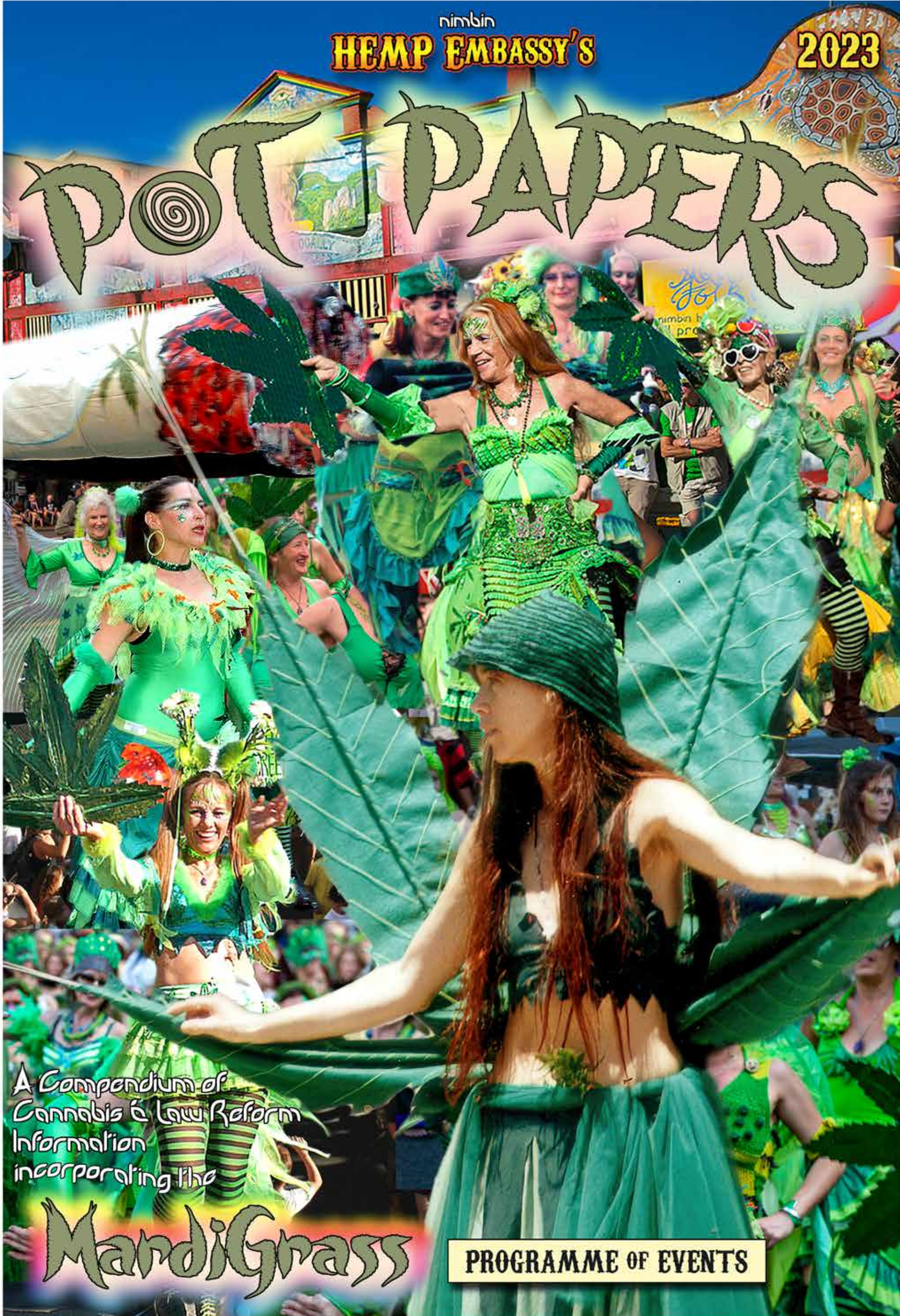


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2023

POT PAPERS



A Compendium of
Cannabis & Law Reform
Information
incorporating the

MandiGrass

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

WELCOME TO NIMBIN

The arrival of the hippies into Nimbin fifty odd years ago was a transforming event for the tiny village. They arrived with a whole new set of values and dreams and set about putting them into practise as best they could. Which was no small task as most of them had grown up in the city and few had ever planted a carrot much less a weed seed. The land was cheap and communes sprouted like mushrooms. The dream is really to live in harmony with the Earth and each other.



They freaked out the local farming community but the different tribes' children went to school together and inevitably bred together. Fifty years later the community is close. The farmers had much to teach the hippies about the land and the hippies had plenty to show the farmers. Like the magic mushrooms growing out of their cows poo can be a doorway to heaven!

The hippies are messengers....change our ways or we are headed for disaster. Stop cutting down the forests and polluting the land and water. Making money is not the purpose of life nor the recipe for happiness.

Much of our understanding came from illegal drug experiences. Cannabis, mushrooms, LSD. One of the major reasons they are illegal I think is to keep the Truth hidden. Don't disturb the status quo. The war on drugs is huge with massive consequences and the lies and propaganda now deeply embedded in the mass mind after nearly 100 years. It's really about who gets to profit from our pain relief, always the best money earner. If I can take your pain away and make you feel good how much will you pay me? Lots!

Hippie protests stopped the logging and the Nightcap National park was created near Nimbin. Meditation and yoga schools were begun as hippies returned from India, as well as alternative schools for children. And it wasn't just in Nimbin but around the Globe new thinking and questioning of old ways was becoming the norm. And change can happen quickly.

What was weird fifty years ago is not anymore. Health food shops are everywhere and mainstream sporting teams now do meditation classes while businessmen do yoga at lunchtime, before going out to make more money. The message got out there but can it save us? We all know now that we continue to cut down too many trees, and we've taken too many fish from the ocean, but we don't seem to be able to stop. We have to keep pumping poisonous fertilisers and pesticides into our farms to grow the huge red unblemished tomatoes. Or do we? Organic farmers can show you that's not true. We have the knowledge to change all our ways yet most seem unable to grasp the nettle. Change can save us but it's also frightening. Our comforts are powerful and in Oz we are very comfortable!

A huge struggle is going on around us now and every one of us is involved. It's a struggle to save ourselves as much as one to save the Planet because ultimately we are inseparable. What we have done to the Earth we have done to ourselves. So make every tiny act count, because they do. Karma is for real and we've built up a bad record, now we have to fix it. Be kind to each other and be your own best friend... and doctor! Cannabis is a fantastic safe medicine and a spiritual friend. Think for and trust yourself and your journey because each of us has a path to walk. We've been lied to about weed, and many other things. But I think it's All Good, so don't worry and be happy. That's the challenge.

Enjoy and help.
Michael Balderstone
 HEMP Embassy President

Getting around during MardiGrass

JUNGLE PATROL

At the first **MardiGrass** 30 years ago we were the **MardiGrass Marshalls**. The following year, inspired by **Bob Hopkins** and **The Plantem**, Nimbin **MardiGrass's Jungle Patrol** was born out of **Visions of Nimbin**, a community initiative. From 2000 to 2002 we were funded by the **Premier's Department NSW** and **Lismore Council** to become a fully-fledged **Street Beat** community safety service. In response to the growing numbers of people attending **MardiGrass**, **Jungle Patrol** went from a small crew of locals to over 70 folk from all over the world, with the **Plantem** as our mascot and our motto, "Ask for Help, Help if Asked", proudly printed on our t-shirts. For 30 years, **Jungle Patrol** has provided first aid, traffic control for the Saturday **Kombi Konvoy** and Sunday **Rally**, as well as necessary community care for both **MardiGrass** and Nimbin village. Over the years we have expanded our traffic control duty to include Anzac Day, **NAIDOC** and for the first time this year **Illuminate Nimbin**.

If you want to be part of this year's **Jungle Patrol** team and own one of our unique **Jungle Patrol** t-shirts, a different print every year, then call me, **Heidi, Jungle Patrol Coordinator** on **0429491506**.

UBUD-DUBA

THE ONLY WAY TO FLY!



MardiGrass Ubud and Duba

The latest weapon in prohibition's arsenal is the roadside saliva test. A grossly unfair approach to road safety, the saliva test simply finds "traces" of THC in saliva, rather than testing for actual driver impairment. We're able to drive with a designated amount of alcohol in our system, but for other drugs it is zero tolerance. This means that not just hours, but days or even weeks, after consuming cannabis, traces of THC could be discovered in your saliva. MardiGrass is calling for drug free drivers to help locals and visitors during MardiGrass safely get to and from their accommodation and Nimbin.

Drug free drivers and passengers make contact via:
Facebook group: Nimbin Mardi grass rideshare
In person: Info Booth Nimbin Town Hall

THE PLANTEM

is a Nimbin street theatre character created by **Bob Hopkins**, modelled on Lee Falk's Phantom comic book character. As the **Ghost who Tokes**, the **Plantem** is hero to millions of Australian pot smokers. The **Plantem** campaigns against prohibition and joins in the annual festivities of the **Nimbin MardiGrass Cannabis Law Reform Rally**. After Bob vacated the position, the **Plantem** was portrayed by another Nimbin local, John Taylor also known by the curious name of "**Chicken**" **George** until he disappeared into the jungle in 2007. Rumour has it that the **Plantem** will reappear in 2023 in their female form.



CANNABIS RECIPES



How to Make Canna Butter

Leaf is sufficient but flower/heads are much stronger.

- ½ lb [500gm] of butter
- 2 handfuls of dried crumbled cannabis. Use leaf, trimmings and small buds. If using quality heads lower the amount
- 2 cups of water

In a large saucepan melt butter, add dried cannabis and mix.

Add water and bring to the boil. Turn down and simmer for up to 3-4 hours, stirring occasionally and adding water when necessary.

(Alternatively, this can be done in a crock-pot and can be left overnight or during the day)

If possible do this in an open space because smell will be a major factor.

Strain the liquid from the cannabis leaf/flower into a container and put into fridge to set.

Discard leaf/flower matter.

(Use instead of normal butter in any recipe)

Basic Biscuit recipe

You can add anything or any flavour that you like.

- 250 g canna butter softened
- 2/3 cup caster sugar or substitute
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 1 egg
- 2 ½ cups plain flour

Mix butter, sugar and vanilla in a bowl, until light and creamy.

Add egg and mix until combined.

Stir in 2 cups of flour for a soft dough, or 2¼ cups of flour for a firm dough.

Add flavourings and shape, as desired.

Bake at 180C for approximately 12-15 minutes.

This dough can be frozen and used later.

Choc Brownie Bonanza

This recipe can easily be made Gluten Free/ Egg Free and Nut free

- 2 cups s/r flour
- 1 cup water

- 1 cup caster sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup [125gm] of canna butter
- 1/2 cup of good quality dark choc bits

Pre-heat oven to 180c and grease flat cake tin. In a saucepan, boil the water and 1/2 cup of s/r flour over a low heat, stirring constantly until it reaches the consistency of a gluey paste.

Remove from heat and cool completely. Mix sugar, salt, vanilla, cocoa and butter in a bowl.

Add the flour-water mixture and mix well. Add the remaining flour and the choc chips (nuts if wanted).

Spread mixture into cake tin.

Bake for 25-30 min.

Cool on wire rack, sprinkle with icing sugar (if wanted) then cut into small squares, share and enjoy.

Start with a small dose, i.e., ONE small square. Wait an hour and if no effect, have a second.

Canna Chocolate

- 2 tablespoons of cannabis oil
 - 1 block of chocolate (dark or light)
- Melt chocolate over double boiler. Add cannabis oil. Add any flavouring you wish – almond meal, coconut etc.

EATING CANNABIS

If you consume cannabis orally (eating cookies, cakes, etc.), you could be in for quite a ride. The liver metabolises THC into 11-OH-9-THC, a compound far more psychoactive than the effects achieved from smoking cannabis high in THC. Foods made with high THC “heads” or hashish can give a powerful, almost psychedelic experience, which can be very uncomfortable if you’re not expecting it. The effects are slower to come on (1 to 2 hours) and last considerably longer (4+ hours).

Different people have different experiences. While one person might go to sleep, another might smile and laugh excessively, while another might have a panic attack. These are classic responses but they are by no means definitive. Experiences vary. If smoking cannabis makes you nervous or agitated, then it is probably best NOT to consume cannabis, or indeed any other mind altering drug.

Do not assume cookies from different sources are of the same strength. Even different batches from the same source can vary. Know thyself. Stay in your comfort zone. Try half a cookie first, and assess the effect.

Pour into ice block trays and set in the fridge.

Start with a small dose, i.e., half of one block. Wait an hour and if no effect, have the other half.

less pain, and she is less anxious. I can thoroughly recommend this product for your “furry family.”

CANCER

I have been using CBD Paste for just over 2 1/2 years with fantastic results. I have been tumour free for just over 16mths now, had only one external cancer cell removed which is amazing and my spinal nerve damage pain has been less. I have been off anti-inflammatories for nearly two years after being on them for about 15 years.

EPILEPSY

My grandson suffered from childhood epilepsy. He was having a seizure monthly but from the day I started him on the cannabis oil, he did not have another seizure. He has been seizure free ever since. I am so grateful.

BRAIN

My brother has a stage 4 brain tumour and was given 2 months to live 4 months ago. He has been using the medicinal cannabis and has had truly remarkable results. His doctor recently asked him “How is it that you are still alive?! His tremors have stopped, he hasn’t had any fits, his headaches have been alleviated and he’s feeling great. He’s having quality time with his family and has stopped the morphine and the oxycontin. It is near miraculous!

ECZEMA

Using CBD oil, and the Hemp cream on my daughter’s eczema, has nearly totally cleared it up in three days.

ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS

Cannabis oil is such life changing, even saving, medicine. I’ve been diagnosed with Ankylosing Spondylitis, CFS and fibromyalgia. The cannabis remedy has allowed me to recover flexibility in the spine and hips/pelvis, dramatically decreasing the neuro inflammation and systemic pain. It’s wonderful to manage the chronic pain to a tolerable level and be able to bushwalk again, and even do some yoga and dancing! I felt condemned to a life of a painful cripple before taking CBD oil. After 9 months, I am alive again.

JOINT PAIN

Flo has bad joint pains due to her condition “patella joints.” Three operations costing over \$8,000 over 7 years. Flo now uses the CBD pet tonic which is wonderful stuff. She is more active; she seems happier with

Voices From The Real World

A selection of medical Cannabis testimonials compiled by the **Nimbin Hemp Embassy**. Check out thousands more from your fellow Australians via hempembassy.net

PTSD, ANXIETY, DEPRESSION - VETERAN

I am a war veteran in the middle east as part of Australia’s international coalition against terrorism, having served multiple deployments. I was admitted to a psychiatric ward for 6 months due to severe PTSD, depression and anxiety. I am prescribed 11 medications to try and keep me stable, with minimal effect. Three of these are for sleep but I only managed to get a maximum of 3 hours per night. Since using CBD/ THC oils, for the first time in over a year I have been able to have a full night sleep, reduced flashbacks and a feeling of a more positive wellbeing. My extreme anxiety has reduced significantly. Cannabis medication has changed my life in so many positive ways. My life would be a mess without it.

ADHD

The CBD and THCa has worked well, and I have taken my daughter off Ritalin and she is now like any other 6-year-old. It’s life changing.

ANXIETY & DEPRESSION

Five years ago I was in a car accident requiring spinal surgery, and due to this I have been unable to work. I became a recluse, suffering severe anxiety and depression. I had tried prescription anti-depressants and they made me feel worse and counselling didn’t help at all. This illness, I felt, was consuming me. Since using cannabis oils my life has made a complete turnaround. I bought a new business, I work, I see my family and friends regularly and I feel like myself again.

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MardiGrass 2023 CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY & GATHERING

It begins...

OPENING CEREMONY

Friday 5 pm : Allsopp Park

Opened by **Janelle Saffin MP** (member for Lismore)
Bundjalung-Widjabal dancers will herald the arrival of **Chibo** carrying the **Hemp Olympix Torch** with the **Eternal Flame For The Victims Of Prohibition**, the **Bundjalung Custodians** will do a smoking ceremony and welcome to country followed by a minute's silence to remember our Brothers and Sisters, Victims of this senseless War on Drugs.



MARCH for Cannabis Law Reform

from Nimbin Hospital across the road to the Police Station to deliver a request for them to treat us and our choice of medicine and recreation as part of everyday life – not a criminal matter.

Friday 2.45 pm
Gather on footpath
outside Nimbin Hospital

HEMP BAR

Nimbin HEMP Embassy, 51 Cullen Street

This is the home base for **POT ART**, the **Polite Service** and the **Legalise Cannabis Party**.

Meet old hippies here and long time cannabis law reform activists.

Organic coffee and juices, hemp smoothies, cakes and ice cream.

The Bar hosts Ghosts of MardiGrass Past!

4.20pm: The infamous **Hash Suppositorium** Everything you need to know about, something everyone needs to know about, but never talks about, and has probably been too embarrassed to ask about.

Includes a live demonstration. Remember, getting old is not for the squeamish!

6pm: GREY POWER!

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GREAT GREEN CABARET

Friday 7.30 pm:
Nimbin Town Hall/School of Arts

The opening night of this year's **MardiGrass** will once again feature the wonderful **Great Green Cabaret**, a GREAT evening of the performance arts.. The headline feature will be the globe-trotting **Hussy Hicks**, along with singers **Andrea Soler** and first time performances from the **Broadwaters duo** and French singer **Pauline Maudy**, plus Brisbane poet **Angela Peita** accompanied by hoops artist **Abbey Church**, mime artist **Jean-Paul Bell**, silks acrobat **Hartje**, **Scarlett Ruffles** can-can, international acrobat **David Carberry**, comedian **Mandy Nolan**, Nimbin's famous **Ganja Faeries** celebrating their 30th birthday, and poet/host **David Hallett**.

ENTRY MARDIGRASS WRIST BAND OR \$30

nimbin STREET DRUMMERS

Friday 7 pm : Outside Daizy's, Cullen Street

On Friday nights Cullen street comes alive with tribal drumming. The percussion circle right on Nimbin's own 'Blister' attracts local musicians, dancers and revellers every Friday night until late. Please leave the street open for traffic!



MardiGrass FILM FESTIVAL

Town Hall Garden Tent
Friday May 5th

7 pm MardiGrass – 30 Years of Protest for Cannabis Law Reform. Documentary by passionate campaigners and educators Cannabis Broadcasting Network. Local residents of Nimbin have experienced the war on drugs more severely than most communities in Australia. Hippies and counterculture advocates have been settling in the Northern NSW area since the late 60s. NSW Police have weaponised the draconian drug laws to advance their agenda at the cost of local families. Desperate for change, in 1992, local resident, Bob Hopkins marched down the main street of Nimbin equipped with a bass drum and a megaphone, he made history by protesting for Cannabis law reform in Australia. Since then, the rally has become known as "MardiGrass" and has been held every year on the first weekend in May.

8.30 pm The Good Deed and Bastard.

Short Films created by award winning **Space Between the Gaps Films**.
spacebetweenthegaps.com

The Good Deed Do Black Lives Matter? Tyrone, a homeless Aboriginal boy is arrested by the LAW... Again! But this time... It's going to take his uncle Lucky's traditional LORE to fix the mess.

Bastard Two lives... One has a chauffeur, limousine, personal assistant, two mobile phones and millions in over draft. The other has no job, no luck, no money and a bucket full of fish. Together they strike a chord... Aboriginal, black Australia and white, non-indigenous Australia rarely find each other in the same neighborhood let alone the same time zone. By taking some time out, to relax and have a medicinal toke, because they're both having a "Bastard" of a day! Jacky and Harry bridge the apparent gap between their lives and find an unexpected moment of connection.



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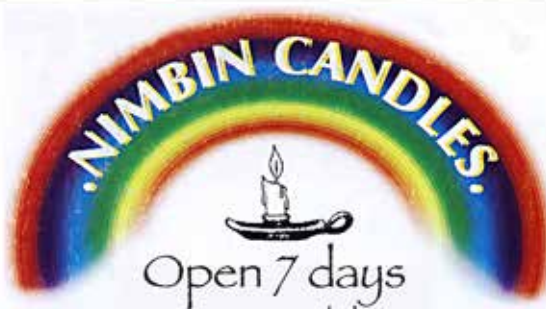
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MandiGrass MUSIC

Bluntfield has performed at festivals across Australia & at more than 20 sold-out shows with Comedians vs Rappers. Being a part of independent label Mad Fap Entertainment has led to showcases across the country including the cannabis-cultured 'ChronicFest'. An appreciation of styles is reflected in musical collaborations with other artists on the 2022 LP 'The Break Out'.

Connor Cleary combines the styles of Rock, Blues, Jazz and Funk into a tasty meal which sticks to your ribs. From humble beginnings in small town NSW, Connor went on to study music with Jim Kelly and jam with Delta Goodrem. His musical roots run deep, with his great Grandmother starting Australia's first all female jazz orchestra. Connor has just released his new E.P 'Frank'.

Fantuzzi's music is "Mystic Latin, Reggae, Afro-Funk" infused with the energies and rhythms of Afro-Caribbean Nyabinghi, Latin Salsa, Merengue, African drums, Devotional Kirtan, giving voice to unique chants, soul-rich songs and electrifying sensual dance.

Gabriel Otu is a West African performer, dancer and teacher, now based in the Northern Rivers of NSW teaching weekly drum and dance lessons in Mullumbimby, at local craft markets, schools, weddings and performing with his 5 piece band **Happy Africa**; grooving traditional melodies into afro-beats.

The Hoochers play an assorted and original blend of funk, jazz, rock, blues, swing, bop and jive that culminates into what they call... Funkafide Blues.

Harry Kemp is an original solo artist who triggers the hearts of listeners with his soulful latest album release "Bide a While", a mix of smooth buttery vocals, light dreamy guitar licks, with a simple solid rhythm.

Lionheart Rebellion is a roots reggae band bringing original songwriting from the lush rainforests of Northern NSW Australia to connect the soul to the beyond and inspire the protection of our culture, community and environment.

Dark indie rock trio **Mecha Mecha** are influenced by big name 90s acts such as Jeff Buckley, Radiohead and Tool, while harmoniously incorporating violin or keys to allow for a greater sonic variety. Mecha Mecha relishes in the power of heavy-hitting, blues-inspired grooves. Their chord progressions and melody lines reflect frontman Walter's childhood exposure to traditional Hungarian folk and gypsy music.

A truly great example of home grown creativity, **Monkey & the Fish** are an articulate and solid sound in the growing chorus for change, directly inspired through the Bentley Blockade and community opposition to CSG and the fossil fuel industry. Monkey & the Fish first cemented a place in Nimbin's music culture in 2000 with the release of their debut album 'In Cahoots', that included 'End Prohibition' inspired by Mandigrass.

Super Orbit is a neo-psychedelic band from Northern NSW, Australia. The group draws from a wide range of musical influences, everything from Modern House, Blues and Bebop Jazz to Modern Psychedelic music and 70's soul. Super Orbit currently operates from Widjabul Wialbal Country (Lismore), and is closely associated with the psychedelic music scene lead by acts such as Liminal, Floatface, Nazare, Puff and Earth To Josh.



Bluntfield



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MardiGrass

COMEDY



Alan Glover & S Sorrensen

The MardiGrass Comedy Show

On **Saturday, May 6**, The **MardiGrass Comedy Show** will deliver kilograms of laughs at the **Nimbin Town Hall** (aka School of Arts) at 7.30pm.

This comedy show, like the MardiGrass festival/rally itself, is an act of rebellion against injustice. Being there and having fun IS the protest. In a long tradition that rolls from a distant smokey past, your hosts **Glover & Sorrensen** will present yet another evening of stand-up comedy at its best.

Alan Glover (activist and tall guy) and **S Sorrensen** (not so active and tired) have invited stand-up legends **Steve Allison** and **Mandy Nolan** to share their insights into this what-the-hell-is-happening world.

Steve is an international performer who delivers snappy one liners, hilarious stories and funny home truths, all with a clever laid back and friendly style of comedy that everybody can relate to.

Mandy is, well, Mandy. Funny as all get-out. Real as Fudge. Three acts, four friends, and 90 minutes of fun and facts, laughs and lampoons, jokes and jabs.

Join **S, Alan, Steve and Mandy** in an entertaining protest against insane government policies. See ya there.



Mandy Nolan



Kyle Legacy

The Laugh Mob Crew

are back for another year at the **Nimbin MardiGrass** festival for the 7th time! They are bringing the laughs as long as you bring the joints. Come join us for 3 shows this weekend with comedians from all over the country & world hosted by the self-styled King of Nimbin, **Kyle Legacy** (Though no-one actually knows why he calls himself that). **The more you smoke the funnier we are!**



Steve Allison



Vanessa Larry Mitchell



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2023



HEMP OLYMPIX



Sativa Stadium
Saturday 11:30 am
 Register at Sativa Stadium for the
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 \$2 Entry into all
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12 pm : Tug O' Drug Peace
Straight versus Spin
 with the **Big Hemp Rope!**

Sadly, from 2017 police didn't want to compete in this famous event. Well, it is a bit embarrassing to keep losing to the stoners! Maybe they'll change their mind, but if not, we'll have a battle between those who smoke with spin, and those who take straight.

Last man, or woman standing wins gold!

The tug is followed by the **Hemp Olympix First Heats** of the **Bong Throw** and **Yell** and then the **Growers Ironperson Event**. Hosted by **S Sorrensen** and **Alan Glover**.

Events

Growers Ironperson – Involves lugging a sack of fertiliser and buckets of water around the simulated growing area obstacle course with a tick and leech infested lantana tunnel. The men's event is a 25kg sack while the women contend with an 18kg sack. The top 5 crawl into the final on Sunday.

Bong Throw & Yell – Entrants throw a bong full of stinking water as far as possible whilst yelling "free the Weed" or something similar.

Over 50s Bong Throw & Yell. "The older I get, the better I was"

12pm: Stoned Chess
@ Green Bank Deck



Hemp Olympix Joint Rolling

Saturday 5 pm Nimbin Town Hall
 Must burn from one end to another!

The 4 Categories:

Speed Roll – Roll a standard 3-paper joint as fast as you can. Joints must include a cardboard filter or will be judged incomplete.

Artistic Roll – Roll the most beautiful joint within 10 minutes with as many papers as you like.

Roll in the Dark – Athletes are blindfolded.

Adverse Conditions Roll – Dependent on weather conditions on the day and the judges' creativity.

Fringe Hemp Olympix

Sativa Stadium Saturday 2pm
 With the **Laugh Mob**, **Frances Moonshadow**, and **Baldenstoned** all assisting in this fast growing event. This begins with the **Beard and Dread Stash**. How much can you hide in your hair anywhere?
 Followed by **Correct Weight** where contestants attempt to fill a baggie with as close to an ounce as possible, 28.349 grams. **Seed Sorting**, and the **Crutch and Wheelchair Obstacle Course** where contestants must sign a waiver!

MardiGrass Marijuana Music Awards

Indica Arena Saturday 5 till 6
 Another Fringe Hemp Olympix event!
\$2 entry

Great Prizes- winner can sing their song at the end of Sunday's rally.
 No song to be longer than 4mins 20 secs



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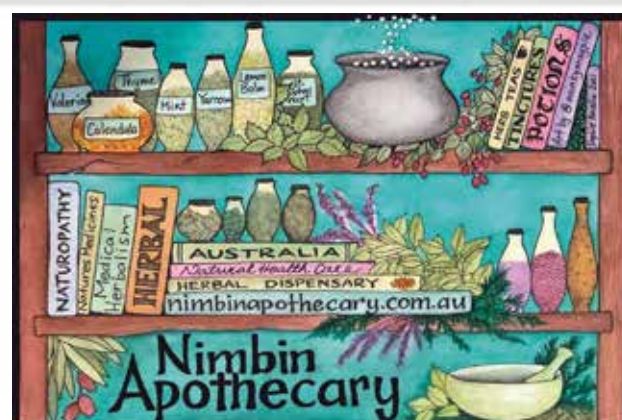
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Town Hall	Hall Garden	Indica Arena	Cullen Street
6 pm Fashion Show Hosted by Hemp Couturier		6 pm Comedy The Laugh Mob! With King Kyle & Crew	3 pm Footpath Protest Gather on footpath outside Nimbin Hospital 4.20 pm Suppositorium @ Hemp Bar Cafe 5 pm Opening Ceremony @ Allsopp Park
7.30 pm Great Green Cabaret Featuring musos, poets, acrobats, mimes, dancers, comedians and Ganja Faeries	7 pm Documentary 30 Years of MardiGrass by Cannabis Broadcast Network CBN 8.30 pm Deadly Films The Good Deed & Bastard by Space Between the Gaps Films	8.30 pm Music Fantuzzi	6 pm Grey Power Annual Gathering of Weed Elders @ Hemp Bar Cafe 7 pm Nimbin Street Drummers @ The Blister
9 pm Disco Sista's Chill Out Sounds	9.30 pm Music Monkey & The Fish		



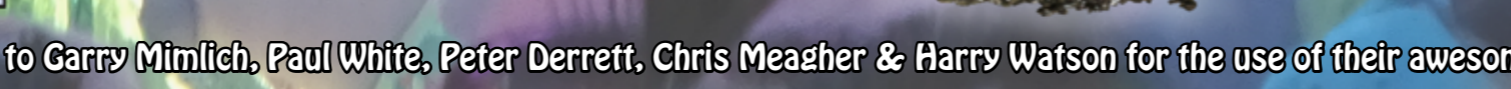
PANEL: Legalise Cannabis Plots & Plans 2 pm Saturday 6 May, Indica Arena Tent Facilitator: Dr Brian Walker, Legalise Cannabis Speakers: Jeremy Buckingham, David Ettershank, Sophia Moermond, Fiona Patten, Rachel Payne, Craig Ellis. About: What regulations do we want to pursue at the state level, and how to get there?	PANEL: International Cannabis Experiences 3 pm Saturday 6 May, Indica Arena Tent Facilitator: Bee Mohamed, Drive Change Speakers: Paul Benhaim [Thailand], Jason "Wilfred" Gann [USA], Rebecca Houghton [USA], HQ [Malaysia], Marc Selan [Spain]. About: Panelists will share their personal experiences with Cannabis law reform and culture in other countries.
PANEL: Master Gardener's Forum 2:30 pm Saturday 6 May, Hall Garden Tent Facilitator: Gerald, The Hemp Club Speakers: Hanna & Leon, Malcolm, Richie, Skywalker About: Northern Rivers hemp farmers share their wide-ranging experience.	PANEL: TGA Decision to Reschedule MDMA & Psilocybin – The Good, Bad & the Ugly 6 pm Saturday 6 May, Nimbin Town Hall Facilitator: Rebecca Houghton Speakers: Dr Karen Hitchcock, Micha Lerner, Dr Martin Williams, Dr Will Tregoning About: Recently, in a surprise move that made headlines around the globe, the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Australia's national regulator of drugs, poisons and pharmaceuticals made the decision to re-schedule MDMA and Psilocybin to schedule 8, under very specific and strict conditions. This panel brings together researchers, psychologists, doctors, legal experts and advocates to discuss this decision. What it means for the future of health care? Who meets the access criteria? What will this cost? What therapeutic training will be required for practitioners? What are the cultural and societal costs of prohibition



Town Hall	Hall Garden	Indica Arena	Sativa Stadium	Nth Rivers Hemp
10 am Cannabis Laws and Legislation Steve Bolt 11.30 am How to Influence Politicians and Parliaments Fiona Patten 12.15 pm Making Hemp Plastics From Plants Paul Benhaim	11 am Cannabis and Other Vices Dr Deb Waldron 12 pm Medicinal Cannabis Therapy Radic AI Conscious 1 pm Introduction to Mushroom Cultivation Caine Barlow 2.30 pm Master Gardeners Forum: How to Grow Great Cannabis	11 am Mullaway Yarns Tony Bower 1 pm Dawning of the Age of Cannabis Jeremy Buckingham 2 pm Panel: Legalise Cannabis Plots & Plans 3 pm Panel: Cannabis Experiences in USA, Spain, Malaysia, Thailand & Singapore	11 am Hemp Olympix Registration 12 pm Hemp Olympix Growers Ironperson Bong Throw & Yell Bong Throw Over 50 Stoned Chess @ Green Bank Deck 2 pm Fringe Olympix Beard & Dread Stash Correct Weight Seed Sorting 3 pm Music Harry Kemp	11.30 am Hemp & Regenerative Farming Hanna & Leon 12.30 pm CBGa, magnetic fields & absorbing cannabinoids Malcolm Lee 1.30 pm Creating High Value Products from Hemp Martin Ernegg 2.30 pm Hemp Balm Workshop The Hemp Club

4 pm: KOMBI KONVOY & 420 Stoner Blaze

Town Hall	Hall Garden	Indica Arena	Sativa Stadium	Mingle Park
5 pm Hemp Olympix Joint Rolling Competition 6 pm Panel: TGA Decision to Reschedule MDMA & Psilocybin 7.30 pm MardiGrass Comedy Featuring Glover & Sorrensen, Steve Allison & Mandy Nolan 9.30 pm Music Connor Cleary Band 11 pm Music Mech Mecha	6 pm History of Cannabis Prohibition Dr John Jiggins 7 pm Psilocybin-containing Fungi in Australia Caine Barlow 8 pm Movies MardiGrass Doco Space Between the Gaps Short Films 10 pm Disco Sista's Freaky Sounds	5 pm Marijuana Music Awards 6 pm Comedy The Laugh Mob! With King Kyle & Crew 9 pm Music Happy Africa Band 10.30 pm Music Lionheart Rebellion	5 pm Music Bluntfield 6 pm Music Super Orbit	7 pm Daisy's Disco @ Mingle Park



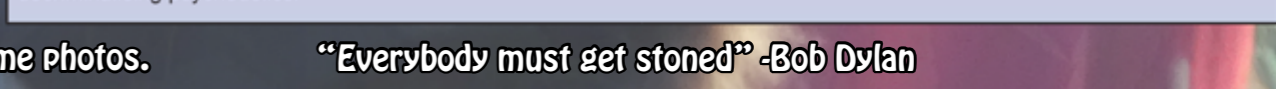
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2.30 pm: 31st MardiGrass Cannabis Law Reform Rally & Parade

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PANEL: Cannabis for Healing, Health & Wellbeing 11 am Sunday 7 May, Nimbin Town Hall Facilitator: Dr Brian Walker Speakers: Mirembe Campbell, Dr Karen Hitchcock, Dr Amanda Cohn, Dr John Teh About: This panel will explore how Cannabis affects our health and wellbeing, and how it assists with a diverse range of ailments including serious illness.	PANEL: Emerging Ecosystem in Australian Psychdelic Community 12 pm Sunday 7 May, Hall Garden Tent Facilitator: Dr Martin Williams Speakers: Caine Barlow, Jonathan Carmichael, Pixie Miller About: This panel will explore the changing landscape of the Australian psychdelic community as the drugs are integrated into the respectable worlds of therapy and corporate control.
PANEL: Weed Legalisation – What's Next? 12.45 pm Sunday 7 May, Nimbin Town Hall Facilitator: David Heilpern Speakers: Cate Faehmann, Sue Higginson, Fiona Patten, David Shoebridge, Dr Amanda Cohn, David Ettershank & Rachel Payne About: This panel will explore a range of legalisation hot spots including – roadside drug testing and treating cannabis the same as other prescription medicine, adult use, removing past cannabis convictions, fixing the medicinal cannabis scheme, and decriminalising psychedelics.	





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Max Stone

NIMBIN MARDIGRASS KOMBI KONVOY
31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARDIGRASS PROTEST RALLY
SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2023



The 4th Mardi Grass in 1996, was very important, in a number of ways. It was a five-day event, to include Wednesday the 1st of May, and it included the first Kombi Konvoy which opened the protest. Over 30 years the amazing Kombi Konvoy has continued as a proud MardiGrass tradition. A procession of variously decorated Kombi winds its way from the coast at Byron Bay to nearby Lismore and arrives at 4.20pm in the crowded lantern-lit streets of Nimbin. Led by the Hemp Olympix torchbearer, in the 1990s the Kombis would park in a circle for the opening ceremony, while in recent years, their arrival heralds the start of the 420 Stoner Blaze.



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PROTEST ON SUNDAY

* PROHIBITION IS AN INCITEMENT. NOT A CONTROL! *

The **MARDIGRASS** Parade is not a spectator sport. Please feel free to join the parade and show your support for pot law reform. *We're all in this together!*

Gather and get ready for the **MardiGrass Parade!!**

At **2 pm Sunday**, meet at the exit of the western car park, across the road from the **Community Centre Market**. The march is the main event, so please walk with us for cannabis law reform!

This is our 31st consecutive annual **Rally for Cannabis Law Reform**. We vowed to Rally every year on the first Sunday in May until we are no longer criminals for using this herb. Prohibition is an incitement, not a control! MardiGrass will become a Festival when we can celebrate the herb without fear of prosecution and persecution. When the Police have a float in the street parade behind the **Ganja Faeries**, **Big Joint** & **POLITE**, then we really will have a proper festival and celebration.

In the meantime, this annual event is a

POLITICAL PROTEST RALLY.

Led by the **Widjibal Elders** of the **Bundjalung Nation**, with children holding the Koori flag, the parade this year will start off at **2.30pm, Sunday** from the Western carpark and make its way south along Cullen street where it will turn left at the Greenbank and head down to the **Indica Arena Stage** in **Plantem Park** for the **Cannabis Law Reform Rally**, speeches and presentations.

Just follow the **GANJA FAERIES** and the **BIG JOINT!!**

The **Ganja Faeries** celebrate the spirit of **MardiGrass**. They dance behind the **Bundjalung** people who traditionally welcome the protesters to their country each year. Their dance has itself become a tradition simply because the laws remain unacceptable to all self respecting ganja users, be they Bundjalung, faeries or otherwise.

The parade will end with rally speeches from **Bundjalung Elders**, **Michael Balderstone** of the **HEMP Embassy**, ex-magistrate **David Heilpern**, **Dr Brian Walker** (Legalise Cannabis W.A.), **Jeremy Buckingham** (Legalise Cannabis NSW) & **Jason "Wilfred" Gann**.

Cannabis Honouring Ceremony

420 Sunday following the Rally

Come into Conscious Communion with Cannabis! We will gather to honour this sacred herb that has served the expansion of human consciousness for millennia. We will breath in her fragrant medicine with reverence, gratitude, presence and awareness, and tune into its offerings of healing and teaching. If you are over 18 and not planning to drive this evening you are welcome to this ceremony. Please bring an offering of the herb for the crystal bowl on our altar and papers, pipe or a vape to partake. Facilitated by **Fantuzzi** (musician, spiritual leader & activist)



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Caine Barlow

Caine Barlow is a Fungi Educator and Mycologist based in Melbourne, Australia. He started foraging mushrooms in the early 1990's, started cultivating gourmet fungi in the mid 2000s, and has been teaching mushroom cultivation in person since 2017. In addition to fungi, he has had a long-term interest in ethnobotany, ethnobotanical literature, and growing medicinal plants. Caine posts regularly on his Instagram @ guerrillamycology.



Paul Benhaim

Paul Benhaim created the UK's first hemp food product in 1996 and has been working with hemp ever since. He has founded companies in Australia, UK, Netherlands, USA, Japan and been a keynote speaker in over 40 countries, and written 9 books on hemp. He created the first and still largest hemp foods company in the southern hemisphere, Hemp Foods Australia. In the 90s, in Europe, he created the first hemp plastic product since Henry Ford, and believes this business will eventually be worth over \$1bn – supporting farmers, carbon sequestration and hemp everywhere.

Steve Bolt has been a practising solicitor since 1991. He worked for several years at Redfern Legal Centre. From 1996 to early 2004, he was the principal solicitor at the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre. Steve is the author of *Rough Deal*, a plain English book about the NSW drug laws. He is also the author of a number of other publications on drug laws and drug policy.

Jeremy Buckingham led the Upper House ticket for the Legalise Cannabis Party in the March 2023 NSW State election. He was a Greens MP in the NSW Legislative Council from 2011-2019 and has a record of successful activism and advocacy on environmental and social issues.

Jonathan (Ronny) Carmichael is President and Co-founder of Entheogenesis Australis (EGA), an educa-

Cops & criminals, doctors & delinquents, academics & activists, politicians, pot-growers, patients, panderers & plain ol' pot-heads... we got 'em all at the...



tional charity focused on the historical use and societal impacts of medicinal plants and chemicals.

Radic AI Conscious: "In 1995 I read a book called *Hemp for Health* and started my journey into the world of medicinal cannabis therapy. The first extract I tried was a pain cream from the roots to treat my chronic back pain. Since then I have dug up many old traditional medicinal recipes to make lots of different medicines which have successfully treated so many different ailments. From the garden to the medicine chest, it is all so easy."

Martin Ernegg is the inventor of the fundamental process used by Zeoform - creating structural materials made from micro-fibrillated plant fibre, and renewable resources. Martin has more than 20 years experience across multiple disciplines in nano fibre fusion technology and is committed to supporting visions becoming reality for a more sustainable future

David Ettershank was elected as a Member of the Legislation Council in the 2022 Victorian election. Diagnosed with a chronic auto-immune condition, David is a long-term recreational and therapeutic cannabis consumer and knows first-hand how out-of-date and out-of-touch Victoria's cannabis laws are. He is determined to see cannabis legalised, de-stigmatised, and its many benefits recognised for all adult Victorian consumers.



Cate Faehrmann

Cate Faehrmann was re-elected to the NSW upper house in the March 2023 election. Cate has admitted to the personal use of recreational drugs, including cannabis and medicinal CBD products and has been leading a campaign to Rethink Reform our drug laws as the Greens Drug Law Reform spokesperson.

Gerald's interest in cannabis spans

50+ years, in which time "I have dedicated my selves to the plant. I have propagated cannabis on every continent except Antarctica plus a few non continental islands. For the last six years I have propagated it under licence. The three main strands of my interest now lay in plant fibre as a building material, cosmetic use of the whole plant for health and rejuvenation, carbon sequestration by means of cannabis hemp bio-char."



Jason Gann

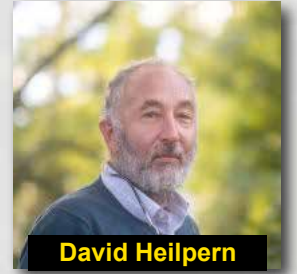
Jason Gann [Wilfred] is an award-winning actor, writer, producer, cannabis activist and entrepreneur. He's best known for co-creating and starring as the title "bong smoking dog" character in the hit "stoner" comedy series, *Wilfred*. In 2019, Jason launched the celebrity cannabis brand, *Wilfred Cannabis* and *Wilfred Hemp & CBD* in California. Jason has long described his relationship with cannabis as "spiritual" and is launching a dramatic documentary podcast series called *The Cannabis Code*.



Hanna & Leon

Hanna and Leon are **Hemp Threads**, an industrial hemp company formed in 2019 which aims to bring local hemp production and processing to the northern rivers. We have experimented with fibres, building materials, foods and forms of regenerative farming. We are currently specialising in hemp seed oil and flour production. We envision small-scale hemp farms with centralised processing facilities to empower people to live on the land and contribute to a plant-based economy. We

are passionate about regenerative agriculture and organic cannabis cultivation to help heal damaged agricultural land.



David Heilpern

David Heilpern was appointed as a Magistrate in 1998, and was at the time the youngest magistrate in Australia. He 'retired' in May 2020. David has a commitment to ensuring that drug laws change to reflect the principles of harm reduction. In particular, he believes that harm is only increased by applying a law and order model to victimless crimes.



Dr Karen Hitchcock

Dr Karen Hitchcock is a specialist physician and fellow of the Royal Australian College Physicians, and was one of Australia's first authorised prescribers of medicinal cannabis. She is currently a trial therapist in the St. Vincent's hospital end of life psilocybin trial. Dr Hitchcock also holds a PhD in English Literature and is an award-winning writer of fiction and non-fiction focusing on medicine and society.

Rebecca Houghton is an Mental Health & Drug Reform Advocate working with clients from a wide variety of backgrounds. She subscribes to a unique heuristic and holistic model for mental health care, over a pharmaceutical prescription. While living in the United States, she worked in the legal Cannabis Industry, and trained as a MDMA practitioner. As Co-founder and former Director of *Weeded Warrior*, she advocated for Medicinal Cannabis and MDMA therapy legalisation in Australia and successfully championed the Department of Veterans Affairs to cover Medicinal Cannabis for Veterans.

Dr John Jiggins is a writer and journalist who has published several books including *The Joke*, *Sir Joseph Banks & the Question of Hemp* and, with Jack Herer, the Australian version of *The Emperor Wears No Clothes*. As a journalist, he currently works in the community newsroom at Bay-FM in Byron Bay.

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Hang Qobun Al Ganjari

Hang Qobun Al Ganjari (HQ) comes from a country with some of the strictest laws surrounding cannabis, and has spent time in Malaysian prison for simple cannabis possession. His experiences in prison inspired him to start a movement of pro-cannabis activists all around Malaysia organising rallies and street protests against the current drug laws. Since 2017, he has helped facilitate and educate users/patients with chronic illnesses on the benefits of cannabis for a wide range of diseases. BTHC (Bani Tenang Horticulture Centre) is the first and only educational platform in Malaysia.

In 1995 Dr Andrew Katelaris produced a documentary "Billion Dollar Crop" which outlined the many uses of Cannabis Hemp for the production of paper, clothing, building materials and many more items. In 1998 I obtained the first ever licence to cultivate Cannabis for scientific research and analysis. Our research demonstrated that Cannabis is an efficient weed smothering and soil conditioning crop, which produced a large quantity of quality fibre, a nutritious seed and a safe and effective resin medicine.

Micha Lerner has worked for more than 25 years in diverse roles and a broad range of clinical settings, including lecturing at Bond university, and researching the effects of psychedelic medicines. Micha has developed an integrative, client focussed therapeutic approach where evidence based modalities are used along with approaches such as transcendental psychology, psychedelic-assisted therapy and self inquiry processes drawn from various spiritual practices. Micha is completing his PHD in psychedelic research, and works at Mudita Holistic Collective in the Byron Shire.



Peter "Kog" Godfrey

Peter "Kog" Godfrey is one of Australia's leading authors on Marijuana cultivation. In 1995, Kog was busted with 8,000 marijuana seedlings. After he got out of prison, he set about to grow the biggest and the best crop of dope he'd ever grown – and he did. Kog was determined to share his knowledge with the greater community and wrote his seminal book "Marijuana – A Grower's Lot" which has sold over 2,500 copies.

Sophia Moermond is the Legalise Cannabis WA member for the South West Region. As "the first person, and thus the first woman, to have been voted in on a legalise cannabis platform alone", Sophia embodies the imminent uprising of the voices of marginalised populations in the political arena by proposing radical preventative, innovative and cost-effective policy reforms in partnership with the experts adversely affected by existing service delivery failures.



Bee Mohamed

Bee Mohamed is an advocate for Harm Reduction Australia and previously the Patient Advocacy and Stakeholder Manager (APAC) for Canopy Growth, one of the world's largest cannabis companies. Prior to Canopy Growth, Bee was the inaugural CEO of ScriptWise, a health promotion charity addressing prescription medication addiction and overdose in Australia. Bee is passionate about patient advocacy and working towards better drug policy reforms in Australia.



Fiona Patten

Fiona Patten is the leader of the Reason Party and was a member of the Victorian Legislative Council between 2014 and 2022. She recently received an honourable mention by the McKinnon Prize Shortlisting Committee, an award that acknowledges outstanding political leadership. Patten established the Australian Sex Party in 2009 to focus on personal freedoms after deep frustration with stagnation on drug law reform and other issues. In 2017, the Australian Sex Party changed its name to the Reason Party. During her time as a Victorian MP, Fiona has been credit-

ed for playing pivotal roles in achieving social reforms in Victoria.



Rachel Payne

Rachel Payne is a formidable addition to Victorian Parliament. She holds a Master's degree in Public Policy as well as extensive experience in leadership, advocacy and campaigning gained through executive, management, policy and research roles for organisations such as Eros Association, Family Court Australia and Centrelink. Rachel is also an acclaimed performance artist. Rachel believes that cannabis law reform is well overdue. She is keen to drive the conversation around the role of cannabis as a catalyst for new economic opportunities, environmental ingenuity and creation.

Marc Selan is a medically prescribed patient since returning from Barcelona earlier this year after eight years as a medical "refugee". While there he managed a Cannabis Social Club and has great insight into how this system could work in Australia.



David Shoebridge

David Shoebridge is a recognised voice for social justice and police accountability, and has spoken on these topics at many past Mardi-Grass events. He was elected to the Senate as the party's lead candidate at the 2022 federal election. In 2014, as part of a broader campaign to curb the use of police drug dogs, David launched Facebook page Sniff Off with individuals reporting drug dog locations at train stations, festivals and other public places in NSW. Through freedom of information and questions in Parliament David obtained data

that indicates drug dogs get it wrong up to 80% of the time.

Simonetta is Eritrean by birth, Italian by temperament, Australian by choice. But always a devotee of Mother Ganja because cannabis has always been the great healer and a light in the darkest night. Attributes; linguist, florist, deadly enemy of injustice.

Dr John Teh has been working within the Medicinal Cannabis industry since the legalisation of cannabis for medicinal use in Australia in February 2016. As an avid organic farmer and permaculture expert, treatment with natural whole plant products in

conjunction with conventional medical treatment has always been a top personal priority. Dr Teh worked in the surgical industry for 15 years before moving into Medicinal Cannabis speciality full-time.

Will Tregoning came to drug law reform from a background in social policy research, communications consultancy and health equity program management. He completed a Bachelor of Arts and a PhD in Cultural Studies at the University of Sydney before beginning a career as a research and evaluation consultant to Australian government departments and agencies, focusing on alcohol and other drugs. He co-founded Unharm and is also co-founder of drug checking organisation The Loop Australia.

Dr Deb Waldron is a retired rural GP, a cancer survivor, and has been researching cannabis medicine for close to a decade. It was during her fight against melanoma she re-discovered cannabis and natural medicine, and has not looked back. She no longer wishes to be part of what she sees as a corrupt, uncaring and broken system of health care, and focuses now on caring for people in a holistic way, and educating as many as she can on cannabis and other wonders of nature that have languished in the wilderness for too long.



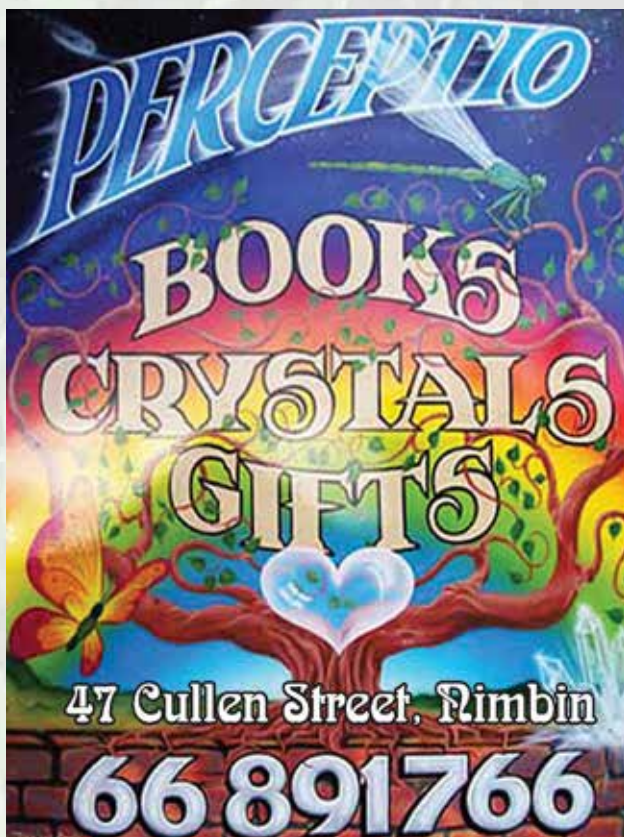
Dr Brian Walker

LCWA party member Dr. Brian Walker officially won a seat in WA's Upper House after getting 9,200 first preference votes in the election. Dr. Walker is a GP who joined LCWA when it first formed. Dr Walker believes that WA should legalise the use of recreational cannabis, and has described it as "safer" than alcohol and tobacco.



Dr Martin Williams

Dr Martin Williams is the Executive Director and Co-founder of Psychedelic Research in Science and Medicine (PRISM), and has research positions at Swinburne University and Monash University. Martin is co-lead on the St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Phase 2 trial of psilocybin-assisted therapy for depression and anxiety associated with terminal illness, co-investigator on the upcoming Melbourne multi-institutional psilocybin trial for treatment-resistant depression, and Edith Cowan University MDMA trial for PTSD. In his spare time, Martin has an avid interest as an aircraft pilot.





Steve Bolt (an honest lawyer)

Cannabis is still an illegal drug in NSW – mostly.

The “mostly” is because many people are now able to access medicinal cannabis on prescription, which is obviously lawful. That is the only exception. But then you have to comply strictly with the terms of the prescription. Otherwise, your possession and use of cannabis remains against the law.

Having a prescription for example does not entitle you to possess cannabis from the black market, only cannabis that has been provided by your doctor.

So, mostly, it is a criminal offence to possess or use or supply or cultivate cannabis.

Cannabis is listed on the schedule of “prohibited drugs” under the NSW drug law (proper name the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985). It is listed separately for leaf (which includes flowers and buds), resin, oil and growing plants. There are different offence categories based on weight (or number of plants), ranging from “small quantity” to “large commercial quantity”.

So, except as allowed under prescription, any activity involving cannabis - possessing it, using it, growing it or supplying it - is illegal. Supply and cultivation offences are considered more serious than possession. And the larger the quantity involved, the higher the likely penalty.

MEDICINAL CANNABIS

There is no blanket rule that allows cannabis use for medicinal purposes. If you do not have a prescription, the same laws apply to cannabis used for medicinal purposes as for cannabis used for other reasons. Sometimes Courts will apply some leniency to cases involving non-prescribed medicinal cannabis; sometimes they won't.

DRIVING \$ SALIVA TESTS

It is an offence to drive a vehicle with the presence of THC (or methamphetamine, MDMA or cocaine) in your saliva. It does not matter how much or how little. The penalty is a fine and probably what's worse, disqualification of your licence for a period of 3 months.

The police do not have to prove that you were impaired by the drug, only that the drug was present. (There is a separate offence of driving under influence.) THC can be detected in saliva for days after using it.

The police can legally stop and drug test drivers randomly- that is, without having any particular reason. If the saliva swab shows positive, you are required to undergo a second test. The police take a saliva sample and use a machine for preliminary analysis. If the machine shows positive, the police give you a notice not to drive for 24 hours. If negative, you are simply free to go. But either way, that sample is sent to the government laboratory for analysis – and almost always comes back as positive. Offenders with good driving records might have no conviction recorded, and so keep their licences. However, you can only receive the benefit of that provision once every 5 years.

If the result is positive to THC, police

will issue an on the spot fine and 3 month disqualification. You then have to elect to take the matter to court if you want to challenge the penalty or guilt.

It is a defence to this charge if the Court accepts that you had an honest belief that you did not have THC present in your saliva at the time you were driving, and that belief was held on reasonable grounds.

POSSESSION

To prove possession, the police must prove beyond reasonable doubt that you had the cannabis in your custody or under your legal control, and you knew you had it.

Depending on the circumstances, it might (or might not) be difficult for the prosecution to prove that you knew about the presence of the drug.

That is why the police will always try to get you to talk - to get you to make admissions that you knew you had the cannabis in your bag or whatever - things they otherwise might find difficult to prove.

In cases where more than one person has access to the cannabis – for example, in a communal area in a shared house or in a car with several passengers – the police must rule out, beyond reasonable doubt, the possibility that someone else might be the person in possession.

SUPPLY

Supply includes selling, giving away and agreeing to supply. Sharing can-

nabis is supply. Supply is treated as a serious offence and of course the penalties get quite severe for supply on a commercial scale.

If the police prove that you were in possession of 300 grams or more of cannabis, you are “deemed” to be in possession for supply and you must prove otherwise (for example, that it was for your personal use).

Charges involving higher amounts are dealt with in the District Court where higher penalties apply and jail is more likely.

CULTIVATION & POSSESSION OF PLANTS

Cultivating means some activity to assist growing or harvesting the plant. Cultivating cannabis can include planting or watering or fertilising. But there is also an offence of possessing cannabis plants, where for example, the plants were grown on your property with your consent. The same penalty range applies for cultivation or possession of plants.

There are higher maximum penalties - and trial by judge and jury - for cultivating or possessing more than 250 plants (outdoors). Cases involving fewer than 250 plants are heard by a magistrate in the Local Court.

GROWING HYDROPONICALLY

There is a separate offence in NSW law of cultivating “by enhanced indoor means” (that is, hydroponically). The maximum penalties are a lot higher than for cultivating an equivalent number of plants outdoors.

For offences involving between 5 and 50 plants grown indoors, the maximum penalty is the same as for commercial cultivation, but the police must prove the indoor cultivation was “for a commercial purpose”. If there are more than 50 plants, the commercial purpose is basically assumed and the maximum penalty is the same as for large commercial outdoor cultivation.

MORE ABOUT CAUTIONS

Police have a discretion to issue a caution (instead of taking you to court) for small possession charges only. If you are found in possession of less than 15 grams of cannabis “leaf” (but not oil or resin) AND you have no prior convictions AND you admit that the cannabis is yours, you might get a police caution (which is not recorded as a conviction). If you are cautioned a second time, you must attend compulsory drug counselling. On the third occasion, you must go to court.

The cautioning guidelines for young people under 18 are slightly more generous.

WHAT CAN POLICE DO?

You do not have to say anything to the police, whether you have been arrested or not.

You might say something like, ‘I do not wish to say anything until I get legal advice’. Beware of small talk and being lured into a conversation. Just tell them your name and address.

If you admit anything (or say something that sounds like you're admitting something), the police can use that in evidence against you.

SEARCHES

Police are legally entitled to enter and search private property only if they have a search warrant, or if they are invited in by one of the occupiers – not necessarily an owner or tenant.

The police have the power to search you personally, or search your vehicle, without a warrant, if the police believe on reasonable grounds that you might be in possession of cannabis (or other prohibited drug).

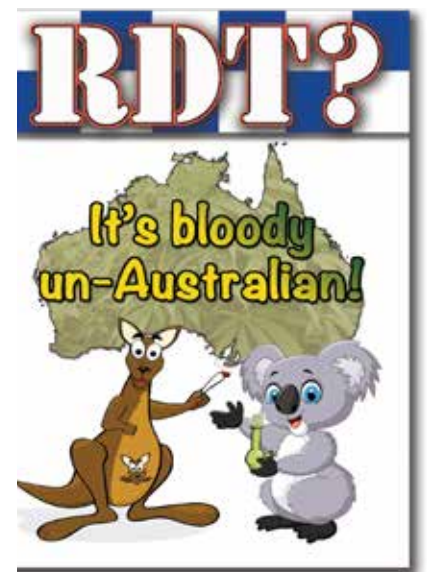
SNIFFER DOGS

The police sometimes use sniffer dogs for drug detection. In some places (in licensed premises, at dance parties and music festivals, on trains and buses, and on or near railway stations and bus terminals), the police can use sniffer dogs without a warrant. Otherwise - for example for general street operations - police need to get a warrant to use a sniffer dog.

If a dog indicates to the police handler the presence of drugs, the police will then use that as the basis to search you and your bag.

LIKELY PENALTIES

The law sets out maximum penalties for the different offences, but the actual penalty imposed in a particular case depends on the circumstances of the case. The most significant factors are usually the type of offence (that



is supply, cultivation or possession), the quantity of cannabis involved and whether you have any prior convictions. You should expect a reduced penalty for pleading guilty.

The penalties available includes fines, good behaviour bonds, intensive corrections orders and jail. The court can also decide to find someone guilty of an offence but record no conviction (under a provision known as “section 10”). This might be applied where the quantity is small and the person's record is very good.

Generally speaking, supply and cultivation offences are considered more serious and are punished more heavily than possession offences.

A first offender pleading guilty to possession of a small amount of cannabis might have no conviction recorded, or get a fine. Someone convicted of supply for profit, especially if it is not their first supply offence, would be looking at jail terms of years.

**The best advice? DON'T GET BUSTED!
If ya do, keep your trap shut.**





It's often said that "no matter who you vote for a politician gets in". Apparently though times ARE changing. These days several political parties are offering a sane drug policy... particularly when it comes to cannabis. But which one do you vote for? Well, that's up to you really. But in the interests of offering a balanced non-partisan approach, here's a brief summation of what some of these policies look like & some news from the last election....

LEGALISE CANNABIS PARTY ON A ROLL!

The **Legalise Cannabis Party** now has five Members of State Parliaments in Australia. Three elected in the last six months, presuming **Jeremy Buckingham** will be elected in NSW. [In April the upper house votes are still being counted, but it is projected that **Legalise Cannabis** will win a seat]. We are the hot, new political party catching a lot of attention and a lot of votes. Even though we were only running for the first time in the Victorian election late last year, we gained the fourth highest vote which elected **Rachel Payne** and **David Ettershank**. An extraordinary result!

Rachel and **David** went in to bat for us immediately on the drug driving rules and we expect at least prescribed medical cannabis users to be allowed to drive soon in Victoria. At least it's a start although truly the whole law on driving with **THC** in your saliva should be scrapped. Presence of **THC** is irrelevant. It should really all be about impairment no matter what drugs you use, or the state of mind you are in.

Once we tackle the bullying of Cannabis using drivers the next step is to be allowed to grow our own plants. How come Corporate Cannabis is allowed to grow weed but we can't? It occurs to me it's the same as the opium crop Big Pharma is allowed to grow. Big Business sure has cornered the market on pain relief. They've got nature's best medicines under their control, while ensuring that these beneficial medicines are well and truly illegal for the rest of us. Officially deadly dangerous in their

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drug war, but they alone are allowed to grow them! Think about that! WTF!

Dr Brian Walker, one of our **LC** MP's in the West has taken to politics like a duck to water and made quite a splash over there with fellow parliamentarian, **Sophia Moermond**. Labor has an absolute majority in Perth but the two of them are chipping away and have cannabis law reform firmly on the agenda.

In Victoria and NSW it's different with our people in positions of power with their votes needed by the ruling party, so it's easier for them to get some real discussion, and hopefully change, on **RDT** and homegrown laws. **Legalise Cannabis** getting so many votes has put law reform around weed firmly on the agenda now in Australia. It's a great example of people power and many thanks to all of you who gave us your vote. A tiny anonymous stroke with a pencil in the voting booth has actually made a difference.

All of our Members of Parliament are coming to **MardiGrass** and you should feel free to introduce yourself to them and thank them for their work. It's no small task donning a suit and entering the fray of politics mixing it with the nation's decision makers to represent a plant. We take our hats off to them in gratitude and respect, and wish them lots of success.



Greens' new law to legalise it all over!

There is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come. In the case of legalising cannabis the news is coming thick and fast from countries around the world that are legalising. Even ground zero for the War on Drugs, the US Federal government, has announced a pardon for thousands of people convicted of cannabis possession under federal law.

The good news is the **Greens'** plan to legalise cannabis is well on track. We have now officially launched our bill to nationalise cannabis nationally, and we're looking for your feedback. Our State MPs are also working on this key issue. These proposals work together to deliver the best possible chance for achieving common sense cannabis law reform for the whole country.

We are super excited to have released the first national proposal to legalise cannabis in Australia. For the policy wonks amongst you our national model relies on the intellectual property power under s51(xviii) of the Constitution. The way the constitution works is that once the Commonwealth Parliament makes a law then any state or territory law that conflicts with it has no effect. Using this the Commonwealth Parliament can legalise cannabis for the whole country, in one go.

So what does our plan to legalise look like?

Our model allows adults to grow up to 6 plants for personal use at home without a licence and without tax. If you want to grow more than this, you can join together with friends and do so through a licensed co-op. This is a real win for the green thumbs out there. But of course not everyone wants to grow their own, so how would the legal market work?

Our plan creates a legal market that preferences not-for-profit organisations, individuals and small businesses. Cannabis will be available for purchase from licensed cannabis cafes where your edibles, oils, drinks and joints will be able to be consumed onsite or purchased as takeaway.

We want to create a decentralised and democratic cannabis market. Point of sale advertising will be allowed at cannabis cafes but they will only be permitted a limited on-line sales presence. There will be regional limits for on-line sale and delivery to avoid concentration of the industry into a small number of large sites in capital cities. **There will also be an explicit prohibition on big pharma, big tobacco and big alcohol being involved in the industry.**

Data we have been given by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission suggests the illegal cannabis industry is currently worth about \$25 billion a year. Think of legalising that market and redirecting that amount of money back towards legitimate regional businesses and cooperatives. We are excited by the opportunities this creates for sustainable jobs and growth industries across the country.

Now we have drafted the first ever law to legalise cannabis across the country, we have a serious plan to get this done within 12 months. Millions of Australians want this to happen, millions more have tried cannabis at least once in their lives, and none of them respect politicians from the old parties that try to make them criminals.

The truth is, if both Labor and the Coalition refuse to back the **Greens'** plan to legalise cannabis in this Parliament, we will come back in the next term with a growing national movement to make the reform irresistible. That's a plan we can all sign on to, and that's a future we can make together.

We want to hear from you: feedback on our proposed Bill to legalise cannabis will be open online until 9 May.
greens.org.au/legalise-it

Greens Senator and Justice Spokesperson, David Shoebridge

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Ganja Faeries

Nimbin Gunja Faeries 30 years and still smokin'!



This year we are celebrating 30 years since the **Faeries** first joined the **Drug Law Reform Rally Parade**. To mark this momentous occasion we are going to have a little party and you are all invited.

Saturday afternoon 2.00pm the **Nimbin Ganja Faeries** are having a party in Allsopp Park with feasting, fun and frivolity. We have a cake to share, games and prizes. We are also performing a cabaret piece on Friday night in the hall at the **Green Cabaret** and of course we will be proudly strutting our stuff in the **Mardigrass Rally and Protest Parade**.

The **Nimbin Ganja Faeries** started in the first year of the **Nimbin Mardigrass** (1992) as a dance troupe in the 1st **Nimbin Mardigrass** at the **Harvest Ball**. The intention was to celebrate, as the pagans did, the fruits of the harvest in dance and music and lend some theatricality to the event. In the second year (1993) they joined the parade but not as a unified troupe. In 1994 the **Queen** was added (as a result of a faerie being heavily pregnant at the time) and the Faeries entered the Parade as a Marching Band with their Queen. Our pregnant queen, symbol of fertility and harvest, leads us every year in the parade.



We started off with very simple and plain costumes which have developed into the bright and distinctive costumes we now use, inspired by music hall and burlesque. This has come about through experience of what works and looks the best. We now have one totally mandatory regulation item (the green and black striped tights) which unifies all individual differences between each costume. We recommend comfortable shoes, bright greens, bustles and designs that look good and work while you are dancing.

The **Faeries**, now in their 30th year, are an independent and unfunded group of volunteers wanting to bring a little color, theater and playfulness to the **Mardigrass Law Reform Protest March** and to the Marijuana Decriminalisation debate. We do get partial funding and support from

Ganja Faeries are the light spirit of the herb, the essential humor of indulging in it, the cheeky and naughty side, if you like. They're the ones who tickle your funny-bone and make you laugh, and dance with you a while along your way, then appear again in your dreams. They share a collective wisdom of living with cannabis. They help you to remember that the herb is healing in many wonderful ways and that the drug laws are very stupid.

the **Nimbin Hemp Embassy** (thank you so much to all the **Hemp Embassy Crew**), and are still committed to Cannabis Law Reform and the decriminalization of all drugs. We believe that as adults we have the right to enjoy the recreational and medicinal uses of Ganja. That addiction should be treated as a medical issue rather than a criminal issue and those who suffer from addiction deserve compassion not punishment.

Many faeries have known people who use this herb as a medicine and who have suffered greatly because of the legal situation. We also know many people who have been punished for the recreational use of cannabis with harsh laws that more often than not target and punish the members of the poor, indigenous and alternative communities. We support the use of medicinal cannabis and decriminalization of cannabis for recreational users. We show this through our participation in the **Nimbin Mardigrass**, our presence at **Hemp Expo's** and other Cannabis awareness events.

We are proud to have accompanied the **NSW Compassion Club** and the **Nimbin Hemp Embassy** to Sydney on several occasions to participate in the **Sydney Mardi Gras** to sup-



port Medical Cannabis and the rights of HIV / Aids sufferers. The **LGBTQI Communities Mardi Gras** has certainly inspired our costume and performance efforts and

our understanding that protest can be fun. In fact it really annoys the opposition if you look like you're having fun expressing your viewpoint.

A core group of the **Faeries**, fundraise, make costumes, choreograph the parade dance and run rehearsals for new faeries. Between rehearsal, costume and prop making, coordinating **Faeries** (like herding butterflies some days) and fundraising we volunteer about 5-600 hours per year. If you would like to help out, please let us know as there is always something and we are grateful for any help or support.

some of the same faeries who come every year to show their support, and every year we teach a whole new group of faeries, some will only ever be there once and initiate them into the green world of ruffle and sparkle that is the faeries domain. All of us new or old are here to support the same thing: a reform of stupid unproductive policies and laws on Cannabi-

We are an open and inclusive organization who will accept any individual of adult age who is happy to don their faerie costume, learn a few simple steps and turn up for the parade. Every year we have

bis use for medical and recreational use.

This year we also want to remember one of our beautiful and dedicated faeries, **Jess Bodegraven** who lost her battle with depression, addiction and anxiety earlier this year. She will be remembered for her great performances, her enthusiasm and support and ability to engage people when spreading awareness about hemp decriminalization. Her loss will be felt



by the faeries, her family and friends. Hope you're smiling now sister.

If you like, **YOU** can be a **Ganja Faerie**. We usually begin rehearsals 6 weeks leading up to the parade and we do have a **Facebook Page Nimbin Ganja Faeries** with the parade choreography and an email address nimbin.ganja.faeries@gmail.com for people wanting details. We do have some costumes available for hire, (first in best dressed), and are happy to welcome you all in.

You can also support us by purchasing our little faerie books of faerie wisdom (Cooking, Growing and Medicinal Cannabis), T-shirts, patches, badges and ribbons available at selected businesses in Nimbin (including the Hemp Embassy) or at the Faerie Stall over Mardigrass.



Friday 5 May
5.30pm Nimbin Community Centre
Last rehearsal for the parade
7 pm at the **Great Green Cabaret**
Faeries "Light Up" performance

Saturday 6 May
2-4 pm Allsopp Park
Faerie Birthday Party- with games, prizes and cakes

Sunday 7 May
2 pm Western Carpark
Law reform Rally and Protest



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AQUARIUS



In **May 1973**, a bunch of hairy, idealistic baby-boomers came to **Nimbin** and held an **Aquarius Festival**. **Nimbin** has never been the same since. The festival was a "do-it-yourself" affair... the motto being **"YOU are the festival"**.

Youth festivals until that point in time had been based around rock music, culminating in the 1972 **Sunbury Festival**... where the site of thousands of drunken yobboes chanting "Suck more piss!" to the sound of Billy Thorpe & The Aztecs playing an early version of pub rock left many of the more psychedelised **Sunbury** attendees somewhat traumatized. Perhaps as a reaction to this, the **Nimbin Aquarius Festival** was a much more lifestyle based event with very few stages, a hands-on approach and many mushrooms. It was an amazing, life changing & affirming event for both the town of **Nimbin** and most people that attended.

At the peak of the **Aquarius Festival**, the Police arrested an unlucky attendee for drug possession. In a spontaneous uprising somewhat typical of the time, the hairy masses surrounded the paddy wagon, acquired some bolt-cutters from somewhere and freed the hapless victim. In many ways, this was the first flowering of the spirit of the **Nimbin MardiGrass** and we honour and thank our aged predecessors for this noble expression of civil disobedience against the War On Drugs.

The **Aquarius Festival** though was much, much more than just a celebration of pot, mushrooms and "sticking it to the man". It was a celebration of life, an exposition of alternative lifestyles and a gathering of well-intentioned young people exploring the possibilities of a different way of doing things. 50 years later, it's apparent that many of these possibilities are amongst the most vital building blocks for survival in the **21st Century**.

2023 is the **50th anniversary** of this remarkable event and a celebratory festival is being held from the **12th to the 21st of May**. Workshops, discussions, lectures, art installations, performances and a grand finale **Zimmer Frame Race** are planned... but in keeping with the original 1973 event, **Aquarius 50** will be very much a product of what the attendees make it.

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The Great Cannabis Debate

Indica vs Sativa



Cannabis Indica and Cannabis Sativa are two distinct strains of the cannabis plant with their own unique characteristics, growth patterns, and effects. For those looking to delve into the world of cannabis, understanding the differences between these two strains is essential.

Indica plants are typically shorter and bushier than **Sativa** plants, with wider leaves. This characteristic makes them ideal for indoor cultivation, as they do not require as much vertical space. On the other hand, **Sativa** plants are usually taller and thinner, with narrow leaves, and are better suited for outdoor cultivation.

The chemical composition of these two strains is also markedly different, leading to distinct effects on the human body. **Sativa** strains contain a higher amount of **THC** (tetrahydrocannabinol), the psychoactive compound responsible for producing the "high" associated with cannabis. As a result, **Sativa** strains are known for their uplifting and energizing effects, making them ideal for daytime use. In contrast, **Cannabis Indica** contains higher amounts of **CBD** (cannabidiol), a non-psychoactive compound with many therapeutic benefits. **Indica** strains are known for their relaxing and calming effects, making them ideal for nighttime use. **CBD** has been shown to have anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and anxiolytic effects, which can help alleviate symptoms associated with chronic pain, anxiety, and depression.

Both **Cannabis Indica** and **Cannabis Sativa** have medicinal properties that can help alleviate symptoms associated with various medical conditions. **Sativa** strains are commonly used to treat depression, anxiety, and fatigue, while **Indica** strains are more commonly used to treat pain, insomnia, and muscle spasms.

Recreational users often choose **Cannabis Sativa** strains for their energizing and uplifting effects, which can enhance socialization and creativity. **Indica** strains, on the other hand, are popular for their relaxing and calming effects, making them an ideal choice for relaxing at home or before bed.

In summary, understanding the differences between **Cannabis Indica** and **Cannabis Sativa** is crucial for anyone looking to explore the world of cannabis. Whether for medical or recreational purposes, knowing the properties and effects of each strain can help you choose the right one for your needs.

Sativa vs Indica

MIND (Sativa): Uplifting Cerebral Thoughts, Increases Mental Focus, Promotes Creativity.

BODY (Indica): "IN DA COUCH" BODY HIGH, MAKES YOU SLEEPY, RELIEVES PAIN.

Physical Characteristics:
Sativa: Long Slender Leaves, Lighter Green Color.
Indica: Short Broad Leaves, Tighter, Heavier Buds.

Chemical Composition:
THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) Dominant: The Psychoactive Component in Marijuana.
CBD (Cannabidiol) Dominant: No Psychoactive Effect. Numerous Medical Uses.

MEDICAL BENEFITS:
Sativa: Used to treat ADHD, depression and other mental / behavioral conditions. Helps to stimulate hunger, making it beneficial for a wide variety of ailments.
Indica: Helps relieve chronic pain, nausea, and muscle spasms. A powerful sleep aid for people with trouble sleeping or insomnia.

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State of the Hempire

an epistle from The Goddess

Greetings mortals, it's been a trying few years for all of us, yet the Hempire grows strong. Which is just as well because the revolution is underway and without strong friends to support it the revolution is doomed to fail.

Let's take a quick look at the socio-political environment we find ourselves in today: Authority has lost its grip - Money has lost its flavour - Communication has lost its truth - Nothing is working as it should and Mother has lost her patience.

That's the big picture in a nutshell but here in Nimbin; the epicentre of the Cannabis revolution the view is slightly different. Turns out the hippies were right all along and belatedly Australia is pivoting to Nimbin for answers to their existential questions. And a pivot, dear mortals, is just the beginning of a revolution.

When the hippies came to Nimbin, they brought with them the ideal of communal self-sufficiency, they brought solar power and pot although not in that order. A cult grew up believing that pot could save the planet and then learnt that solar meant they were no longer tethered by a copper chain to killer coal. Today with the advent of electric vehicles we can cut loose from the greasy claws of Exxon and Shell as well. In Nimbin it's not only authority that's lost its grip, the fossil death cult aren't looking so healthy either. And so, the wheel turns.

Nimbin is the epicentre of the cannabis revolution, it began with smoking weed and dreaming and learning from the owners how to live on country and grew into medicine, nutrition, shelter, and clothing. In fact, it became the economy. While the cities crumble our communities grow strong and independent. The wheel is in motion and now will be hard to stop.

Cannabis now has senators in parliament and a fast-growing share of the vote and as more voters desert the sinking Liberal-Labor duopoly many will find their way to Cannabis. After all, in a poll between Albanese, Dutton and pot you have to ask yourself 'who's making the most sense?'

The MardiGrass weekend will be a time of learning and healing and laughter. It will be a changing of the guard because it must be. It's past time for procrastinating and fully the time to take strong loving positive action for planetary change.
Viva le revolution, mortals.

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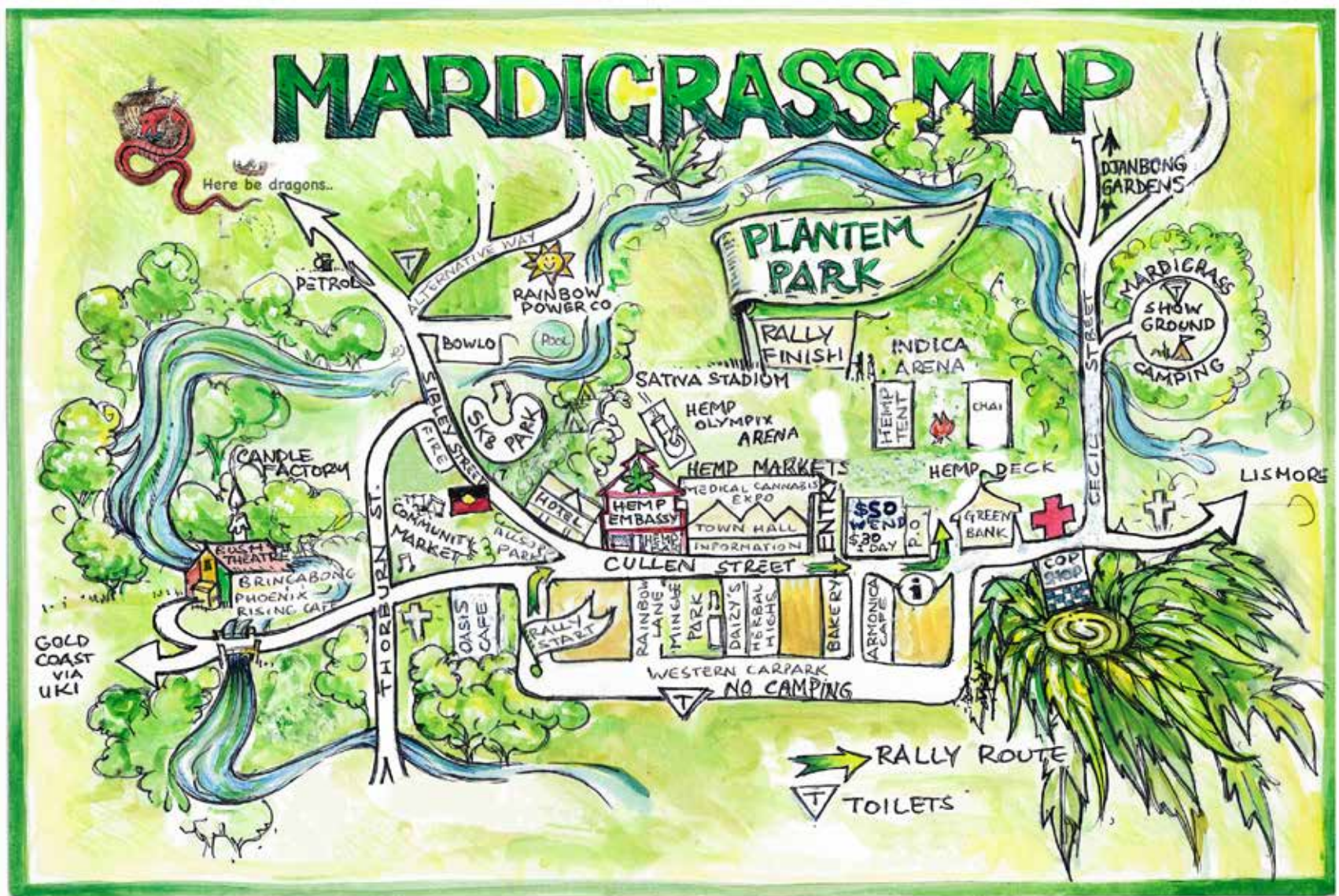
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Entry into MardiGrass events costs \$50 for a 3-day pass [Friday to Sunday], or \$30 for a 1-day pass. Buy event-only tickets at the Plantem Park entrance or at the Town Hall information booth or support us and buy online now at: www.nimbinmardigrass.com

There is a special local's price of \$30 for a 3-day pass [Friday to Sunday] available from the Hemp Embassy in the week before MardiGrass.

CAMPING

SHOWGROUNDS: The Golden Bud pass for \$150 includes 3-nights camping at the Showgrounds plus entry to all MardiGrass events. No generators! No loud drumming after midnight and no dogs please! Hot showers. Nifty Nev's Eatery open Saturday and Sunday 7am - 7pm. Camping is also available at the Showgrounds, before and after MardiGrass, for \$15 per person \$25 double, per night. MardiGrass camping and passes can be booked online now at: www.nimbinmardigrass.com or bought at the Showgrounds when you arrive, until sold out.

OTHER CAMPING: Please camp in designated camping areas only, not beside the road. Random roadside camping is

not permitted. NO camping in the western LCC car park. NO camping in parking-only areas. Jungle Patrol will redirect you to the Showgrounds or other camping sites. You may sleep in your car but in no way light fires or set up tents or disrupt traffic flow.

RUBBISH

Be super careful with all rubbish. MardiGarbos are recycling so help them make MardiGrass clean and green. If you can't take your rubbish away with you, please use the correct rubbish and recycling bins, and respect our unique village where we try to think...

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PARKING

Please park as directed and keep driveways clear. This is important. **BE AWARE OF THE NO PARKING ZONES.** Visitor parking will be appropriately sign posted on the entrances to the village. Lismore City Council Rangers will book you if you park incorrectly. Last year there were way more parking tickets than pot busts!

NO PARKING will be in place in the centre of the village from 12 noon Friday May 5

to 11pm Sunday May 7. Cecil Street will have NO parking from Cullen Street to the Showgrounds and also NO PARKING in Thorburn Street between Cullen and Sibley Streets.

ROAD CLOSURES

There will be road closures in Cullen Street on Sunday for the Parade, from 2.30 to 3.30pm approximately.

SUNDAY RALLY

The main MardiGrass event begins at 2.30pm Sunday 7 May at the Western LCC Carpark exit, and the protest parade proceeds South along Cullen Street turning left into the Green Bank Driveway and down to the Indica Arena stage for the rally & speeches.

WARNING!

Be careful with your drug consumption. Especially cookies! They can be stronger than you expect. It is wise to eat half then wait an hour or more before you eat anymore. Better to start small and work your way up

Don't mix with alcohol. If you feel woozy or have an injury, or need help, ask **JUNGLE PATROL** or go to the Nimbin Hall Information Booth or Town Hall Garden.

Driving a point home. If you think it's safe to smoke in your parked car be aware police may hone in on the flick of lighters and glowing joints in cars at night.

ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE

Nimbin streets are glass and alcohol-free zones during MardiGrass. Remember it's a Cannabis protestival not a beer fest.

JUNGLE PATROL

Jungle Patrol grew from the volunteer groups of early MardiGrass gatherings. Jungle Patrol roams the streets, encourages people to keep the peace, and bears witness when they do not. Jungle Patrol provides visitor information, crowd safety, primary first aid, event communications and police liaison, operating from Friday 8am through to 8am Monday morning.

APPRECIATION

Thanks to everyone who helped manifest **MardiGrass 2023!** The dedication from the HEMP Embassy & MardiGrass volunteers, and strong support from the wider community, is the magic recipe. And thanks for the funding from the advertisers in this program. Please support them!

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