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SEARCHING FOR AQUARIUS FESTIVAL FOLK...

We are currently looking for people who attended or were involved in the 1973 Aquarius Festival to be part of the new Nimbin Aquarius Soundtrail audio walk being launched this year.

Audio documentary producer Jeanti St Clair is currently interviewing and recording the stories of people who attended the festival, and is inviting anyone she has not yet spoken with to get in touch.

“We want the Soundtrail audio walk to be a rich and varied audio experience, and for that we need lots of voices and people with different memories of the time, and how the festival affected them and the village,” Jeanti said.

“We’d love people to participate and tell us their stories and memories of the Aquarius Festival, an event that is unique to the time and the political environment of the day.”

Jeanti is also interviewing Nimbin locals, Indigenous elders and New Settlers about life in Nimbin for the Soundtrail audio walk.

“The Aquarius Festival was a seminal moment in the alternative movement of the 70s, so we also want to hear stories of its legacy; of how it transformed Nimbin,” she said.

Accessed via the Soundtrails app, the audio is enabled by GPS technology. Visitors will download the Nimbin Aquarius Soundtrail to their smartphone or iPad, and then follow the map to different sites within the village as a soundtrack of memories, voices, myths and archival footage plays through their headphones.

Council hopes to launch the Nimbin Aquarius Soundtrail in October. To get involved or find out more, visit the Nimbin Soundtrail Facebook page, phone the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre on 6689 1388 or email nimbinsoundtrail@gmail.com.



Photo by Chris Meagher.

ATTENTION PARENTS: DON'T BRING SICK KIDS TO THE POOL

Recently we have had to close the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre pool and stop swimming lessons twice due to incidents involving sick children.

We implore all parents: Please DO NOT bring children who are sick or have recently been unwell to the centre. Our swim programs allow for make-up lessons, so if your child is sick they won't miss out, they can just do their lesson another day.

One of the incidents included a sick child with a virus and an accident involving diarrhoea. Due to the dangers associated with E. coli and gastroenteritis, if there is vomit or diarrhoea in the pool, we have to close and super chlorinate. This takes 12 to 14 hours and affects everyone who may be coming to the centre – families, kids taking swimming lessons, lap swimmers etc.

This particular incident happened on a Tuesday morning around 11am. The child had been unwell with a virus over the weekend, and was in for a swim lesson. As a result, swimming lessons for the remainder of the morning and all afternoon lessons had to be cancelled. The pool was closed until the following day, to allow time for the water to be treated.

This is a classic example of what can happen. The rule is, if your child has been sick, wait until you know they are 100% well before you bring



them to a public facility like the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre or the Lismore Memorial Baths.

The second incident was because a child was not wearing a swim nappy. Once again, there was an accident, and the pool had to be closed so we could treat the water.

Again, our rule is simple – if your child is not fully toilet trained they must wear a swim nappy as a condition of entry.

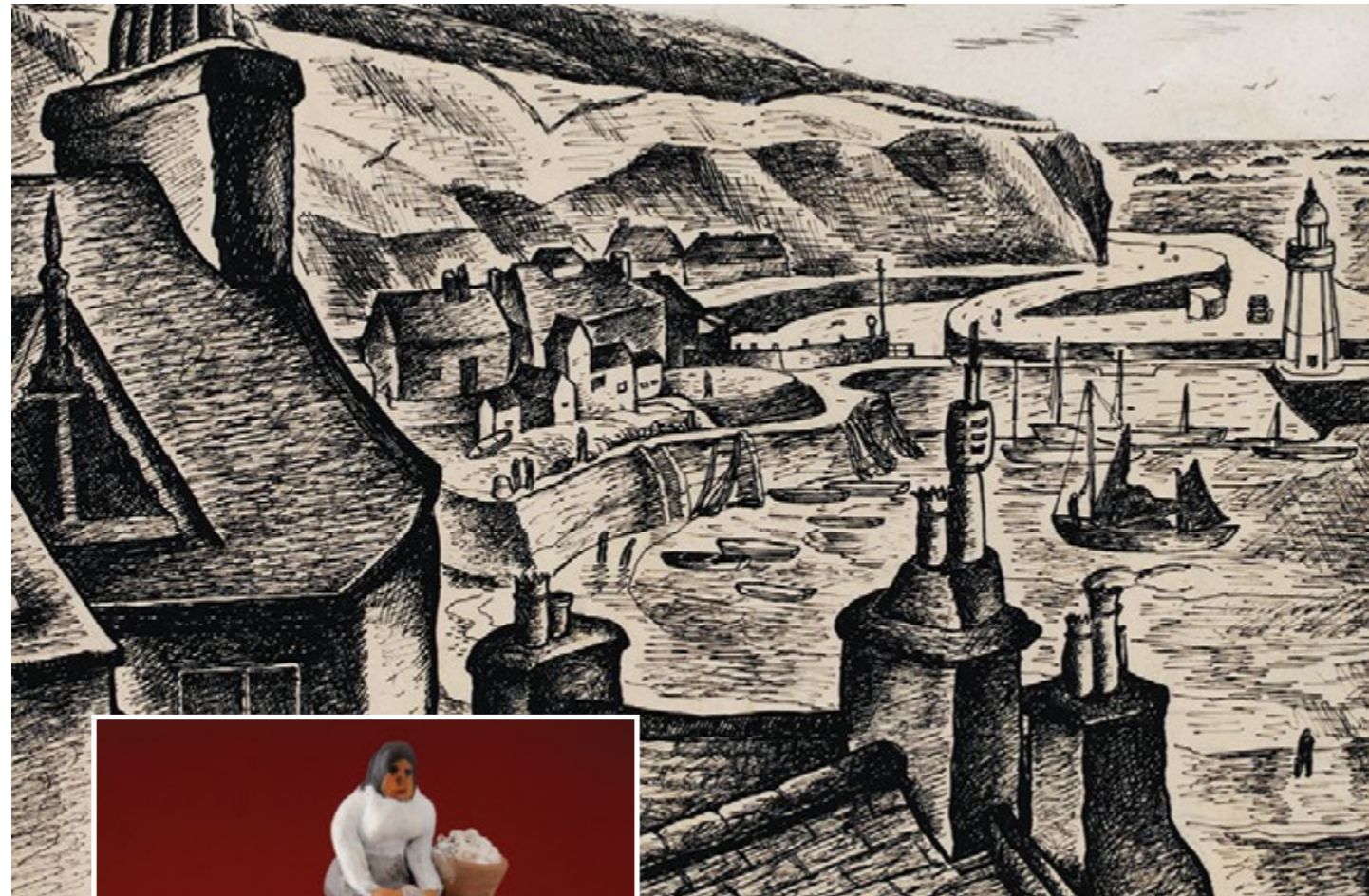
We urge parents to keep unwell children away from the pool and always make sure kids are wearing a swim nappy if necessary.

Thank you – these simple actions will make life easier and more pleasant for everyone.

NUTTER BUZACOTT AND HERMANNSBURG POTTERS ON SHOW

Lee Dunn is a volunteer at Lismore Regional Gallery. She is also the daughter of Australian artist Nutter Buzacott.

The former Southern Cross University lecturer has spent the last five years researching the art of her father, a contemporary of Noel Counihan, Albert Tucker and Russell Drysdale. Although Lee had loved his art all



Images: Polperro (Cornwall) by Nutter Buzacott (Collection of The University of Queensland), and Mission Days by Irene Mbitjana Entata (Moreton Bay Regional Council Art Collection, donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Simon Turner, photographer Al Sim).

her life, it was only when a colleague pointed out that some of his early prints were in the National Gallery of Australia that she began to think seriously about his place in history.

The results of her exhaustive research is the exhibition *The Art of Nutter Buzacott*, now on show at the Lismore Regional Gallery.

Buzacott was born in Perth in 1905 and grew up in Melbourne. From the late 1920s he made prints using linocut, lithograph and wood engraving techniques. Some of his earliest prints are in this exhibition. He moved to Brisbane in the late 1940s where he worked as a commercial artist and painted in and around Wynnum, Cleveland and Redland Bay. When he retired from commercial art in the 1960s, he moved to Terranora Inlet where he lived and painted until he died in 1976.

Lee has searched all over Australia for her father's artworks. This included some serious detective work as he kept few records, and she was surprised to find that in the 1930s and 40s her father was a key member of the Melbourne Contemporary Art Society, which fought the art establishment for the recognition of modern art. Buzacott's painting *Scene at Doncaster* (1940) won the prestigious Ballarat Art Gallery's Crouch Prize and newspaper clippings from the time show that Buzacott's painting was a highly controversial choice.

Alongside the work of Nutter Buzacott is *Insight*, an exhibition of the colourful and distinctive pots created by the Hermanssburg Potters.

Located 130km from Alice Springs, the community of Hermanssburg (Ntaria) is perhaps most famous as the home of the Hermanssburg Watercolour School, pioneered in the mid-20th century by famous Aboriginal artist Albert Namatjira.

The medium of ceramics was introduced in the 1960s but it began to flourish after 1990, when senior law man Nashasson Ungwanaka invited accomplished potter and teacher Naomi Sharp to come and teach pottery to families, many of whom were living on their traditional country at outstations. Today, the Hermanssburg Pots are internationally revered.

Both exhibitions are on show until 4 June and entry is free. The gallery is open Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. It is closed Sunday, Monday and public holidays.

NEW ORGANICS FACILITY PROGRESS

The \$700,000 expansion of the organics processing facility at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre is progressing well, with the new compost pad aeration system now being tested.



The new technology is capable of processing 25,000 tonnes of food and garden organics annually, enabling Council to offer green waste recycling services to neighbouring councils.

The new compost pad aerates the compost through a system of pipes underneath the compost piles, reducing the need to turn them. This will halve the existing 16-20 week composting process and reduces fuel costs as well as electricity and water usage.

“We already have good demand for our compost product from local farmers and organic producer. This market has grown considerably since receiving organic certification in 2014,” Waste Operations Coordinator Kevin Trustum said.

“This new system will halve our composting time and allow us to supply even more compost to the community.”

We have also ordered a new bagging unit so we can sell small bags of compost to backyard gardeners who do not want an entire trailer load.

The new facility is expected to be open by the end of July.

The expansion of the organics processing facility is a Waste Less Recycle More and NSW Environmental Trust project funded by the Waste Levy. A \$350,000 NSW Environmental Trust grant was matched by Council in order to purchase the new composting system.

MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

Councillor briefings are held most Tuesday evenings so staff can provide background on issues or projects and Councillors have a chance to brainstorm and discuss.

On Tuesday, 3 May the agenda includes:

- Commercial Services performance update
- South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant tender
- Reconciliation Action Plan

Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An extraordinary Council meeting will be held on Monday, 9 May.

Items on the agenda include:

- Imagine Lismore 1 Year Plan 2016/17 (budget)

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10 May.

Items on the agenda include:

- Lismore Business Promotion Program Business Plan
- Urban Stormwater Management Plan
- Cultural Alliance with NORPA

Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

AFTER HOURS COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for interviews on the first and third Monday of each month from 6pm at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre.

On Monday, 16 May interviews will be conducted by Councillors Gianpiero Battista and Vanessa Ekins. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 13 May.

For more information about meetings and briefings or to book a Councillor interview, phone Sue Wade on 1300 87 83 87.



DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUED

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Act and Clause 124 of the EP&A Regulation, notification is given that the undermentioned developments have recently been granted consent.

06/713-3 198 Gungas Road, Nimbin

Section 96(1A) modification to amend Stage 2 by having four construction stages.

09/208-2 122 Flood Reserve Road, Ruthven

Section 96(1A) modification to adjust location of one shipping container back 2.8m to eliminate the need for the masonry wall section.

14/259-2 86 Henson Road, Wyrallah

Section 96(1) modification to reconfigure the lot boundaries.

15/269 179 Bangalow Road, Howards Grass

Three-lot subdivision, including vegetation removal on proposed Lot 1 (for APZ compliance).

15/324 5 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah

Shed, carport and retaining wall with a building line variation to 2.5m to Acacia Avenue.

16/5 804 Ballina Road, Goonellabah

Secondary dwelling.

16/17 35 James Street, Girards Hill

Addition of a covered deck, internal renovations, relocation of laundry and retaining walls.

16/29 735 Ballina Road, Goonellabah

Outbuilding (shed and carport).

16/34 31 Joy Street, Goonellabah

Dwelling with cut and fill variation to Chapter 1 of DCP.

16/36 9 Crozier Place, McLeans Ridges

Addition of an ensuite bathroom and walk-in robe.

16/39 176 Gungas Road, Nimbin

Garage/shed/workshop with an awning and carport.

16/41 45 May Street, Dunoon
Shed.

16/43 613 Ballina Road, Goonellabah

Double garage. 16/47 86 Fairfull Road, Numulgi Covered deck.

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Covered deck.

16/51 629 Cowlong Road, Eltham

Additions to existing dwelling and internal reconfiguration, together with demolition of lean-to.

16/70 49 Behan Access, Boat Harbour

Covered deck.

16/76 661 Caniaba Road, Caniaba

Dwelling.

Details of applications and consents, together with conditions attached, may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre during business hours or via DA Tracking at www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.

CANIABA STREET SEWER PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT

Speed Restrictions in Caniaba Street, South Lismore

There will be changed traffic conditions along Caniaba Street in South Lismore while a new sewer pump station is being constructed at 106 Caniaba Street.

Speed restrictions will be in place as signposted along Caniaba Street past the work site.

Construction works are starting this week and are expected to take about three months to complete, unless we have wet weather delays.





SAVE \$1000 AT FREE WORKSHOP

Would you love to save more than \$1000 a year simply by wasting less food?

North East Waste is hosting a free, practical workshop on how to save money and waste less through better food storage techniques and recreating your leftovers into delicious and nutritious recipes.

Come along and see chef Daniel Lange from 100 Mile Food Group turn leftovers into healthy meals with creative cooking ideas. He has worked for the likes of Tetsuya, Kylie Kwong and Jamie Oliver, but don't be daunted – his ideas are simple and delicious.

Annually, NSW householders throw away \$2.5 billion worth of food each year, most of which was edible. Food waste is a huge cost not just to your pocket but also to the environment.

The free Love Food Hate Waste Cooking Workshop is on Thursday, 19 May from 6.30pm to 9pm at Lismore City Hall. Bookings essential at www.newaste.org.au.

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited for the following employment available within Council.

Manager – Major Recreation & Cultural Facilities

Salary: Up to \$127,000 per annum (including salary, super and market allowance)

Closing date: Sunday, 8 May 2016 at 4pm

Curator – Lismore Regional Gallery (six months maternity leave relief)

Salary: Range from \$1,037.70 to \$1,193.36 per week + super

Closing date: Sunday, 8 May 2016 at 4pm

For further information visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au.



TENDERS FOR PV SOLAR SYSTEMS

Council has a target to become 100% renewable by 2023. The Renewable Energy Master Plan (REMP) adopted in 2014 defines the requirements of achieving this goal. The REMP incorporates Lismore Community Solar, which is a partnership initiative to create small-scale, community-funded solar farms on Council infrastructure.

T2016-07: Floating Solar PV System – East Lismore STP

The objective of this tender is to select a suitably qualified contractor that has the capability to undertake the design and construction of a 99.9kW solar PV system using an innovative floating concept on the settling ponds at the East Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant.

T2016-04: Solar PV Systems for five various Council buildings

Tenders are sought for the design and installation of solar PV systems at the following locations:

- Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre – 99.9kW;
- Community Centre – 10kW;
- Lismore Library – 20kW;
- Oakes Oval Gordon Pavilion – 10kW; and
- Wyrallah Road Depot – 30kW.

A compulsory on-site inspection for all locations will be held on Friday, 29 April from 10am at the East Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant at 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Tuesday, 17 May 2016.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal www.tenderlink.com/lismore to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.



NIMBIN WATER SUPPLY UPGRADE TO COMMENCE

Council will soon be upgrading the Nimbin water supply to ensure rural customers have clean, clear water to drink even, when it's flooding.

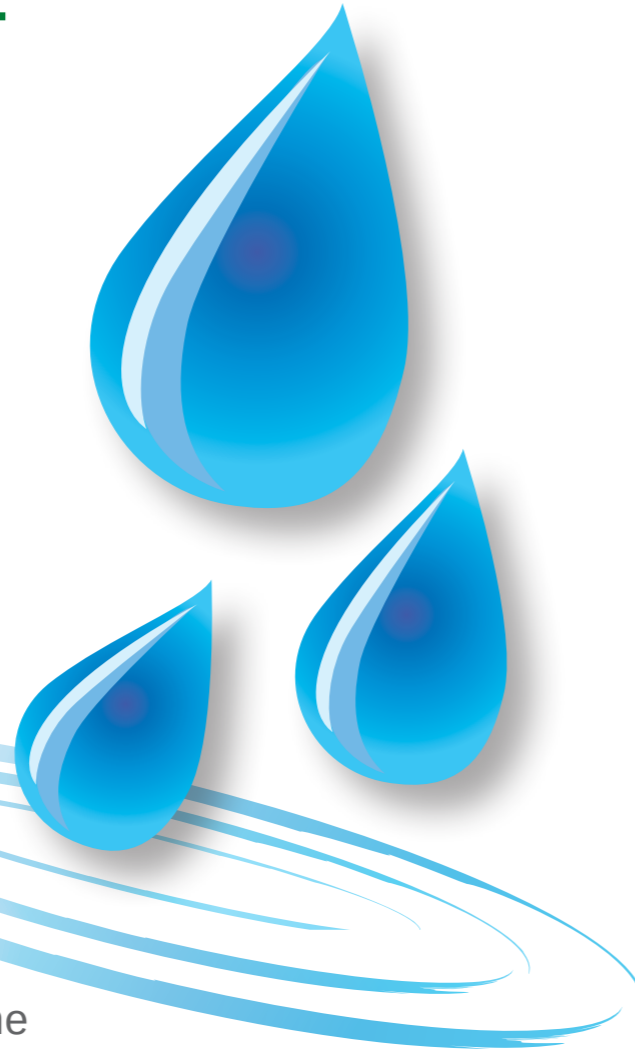
For many years, dirty water during high rainfall has led to residents drinking murky water, and in some cases supplying their own water to ensure it is clean.

The \$3.5 million upgrade to the water supply includes construction of a new pump station at DE Williams Dam and a new water pipeline along Gungas Road to supply water from the dam to rural customers.

As well as providing a safe and secure water supply to rural customers, the upgrade will lead to improvements in water quality for everyone in the village.

The new infrastructure means that during high rainfall, the pipeline supplying DE Williams Dam can be shut off at the Mulgum Creek weir, preventing dirty water from entering the water supply. This will improve water quality, reduce the need for excessive water treatment, and also prevent the need to flush this pipeline following lots of rain.

The design for the Nimbin water supply upgrade is expected to be complete by the end of June, when Council will issue construction tenders. Work is likely to begin by the end of 2016 and be complete by the end of 2017.



TIP FREE DAY: SUNDAY, 15 MAY

You may have read earlier this year that we are doing a review of Tip Free Day. The review is currently taking place, and we hope to see a report going to Council in the near future.

Until we know the outcome of the review, Tip Free Days will continue as normal, and the next one is on Sunday, 15 May.

Tip Free Day is for large items of unwanted household goods that cannot fit in your wheelie bins.

Tip Free Day runs from 9am at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore. Gates will be closed at 3.45pm sharp and only cars within the facility will be processed.

Please also take note of our Tip Free Day rules:

- Bring along your rates notice or driver's licence to show you live in the Lismore Local Government Area.
- Keep scrap metal, timber, green waste, household items and other recyclables separate from general waste.
- We DO NOT accept asbestos, truck/tractor tyres or commercial quantities of chemicals, and no more than 12 car tyres in one load.

YOUR COVER

Jeanti St Clair is an audio documentary producer and journalism lecturer at Southern Cross University. She is currently recording stories from people who attended the 1973 Aquarius Festival for a new Nimbin Aquarius Soundtrail to be launched in October. The audio walk will enable visitors to walk around the village and hear anecdotes and information about how the Aquarius Festival changed the face of Nimbin. More details inside.





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