transport concession or Health Benefits card. The shop receives no money at all for the hours that we spend sorting, storing, re-addressing and actually posting the large volume of mail that goes through the shop, so we would really appreciate co-operation in making the job easier.

We also have a new address now; our official address is : Community Mail Bag (or C.M.B.) Tuntable Falls, via Nimbin, 2480.

FENCING AND FIELDS

To serve on the Board of Co-Co is a humbling experience, a tightrope act, every move a reminder of the living dynamism of the diversity of human spirits who dwell (or did, or would like to) in these lands.

The cows versus no cows is still unresolved, with the critics of the herd (which is providing food, and manure in the creek) still not coming up with active solutions. Two fencing meetings attended by only 3 people is a very disinterested turn-out. Maybe when it's cooler.....?

Altogether it's been a very expensive year, growing in understanding through support and criticism. My respect and admiration for those folk who give generously of their time and energy for the well-being of us all.

Bless Our Valley

Marilyn



WORK LEVY CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

A big thank you to all those people who do their work levies ten times over & do so much work for the Co-op. And thanks to the Board for helping to make this past year quite enjoyable. (surprise!) I learnt a lot.

Suggest members start their levies early in the year & spread them out, rather than rushing them in at the end. It might make them seem less of a bind. This system is essentially an honour system & open to abuse, however there is lots to do; so why not take the opportunity to get involved. It's only 40 hours a year, less than one hour a week, seven minutes a day... not much really. New Year starts after the A.G.M.

The Hall & Hall gardens were the main ongoing projects last year, & workdays will be continuing this year as will tree planting, roadworks, hamlet & fire trails, office work, etc... Lists & info will be at the shop.

So my year as work levy Co-ordinator has come to an end.

Phew & adieu.....!! Helen.
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THE HALL GARDENS

We have already made a good start with some pleasing results. The native ground cover and grevillea bed is almost finished. Just a few more rocks put into place and a bit of lantana bashing and this section will be completed.

Our next project will be to clear beside the creek and plant out with the appropriate native trees. This will help with soil degradation, add to the aesthetic value and make it easier to maintain. There are already some elk and stag horns available to be tied to existing mature trees.

Unfortunately, Hakeas have been planted in front of the hall. These trees will eventually grow too big and shade out the hall and the view. So we will have to transplant them elsewhere. Please think carefully before planting, especially trees or shrubs.

Work days are advertised at the shop. Everybody is welcome, it's good fun and counts towards your work levies too! Any native trees, shrubs or ground covers would be most appreciated.

Bring your own tools and enjoy yourself.

Financial pressures will also soon confront our young adults. The past few years have seen a steady trend of house sales in the range from \$20,000 to \$40,000 — houses built by the older generation of pioneers with "blood, sweat and tears", as the saying goes.

Should we now be considering a ban on cash sales of houses, introducing instead a rule that available houses be paid for in the form of rent?

We have already recently experienced the situation where a shareholder, a single parent with a small child, was forced out of her rented house because it was put up for sale — a house she had rented for six years and paid a total of \$10,000 in rent. Forced out because she had no way of raising the money to buy the house, much as she wished she could. There's a smell of injustice about that situation. But we had no policy or safety-net in place with which to ensure natural justice for one of our shareholders. Money still rules OK in the heart of Alternativeland. She and her young son have gone, probably for good, and we have lost her valuable energies and social input.

Collective levies have helped provide our complex of schools, hall and shop. Have we the will and the capacity to increase these levies to provide our young generation with a "building fund" with which to buy and store progressively recycled materials?

At the May tribal meeting a committee of four (Susan, Marilyn, Gloria and myself) volunteered to examine the implications of questions such as these. Perhaps the challenges and problems of the Tuntabie Falls community's future development call for wide community input at a couple of special seminars.

FOOTNOTE: Perhaps every May issue of Tuntabie Times should be dedicated to a retrospective of the 1973 Aquarius Festival. It was a remarkable event in itself; it achieved acceptance by the State Government of the concept of Multiple Occupancy; it gave the kiss-of-life to a dying village; it was the genesis of our Tuntabie Falls community.

— Jack.

Whoever removed Nevins' POSTER? (Aren't communities wonderful) What did you do with it? We want it back please! If it has been thrown away, let us know, so we don't have to worry about it. Please leave it or a message at the shop. Anon if you prefer. Thanks from Sal, Tully, Punya & Rowie.

Rest in Peace Nevin _Free at Last

Nevin died peacefully on April 30th. at home with his family, after a long painful learning experience with cancer. We'll miss him.

His burial in the valley was a shared lesson in love for us all too.

"Well", said my grandmother, "she was on a school camp and went swimming on her own and, well, she was found the next morning".

"Where is this place?", I asked. "It's at Tuntable Falls", she said, "a place called the Amphitheatre".

"Think about it", I said. "It's not so bad. After all, I mean, after all wouldn't you like to die in the soft water?"

The end.

At last, the Auditors report has arrived, so we are able to get on with producing the Tuntable Times.

This week is the 18th anniversary of the Aquarius Festival, the event that brought about the buying of Tuntable Falls. It is good to remember all the dreams & aspirations that accompanied the buying of the land. The "Alternative" lifestyles; self sufficiency; caring for the land, wildlife & each other, sharing of resources & Skills; working together toward common goals.

Given the impossibility of the dream & the frailty of the population, it's not surprising that we have accomplished a mere fraction of the "dream". The original benevolents who put up the cash for the land purchase might be disappointed at our efforts to make the "dream" into a reality. What with the land grabbing, illegal commercial crops, & the inability of some to consider others or the land if they are in competition with self interest. It's a perennial problem throughout the world, not just "our" problem.

So I was rather surprised at the AGM about the response to the dog & cat issue. I used to think we were quite "gutless" about enforcing rules & by-laws, so I was amazed at the strength of the "No" for cats & dogs & the "yes" for the wildlife. The registered letters will go out to owners soon!



The problem of white ants & the Brown house has been given some thought. It seems they are eating the wood in between the lining boards, with the kitchen being the worst affected. We are proposing a two or three stage project to lengthen the life of the building, or even rebuild it in stages. Right now we need consultation with a builder &/or visionary to ascertain what is possible & to create a plan of action. Any volunteers? It's work leviable being a co-op building. It's a great building, we don't want to leave it until it's too late.

And of course, it's never too late to improve! At 18 years we are only now "coming of age". It's amazing that we have made it this far against all the odds - and had laws changed to accommodate our lifestyle aspirations. Living on an M.O. would not be a possibility now for many if we hadn't stood our ground then. We know that the beliefs expounded then are required to be put into practice for a sane world. If we cannot do it here, with all of our advantages; then what hope does the rest of the world have!

Lotsa love, Gloria xx



SECRETARYS' (CHAIR AND CONVENOR) REPORT

Having been a member of the Board for two years (less 4 months in Sydney Nov '89 - '90) I am ready and happy to step back and let others take up the Co-Ordinators positions into 91/92. It has been for me a genuinely pleasurable (mostly) experience and take this opportunity to thank the other Co-Ordinators for their efforts. We have been a quite harmonious group and I believe we have done well together in difficult times (economically and financially). I'm left with a warm feeling of connection with each member.

The Secretary's job is one of unlimited scope and in all honesty I have completed my term doing the most essential tasks and not really giving myself over totally to the in-depth exploration of many aspects it is possible for a Secretary to do..Kate Cohen left a most comprehensive list of duties that the incoming Secretary will find invaluable, as I did, to get a handle on what he/she is required to do.

As Convenor I feel that a system of Agenda and Minute presentation, that has been slightly modified, is working well. I thank the Co-Ordinators who have photocopied items and assisted my ragged memory with this from time to time.

As Chair I feel I have made my most valuable contribution and thank those members who offered feedback (both positive and negative) to help me stay open to ways to streamline procedures and stay (relatively) sane. I will happily assist the new Chair in any way I can to handle the transformation smoothly. I would like to stress to the new Board the importance of attending any 'Changeover' events in the week after A.G.M. as this is crucial to the whole impetus of the way ahead into their 'terms of office'. Hopefully a 'party' come Bar-B-Q for those interested could be arranged up at my place at Echo which complemented by 'time in the office' would be adequate for exchange of information etc. to happen.

Well already I can sense my carefree participation at Tribal Meetings - not being responsible for focussing discussion, tangling with certain more vociferous members and all the subtle intricacies of attempting to be fair, cool, informed etc. as the Chair.

All the best to the new Board. May the Tuntable Tribe live on - getting closer together into the 21st and beyond.

Gary Moore.

CO*ORDINATION CO*OP LTD PROPOSED BUDGET 1991-92

INCOME	Number	Amount\$	\$
Resident Member Levies	114	150	17,100
Guest Levies (est.)	40	150	6,000
Non-resident Levies	168	50	8,400
Work Levies as money (est.)	10	225	2,250
Share and Joining Fees (est.)	10	1,500	15,000
House Transfer Fees (est.)			1,000
Rents; Rainbow			7,000
Brownhouse			720
Intrest			600
Hall Fund Raising (est.)			1,000

TOTAL\$ 59,070

OUTLAYS	\$	Feb Mar 1991
Co-Op Rates	4,757	1,622
" " Insurance; Pub. Lieb. 183		
Vol. Wks. Pers. Accid. 216...	390	
Rainbow Rates	1,279	
" " Insurance	1,242	
" " Maintenance	2,000	
Hall	10,000	700
R&K Farm; Farm Maint'ce	5,000	
Roads-shed&drain	3,000	
Forest, Roads	1,000	
Trees-Cab. Timb	500	9,500
Youth	2,000	
Office and Administration	1,500	
Audit and A/c Fees	2,000	
Share Refunds (est.)	1,000	(5)
Wallers Loan Repayment&Int	7,000	-
Private Loan Repayment	1,000	
Reserve Fund (for Depreciation)	5,000	
Fire Brigade: Maint & Fuel	1,500	
CO. CO. Computer	2,500	
Bank Charges	100	
TOTAL\$	52,777	

That leaves \$6,293 to play with!

So to the WISH LIST...

Finish the Hall.....

Tanks for hall and shop....Can be funded from Hall Outlay in Budget

Fence swimming hole at centre and reforest

banksCan be funded from Farm Maint.

Replenish Co-Op Reserve Funds.....Reserve Fund

Bike trailer for trips away.....Youth

Bus shelter at turnoff at top of hillFarm Maint.

WHAT'S LEFT? \$6,293 for....

A.W.d Trector with front blade & shredder/mulcher ("8000 DEP.)

Restructuring of Brownhouse (use rent/?)

Build reserve to rejuvenate the pits

Front end LoaderAnother (FIGGER) Bus

Buy Bob Heyworths Land By creekside (\$12,000)....Hobbits Bridge UK 3

Coolroom for shop.....Laundromat/showers at shop.....Gas bottle &

Fuel Supply at shop.

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SPRINGTIME AT MARALINGA



Rain had fallen recently, so we decided to "go bush" and see what was around.

The landrover was waiting for us - so we packed in a jerry can or two of water, a billy for the tea, some bread, meat and beans from the village pantry and the indispensable can opener.

Jim from South Australia was our guide - he had walked these parts earlier and knew the lay of the land. He had the gold-fever - a state of mind which enabled the fossiker to find imaginary nuggets of gold.

We drove out of Maralinga village in good spirits under a cloudless sky and edged south to Watson Siding - a fettlers camp and depot for Maralinga stores on the East West railway, now the Indian Pacific.

We turned east for 20 miles along a dirt track alongside the railway and reached Ooldea, another railway camp. Turning north along a sandy track we reached Ooldea Soak, made famous by the legendary Daisy Bates.

The natives no longer camp there - their water supply was fouled by pumping water for the railway steam-engines years previously.

Driving became impossible as we neared the soak - so we trudged over sand hills to begin our ramble north. The water filtered up from a spring at great depth. "This is where I got the goldfever," said Jim. "I met a native who showed me a vein of gold in a nugget and told me where the reef is." We belived him!!

Our first item of interest was a quondong tree - (wild native peach) good for a change in fruit pies. Then dry sandalwood - once exported to India from Australia for burning as incense, so we made a fire and stood around inhaling the sweet perfume. Then Jim found some wild tomatoes.

"Hey! there they go," a small herd of kangaroos with sharp ears skipped away. "Oop's don't tread on that goanna!"

There is no surface water up Maralinga way, but Jim showed us how to get a drink native

style.

We were standing near a certain kind of mallee tree, when Jim pointed to the ground and said, "See that find ant-like path, just dig away the sand and there is your water." We dug and soon reached a long, thick root, which, when snapped into shorter pieces and held aloft began to drip precious water.

Varieties of everlasting were ablaze everywhere. Suddenly out of the blue we recognised a huge flock of budgerigars in green and gold - the Olympic colours. "Look at that huge nest in that tree over there," Tom shouted. "Thats a hawks nest," shouted Jim (not Bob Hawke's kin).

The crowning glory of our excursion was the sighting of a few Desert Sturt Pea shrubs in full bloom. They are truly the jewel of Australia wild flowers, growing close to the ground on six or so runners spreading out like the spokes of a wheel from the centre, with flowers in several stages of maturity along their entire length.

A question was raised - "If there is no surface water in these parts - how do the birds get a drink?"

The answer is in the early morning mists which keep low and travel at speed, drenching everything in their path and leaving cups of water in the forks of tree-branches. Or the varieties of cacti whose leaves are just oozing with water for a dry throat, be it man or beast.

Jim was away from Maralinga for a while but came back again later, but I was never able to find out if he found his "Lassiters Reef" - and gold.

Maralinga

In the 1950's the Maralinga Tjarutja tribe were driven off their lands so the British could test atomic bombs. The land is now contaminated with plutonium which has a half life of 1/4 million years. Yami Lester, the elder who was blinded by a test blinded by the blast describes the black rain of dust that irradiated the area. Some of the land returned in 1985 is still contaminated with plutonium (at Oak Ridge), and the Royal Commission asked the U.K. for £100 million to decontaminate the sites. Radiation from the tests spread over Australia and levels were deliberately falsified, the commission found.

R.C.Bingham



WAS CLARK KENT JUST ANOTHER JUNKIE?

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THE MAGIC PUDDING

"USED BUT NOT USED UP"



This picture was lovingly spun, dyed & woven into a beautiful tapestry by Ann Gash. At present it can be seen at the 'Rainbow Cafe' whilst awaiting placement in our hall when it is finished.

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