



Nimbin MardiGrass

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL AND SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2011

19TH CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY AND GATHERING



HEMP OLYMPIX
PEACE PARK
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
 JOINT ROLLING
 BONG THROW & YELL
 CORRECT WEIGHT - TUG OF PEACE
 GROWERS' IRON PERSON

STREET PROTEST
 SUNDAY 2.30

H.E.M.P. PARTY
CONFERENCE
 SAT. 2pm MEDICAL
 CANNABIS TENT

SATURDAY
KOMBI KONVOY
 AND
 4.20pm MASS
 ENLIGHTENMENT

COMEDY CLUB
 SAT. NIGHT
 TOWN HALL

3 NIGHT CAMPSITE & WEEKEND PASS \$100 - BUY ONLINE
 NimbinMardiGrass.com

PEACE PARK MUSIC
 FRIDAY PICKER'S BALL
 SATURDAY HARVEST BALL
 SUNDAY RALLY BALL

TOWN HALL DEBATE
 MIDDAY SATURDAY
 MARDIGRASS MIND CANDY
 PRAGMATIC VISIONARIES
 SOLIPSISTIC PSCHONAUTS

SUNDAY FROM 11am
 LEGAL ADVICE & HEMP FORUMS

SPECIAL GUESTS - 2011
 DR BOB MELAMEDE
 DR ALEX WODAK
 PROFESSOR PAUL WILSON
 DR ANDREW KATELARIIS
 DR DES TRAMACHI
 KLARA MAROSSZEKY
 DR KEITH BOLTON
 SANDRA KANCK
 PAUL CUBITT - LEAP
 TONY MULLAWAY
 & MANY MORE SEE INSIDE

BRING BACK RESPECT

WELCOME TO NIMBIN
 and the 2011 MardiGrass which began as a protest march on May 1st 1993 against the cannabis laws after particularly nasty helicopter raids on our communities that year.

We vowed then to do this law reform rally every year on the first sunday in May until the laws change.

Nimbin and the north coast of NSW has been attracting lovers of the cannabis plant for fifty years now. In those days the cops had other priorities but this year our village has been hammered by very aggressive policing. They seem obsessed with creating a cannabis free Nimbin which is akin to stopping people surfing in Byron Bay. Meanwhile the plant just keeps growing in popularity and the police have only succeeded in alienating themselves even further in the community.

Many of us who have dared to be different now understand how massive the consequences of this "war on drugs" is. It's arguably the dirtiest war of all as it's really a fight over the profits to be made from pain relieving medicines.

Natures best traditional pain killers are all illegal, opium, coca and cannabis. It's a war over who gets the business of managing global pain relief. Nice little earner eh?



Please join our protest at this appalling war which we experience daily here in our community as do 2 million other Australian cannabis users. While we are gathered we plan on having a good time sharing knowledge and art.

MardiGrass is a great gathering of heads from around the planet and this year we welcome Dr Bob Melamed back again with friends and look forward to hearing how the dramatic changes allowing medical cannabis in America are going.

We also welcome for the first time LEAP Australia, a newly formed group. Law Enforcement Against Prohibition is a huge movement in the States and had a lot of influence. You can meet and hear these people in the "Mind Candy" Forums on Saturday in the Town Hall.

There is a full program in the centrefold but worthy of special mention is the Medical Cannabis Tent, three music stages, the infamous Hemp Olympix in Peace Park, the Kombi Konvoy arrival and mass joint light up at 4.20, the Comedy Club, Industrial Hemp camp, and please join the big Rally on Sunday afternoon. Be bothered to join the protest and if you are coming by car designated drivers are the smart way to go!

Look after our village while you visit and try to be nice to the cops as they are slowly waking up to how much suffering they are causing instead of preventing.

Smile, you're on Cannabis Camera

Filming or photographing the police in public is your right.

According to the NSW Police Force's own media unit, "Members of the public have the right to take photographs of or film police officers, and incidents involving police officers, which are observable from a public space, or from a privately owned place with the consent of the owner or occupier."

If a Police Officer at MardiGrass tells you that you are not allowed to film them then remind them that that is not what their Media Unit says!

NSW Council of Civil Liberties president Cameron Murphy says police intimidation of amateur and even professional photographers is a serious and growing problem. "Police fear being filmed when they are acting beyond their powers or being unreasonable or aggressive. I'd hope that citizens do take pictures when they see police acting in a manner that's unbecoming of a police officer," Murphy said. They have to be as accountable as anyone else."

There is no need to obtain a police officers approval to film them in public but if the policeman tells you to stop filming then you must stop filming - this is because it is illegal to fail to follow a lawful, or even illegal, direction from the police.

If any member of the public has concerns or a complaint about officer conduct they should contact the CLOG group at MardiGrass or make a direct complaint to the NSW Police Force Customer Assistance Unit on 1800 622 571 between 8am and 4pm.

Call for 2012 Cannabis Summit

In 1999 Bob Carr, then NSW Premier, conducted a drug summit in Sydney which brought small but positive changes to cannabis law enforcement. In truth the summit revolved around injecting rooms.

In 2011 we call on new Premier Barry O'Farrell to convene another drug summit to review how the "war on drugs" is going and to give special focus to cannabis and cannabis products this time.

While you are at MardiGrass make sure you sign the **Petition to Premier O'Farrell** asking him to hold another Parliamentary Drug Summit to reconsider the legal status of cannabis. Petitions at the Town Hall Information, HEMP Embassy and Medical Cannabis Tent.



WikiDoof!

Saturday from 8:00pm
NIM FM MardiGrass ALL NIGHT DANCE PARTYbring your radio, headset, phone, earphones or whatever you need to tune in to Nimbin Community Radio 102.3 FM and www.nimfm.org for live streaming.

For those who came in late...

In March 1993, after a decade of raids and arrests, and a particularly intensive recent period of random street searches, arrests and rough treatment, a spontaneous demonstration erupted, and marched to the police station, pelting it with eggs and toilet paper. Nimbin Hemp Embassy members decided to hold the first MardiGrass, a peaceful protest in a non-confrontational atmosphere, that ordinary people could comfortably attend, on May 1, 1993. The MardiGrass Organising Body (MOB) was formed to manage the protest rally and consists entirely of volunteers. The intention is to hold a rally every year until prohibition ends.

BUY AN ARMBAND

AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CAUSE
Nimbin MardiGrass
\$50 DEAL
 ALL EVENTS WEEKEND PASS

NIMBIN TELEVISION LIVE
 Streaming MardiGrass XIX to justin.tv and on relay to YouTube in Hemp Definition. See the video collection and the TV Guide.
 'Turn on, tune in and chill out.'



www.NimbinMardiGrass.com

2 LEGAL ADVICE

Penalties
Supply is usually considered more serious than cultivation, and cultivation is usually considered more serious than possession. The penalty for a drug offence depends mostly on the type of offence (that is, supply, cultivation or possession), and then the quantity of drugs involved and your prior record.

A first offender pleading guilty to possession of a small amount of pot might have no conviction recorded, or get a fine. Someone convicted of supply, especially if it is not their first supply offence, would likely go to jail.

What do you say to the police?

You do not have to say anything to the police, whether they arrest you or not. The best advice is to say nothing to the police. 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.

The Law of Possession

To prove possession, the police must prove that you knew that you had the drug in your custody or under your legal control. Depending on the circumstances, it might be difficult for the police to prove that you must have known about the presence of the drug.

In cases involving more than one person having potential access to the drugs - for example, shared houses - the police must rule out, beyond reasonable doubt, that another person might be the one in possession of the pot. Police questions will be aimed at getting you to admit to things they otherwise might not be able to prove.

Cautions

If you have less than 15 grams of pot AND you have no prior convictions AND you admit that the pot is yours, you might get a caution (instead of having to go to court).

Searches

Police are legally entitled to enter and search private property if they have a search warrant, or if they are invited in by one of the occupiers. The police have the power to search you personally, without a warrant, if the police believe on reasonable grounds that you might be in possession of pot.



Random Roadside Testing

The police have the power to randomly drug test drivers, for cannabis, amphetamine and ecstasy, by saliva swab. If the test indicates positive, the sample is sent to a laboratory for analysis. You do not get arrested, but you are not permitted to drive for 24 hours. If the laboratory confirms the presence of the drug, you will be sent a notice to go to court. The maximum penalty for driving with the "presence" of one of these drugs in your system is a \$1,100 fine and 3 months minimum licence disqualification.

Supply

Supply includes selling, giving away, agreeing to supply. Technically, sharing pot is also supply. If the police can prove that you were in possession of 300 grams of pot or more (the amount deemed to be intended for supply), you must prove that your possession was not for supply (for example, personal use).

Cultivation

Cultivation means some activity to assist growing or harvesting. Cultivation of cannabis can include planting or watering or fertilising. There is also an offence of possessing cannabis plants, with the same maximum penalty as for cultivation.

Hydroponic Plants

There is now a separate offence of cultivation of hydroponic plants. The maximum penalties are a lot higher than for cultivating an equivalent number of outdoor plants. But the police must prove that the indoor cultivation was "for a commercial purpose" (which is not necessary in outdoor cultivation cases).

Sniffer Dogs

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

TAKE CARE

Cannabis Relieves PTSD Victims

No recruit believes that basic training is easy, and in a time of war, they soon discover that combat is not like Hollywood. Psychologically and physically stretched beyond normal limits many recruits die. Some are permanently psychologically damaged and the end result is PTSD.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is a severe anxiety disorder which can occur after witnessing or experiencing even one traumatic event, especially when it involves injury or death.

The plethora of treatments create more failures than successes. Strong pain killers like Oxycotin, Morphine and most related opiates, plus anti-depressants; Paxil, Zoloft, Prozac, Lexapro, and more. The US FDA say they can cause severe side effects including anxiety, depression, addiction, severe withdrawal, homicidal rage and suicide.

Others PTSD medications are common sedatives, strong analgesics, muscle relaxants, etc. almost all of which make the patient groggy, stupefied and possibly more non-functional than the PTSD itself.

Cannabis acts as a homeostatic modulator, so that it helps patients get back into a normal state, based on the extent and cause of their PTSD and many other physical/ mental/ psychological conditions and works as an antidepressant without adverse effects.

WANT A DOSE OF REAL GREEN POLITICS?

Try MardiGrass Mind Candy.

NIMBIN TOWN HALL - SATURDAY FROM MIDDAY TO 6:00PM

MCs: Miss Guidance, Neil Pike & JR. Join Pragmatic Visionaries & Solipsistic Psychonauts for an afternoon of Debate, Discussion & the Occasional Stoned Rave.

This year the Nimbin MardiGrass is hosting a series of panel discussions to be held in the Town Hall from midday to 6pm on Saturday 30 April, focusing on the big green issues: the legal, medical, spiritual, cultural & political aspects of plant life.

The afternoon shall travel through the rich tapestry of marijuana use in history through to contemporary cannabis culture, as well as examine the state of play in drug policy development in Australia and abroad.

Whilst we recognise the ultimate futility of spending too much time trying to talk about what is essentially a non-verbal experience (getting high), there's also quite a few pot-related topics that do need some discussion.

Mind Candy will tackle the tough issues like policing choices within the realm of prohibition.

This is particularly pertinent for the town of Nimbin. Paul Cubitt, President of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition [LEAP] Australia will contribute to this panel, as well as Australian drug law reform luminaries: Sandra Kanck, SA spokesperson for Families and Friends of Drug Law Reform, Prof Paul Wilson, Chair of Criminology, Bond University, and Dr Alex Wodak, President of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation.

The panel discussions also feature international guest speaker, Dr Robert Melamede, CEO and President of Cannabis Science, Inc., as well as a magnificent line-up of local speakers including business people, academics, professionals, artists, musicians, students, poets and public servants.

Skip along to Mind Candy for a brain bender in the Nimbin Town Hall during the 19th annual Cannabis Law Reform Rally and Gathering! **Read more about the Special Guests on page 6.**

Who ya gonna call?

LET'S END THE POLICE SIEGES OF OUR VILLAGE.

Blockbusters is a Nimbin based local group recently set up and aiming to work toward ridding our village of the scourge of police harassment.

We believe that the recent police roadblocks are illegal and that we have evidence of this. You can help us by writing a letter to us about your own experiences with police and other agencies - Centrelink, Immigration, Road Traffic Authority - during the latest blockades on February 25 and 26. and/or use these words.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON NIMBIN POLICE ROADBLOCKS

1. The police searched /strip searched me/other family member/child/friends/searched the car in which I was travelling.
2. The police at the roadblock demanded my name and address.
3. What else did the police say to or ask you? (Try to quote their exact words and write them on the back of this sheet.)
4. Did the sniffer dog/s sniff you? Where were you at that moment?
5. Did the police or any of the agency staff with them issue you with any fine or notice? If yes then what was the penalty and what was the final outcome?
6. Were you scared at any time during the blockade? Of what?

7. Have the last two blockades changed how you feel about the police?
8. How would you rate the police officer/s who spoke to you:- Very Polite / Polite / OK / Rude / Abusive / Threatening?
9. Are you willing and able to give this information as a witness in court if necessary? If yes, then please write here your name, address and contacts; phone/mobile/email.



Please post your documents to; BLOCKBUSTERS PO. BOX 15, NIMBIN 2480

Nimbin POLITE was created in response to the Police Riot Squad raids on April Fools Day 2008.

One year later, there was a re-enactment on the main street of Nimbin. Cannabis consumers worldwide know that over policing is a waste of time and resources. Cannabis is safe and Nimbin POLITE are ambassadors of law reform.



SPOT the Difference!

Nimbin POLITE outside the Embassy during the April Fools Day Riot Squad Raid re-enactment 2009 and 2008.



Legal problem?
See Steve Bolt at



Bolt Findlay
SOLICITORS & MEDIATORS

1/42 Woodlark St Lismore

tel: 6621 2188

First appointment FREE if you mention MardiGrass!

Mark Saulwick's
Susukka Trading
3 Bibles Street
Nimbin Australia 2480

Importers
of fine textile crafts
from Guatemala
and the World

Aus. Phone (02) 66891680
Int. Phone +612 66891680



LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST PROHIBITION

'We are calling for an end to the War on Drugs and Prohibition'

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) Australia has been formed to strongly advocate for the end to drug prohibition.

LEAP Australia will be at the forefront of efforts to end the inconsistent and discriminatory drug policies that have caused wide-spread death and destruction in many communities throughout the world.

Drug prohibition has led to the spread of criminal activity funded through illicit drugs that now permeates almost every fabric of society in many countries, including the USA and Australia.

Unless we take steps to end drug prohibition by providing a controlled and regulated legal and policy environment for drug availability we will continue to see the expansion of the illicit drug market, the corruption of public officials including police and the misery that illicit drugs causes individuals and communities.

LEAP Australia calls for the expansion of life saving harm reduction measures such as heroin prescribing, needles and syringe programs,



methadone and supervised injecting facilities.

There is an increasing acknowledge that the majority of harms that are associated with illicit drug use in the community are brought about because of their legal status, not because they are necessarily in themselves more harmful than legal substances such as alcohol.

The most effective way for supporters of a change to drug laws to be heard will be through our voices being heard. LEAP Australia is the forum for Law Enforcement, the Drug and Alcohol sector, users and supporters of drug law reform to come together and register their support. *"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."* (Gandhi)

If you wish to become a supporter contact LEAP Australia by emailing us at: stopprohibition@gmail.com leapaustralia.org

HEMP PARTY CONFERENCE



MardiGrass Saturday at 2 pm in The Medical Cannabis Tent.

'Where we're At' - Reports from the President and the Secretary.

'Where we're Going' - Topics for discussion and resolution.

1. Formation of interstate branches?
2. Registrations at State levels?
3. We need funding to operate more effectively. How?
4. Party policies other than re-legalisation?
5. Any other topics arising. (Give some notice to the Secretary please)

All interested HEMP Party Members are urged to attend. Membership application forms are online and a the Embassy.

Help End Marijuana Prohibition (HEMP) Party Australia AustralianHempParty.com

FEDERAL REGISTRATION

On 17 June 2010 the delegate determined that the party's application had passed its initial consideration for registration and the application was advertised for public objection on 23 June 2010.

The issue of writs on 19 July 2010 for the Federal Elections meant that no further action could be taken on this application until the final return of all outstanding writs on 17 September 2010.

STATE AND TERRITORY BRANCHES

NSW electoral laws make it very tough for new, small political parties to get on the official register in NSW. The registration laws are the toughest and most restrictive in Australia.

The HEMP Party is currently seeking official registration of individual State and Territory branches of the Party. To apply for registration in NSW a political party must submit its application no less than 15 months out from the calling of an election, have 750 members who are also currently on the electoral roll in NSW plus pay an application fee of \$2,000.

Federal, Victorian and Queensland laws require 500 members to qualify for registration, less registration fees, and shorter time periods to apply for and attain official registration.

PSYCHOSIS "STATISTICS"

Reefer madness propoganda in Australia

Mark Twain once wrote, "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics." The "new" pot psychosis research is a reminder that 90% of research outcomes match the expectations of their source of finance!

If cannabis caused schizophrenia there would be a strong statistical correlation with the rise of cannabis use since the 1960's. Schizophrenia rates have remained steady while cannabis use has soared.

Considering that under prohibition cannabis users live with the fear of losing their job and maybe their family, and getting a lifetime criminal record or even a jail term, it's a wonder there isn't a higher incidence of psychosis in society.

Added to this, there is no effective regulation and no quality control of the product, just a black market where anyone of any age and mental state



can easily purchase cannabis, often more easily than they could purchase alcohol or tobacco. Regulation of cannabis, perhaps in a medical context, and realistic education would deglamourise use and take away the rebel cachet and forbidden fruit syndrome that encourages teenage use.

Even if pot were the cause of these overstated problems, wouldn't it be better to regulate the supply and have some quality control, rather than this black-market system? Take the fear of persecution out of the equation?

Mullaways Medical Cannabis Pty. Ltd. For two years Tony Bower has been providing pain relief for hundreds of critically ill people with medicines manufactured from cannabis plants.

Mr Bower, a resident of Maria River, began to experiment with the medicinal qualities of cannabis some 12 years ago - extracting parts of the plant to make medicines that have proven particularly beneficial for cancer sufferers, arthritis patients and even those with HIV.

Patients were so appreciative of Mr Bower's work he was nominated for an Australian of the Year award as part of this year's annual Australia Day celebrations.

Twelve months ago Mr Bower received approval from the Therapeutic Goods Administration to begin manufacturing his drugs on a large scale.

But his plans have been put temporarily on hold because the State government refuses to grant him approval to mass produce and research his cannabis extraction methods.

Mr Bower admits to a colourful history.

He has held numerous odd-jobs and began experimenting with cannabis extraction after travelling to the Cannabis Cup in Nimbin.

Soon after, he was charged with possession by police, a charge which was later dismissed after Mr Bower produced a letter from his GP stating his use of the drug was medically beneficial.

Mr Bower was involved in a serious motorcycle accident 30 years ago and uses marijuana extracts to alleviate chronic pain.

He emerged from his brush with the law with what amounted to an exemption to grow cannabis for medical use.

Since then he has continued to refine his processes and has developed two tinctures, one a hemp seed oil and the other a type of alcohol, which are used to provide pain relief.

During the extraction process Mr Bower removes the main psychoactive component of the cannabis plant, THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol).

"If you have too much (of the drug), it will simply put you to sleep," he said.

Mr Bower formed a company, Mullaway's Medicinal Cannabis, and two years ago started to provide his products to chronically ill people along the east coast, travelling between Port Macquarie and Nimbin.



Don't Say Anything, Just Mullaway.

I'd like everyone to carry a letter from their doctor stating their conditions. This will fulfill their obligations to the Therapeutic Goods Administration Special Access Scheme. Police then must ask you if you have a genuine reason to possess the cannabis; or a letter from your Doctor confirming your condition.

Quoting Jillian Skinner, NSW Minister for Health; 'As you may be aware, approval for medical cannabis is an issue that rests solely with the Federal Governments Therapeutic Goods Administration.'

For anyone registered with Mullaways Medical Cannabis Pty. Ltd., or who wish to register, their will be new tinctures and other extractions there for them to try.

Forms will also be issued to gather any feedback.

I will be available to talk to people in/at the Medical Cannabis Tent throughout... figure out the times to announce when we get their.

Australian made Medical Cannabis products will be available in Australia in the very near future.

The suffering will stop.

We will be organising, in conjunction with the Hemp Embassy, a special event/function for the overseas and invited guests.



Anthony D Bower
Director
Mullaway's Medical Cannabis Pty Ltd



Nimbin HEMP Embassy

NIMBIN CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY and MardiGrass, the annual gathering on the first weekend of MAY.

'JUST SAY KNOW' CANNABIS EDUCATION, INFORMATION & PRODUCTS

66891842 www.hempembassy.net

FOOD FUEL FIBRE

MEDICINAL

HEMP SEEDS AUSTRALIA

BUY ORGANIC HULLED HEMP SEED

Buy online at www.hempseedsaustralia.com.au
info@hempseedsaustralia.com.au

4 CANNABIS EXTRACTS CURE CANCER



Every vertebrate, from the time of conception till the time of death, literally has all body systems homeostatically regulated by endocannabinoids (marijuana-like compounds produced by the body).

Illnesses are biochemical imbalances, failures of homeostasis. By being alive, all organisms suffer from the common biochemical imbalances that underlie aging and all age-related illness, including autoimmune, cognitive, cardiovascular diseases, as well as cancers.

Over 600 peer reviewed articles show that numerous cancer types (lung, breast, prostate, glioma, thyroid, leukemia, lymphoma, basil cell carcinoma, melanoma, etc) are killed by cannabinoids in tissue culture and animal studies.

Furthermore, cannabinoids inhibit the biochemical pathways involved in metastasis and drug resistance. The question that naturally arises is "Why is a plant that inhibits aging, kills cancers, and whose activity is found in mother's milk illegal?"

Because federal and state governments have failed to implement marijuana policies that are reflective of modern scientific knowledge and thousands of years of medical history, the people have demanded, and gained access to this miraculous medicine through direct vote with the initiative process.

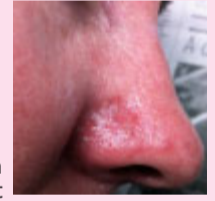
In effect, marijuana clinical efforts are now in the hands of the people and the medical marijuana community. These photos provide dramatic evidence of cannabis extracts curing basal-cell carcinoma via it's topical application.

This Australian woman grew up in Queensland where the population suffers from the highest rate of skin cancer in the world.



Basal cell carcinoma is the most common form of cancer with over 800,000 cases occurring each year in the US.

She had a number of surgeries to remove previous lesions diagnosed as basal cell carcinomas.



After a new lesion appeared on her right cheek, alternative therapies that included the topical application of cannabis extracts were tried.

Cannabis extracts were applied daily until her surgeon stated that there was no need for surgery since the lesion on her cheek was gone. However, a new lesion had appeared on her right nostril.

The two photos of a series document the disappearance of the lesion on the nostril after nine days of self-administering topical cannabis extracts.

Medical Marijuana, A Cure for Cancer?
Robert Melamede, Ph.D.
Biology Dept. UCCS, Cannabis Science Inc, Phoenix Tears Foundation



Hemp in British and Australian Colonial History

The production of hemp (*Cannabis sativa*) was one of the prime motivators for the Anglo - European colonisation of the continent that became known as Australia.

Britain's economy and security was almost entirely dependent on the traditional hemp plant, *Cannabis sativa*. At the end of the middle ages, improved ship design and sail configurations required stronger sails.

Hemp was the strongest natural fibre known to man. By using Cannabis, the strongest sails could be made for longer voyages. At the end of the middle ages Europeans were crossing the oceans instead of clinging to the coasts in search of wealth, converts and new knowledge. The strong sails employed to drive this expanding economy were named after the plant they were made from - Canvas - the Dutch pronunciation of the word Cannabis.



Cannabis was as important to the economy of the Age of Exploration as fossil fuel oil is to the economy of the military industrial complex of the western world today. Furthermore, Cannabis retained its importance as a strategic raw material for over 400 years, until the development of steam shipping in the mid to late nineteenth century. Cannabis became a Strategic Raw Material and one to be fought over. Whenever Britain went to war with a continental power, the first tactic brought to bear against the island state was to block its northern sea route to the Baltic. The British colonies in the Americas lived up to their promise in securing Britain a supply of strategic raw materials and a wealth of trade and commerce.

By the late 1700s a major ship-of-the-line in the British navy required 80 tons of Hemp in sail and rope, this equated with 350 acres of hemp production.

The sails and rigging had to be completely replaced every 3-4 years. Hemp production was labour intensive and a source of cheap labour proved valuable to secure a constant supply. In the southern colonies of north America, African slaves were used to produce tobacco and cotton. In the northern colonies of New England, convict labour from Britain was employed.

The decision to found a colony in Australia was not an easy one. Australia was in an almost unknown part of the planet on the other side of the earth. Sailing time was about 6 months and it was considered by most people to be too far away to be a useful or reliable supply route for such important strategic materials.

Two of the major lobbyists for the founding of a colony in New South Wales were Sir Joseph Banks and James Matra (aka Magra). Both Banks and Matra had travelled on the Endeavour with Lieutenant (later Captain) James Cook.



Of course the colony would produce strategic raw materials for the British nation. This often went without saying. Everybody just knew and accepted the importance of producing hemp.

Sir Joseph Banks was a major influence in the direction and design of British policy. One of his main interests was the promotion of growing hemp as a strategic raw material for the British Navy within the British colonies. Sir Joseph gave a bag of hemp seeds as a gift to the First Fleet in 1788.

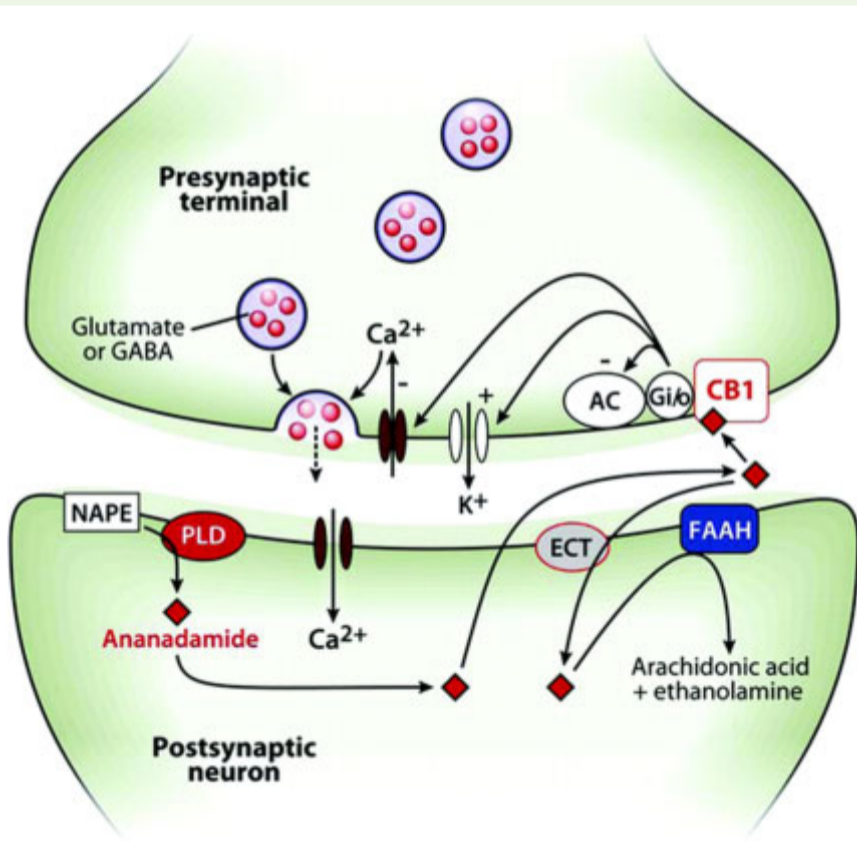
A letter recieved by Joseph Banks from the East India Company in 1801 shows that he was still handing out bags of hemp seeds in the Australian colonies 13 years later.



WHAT ARE ENDOCANNABINOIDS?

Endocannabinoids are a group of lipid compounds (fat-like) that are produced by some invertebrates and all vertebrates including humans.

Their classification is based on their biological activity, which is often similar to that of the main psychoactive phytocannabinoid (plant cannabinoid) delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) found in the marijuana plant.



The first endocannabinoid discovered was, arachidonyl ethanolamine, and was named anandamide (ananda is Sanskrit for bliss, hence the blissful amide).

Subsequently, 2- arachidonoyl glycerol was isolated from canine gut and identified as a second endocannabinoid.

Both of these chemicals are ultimately made from essential fatty acids such as are found in fish and seed oils.

An as yet unanswered question is how much of the health benefits attributed to essential fatty acids such as omega 3's are due to their products, endocannabinoids?

When cannabinoid receptors are activated, various biochemical properties in cells are altered, as is communication with other cells. The Pandora's Box of endocannabinoids and their modes of action has been opened.

Today a number of additional endocannabinoids have been reported and their possible therapeutic applications are under investigation.

Dr. Robert Melamede, CannabisScience.com

NORTHCOASTHYDRO.COM.AU
HYDROPONICS
EVERYTHING YOU NEED, WHEN YOU NEED IT!
SERVICING THE COFFS COAST & SURROUNDING AREAS
6658 7932
Unit 2, 5 Wallis Ave Toormina

NIMBIN ORGANICS
50a Cullen St.
Nimbin NSW 2480
9-5.30 mon - fri
9-4.30 saturday
10-4.30 sunday & public holidays
now including The Grapvine next door, organic vego cafe.
Anna & David
ph. 66891445
fax 66890188

AGUNG
TRADING (AUSTRALIA) PTY. LTD.



In the last little fragment of The History of Life on Earth, a certain hominid species evolved victorious from an era of ice ages by growing new brain pathways, eradicating its milder mannered cousins, and acquiring a taste for coastal property.

This species called itself Homo sapiens, which means Wise Man. While Wise Man was busily playing with his enhanced frontal lobe and inspecting post-glacial real estate, a small herbaceous plant was quietly evolving in the hinterlands of Asia. When Wise Man met this plant, he liked its strong fibres which made good ropes and yarn; and its seeds which yielded delicious and nutritious food. Its resinous foliage became an essential ingredient in Wise Man's pharmacopoeia and certain varieties were known to tickle Wise Man's frontal lobes in a fun kind of way.

Wise Man called this plant Cannabis sativa which means Useful Fibre Plant. These two species brokered a mutually beneficial agreement. Useful Fibre Plant agreed to provide Wise Man with bountiful yields of fibre, food, pharmaceuticals and fun. In return, Wise Man was to cultivate, adapt and disseminate Useful Fibre Plant throughout all continents on Earth. This agreement worked brilliantly, and for thousands of years both species shared the benefits of the other.

Wise Man forged into new habitat using the strong fibre, nutritious food and potent medicines from Useful Fibre Plant; in return Wise Man brought Useful Fibre Plant everywhere he went.

Then something went terribly wrong. Perhaps the relationship started to go sour when Wise Man began to use Useful Fibre Plant's strong fibres for the sails and rigging of his warships. Indeed, wars were even fought over the control of Useful Fibre Plant's virtues, a point that did not sit well with peace loving Useful Fibre Plant.

Whatever the case, Wise Man became addicted to playing with His frontal lobe, which overheated, and he sought to own and control everything - even Mother Earth! Affected by the stress of this new ownership and his insatiable lobe, Wise Man started to flaunt the natural laws which hold the very threads of Life together.



Simple sorts of laws like don't poke holes in the ozone layer, don't build nuclear power plants, especially on fault lines, and certainly don't put the Carboniferous's carbon back into the atmosphere. In this altered state, one of the strangest things that Wise Man did was to turn against his old ally Useful Fibre Plant.

On April 14, 1937, Wise Man concocted a document called the marihuana tax bill and declared a war of total herbicide against Useful Fibre Plant. Propaganda was distributed, friends of Useful Fibre Plant were persecuted and jailed, and uncountable billions of dollars have been spent on this war during the last three quarters of a century. What could have happened to have caused this complete turnaround? Let's look at what was going on 75 years ago.

Fuelled by the power of the Industrial Age, the petrochemical industry had developed nylon and other synthetic fibres. However the hemp industry had

also undergone mechanisation, representing the major competition. At the same time, the US Drug Enforcement Agency was experiencing a control vacuum after alcohol prohibition was proven to be unviable by the likes of Al Capone, and It desperately needed a new drug to control. The 1930s was also a time of deep paranoia, and communists, negros, jazz musicians and other undesirables were identified as "marihuana users".



Crusaders promoted harsh punishment for those who didn't fall within their moral guidelines while women and black people had no vote and little direct influence. It was very convenient for certain power brokers to make hemp a scapegoat in order to expedite their plans.

They almost won. Petrochemical fibres became mainstream, fast food replaced nutritious food, and modern pharmaceutical giants claimed ownership over traditional medicines. A burgeoning black market sprang from the ashes of a previously legitimate industry while the morally righteous gloated at the suffering of the wicked. More insidiously, global power brokers funded their skull-and-dagger operations and dirty wars by controlling supply and demand of the very drugs they lobbied so hard to prohibit.

During the last 75 years, humans have inflicted more environmental and social damage than ever before in our history. Our collective greed and consumption threatens the Earth's fundamental life support mechanisms - the atmosphere,



oceans, forests, groundwater and soil. Millions of human lives have been trashed through wars, incarceration, and environmental pillaging. All other species are affected.

Challenging Cannabis prohibition challenges the very paradigms that perpetuate the "20th Century disease", which incites greed with no responsibility. We are critically in need of Leaders who have the courage, integrity and true wisdom to make it their primary goal to protect the liberties and prosperity of the people and the environment, and to never make laws that cause harm.



The MardiGrass and other similar events of peaceful mass civil disobedience are essential reminders that when injustice becomes law, action becomes duty.

Although prohibition laws remain in the hands of the morally offended, there is increasing recognition that prohibition aggravates rather than minimises the harm caused by all drugs.

It is time to call a truce and broker peace with this remarkable and embattled plant so Homo sapiens can live up to our namesake, and to again appreciate the fibre, food, pharmaceutical and fun virtues of our old friend *Cannabis sativa*.

Wise Man and Useful Fibre Plant by Keith Bolton



Protein

Hemp grain contains around 20 - 25% protein, and a handful of hemp seed provides the minimum daily protein requirements for adults. Hemp grain protein is similar to egg white protein, and it consists of approximately 1/3 albumin and 2/3 edestin (edestos = edible in Greek). Hemp protein is highly digestible, it is gluten-free, and it contains all of the 10 essential amino acids in the optimal proportion for the human metabolism.

Other dietary components.

In addition to providing a plentiful supply of EFAs and protein, hemp grain is a good source of minerals and vitamins. Hemp grain is particularly high in the essential minerals calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium and sulphur. Hemp grain provides more Vitamins A, B(1,2,3 and 6), C and E than many other commercially available grain foods. Hemp grain is high in antioxidants, particularly in the form of alpha-, beta-, gamma-, and delta-tocopherol and alpha-tocotrienol. Whole hemp grain is also a great source of dietary fibre, containing around 32% insoluble fibre, and 3% soluble fibre.

Hemp foods

Hemp grain is a very versatile raw product from which many different food products can be created. Today, hemp seed is being rediscovered as a new health food, and many people in so-called developed countries (except Australia and New Zealand) are supplementing their diet with hemp foods.

Hemp grain can be used to produce tofu, flour, sprouts, ice cream, yoghurt, pastries, pasta, "popcorn", snack bars, beverages and many more delicious foods.

Fresh seeds are the best way of preserving the nutritional characteristics of hemp because the reactive oils, proteins and vitamins are stored within the cell membranes, and they are not exposed to air and light.

Dehulling - which is the removal of the hard seed coat without damaging the soft internal tissues - is probably the biggest breakthrough in the modern hemp food industry. Dehulled hemp seeds are sterile, they are much easier to process, and the oxidisable nutrients remain preserved within the intact cellular structure.

Hemp food as a nutraceutical

The term "nutraceutical" or "functional foods" refers to foods that have a medicinal effect on human health. With its high and well-balanced EFA and protein content, and it's suite of minerals, antioxidants, vitamins and dietary fibre, hemp seed is certainly one of the most nutritious foods available.

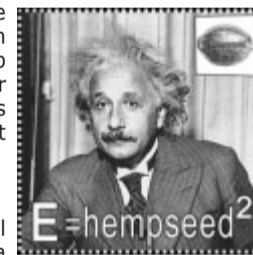
In his book "Fats that heal, fats that kill", Udo Erasmus stressed the importance of a diet high in EFAs to counter modern diseases such as cancer and heart attack, and he considers that hemp produces the most perfectly balanced, natural EFA-rich oil available.

The protein in hemp may also relieve the symptoms of certain diseases, including Parkinson's and AIDS.

Hemp seed can be beneficial to those suffering from liver and kidney disorders and hemp seed has been positively associated with treatment of symptoms caused by Alzheimer's disease and arteriosclerosis.

Hemp food in Australia and New Zealand.

Despite the fact that hemp food products make it into food stores in most countries, hemp food is prohibited in Australia and New Zealand. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel, and Food Standards Australia and New Zealand



(FSANZ) are currently considering an application to have hemp foods licensed as a human food.

FSANZ have already expressed their opinion that hemp seed is a safe and nutritious food.

Now political issues are the only remaining obstacle. At the time of MardiGrass 2011, public submissions will have recently closed, so it is important to lobby your federal politicians to support the overwhelming evidence to allow hemp food to be eaten in Australia.

TERETRE
Tourist Cabins - NIMBIN - AUSTRALIA
Four cosy one-bedroom timber cabins nestled on 33 acres of natural bushland with abundant wildlife, within easy walking distance of local restaurants and shops.
Overnight or Weekly - Wheelchair Access
TERETRE Retreat - NIMBIN
5 High Street, Nimbin NSW 2480 AUSTRALIA
Ph: (02) 66 891 908 - Mob: 0427 891 626
Email: info@teretre.com.au - Web Site www.teretre.com.au

Since **1989**
NIMBIN CANDLES
Dont Miss Seeing The Nimbin Candle Factory
Open All This Mardigrass Weekend
Ph. (02)66891010 Doors Open 10am Till 4pm
Fx. (02)66891210 www.nimbincandles.com.au

Daisy
NIMBIN
GO CRAZY IN DAIZY
Jewellery, incense, stickers, postcards, beanies, hats, sarongs, bedcovers, wallhangings, cushions, thongs, CDs trance & local, slips, beads, sunnies, chimes, etc...
• OPEN FROM NOON DAILY •
60 Cullen Street Nimbin - ph 6689-0146

6 Nimbin MardiGrass SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. Robert Melamede has a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from the City University of New York. Dr. Robert Melamede, is CEO and President of Cannabis Science, Inc. A pioneering U.S. biotech company developing pharmaceutical cannabis products.



Dr. Melamede explained, "Cannabis Science was presented as a patient-oriented company that works closely with the patient community so as to better understand their needs."

We look to the medical marijuana community as a source of ideas. I especially enjoyed meeting with patients who came to Nimbin's MardiGrass last year to tell us all how medical cannabis changed their lives."

Dr. Melamede has hypothesized that the endocannabinoid system drove the evolution of vertebrates, particularly their immune system, nervous system and consciousness.

Dr. Melamede is recognized as a leading authority on the therapeutic uses of cannabis, and has authored or co-authored dozens of papers on a wide variety of scientific subjects and also serves on numerous Advisory Boards.

Dr Melamede has uniquely applied the physical principles of far from equilibrium thermodynamics to living systems and the central role played by the endocannabinoid system in promoting life, health and the evolution of mankind.

Furthermore, because of the rapid rate of changes brought on by humans over the past 150 years, low doses of cannabis should now be regarded as an essential nutrient in order to decrease the tonic level of inflammation that is behind age related illnesses by increasing the homeostatic level of human anti-inflammatory cannabinoid activity.

LEAP Australia President, Paul Cubitt

Paul is the President of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) Australia. Paul has served as a correctional officer since 1999 and has worked to the level of Deputy Governor. During his time in corrections, Paul has gained exposure to a broad range of offenders; particularly notable were gang members and individuals who had profited at the expense of drug abusers "Some of these individuals were allegedly worth hundreds of millions of dollars, were under 30 years of age and had all murdered at least one person."

Paul's career moved into working as a correctional officer in a rehabilitation unit. This led him to gain formal qualification in drug and alcohol. "I now realise how little I knew about my client base (drug abusers), this also lead me into being a forming member of LEAP Australia."

Paul is adamant that drug prohibition just does not achieve its goals and denies abusers are having their Human Rights protected. Paul would like to see the ethical perspective on drug policy put in its proper place, within a regulated framework by governments and as a health issue for the abusers. Paul believes that what a consensual adult does with their body should be their choice as long as it does not harm anyone else.

Michelle Rainey
Foundation: Continuing
Chron's, Cancer and
Cannabis Research.
michellerainey.com

Michelle Rainey
1971-2010



Dr Andrew Katelaris recalls being contacted by a 78-year-old patient soon after Dr Katelaris appeared in an episode of ABC TV's Catalyst program discussing the medical use of marijuana.



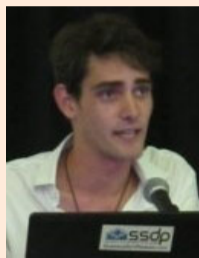
"The patient was so desperate for help that she found my name in the White Pages and rang me at home," says Dr Katelaris, who works in a Sydney private hospital in post-operative care.

The NSW Medical Tribunal banned Dr Katelaris over the self-administration of cannabis and for supplying it to some patients.

Asked about the ethical issues raised by breaking the law, Dr Katelaris says: "It is not a matter of ethics, it is about the scientific evidence that overwhelmingly shows that cannabis has a beneficial effect on the symptoms of severe disease including spinal spasticity and MS, HIV and cancer."

"Because of the illegality there is a \$5-billion black market with profits mostly going to organised crime. What are the ethics of forcing sick people to go to criminals?"

Jacob Potkonyak has had a long standing interest in drug policy. Currently studying philosophy and politics as an undergraduate, he formed Australia's first Students for Sensible Drug Policy chapter at Macquarie University in Sydney in 2009.



The group aims to educate and motivate students to become active in the political process surrounding drugs in society. Since then he has co-authored scientific papers and government submissions while continuing to publicly advocate drug policy reform at conferences, research symposiums and in the media.

Klara Marosszky has a vision for the future that involves revamping of the local farming industry to produce industrial hemp crops. Working with farmers, she has just harvested her first commercial crop of industrial hemp and is looking for innovators who want to utilise the product. Klara currently teaches sustainability courses at TAFE and envisions hemp as the solution to many of the sustainability issues that are affecting Australia today. Not only is she trying to create a hemp industry in NSW and open the way to using hemp seed as a food product, but she is out to make housing materials affordable.



Dr Keith Bolton, Vice-President, Northern Rivers Hemp Inc.

2009 and 2010 have been the two most exciting years in the NSW Hemp industry since Cannabis Prohibition with the release of commercial licenses in 2009 by NSW Department of Primary Industries, and the harvesting of the first commercial hemp crops in 2010. Not surprisingly, The Northern Rivers Region has the highest density of hemp licensees and growers in the state, and is set to become a major centre for hemp production and industry during the next five years.

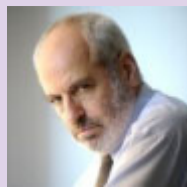
The high level of local interest in the hemp industry has prompted the formation of Northern Rivers Hemp Inc., a not-for-profit organization aimed at nurturing the establishment of the Northern Rivers Hemp Industry by maintaining a seed-bank, providing information, networking industry participants, and lobbying for changes in the legislation to allow hemp food production.

www.northernrivershemp.org

Read more information from Keith in here on page 5.



Dr Alex Wodak is a physician and has been Director of the Alcohol and Drug Service, St Vincent's Hospital since 1982. Major interests include: prevention of HIV among injecting drug users, brief interventions for problem drinkers, prevention of alcohol problems, treatment of drug users, drug policy reform.



Dr Wodak is President of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation and was President of the International Harm Reduction Association (1996-2004).

Alex helped establish the first needle syringe program (1986) and the first medically supervised injecting centre (1999) in Australia when both were pre-legal. Dr Wodak often works in developing countries on HIV control among injecting drug users. He has published over 200 scientific papers.

Paul Richard Wilson PhD, OAM is an Australian author, sociologist and criminologist. Paul currently holds the Chair of Criminology at Bond University. Prior to this he held academic appointments at the University of Queensland and several American Universities. He also was a Fulbright Scholar.



Paul has authored 24 books on crime and related social issues, He is an occasional columnist for several Australian newspapers. In 2003 he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for 'services to education, particularly as a writer and lecturer in the field of criminology and to the community through raising public awareness of social justice issues'.

Sandra Kanck is a South Australian politician. She was an Australian Democrats member of the South Australian Legislative Council 1993-2008. She was first elected in 1993 and was re-elected for a second eight-year term in 2002. Sandra was born in Broken Hill, New South Wales with six younger siblings. She considers herself to be an occasional singer, former teacher, social justice campaigner and environmentalist.



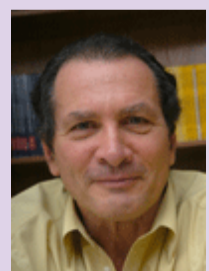
Kanck is the National President of Sustainable Population Australia, a Committee Member of the SA Branch of Sustainable Population Australia, the SA President of Friends of the ABC, a Patron of the Broken Hill Community Foundation, SA spokesperson for Families and Friends of Drug Law Reform, a member of the executive of the SA Council for Civil Liberties, and State President of the Democrats in South Australia.



Dr. Des Tramachi has a PhD in religious studies, specialising in entheogens. His research interests include the religious uses of psychoactive substances, sociology of religions, ecstatic dance cultures, and the anthropology of consciousness.



Greg Kašarik is a Melbourne based mystic and uses a combination of meditation and entheogens to connect with the Divine Soul and to achieve states of Transcendence. These compounds have allowed him to greatly expand his awareness of the Divine and in doing so have assisted the development of a coherent religious philosophy.



Dr. Graham Irvine is a Sessional Lecturer in Law and Justice at Southern Cross University, Lismore, having practised as a solicitor in NSW and Queensland. His background includes radio journalism and documentary production for ABC Radio. He has lived on an intentional community outside Nimbin for 35 years.

Soul Sisters
OzKat Clothing
The Old Bank Building next to the Post Office.

Grooven
byron bay
3/103 JONSON STREET BYRON BAY 2481 T 02 6685 5290

Hemping Around
Down the verandah at 4/45 Cullen St.
- NIMBIN SOUVENIRS
- COOL STUFF
- HEMP THINGS
Legalise Hemp Now!
ph 02 66890024



Register at Peace Park
Entry is \$2.
WIN HEMP BLING
sixteenth olympiad



COMMENTATORS
Alan Glover & S Sorrensen

Street Parade - SUNDAY 2.30pm

FLOAT COMPETITION

First Prize One Thousand dollars.
Second Prize \$250 voucher from Happy High Herbs
Third Prize \$100 voucher from Happy High Herbs

ENTRY CONDITIONS:

Height - Floats must not exceed 3.2 metres from "the road".
Width - Must not exceed 2.4metres wide.
Length - Should not exceed 4.2 metres in length, however this is a bit flexible.

Floats must be peopled or green powered.

You will be given a competitor number at the beginning of the Parade.

Floats may feature a single person or group, or may be a centre piece of a larger on foot display.

These floats are our opportunity to present a powerful message to the outside world of both celebration and/or protest. Your float can express whatever you feel or want to share.

We need floats and displays that reflect our area, our people, our pride and desires for the future, our fun and festivity.



Drug Law Reform is a major focus of this festival and we encourage all to have their say.

JUDGING:

Judges will remain unknown until the day of the event. They will be women and men, and mostly not part of the Happy High Herb shop.

Points scored from 1 to 10.

1. Judged pre-parade whilst assembling: Use of recycled materials, Originality, Punctuality
2. Judging During Parade: Function (Locomotion), Costumes, Message power, Overall effect, Crowd response.

PRIZES will be presented to nominated heads of winning floats in Peace Park after the Rally.
Contact the HEMP Embassy for details on 66891842

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN PEACE PARK

The Joint Rolling Finals are held in the Town Hall after the Rally on Sunday.

JOINT ROLLING

The joint must burn from one end to the other. The categories are as follows:

1. **Speed Roll** - Roll a standard three paper joint as fast as you can. The three fastest go into the finals. Joints must include a cardboard filter, or will be judged incomplete. If this custom is alien to you, consult a local professional before the event.

2. **Artistic Roll** - Roll the most beautiful joint within ten minutes with as many papers as you like. The three best



examples enter the finals.
3. **Roll in the Dark** - Athletes are blindfolded.

4. **Adverse Conditions** - Dependent on weather conditions on the day and the judges' creativity.

5. **Seed Sorting** - You have to get the "seeds" out of the "mull" faster than anyone else. How fast are you?

TUG O' PEACE - With a Hemp rope in teams of five (you must have something in

Find the collection of videos at:
[YouTube.com/NimbinMardiGras](https://www.youtube.com/NimbinMardiGras)



GROWERS' IRONPERSON EVENT

Involves lugging a sack of fertilizer and buckets of water around the simulated planting area obstacle course with a tick and leech infested lantana tunnel.

The men's event is a 40kg sack while the women contend with an 20kg sack. The top five crawl into the final. A disclaimer must be signed to compete in this endurance event.

CORRECT WEIGHT

You've got vegetable matter, a baggie and no scales. Make up an ounce bag. Closest to the correct weight wins. (1 ounce= 28.3495231 grams)

PLANTATHLON AWARD

In memory of Plantem, 'Chicken' George for the best all rounder in the HEMP Olympix. They must be able to kick an Aussie Rules ball

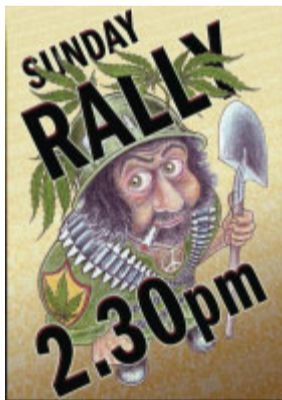


Saturday - KOMBI KONVOY 4.20pm Mass Enlightenment

In Nimbin we will aim to break the world record for the most joints ever lit at once in the same place at the same time.

Peace Park protestors will have already prepared "joints" of many herbs and will assemble outside the Embassy in time for the arrival of the Kombi Konvoy please bring a smokeable "joint".

After the last Kombi has passed we will light up, and produce as much smoke as possible for the cameras recording the event.
Viva la Fume!

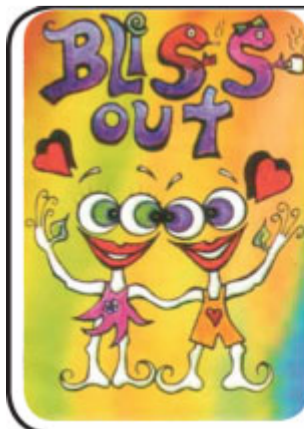


HEMP OLYMPIX Xvi

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

bringabong.com

HEMP OLYMPIX Xvi EVENTS:



Happy High Herbs

58a Cullen Street Nimbin
Open 7 days
phone/fax 6689 1365
www.happyhighherbs.com
Also in Newtown, Fitzroy and Surfers Paradise

Proud organisers of the Kombi Konvoy

RVBYESQUE

ALAN MORRIS
PROPRIETOR

SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA & FINE USED BOOKS
21 CARRINGTON STREET LISMORE 2480
PO BOX 1184 LISMORE (02) 6622 4676



Nimbin MardiGrass



TOWN HALL

MIDDAY FRIDAY April 29th Information Booth opens
All MardiGrass Passes Available Here
MardiGrass Family Cafe in the Hall open all weekend serving healthy hempish meals.

FRIDAY PEACE PARK

4pm Kaptan Reefer

5pm - MARDIGRASS OPENING CEREMONY with Aboriginal Elders and Nunukel Kunjeil.

Music until the Hemp Olympix Torch Bearer arrives from the South with the Eternal Flame For The Victims Of Prohibition and a minute's silence followed by guest speakers.

From April 29 to May 7, 1770 Captain Cooks stayed at Botany Bay, where he raised the flag. MardiGrass Opening on Friday evening during the "Introduction to Country" from local elders with smoking ceremony and stories for the thanksgiving. You can bring gifts and food to share.

PICKER'S BALL

Entry: Show a Weekend Pass, otherwise \$15. (Concession \$10) See page 10 for Bands. Tune in, Turn on & Lighten Up

- 6pm The 50 Bags
- 7pm Pagan Love Cult
- 8pm Fyah Walk
- 9pm CC The Cat

OTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

HEMP BAR FRIDAY 4:20

Web Cam Broadcast begins at H*E*M*P Party Bar : NimbinHempBar.com with CHURCH OF THE HOLY SMOKE & the sacrificial \$US100 note igniting the joint at 4:20 sharp.

Pot Art display all weekend

HEMP PARTY Members 6:00 pm session each evening.

Friday at 6pm GREY POWER.

A gathering of grandparents, parents and children outside the Embassy. Nimbin POLITE will capture evidence that there is generational support for Cannabis Law Reform.

Max Stone BigJoint.org
HEMP BAR and Polite Bureau serving hempseed food and coffee with the **Pot Art Exhibition** all weekend.

BIRTH & BEYOND The Nimbin Environment Centre is running MardiGrass Movies and a Chill Space in Birth and Beyond all weekend. The Hemp Solution, past MardiGrass Movies, Cheech and Chong, Environmental Films and more. Soup and Chai available.

Armband entry or Donation

RAINBOW CAFE 2pm Mona Lizard

NIMBIN HOTEL 7.30pm The Hoochers

The Nimbin Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre, in Sibley Street near Peace Park, open all MardiGrass weekend with Bush Tucker, Art Exhibition and a talk with Local Elders.

SATURDAY

4:20am to Dawn; Mahawana Sunrise Meditation

Register for the MWSCC (MardiGrass World Stoned Chess Championship) at the CHAI TENT

11am Kaptan Reefer and the Konescrapers.

11:30am HEMP OLYMPIX registration

12pm MardiGrass World Stoned Chess Championship registration closes, competition begins at the Chai Tent. Winner decided by Sunday sunset. Drug testing will be compulsory, but not after every move.



PEACE PARK

12 - 2pm HEMP OLYMPIX

Tug O'War between Police and Polite with the Big Hemp Rope followed by the Hemp Olympix First Heats of the Bong Throw and Yell, followed by the Growers Ironperson Event. Hosted by S Sorrensen and Alan Glover.

1pm Medical Cannabis Tent

"Bubblebag" Hash Making Demonstration. Come see and learn how to use official Bubble Bag brand water filtration bags so that you can produce the highest quality resin extract from your plants. This will be a lavender demonstration.

2pm The EXPRESS: With Manju Winkler guitar, Dave Baston bass and Saras Perkons drums.

TOWN HALL

Information and Chill Zone, Medical Cannabis meeting place, Movies, Music, Food, Peace & Quiet in the Garden. The MardiGrass Family Cafe in the Town Hall open all weekend.

SATURDAY

MardiGrass MIND CANDY

MCs: Miss Guidance, Neil Pike & JR. Join Pragmatic Visionaries & Solipsistic Psychonauts for an afternoon of Debate, Discussion & the Occasional Stoned Rave.

Midday - 6pm MardiGrass MIND CANDY FORUM

(Description page 2 and Guests page 6)
Debate, Discussion & the Occasional Stoned Rave. Outrageous Truths & Believable Lies! Join us for an afternoon joint and a good natter.

Midday - 1pm THE GREEN GODDESS Entheogenic cultures can increase benefits and reduce risks, offering a different approach to Western-style legal regulation. FACILITATOR: Dr Des Tramacchi; PANELISTS: Nima W Azal, Greg Kasarik, Frank Kirk, Dr Bob Melamede.

OTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

11am Last chance to join the GANJA FAERIES. Meeting at the exit of the Western Car Park for final practice. Last chance to be in the Parade with the Faeries.

MINGLE PARK STAGE: DRY CAMP, Behind the Museum. Music from midday throughout the weekend including Paranoia Club, Louis Burdett, Manu, Fires from Africa, Chris Fisher, Floating Bridges and Lucky Last.

1pm JAG (Justice Action Group) BBQ with free legal counselling, includes "In Our Dreams"...a demonstration of a legal cannabis market and how it could work to the benefit of everyone. Actors needed!

MC Robert Corowa says."Freedom is for all plants and animals as well as humans. No one has the right to tell me what I can or cannot eat."



SATURDAY

Midday HEMP EMBASSY Back Verandah Talk with KOG signing copies of his Golden Book on growing, or the DVD, showing in the Embassy and Museum all weekend.

The BOWLO
1pm Sixth Hemplere Pro Pot Art Tattoo Show (Entrants register 10:00am to 12:45pm) Music by the Antibodies and Kaliba

MardiGrass MARKET STAGE: Family Friendly
10am ReAct Circus Roving Performance
12pm Fiona Ryan
1:30pm John Douvris
3pm Essie Thomas
4:30pm Skin (paulie & co)
6pm Mantlepiece
7pm Imandan

2 till 5pm **MEDICAL CANNABIS TENT Top O' Peace Park MULLAWAY MEDICAL CANNABIS MEETING** Tony Bower is compiling a register for his almost authorised medical cannabis clinic, Australia's first. MS, HIV, cancer and chronic pain sufferers are invited to be part of the first legal medical cannabis dispensary trial. New applicants bring medical evidence to confirm your condition.

2pm **HEMP Party** meeting in Medicinal Cannabis Tent, HEMP PARTY CONFERENCE (see page 3) All interested HEMP Party Members are urged to attend.

3pm **HEMP OLYMPIX** Tug O' Peace with the hemp rope. Hemp Olympix JOINT ROLLING First Heats; Speed, Artistic and Adverse Conditions, and a chance for everyone to roll a "joint" for the Mass Light Up.

PEACE PA

3 - 4 pm **KIDS SPACE** Manipulation Play (hoops, juggling, trick sticks) 5 - Basic tumbling and Acro work shop.

4 pm **GLOBAL MARIJU MARCH** leaves Peace Park the HEMP Embassy and a the Kombi Konvoy for a record attempt at the mo ever lit at once in the on place.....Before leaving everyone will be encoura roll something that looks joint from herbs provided whatever, so that when w arrive outside the Embas the Konvoy has passed, at the call, light up simultaneously, and plea as much smoke as possi the cameras. The whole watching....whatever sort you feel comfortable with

TOWN HALL

SATURDA



3 - 4pm **LEGISLATING FOR LEGOLAND?** How do we react to drug policy? FACILITATOR: Erik van Keulen. PANELISTS: Stephanie Clerc, Mulga, Jake Potkonyak, Torsten Wiedemann.

5 - 6pm **HOW CAN WE LEGALIZE DRUGS?** How can we proact in the drug policy discourse? FACILITATOR: Erik van Keulen. PANELISTS: Tony Mullaway, Dr Graham Irvine, Sandra Kanck, Dr Andrew Katelaris, Joe King, Dr Alex Wodak .

We'll look at what worked and what didn't work, and we'll reflect on what else we can do to influence the drug policy debate in Australia.

4:20pm **KOMBI KONVOY** turning up outside Tow

6pm **COOKING WITH CANNABIS**, Vaporizer demonstration and oth ways of getting the Go Medicine into you with smoking. MC: The Co Queen.



SATURDA

4:20pm **KOMBI KONVOY** in Nimbin, from Byron Lismore. Could people in please refrain from jump back bumpers of Kombis pass through town, a damage the vehicles. respekt bro'.

4:20pm **MASS ENLIGHT** where well over 1 million law reform activists in ne cities around the globe protesting. (Global M Mar 7, so we're a little out of year.) In Nimbin we will aim to break the world r the most joints ever lit at the same place at the sa

Peoples in Peace Park ready rolled "joints" of ma and will gather outside the in time for the arrival of t Konvoy.

Please bring a smokable After the last Kombi has wait for the call and we up, and produce as muc as possible for the recording the event. Viva

SATURDAY OTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

RAINBOW CAFE
6:30pm Pepper Boys

HEMP PARTY BAR and POLITE BUREAU - "Demonstrating" a wide selection of highly delicious and nutritious (zero THC) Hemp seed Foods during MardiGrass. Hemp Burgers, Hemp Cakes, Hemp Cookies and Chocolate Hemp Truffles. MardiGrass Armband Entry 8.30pm till late. W.A.N party, focussing on uploading info to youtube, facebook etc, bring your laptop, mobile phone and camera.

4pm **Church of The Holy Smoke** Mass Baptism with Her Holiness The Goddess, preparing everyone for the Mass Lightup! And inducting novitiates to the Church Of The HolySmoke with the Pork Fork and ignite a US\$100 note, to burn sacramental herb.



There may be late changes to the program

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL AND SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2011

19TH CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY AND GATHERING

MARK SATURDAY

HARVEST BALL 6pm PEACE PARK Concert for Cannabis Law Reform

5pm - John Douvris
6pm - Irie Knights
7pm Johnny No Cash
Ganja
7:30 Anarchist Duck
8:30 ReAct Stage Circus
Performance
8:50 A French Butler
Called Smith
10pm OKA

PEACE PARK SUNDAY

Dawn Mahawana Sunrise
Meditation.

10am The POT POETS Breakfast with MC David Hallet...A potted pot-pourri of some of the region's top performance poets will be poeting their infamous pot poems...visiting pot poets welcome.

11am Kaptan Reefer and the Konescrapers plus Johnny (No Cash) Ganja

11am SEED SWAP

11:30 Hemp Olympix registration for Last Heats.

12 till 2pm HEMP OLYMPIX Last Heats and Finals of Growers Iron Person, Tug O' Peace & Bong Throw and Yell.

12pm and 5pm MEDICAL CANNABIS TENT Top O' Peace Park MULLAWAY MEDICAL CANNABIS MEETING where Tony Bower is compiling a register for his soon to be authorised medical cannabis clinic, the first in the country. MS, HIV, cancer and chronic pain sufferers are invited to be part of Australia's first legal medical cannabis dispensary trial. 1pm "Bubblebag" Hash Making Demonstration

2pm CANNABIS LAW REFORM MARCH and RALLY Prohibition is an incitement not a control. Revolution is the festival of the oppressed! Gather and get ready for the MardiGrass March and Rally. If you want to be in it join us all at the top of Cecil Street where it meets Cullen Street, opposite the local Police Station. The march is the main event, so please come.



It includes the **FLOAT COMPETITION** (see page 7) where you will be given a competitor number at the beginning of the Parade. Floats may feature a single person or group, or may be a centrepiece of a larger on foot display. Prizes will be presented to nominated heads of winning floats in Peace Park after the Rally.

2:30pm CANNABIS LAW REFORM MARCH begins at 2:30pm led by the Widjibal Elders of the Bunjalung Nation, with children holding the Koori flag, and makes its way to the Rally in Peace Park. Sometimes the parade might stop while the Ganja Faeries up front do a brief performance.

This keeps the parade from being too hasty and allows the crowd a better opportunity to take it all in. Everyone waits behind the BIG JOINT until the procession continues.

No rush. Percussionists who have not been practicing with the Ganja Faerie troupe are asked to form a second Drumming Troupe further back in the parade to provide a continuing accompaniment.

The procession will eventually make its way to the Rally for Cannabis Law Reform in Peace Park.

3:30pm CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY... by Bundjalung Melamede, Dr Paul Wilson, S Cubitt from LE Neil Pike, Gai Bolton, Michael that's already the music is co



DANCE FOR REFORM Diana Anaid Nigel Mctrus Nathan Kaye Dick Desert Bertha Cont King Farook

3-4pm PEACE Circus Manipu juggling, trick s Park. Kids Spa and Acro-balar

TOWN HALL



8 - 10pm MardiGrass COMEDY CLUB Without armband \$10.00 Saturday night only... hosted by Alan Glover & S Sorrensen, see page 10.

10pm The Nomads and Sheik Yatush.... Middle Eastern Dance with local live music.

SUNDAY TOWN HALL

Chill Zone, Forums, Movies, Music, Food, with Peace & Quiet in the Garden at least. The MardiGrass Family Cafe in the Town Hall open all weekend.

11am LEGAL ADVICE Session with Steve Bolt and James Moylan.

12pm INDUSTRIAL HEMP FORUM - Speakers include Dr Keith Bolton, Dr Andrew Katelaris and NSW hemp farmers. If you are interested in being involved in the local hemp industry, come to the Hemp Forum.



NSW HEMP



1pm MardiGrass BEYOND PROHIBITION WORKSHOP MC Ray Thorpe. Special guests include Dr Alex Wodak, Prof Paul Wilson, Sandra Kanck, LEAP's Paul Cubitt, Dr Bob Melamede from Colorado.

2:30pm The RALLY is on.

HEMP OLYMPIX 5pm JOINT ROLLING FINALS, followed by the Plantathlon Award for the best Hemp Olympix All-rounder, in memory of Chicken George, the legendary Plantem of previous MardiGrass.

6pm COOKING WITH CANNABIS, Vaporizer demonstration and other ways of getting Good Medicine into you without smoking. MC: The Cookie Queen.

7pm Sunday Dinner with Dr Bob and other MardiGrass Guests.



SUNDAY

MINGLE PARK STAGE DRY CAMP Behind the Museum. Music midday Sunday including Paranoia Club, Louis Burdett, Manu, Fires from Africa, Chris Fisher, Floating Bridges and Lucky Last. MC Robert Corowa says. "Freedom is for all plants and animals as well as humans. No one has the right to tell me what I can or cannot eat."

HEMP PARTY BAR POT ART BIG 4.20 Fair Dinkum stand up voters can register here to join the HEMP Party! Polite Bureau serving Hempseed food and coffee all weekend. Armband entry.

HEMP EMBASSY Back Verandah talk with KOG at midday where he will sign copies of his Golden Book on growing, or the DVD, which will be showing in the Embassy and Museum all weekend.

SUNDAY OTHER ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

MardiGrass MARKET STAGE Nimbin Community Centre Family Friendly 10-11am ReAct Circus Roving Performance 10:30 Blue Mango 12pm Ot's and Co 1:30pm Open Mic RALLY 3:30pm Floating Bridges 5pm Electric Lemonade 6:30pm KOBYA

INDUSTRIAL HEMP MEET behind Spangled Drongo and Oasis: Members of the Northern Rivers Hemp Association are keen to meet any potential farmers. Check out fibre samples from last year's crop, hemp fabrics, papers, building materials and plastics, footage of the first NSW commercial crops and a video of hemp building.

SATURDAY

6pm HEMP PARTY Members meet the same time each evening in the HEMP BAR.

INDUSTRIAL HEMP MEETING; Members of the Northern Rivers Hemp Association are keen to meet any potential farmers, product processors or anyone interested in the NSW hemp industry, at their display behind the Oasis Cafe & Spangle Drongo (See map). Check out fibre and seed samples from the 2011 crop, hemp fabrics, papers, building materials and plastics, footage of the first NSW commercial hempseed food crops and a video of hemp building.

BUSH THEATRE Candle Factory. Hempfoods cafe and quiet chill space all weekend with movies and music. POT ART in HEMP Bar and Embassy

NIMBIN HOTEL; 2pm Azzadoota - 7.30pm King Farook.

BIRTH & BEYOND The Environment Centre is showing MardiGrass Movies and a Chill Space in Birth and Beyond all weekend. The Hemp Solution, past MardiGrass Movies, Cheech and Chong, Environmental Films and more. Soup and Chai available. Armband entry or Donation

8pm WikiDoof NIM FM MardiGrass ALL NIGHT DANCE PARTYbring your radio, headset, phone, earphones or whatever you need to tune in to NIMFM102.3

SUNDAY



NIMBIN HOTEL 2pm Somersault 6pm 2 Dogs (from hip hop band the resin dogs) DJ Kacht

BIRTH & BEYOND The Nimbin Environment Centre is running MardiGrass Movies and a Chill Space in Birth and Beyond all weekend. The Hemp Solution, past MardiGrass Movies, Cheech and Chong, Environmental Films and more. Soup and Chai available. Armband entry or Donation

BUSH THEATRE Candle Factory. Hempfoods cafe and quiet chill space all weekend with movies and music.

CANNABIS CUP Somewhere, sometime...

"This is our nin Rally for Cannavowed to Rally first Sunday in longer criminals

The recent Nim highlighted their how their lim spent.

For over four been picking o in Nimbin wit operations whi or no differer create more y criminal record

Building more approach to w health and soc

CC The Cat
Friday 9 - 10pm
 CC the Cat have played hundreds of shows and amassed a devoted fan base along the East and West Coasts of Oz in the last four years with their house-packing live show, their addictive songs, conscious message and their own reggae-rock-funk sound.



The Irie Knights
Saturday 6 - 7pm
 If you feel good in Jamaica you'd say you're feeling 'Irie'! If you feel good in Australia you've probably just seen the Irie Knights! An infectious 10 piece that combines their overwhelming spirit and energy with hard hitting reggae grooves.



FYAH WALK
Friday 8 - 8.50pm
 FYAH WALK breaks the boundaries of reggae in Australia, reaching out to all music lovers with a fusion of authentic Virgin Islands reggae and their own fresh, contemporary, high-energy style.



PEACE PARK MUSIC



Anarchist Duck
Saturday 7:30 - 8:30pm
 Anarchist Duck's live shows are renowned for their house-shaking danceadelic hugeness, driven by body-rockin beats, Flawless' boundary-smashing guitar style, and the unmistakable rare talent of singing bassist Julz... this band has an original sound that takes Gold Coast original music to a new level of greatness.



Nigel McTrusty
Sunday 5:00pm
 Well crafted songs combine with the primal infectious tones of his hand crafted CBGs producing trance-like riffs and grooves. The sound and instrument has its roots both from the Deep South and Africa, home of the Blues.



A French Butler called Smith
Saturday 8:50 - 9:50pm
 When a French Butler called Smith come to town you want to be prepared with some serious, high energy dancing to step into their realm!



OKA
Saturday 10 - 11pm
 Their sound is an organic tapestry of phatt earth rhythms in a smooth hi-fidelity sound that is full of uplifting melodies, tones and textures.

Nathan Kaye
Sunday 5:50pm
 Hometown, Byron Bay. A One man music festival! roots, acoustic funk, world, folk, rock, blues - Vocals, 6 & 12 string guitars, Lapsteel Slide Guitar, Human Beat-box, Timber Slide-Didge, Didjeridu, Electronic drumkit, Darabuka & other percussion.



Bertha Control
Sunday 7:55pm

Five-piece, all-womyn explosion of funk, reggae, politics and soaring vocal harmonies. Renowned for lifting entire rooms of the underground into a dancing mass of euphoria, Bertha tickles your ears with a phat bass sound, chunks of funky guitars, an excitable horn section, drums, keys, flute of the forest and, of course, their famous vocal webs of harmony (Destiny's Child... eat your heart out!!)



King Farook
Sunday 9pm

The sound of the band is best described as Alternative in the?sense that it can't be neatly slotted in anywhere else. It takes?threads from familiar styles like Funk, Urban, Rock, Pop, Soul, R'n'B, House and Latin, and weaves them together into a colourful exposition of musicraft!



The EXPRESS
Saturday 2:00pm

With Manju Winkler playing blues guitar in the style of Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Featuring Dave Baston on bass and Saras



Dick Desert
Sunday 7pm

The Truckers Missus Opera - a tale of weed and greed and lust and speed. This great musical queen of the road comes in the form of a live radio play accompanied by one of the world's top country punk bands. Dick Desert has shocked and amused audiences as far afield as the Edinburgh Festival to home shows such as The Big Day Out, Woodford Folk Festival and will be returning for their 3rd MardiGrass.

MardiGrass COMEDY CLUB

This year the MardiGrass COMEDY CLUB will be an extra special event on Saturday Night, April 30, from 8-10pm.

For a start the Comedy Club will be held in Nimbin Town Hall. Pretty fancy. This beautiful and venerable space will be transformed into the coolest comedy club this side of the Pacific. But the really exciting news is the line-up. Headlining the bill is the remarkable **Harley Breen** from Melbourne - Australia's best young comedian. We kid you not. He absolutely killed at Woodford Folk Festival even making gumboots split their sides. The Age described him as "a hilarious break from



stereotypes. Very funny." The Herald Sun wrote, "Breen is real talent who's not afraid to speak his mind or yours." S Sorrensen said, "I hate this bloke. He gives me stitches and jaw ache." A regular headliner on the Australian scene, Harley is also familiar to comedy circuits in Edinburgh, London and south-east Asia, and at festivals such as the Edinburgh, Adelaide and Melbourne Comedy and Fringe Festivals, where he has worked with major comic talent like Steven K. Amos, Fiona O'Loughlin, Greg Fleet and Wil Anderson. A Melbourne Comedy Festival favourite, Harley has just



finished his fifth full solo show for the festival, I Heart Bunnings. But wait there's more! As well as Harley there'll be another new face performing at the MardiGrass Comedy Club - **Paul McMahon**. Byron-based Paul is an ex-bank manager who realised he wanted to do something useful - so he became a comedian. Paul is now in demand on the Gold Coast, Brisbane and Canberra comedy circuits. He's the polite, quietly spoken guy next door with a knack for wry observation and who says



what he really thinks. Oh, and he's hilarious. Everyone loves Paul. Hosting the show will be MardiGrass's resident comedians **Alan Glover and S Sorrensen**. These two comics (and **Hemp Olympic Officials**) do two-handed stand-up - and that's a rare trick. Two blokes bouncing off each other (verbally mostly but sometimes physically) they'll discuss just what is happening at MardiGrass in a serious, dignified and refined manner

using all their scientific and commercial expertise. No really. And just to round out the evening with some feminine ambience, the MardiGrass Comedy Club is proud to have the wonderful, uplifting **Andrea Soler** to perform a few of her songs and to imbibe the club with MardiGrass bliss. **MardiGrass COMEDY CLUB Saturday, April 30, at Nimbin Town Hall, from 8-10pm, featuring Harley Breen, Paul McMahon, Alan Glover, S Sorrensen and Andrea Soler.**

RAINBOW CAFE
 The HEART of NIMBIN - AUSTRALIA
 EST. 1973

Bowlo
 Sibley Street Nimbin, phone 6689-1250
MardiGrass Events Saturday
 Tattoo competition 1pm

ENJOY!

SEE YOU AT THE BOWLO

- Air conditioned lounge, bar and dining room
- Courtesy Bus
- ASIAN STAR Restaurant
- Lunch & dinner Tuesday - Sunday

Nimbin Hotel & Backpackers
 53 Cullen Street, Nimbin
 Phone 6689-1246

MardiGrass: Fri 29th 7.30pm The Hoochers; Sat 30th 2pm Azzadoota, 7.30pm King Farook; Sun 1st 2pm Sommersault, 6pm 2 Dogs DJ Kacht

Accommodation • TAB facilities
Hummingbird Bistro
 Open 7 days: noon - 2pm, 6pm - 8pm

HEALTH ON EARTH

Whilst still a minor player on the world scene the scale of the Hemp industries and the range of products are steadily rising, due to the increasing acceptance of the concept of industrial agriculture. In order to produce true sustainability industrial agriculture seeks to use annual crops as the starting point for factory production, replacing mined inputs such as iron ore and coal.

But can Hemp and other select crops really make an impact on the looming environmental catastrophe? Imagine our country one generation into the future, following the passage of a law requiring all industrial production to be completely non-toxic, biodegradable and sustainable. In this world cars and many other things are now made of Hemp bio-plastic.

This material is not new. It was developed by Henry Ford in 1941, who made a car body that was one sixth the weight of steel but had ten times the impact resistance. Documentary footage of this remarkable achievement is available on the internet. Future generations will never know what a panel beater actually did and the insurance industry will be much downsized. Perhaps in this future world those responsible for suppressing such valuable green technology will finally be brought to task.

Australia earns about \$400 million a year by selling old growth forest chips, but we import finished paper products to the value of \$1.4 billion. The use of trees and chlorine in paper making in the future world is now a receding memory. Modern non-wood paper making factories operate surrounded by green fields of Hemp. The billions of dollars saved on imports are invested into massive reforestation programs, stabilising erosion and facilitating the return of biodiversity.

Synthetic fabrics are long gone, replaced by breathable naturals of Hemp, ramie or bamboo.

Hempcrete is a building material manufactured from the chipped inner fibre of the Hemp stalk. Mixed with lime, ground slag or other additives, it forms a cellulose cement lighter than conventional materials but with improved thermal and acoustic insulation properties. The material is fireproof and completely resistant to termites. Hempcrete revolutionises home building in the future.

Hempcrete sets like concrete but can be cut like timber. Any unwanted structure can simply be ground up and thrown into the new mix. A more "organic" style of building can develop, because it is now a straightforward process to rearrange internal walls and make any other changes to a home to suit changing family needs.

In some European countries nearly half of all dwellings are owner built. Hempcrete dramatically reduces the cost of housing by simplifying construction.



For example, a roof cast of hempcrete reinforced with bamboo can replace a tiled roof, fascia and guttering. This roof will have better thermal and acoustic insulation than the tiles, it will be resistant to hail and will greatly reduce the risk from bushfire.

In addition to the direct benefits of hempcrete in construction it also functions very efficiently to sequester carbon dioxide. Bio-sequestration is the process by which plants take up carbon dioxide and water and use the sun's light to synthesise glucose and then cellulose. If the cellulose is used in long lasting structures, then the atmospheric carbon dioxide is effectively removed or "sequestered", improving the weather health on Earth.

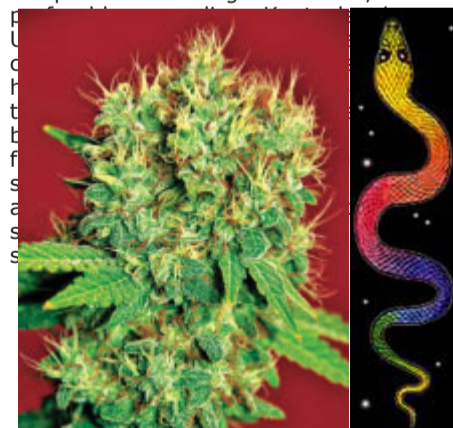


They are referred to as essential because they cannot be synthesised by



The average Australian family generates about ten tons of carbon dioxide each year. One hectare of Hemp can sequester up to twenty tons of carbon dioxide annually. The average hempcrete house would sequester about forty tons. When a house is made of hempcrete it is not only this direct carbon dioxide which is saved. Using bricks, tiles and other fired ceramics generates a huge amount of carbon dioxide in manufacture.

An average brick house generates up to five hundreds tons of carbon dioxide in its total construction and the housing industry generates a large proportion of the country's domestic carbon dioxide output. A large scale change in building methods would facilitate our compliance with targets such as, or



1807: HEMP HISTORY

Czar Alexander of Russia was forced to sign the treaty of Tilser, which cut off all legal Russian trade with Great Britain, its allies, or any other neutral nation ship acting as agents for Great Britain. Napoleon hoped to stop Russian hemp from reaching England, thereby destroying Britains navy by forcing it to cannibalise sails, ropes and rigging from other ships; Napoleon believed that Britain, starved of hemp, would be forced to end its blockade of France and the continent. As a result of Napoleons actions, hemp, which normally sold at 25 pounds per tonne, reached a price of 118 pounds per tonne in 1808.



omega-3 Essential Fatty Acid

In the areas of health and medicine the use of Hemp could lead to dramatic improvements in society.

Hemp seed is one of the richest sources of alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), the plant based form of the essential fatty acid omega 3. ALA has an eighteen carbon backbone, which is elongated in the body to a twenty-two carbon chain to form DHA and EPA. In this form omega 3 is incorporated into the brain, forming a critical part of the neuronal membrane. Omega 3 from marine sources occurs as DHA and EPA and taking omega 3 in this form bypasses the need for the conversion. There are two essential fatty acids, omega 3 and omega 6.

the body, but must be obtained in food.

The ideal ratio for optimal health between the intake of omega 3 and omega 6 is one part omega 3 for each three parts of omega 6. The industrialisation of the western diet has had the critical effect of seriously reducing the intake of omega 3 whilst at the same time dramatically increasing the omega 6 intake, due to the mass marketing of canola and other inferior oils. Hemp seed offers a unique combination of important nutrients, including a balanced ratio of omega 3 and omega 6 and an impressive array of vitamins and minerals.

Hemp seed has a particularly high level of vitamin E, which is a potent antioxidant protecting the omega 3 from rancidity. Vitamin E, so often deficient in a processed diet, is critical for vascular health, by maintaining the pliability of the blood vessel wall.

The protein in Hemp is balanced and easily absorbed. Australia is the only country on Earth which still has restrictions on advertising the food uses of Hemp seed, forms as a part of their worship. Devotional ceremonies to Kali involve cannabis ingestion and ritual sex, which is directed at raising the Kundalini energy from the base of the spine up into the higher centres of the brain.

KALI-MA

The most ancient goddess still worshiped in the world today is the Indian Kali-Ma, the Mother of Life and Death. Her worship stretches back into pre-history, and is believed to predate that of her better known consort Shiva, the longest continually worshiped god on earth.



Both Shiva and Kali are strongly associated with marijuana. Kali is generally depicted with a girle of human arms and a necklace of skulls and represents the dark aspect of the goddess trinity of virgin-mother-crone.

Both ancient and modern devotees of Kali partake of marijuana in various

Other Pot-Goddesses

The worship of Kali, under various names, extended into the ancient Near East, and cannabis was also used by many of the worshippers of Kalis ancient Near East, and cannabis was also used by many of the worshippers of Kalis ancient world counterparts. Kali is the Hindu counterpart

of the ferocious and sensual Canaanite goddess Anath, (part of a similar trinity with Ashera and Astarte) who is also described with "attached heads to her back, girded hands to waist." In ancient Germany, marijuana was used in association with Freya, the slightly tamer Kali-like goddess of Love and Death. Hemp produces a long, strong fibre from the outside of the stem which is used for textiles, cords and ropes, building, and many industrial applications. The inside pith of the stem is rich in cellulose fibre and can be used for many purposes such as paper and fibreboard manufacturing.

Hemp contains physiologically active chemicals that have been used for many medical applications. Hemp pharmaceuticals are being investigated for pain management, appetite stimulants, glaucoma and epilepsy.

DRUG TESTING & DRUG DETOX PRODUCTS

AussieDetox.com

The 1-stop online shop to help you maintain your privacy & clear your body of toxins



Use the Sun's Gift

to power: your future
Enjoy Mardi Grass 2011



FEDERAL AND STATE PARTY MEMBERS



WE NEED YOUR email ADDRESS

CALL 02 66891842 OR VISIT

AUSTRALIANHEMPARTY.COM



HEMP BIO-FUEL

There are various social, economic, environmental and technical issues with biofuel production and use, which have been discussed in the popular media and scientific journals.

These include: the effect of moderating oil prices, the "food vs fuel" debate, poverty reduction potential, carbon emissions levels, sustainable biofuel production, deforestation and soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, impact on water resources, as well as energy balance and efficiency.

Cannabis is very suitable for Ethanol and Bio-diesel.

Production of bio-ethanol from biomass is one way to reduce both consumption of crude oil and environmental pollution. Using bio-ethanol blended gasoline fuel for automobiles can significantly reduce petroleum use and exhaust greenhouse gas emission.

Bio-ethanol can be produced from different kinds of raw materials.

Bio-ethanol raw materials are classified into three categories of agricultural raw materials: simple sugars, starch and lignocellulose.

Bio-ethanol produced under the proper conditions, is essentially a clean fuel and has several clear advantages over petroleum-derived gasoline in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality in metropolitan areas.

The importance of renewable biofuels in displacing fossil fuels within the transport sector in the United States is growing, especially in the light of concerns over energy security and global warming.

The US federal government, as well as most governments worldwide, is strongly committed to displacing fossil fuels with renewable, potentially low carbon, biofuels produced from biomass.

The primary motivation for these efforts is both to decrease reliance on fossil fuels, particularly imported fuels, and to address concerns over the contribution of fossil-fuel consumption by the transport sector to global warming.

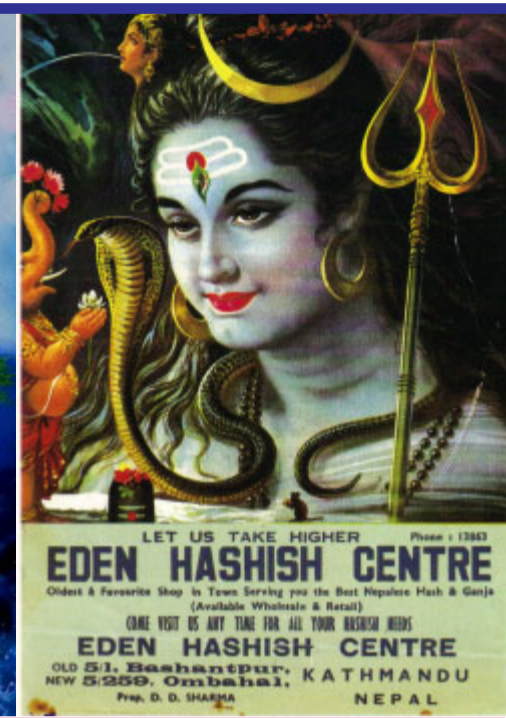
The US federal government has therefore set a target of displacing 30% of current US gasoline (petrol and diesel) consumption within the transportation sector with biofuels by 2030.

With total fossil fuel consumption within this sector currently running at levels of approximately 757 billion litres (200 billion gallons) per year, this requires the United States to develop a commercial infrastructure capable of producing approximately 227 billion litres (60 billion gallons) of biofuel per year on an energy-equivalent basis over this time frame.

The European Union, China, Australia and New Zealand have also established similar targets for biofuel production.

There is only one way to stall Global Warming during the 20+ years.

It will take to shift to renewable energy: use the plants, grasses and trees growing in the 5 billion hectares of farmland soil to extract CO2 from the air by photosynthesis. Help farmers make the change to Carbon Farming: Soil Carbon Credits Now!



Cannabis

was used in Indian culture as early as 3000 BCE, or earlier, going back to ancient societies of pre-vedic India.

Its ancient use is thus confirmed even in the oldest existing texts, the Vedas, Sama Veda, Rig Veda, and Atharva Veda.

The Atharva Veda, while undoubtedly belonging to the core Vedic corpus, in some ways represents an independent parallel tradition to that of the Rigveda and Yajurveda. It incorporates much of early traditions of healing and magic that are paralleled in other Indo-European literatures.

Cannabis or ganja is associated with worship of the Hindu deity Shiva, who is popularly believed to like the hemp plant. Bhang, an infusion in beverage form, is offered to Shiva images, especially on Shivratri festival.

On Shivaratri, only cold water and bael leaves are offered to the Lingam. Other traditional offerings, such as bathing Him in milk and Panchamruta (milk, curd, ghee, sugar and honey (symbols of sustenance) one after the other respectively, or anointing it with vermilion (kumkum) or white consecrated rice (Akshata) (symbols of fertility, or creation), are done on this day, when Lord Shiva is worshipped as the deity of dissolution.

The Lingam is a representation of the Hindu deity Shiva used for worship in temples. The Lingam has also been considered a symbol of male creative energy or of the phallus. The lingam is often represented with the Yoni, a symbol of the goddess or of Shakti, female creative energy.

The union of lingam and yoni represents the "indivisible two-in-oneness of male and female, the passive space and active time from which all life originates".



CANNABIS CARBON CREDITS

Carbon credits are a tradable permit scheme.

They provide a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by giving them a monetary value. International treaties set quotas on the amount of greenhouse gases countries can produce. Countries, in turn, set quotas on Industrial emissions.

Industries that exceed their quotas must buy carbon credits for their excess emissions and Industries below their quotas can sell their remaining credits.

By allowing credits to be bought and sold, a business for which reducing its emissions would be expensive or prohibitive can pay another business to make the reduction for it.

This minimizes the quota's impact on the business, while still reaching the quota. In addition to the burning of fossil fuels, major industry sources of greenhouse gas emissions are cement, steel, textile, and fertilizer manufacturers. The main gases emitted by these industries are methane, nitrous oxide, hydro-fluorocarbons, etc, which increase the atmosphere's ability to trap infrared energy.



Our addiction to fossil fuels, coal & oil, has changed the quality of our air, water and earth. Our health is affected by toxic-related cancer. The cost of production, transport and storage of our food requires energy. Energy in solid, liquid and electrical form in ever increasing amounts.

Coal fired power stations are trying to clean up their efficiency. Nuclear power has negative issues. Wind, solar, hydro, tidal, geothermal and plant material (biomass) have all become more viable as the price of crude oil rises and supplies diminish.

HEMP is ENERGY

(E=hempseed squared) Biomass from food crops and their byproducts is used to make Biofuel. Bast fibre crops include such species as Flax, Kenaf, Sun Hemp and Industrial Hemp.

The "hurd" is the inner woody core of the bast fibre plant's stem. In general bast fibre crops produce the greatest amount of usable bio-mass, over the shortest period, for the least amount of water. Bast crops are a highly efficient mop crop and can use most types of waste or even brackish water.

Between 1.7 and 1.9 tonnes of carbon dioxide is absorbed from the atmosphere for each tonne of bast crop cellulose produced. We typically grow 10-14 tonnes of crop straw per hectare. Another 2-3 tonnes of cellulose mass is produced and stored in the root system.

So each hectare of hemp could immediately sequester some 22 tonnes of greenhouse gases.

Bast crops are able to sequester more carbon than trees in a short 150 day season cycle and yet leave arable land available for food and other crop production in the remainder of the year.

original clothing and accessories for men and women of visionary sophistication a showcase of HEMP at the 2011 MardiGrass

kashi australia

1/10 wollongbar st byron bay ph 02 66808809 mob 0409983605 www.kashi.com.au

welcome To The Nimbin Hemp

HEMP BAR

DO YOU HAVE A VISION?

HEMP BAR and POLITE BUREAU serving hempseed food and coffee with the Pot Art Exhibition during MardiGrass and all year.

www.nimbinHEMPbar.com

INN OF THE SIXTH HAPPINESS

info@innsix.com.au

The Inn has been a haven for free thinkers and smokers for a quarter of a century, and is unrivalled in its service to pot smokers in Australia while we await the end of cannabis prohibition.

Shop Local: 5 Whistler St, Manly NSW, 10-6/7. Shop Online: Innsix.com.au, 24/7



MEDICAL MARIJUANA BECOMING BLOCKBUSTER DRUG

Annual sales near \$20 billion and rising in states with tolerant laws.

There is a noticeable aroma wafting around the medical marijuana industry. It's the smell of money — with a strong hint of entrepreneurial opportunity.

Medical marijuana is now a \$1.7 billion market, according to a report released by See Change Strategy, an independent financial analysis firm that specializes in new and unique markets.

The figure represents estimated sales of marijuana through dispensaries in states with medical marijuana laws. It is the first time a definitive dollar figure has been given to the emerging medical cannabis industry.

To put that number in perspective, sales of medical marijuana rival annual revenue generated by Viagra, a \$1.9 billion business for Pfizer.

The rising sales are generating growing interest from entrepreneurs and even some venture capitalists as the medical marijuana market is expected to nearly double in the next five years just in the 15 states where the drug has some protection under the law. If another 20 states pass medical marijuana laws — as the study projects is possible — the market could grow to \$8.9 billion in 2016. "Hundreds of businesses exist

around the country that cultivate and sell marijuana to customers. Many of these businesses emerged in the wake of the Obama administration's decision to deprioritize federal prosecutions of individuals and business complying with state medical marijuana laws," said Ted Rose, editor of the report. Rose's report focused exclusively on the quasi-legal medical marijuana industry in 15 states and the District of Columbia.

The cannabis industry as a whole — including the underground black market and medical gray market — generates anywhere from \$18 billion to \$35.8 billion a year.

That is a huge variance and demonstrates the quickly shifting landscape of the industry — and the unreliability of data about an enterprise that is considered strictly illegal by the federal government.

"We undertook this effort because we noticed a dearth of reliable market information about this politically charged business," Rose said.

Among the other highlights of the report:

California and Colorado account for 92 percent of the wholesale and retail sales nationally.

Arizona, Michigan and Washington are considered well-positioned for significant growth.

There are 24.8 million potential consumers for medical marijuana in the United States today. This number reflects the number of Americans with qualifying ailments who live in a



Samples of medical marijuana are shown behind a display case at Harborside Health Center in Oakland, California.

current "legal state." Business owners say the largest hurdle to success is not financing, but regulatory uncertainty.

Nearly two-thirds of businesses surveyed — 63 percent — have been in business for less than one year. Jeffrey Miron, director of undergraduate studies at Harvard's Economics Department, has studied and written extensively about drug prohibition, and agrees with the major findings of the 92-page market analysis, which is being sold for \$1,150 to interested customers.

"Finding real dollar numbers in this industry is difficult, but this data seems plausible. It certainly isn't loony to suggest that there is currently \$1.7 billion in the medical marijuana marketplace."

Miron, however, scoffs at the \$35.8 billion figure bandied about for the overall market. Miron estimates the total market at \$18 billion — the same number

arrived at by the See Change study.

Jon Gettman, a marijuana reform activist and author of the 2006 study "Marijuana Production in the United States," arrived at the higher figure.

"Look, alcohol is a \$50 billion industry in this country, and about half of adult consumers participate in this market on a regular basis. Only 5 percent of American adults participate in the marijuana market. To suggest that the marijuana industry currently is more than double the size of the alcohol industry just does not pass the sniff test," Miron said.

The See Change study says investment and business development will be dampened unless the federal government alters its 74-year prohibition on cannabis and its 41-year war on drugs.

"We're witnessing the beginnings of a legal business ecosystem around marijuana," Rose, the author of the study, said.

DRUGS:

A glimpse at social history

There was a time when Cannabis cigarettes were promoted for asthma relief and opium-laced syrups were given to calm teething infants. Doctors prescribed heroin for relief during childbirth, and writers, musicians and artists sought inspiration in the fiery euphoria of opiates. Society's attitudes have changed dramatically, yet some of the most lethal recreational drugs are still legal and widely available.



Richard Lee at Oaksterdam University

CANNABIS PROS & CONS

Few plants have generated as much debate and controversy as Cannabis sativa

Throughout the ages, it has been labelled both a dangerous drug and potent medicine. Where the former is concerned, law-enforcement agents and governments spend millions of dollars fighting what many consider to be a losing battle, while fortunes are being pocketed by those who sell it illegally.

This is in spite of the fact that cannabis produces a number of natural pharmacologically-active substances, the medicinal potential of which were recognized thousands of years ago. Chinese Emperor, Shên Nung, for example, prescribed cannabis elixirs for a variety of illnesses as early as 3000 BC.

It was equally prized as a medicine in other ancient civilisations, including India, Egypt, Assyria, Palestine, Judea and Rome and may have been instrumental in helping Ancient Greece's Delphian Oracle during her divinations.

While its more common contemporary uses are mostly recreational, cannabis continues to enjoy widespread use as a medicine. It is smoked to ease glaucoma, to help with the

degenerative loss of condition and body mass associated with diseases such as HIV/AIDS, and it helps to ease chronic pain in people suffering from terminal cancers and other debilitating illnesses.

It has been used for treating malaria, gout, multiple sclerosis, eating disorders, promoting euphoria, as well as for dispelling grief and sorrow. A number of serious side effects have also been linked to its use, however. These include heart problems, immune system suppression, cancer, depression, reduced cognitive function and poor fetal development.

It can lead to a variety of psychological problems, too, such as psychosis and schizophrenia, as well as to addiction to this and other drugs. Then there is the added danger of inhaling dangerous chemicals generated during the combustion of organic matter. Chief among these are carbon monoxide and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

With so many pros and cons, it's easy to see why the issue of cannabis has so significantly polarized sentiment around the world. Those in favour of its use want it legalized, with perhaps its most vocal advocates being in San Francisco.

This is where one of the world's first universities dedicated solely to cannabis, is located. Founded in 2007 by Richard Lee,

Oaksterdam University was inspired by a similar college in Amsterdam and has since spread to include campuses elsewhere in California and in Michigan.

So passionate are its founders and students about cannabis that they took the debate of legalizing it all the way to California's 2010, ballot, a move that has since made world headlines. Many had hoped a similar proposal in Florida, known as the Medical Marijuana Initiative, would have made it into that state's ballot, too, but the petition failed to gather the 700, 000 signatures required for it to qualify.

Florida's four-year rolling petition system means, however, that it may qualify for the 2012 ballot.

Surprisingly, the push to legalize cannabis includes former judges, politicians and other high-profile people, many of who themselves don't use cannabis (including this author). They believe that penalizing and incarcerating its users is far more detrimental to them than smoking its parts are.

They further contend that legalizing and taxing cannabis would raise significant revenue for governments.

It would also alleviate the enormous drain of cash

reserves needed to police its illegal use and, in the process, eliminate the criminal syndicates that sell it. Furthermore, they claim it would ensure that the quality of the product meets stringent regulations.

These are all convincing arguments, but it is difficult for many of us to get around the fact that smoking cannabis, and indeed many other plants, is potentially very harmful to humans. Not only can it cause ill health and lead its users to harder drugs, legalising it could encourage more people to start smoking it, as well as give license to its existing users to smoke more of it.

New laws would therefore have to be introduced to regulate its use, like those for alcohol, with harsh penalties for driving and working under its influence, caring for infants and so-on. And while legalizing cannabis may raise revenue for governments, the health risks associated with its consumption could, like tobacco, become an enormous financial burden on already cash-strapped healthcare systems. To help lessen this potential burden we may, in the future, find ourselves pushing for costly educational campaigns to warn people of the dangers of using cannabis.

All this does not mean, however, that those who do legitimately

smoke cannabis for its medicinal properties have to miss out on its benefits. It is obvious it does produce useful compounds. They just need to be teased out, identified and packaged into quality-controlled pharmaceuticals that are sold in regulated markets. This too would raise revenue for governments and benefit the human race.

Fortunately, the process has already begun with the recent release of the cannabis-based medicine, Sativex®. Developed by GW Pharmaceuticals, this whole-plant extract is used to treat multiple sclerosis and neuropathic pain.

With such contrasting opinions, it is obvious the debate over cannabis use will, for years to come, continue to occupy the time and thoughts of law makers, social commentators and concerned citizens on both sides of the great cannabis divide.

For now, though, the eyes of the world will stay focused on California to see how it deals with this controversial issue and perhaps gain even more insight into public sentiment over it.

Marcello Pennacchio, PhD is an ethnobotanist. This article is an excerpt from his book; Uses and Abuses of Plant-Derived Smoke: Its Ethnobotany as Hallucinogen, Perfume, Incense, and Medicine.

Trout's New World Pty Ltd
Trading As
Trout's Enviro Plumbing Plus
Lic. # 201051C
AOR 74 827 240 549

WE BELIEVE WATER IS THE BLOOD OF THE EARTH

NEED SINK, TANK & TOILET MANUFACTURER, SINK GREY WATER FILTERS, LEAKING WATER FLOW FORMS, ON SITE WASTE WATER SOLUTIONS, DESIGN, INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE, SOLAR INSTALLATIONS, ROOFING & GUTTERING, GARDYSTER

Phone: **66 890 331**
Mobile: **0412 966 604**

Email: trout@newworldplumbing.com
Internet: www.troutsnewworld.com

NIMBIN LAW
Solicitors, Barristers & Conveyancers
Lawyers in Nimbin since 1973
Your friendly, efficient local firm, working with & supporting you

50c Cullen St
Nimbin 2480
(opp. Post Office)
Ph. 6689-1003
Fax. 6689-0500
nimlaw@spains.com.au

We are not backwoods lawyers. Our principal holds a Masters degree and has 25 years' big-city experience. Read our jurisprudential essays at spains.com.au

BubbleBags Australia
Highest Quality Cold Water Extraction Bags in the World
Trash Into Stash
Garbage Into Gold
Don't Buy a Cheap Imitation,
Get the Original & Known Brand, Get The Best

Bubble Bags Australia
Official Distributor
0412 249 136
www.bubblebags-australia.com

Demonstrations 1:00pm Saturday & Sunday, Medical Cannabis Tent

TO PUFF... OR NOT TO PUFF?

**Entheogenesis:
Prof. Francis Thackeray on
Shakespeare's Pipes**

**Prof. Francis Thackeray of the
Transvaal Museum in South
Africa, discusses his research
connecting Shakespeare with
Cannabis use.**

Careful analysis of Shakespearean texts suggests that William Shakespeare, a prolific wordsmith, was aware of the stimulating properties of Cannabis sativa. Chemical analysis of residues in clay pipes from Stratford-upon-Avon and elsewhere supports the view that Cannabis and other "compounds" were being smoked in 17th century England, even after the Pope had declared Cannabis to be associated with witchcraft.

Shakespeare's 'Noted Weed'
In relation to medieval literary figures such as Rabelais, and Dante, it is worth discussing that a number of other authors can be tied to cannabis use, most notably the great bard, Shakespeare:

Two South African scientists have gotten Shakespearean scholars excited and confused. They claimed to have studied the Bard's texts and found cryptic references to cannabis, and possibly other drugs, encoded in his writings. Dr Thackeray, head of palaeontology at the Transvaal Museum in Pretoria, and his research partner Professor Nikolaas van der Merwe of Harvard University and the University of Cape Town, have suggested that old William not only used marijuana, but acknowledged the creative force of the herb esoterically in Sonnet 76, with a reference to "invention in a noted weed."



"I have suggested that Shakespeare was being careful not to make explicit reference to hallucinogenic properties of hemp," explained Thackeray, "on account of possible associations with witchcraft? leading possibly to the burning of books."

Cannabis and other medicinal herbs were generally banned by the Inquisition during the 12th and 13th centuries. 80 years before Shakespeare's birth, Pope Innocent VIII proclaimed cannabis an unholy sacrament of satanic mass. Those who used cannabis for enjoyment or healing were often tortured and killed by the Catholic Church. If he had been more forward about his use of the herb, Shakespeare himself might have been burned alongside his own manuscripts.

With their well established academic credentials, Thackeray and van der Merwe were able to further test their hypothesis by commissioning police laboratories in Pretoria to analyse two dozen clay pipes that were retrieved from Shakespeare's home in Stratford-upon-Avon. Thackeray is careful to point out that "We do not claim that any of the pipes belonged to Shakespeare himself. However, we do know that some of the pipes come from the area in which he lived, and they date to the seventeenth century."

With the use of modern gas chromatography, they hoped to establish just what once burned in the 400-year-old relics. On March 1, 2001, the Transvaal Museum in South Africa released the findings of these tests, which showed the presence of not only tobacco residues on the pipes, but also cocaine, and evidence of marijuana. (Bennett, 2001)

The findings were published in the 2001 issue of the SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL OF SCIENCE, and indicated that eight of the pipes tested contained traces of cannabis and two of the pipes contained traces of cocaine. Others appear to be laced with tobacco, camphor, and hallucinogenic nutmeg extracts high in myristic acid, thought to be similar in effects to cannabis. Returning to this subject in a later paper, Thackeray summarized the main points of his hypothesis:

The chemical analysis of organic residues in these pipe bowls was undertaken to test ideas based on exploratory analyses of Shakespeare's sonnets, including the following excerpts:

1. 'Then begins a journey in my head, to work my mind, when body's work's expired' (Sonnet 27). Thackeray (1999) noted that such verse could be explored in the context of 'out of body mind-travel...'

2. 'Invention in a noted weed' (Sonnet 76). Thackeray (1999) wrote 'It may be suggested that the sonneteer's use of 'weed' is not only a veiled reference to hemp, but is also a reference to the perception that the use of hallucinogenic compounds was a source of inspiration (cf muse) for verse (creative writing/invention)'. In the same sonnet, the poet refers to his disregard for other 'compounds' (drugs), preferring instead the 'noted weed'. In Sonnet 38, Shakespeare appeals for a 'Tenth Muse', in addition to the nine classical Muses as sources of inspiration. Thackeray (1999) suggests that Shakespeare's 'Tenth Muse' was Cannabis, which the church had outlawed as a plant associated with witchcraft (hence the need for writers to be cryptic, especially as explicit reference to Cannabis could have led to prosecution by the church, including burning of books).

3. 'Who will believe my verse in time to come?... The age to come would say "This poet lies, such heavenly touches ne'er touch'd earthly faces"' (Sonnet 17). Thackeray (1999) wrote 'It could be suggested that the sonneteer is referring to imagery "touched" by heaven perceived in an altered state of consciousness'....

4. 'Looking on darkness which the blind do see, save that my soul's imaginary sight presents thy shadow to my sightless view' (Sonnet 27). The same sonnet refers to 'a journey in my head'.

5. 'Then thou whose shadow shadows doth make bright, how would thy shadow's form form happy show?...What is your substance, whereof are you made, that millions of strange shadows on you tend?' (Sonnet 53). Thackeray (1999) wrote 'Is it possible that Shakespeare is addressing imagery perceived in trance, personified, and addressed in verse?'

6. In Sonnet 6, Shakespeare refers to distillation and a vial associated with 'sweetness' and a 'willing loan', which can be related to 'rent for compound sweet, forgoing simple favours' (Sonnet 125).

It is highly probable that Shakespeare's wordplay, in the context of 'simple' and 'compound', relates to drugs which were referred to by the terms 'simples' and 'compounds'.

These examples of Shakespearean verse may indicate that 'at least some literature... may be associated with hallucinogenic stimuli' (Thackeray 1999)... Cannabis was certainly available in Europe in Shakespeare's time, when it was grown in England for its fibre (for clothing, rope and sails)... (Thackeray, 2005)

Thackeray's connection with cannabis use and 'out of body mind-travel' is certainly in league with what has been presented in this study. Shakespeare's use of cannabis may have been influenced by the Alchemical, Occult literature and possible associations with secret societies of that time.

**The famed Florentine poet,
Dante (1265-1321) has been
connected with both secret
esoteric circles and the use of
cannabis.**

"Recent research has shown that Sufi materials were sources of Dante's work. His Sufic affiliations must have been known to the alchemists of the time." (Shah, 1964).

The respected Dante scholar, Barbara Reynolds has suggested Dante's DIVINE COMEDY, which has long been considered as the European version of the Arda Wiraz Namag, [A Zoroastrian figure who used cannabis for an out-of-body visit to heaven and hell] may have been inspired by cannabis experimentation:

As to his unworthiness... he cites the example of Nebuchadnezzar, who was granted knowledge of divine truths by means of dreams, which he later could not recall - a somewhat puzzling example, since Nebuchadnezzar had periods of insanity, eating grass and believing himself to be an animal.

Beside this may be set another strange example in the first canto of Paradiso, in which he compares himself to Glaucus, who through eating a herb was transformed into a sea-god, as he, Dante, was 'transhumanized' on ascending into heaven...



**...like Glaucus, who a herb was said
to taste
And so an ocean an ocean deity
became.
Transhumanizing could not be
expressed
In words, so let the example serve,
the same
Who with the said experience was
graced.**

These two references to Nebuchadnezzar and to Glaucus, who both consumed herbs, may be oblique allusions to stimulants which produced effects comparable to what Dante claims to have experienced.

He was familiar with the Latin version of the work of Dioscorides, the first-century Greek physician... ('the Good collector of simples'), as he calls him when he sees him in Limbo.

Knowledge of herbs and medicinal potions was passed from country people and herb-gatherers to apothecaries, and herb gardens were a common feature of monasteries.

From the early fourteenth-century manuscript Tractus de Herbis it is evident that the plant Canapa (Cannabis sativa) was known and available. So too was Aloe vera, from which a substance called aloes was obtained and used medically. Another plant was called 'grains of Paradise'.

If Dante partook of some such psychedelic substance, perhaps in the company of the Fedeli d'Amore, when they gathered to perform and discuss their poems, this might partly account for his (and their) experiences of heightened awareness, as described in La Vita Nuova... (Reynolds 2006).

Excerpt from a forthcoming book 'Devil's Weed: Cannabis and the Occult' : Dante's Shamanic Flight by Chris Bennett.

PERCEPTIO
BOOKS
CRYSTALS
GIFTS
66 891 766

80 Cullen St. Nimbin
66890033
The Spangled Drongo Restaurant

LEGENDS OF THE UNEMPLOYED CAFE
in the MUSEUM centre
and serving MINGLE PARK
legal joints movies *art*
history reading *real hippies*
best coffee in town

The Happy Coach
Byron Bay
We go to a "secret waterfall", visit Eltham Pub and service the Nimbin Pool & Bowlo, plus a BBQ lunch, meat or vego, all included in the \$25 ticket.
Air conditioned comfortable 35 seats
02 6685 3996

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP END MARIJUANA PROHIBITION

In order to end drug prohibition four things need to occur:

- Reformers need to organize.
- Information about the failures of the current system and potential benefits (and challenges) of a new approach needs to be shared widely.
- Discussions need to happen.
- Politicians and other leaders need to be persuaded that it is in their best interest to talk about ending prohibition.

The catalyst for change will be in the media. Journalists and reporters need to be engaged in the process where ever possible.

Get organized

- Join existing Cannabis policy reform groups and / or start new a new group, meet regularly, plan and implement strategies.
- Contribute money, resources and time to existing groups!!!!
- Go to Cannabis policy reform conferences to share ideas and meet people.
- Organize fund raising events.

Share Information

- Educate yourself. Explore the internet, read books, find and understand the research.
- Share the best of the above with family, friends and community.
- Learn the language of change. Talk about the need to regulate and control all currently illegal drugs based on human rights and public health principles - not "drug legalization" and the need to "protect our children - end prohibition now".
- Find good books and recommend them to your local library.
- Give research information on the failures of drug prohibition to students and encourage them to write papers on this topic.
- Join email list-serves where you get regular information about what is happening.
- Make distribution lists and then tweet, facebook, email and spam others with the information.
- Start a web site where you share information.
- Develop an information brochure and hand this out widely.
- Come out of the closet - take about your own experiences.

Promoting Discussion

- Hold events which support open public discussions - invite speakers to share their ideas. Invite the media to attend and participate where possible. Be prepared for lots of tears when people speak as prohibition is the source of a lot of pain and suffering in many people's lives.
- Show up to existing drug policy reform events, offer your support and speak your truth.
- Ask health officials / managers why they are not speaking out about the need to promote of a health perspective to drugs and challenge the criminalization of drugs. Show them that the research shows that criminalization of drugs increases both health and social problems and remind them that

Be prepared to be persistent as lots of polite repetition is required.

Democracy is not the law of the majority but the protection of the minority. Albert Camus

"I cannot accept that to be realistic means to tolerate misery, violence and hate. I do not believe that the hungry man should be treated as subservient for expressing his suffering. I shall never accept that the law can be used to justify tragedy, to keep things as they are, to make us abandon our ideas of a different world. Law is the path of liberty, and must as such open the way to progress for everyone." Oscar Arias Sanchez

they say that their approach is "evidence based".

- Ask the police what evidence they have for supporting drug prohibition and ask them why they are not encouraging alternative approaches to reducing drug use and associated harms, as the research shows that criminalization of drug users encourages crime.
- Be honest with your children. Teach them about both the harms from drugs and the harms from drug prohibition.
- Buy or make bumper stickers, T shirts, mugs, stickers with catchy slogans and use them everywhere.
- Stage visually dramatic events, take lots of pictures, send to the media and post on the web. Examples: Put up crosses in a park with the names of all the people who have died from illegal drugs, carry a coffin into city hall, hang a drug war dummy, have groups with logo T shirts in interesting locations.
- Call in to radio talk shows after memorizing the soundbytes of change.

Examples: Put up crosses in a park with the names of all the people who have died from illegal drugs, carry a coffin into city hall, hang a drug war dummy, have groups with logo T shirts in interesting locations.

- Call in to radio talk shows after memorizing the soundbytes of change.

Influencing politicians and leaders

- Talk to the leaders. Find people who play a leadership role in a variety of communities (e.g. faith communities, civil rights groups, health groups, citizen action groups, union leaders, aboriginal groups, etc) and share the research with them and ask them to help.
- Write a letter to a politician - "yes" this makes a difference.
- Set up a table in a public place where you have a variety of text / sentences / Q&A's on small sheets of paper exploring a range of reasons to end drug prohibition. Ask people who walk by to write a letter, either in their own words or using the supplied text supporting the cause. Keep and copy the letters and meet with politicians and the media and give them the letters. Save the copies and repeat.
- Write letters to the media.
- Participate in online polls and sign online letters and declarations and share the links to these widely (e.g. Vienna Declaration)
- When you see an article in the news about drugs, prohibition or HIV, etc find the article online and contribute a thoughtful, compassionate response in the comments section. Assume politicians are reading what you say and present yourself as a concerned member of mainstream society who wants to reduce the damage done to our children by drug prohibition.
- Organize peaceful public demonstrations or go to existing protests. Take professional looking banners, signs to be waved, brochures and bullhorn (with new batteries). Memorize catchy chants.
- Vote for politicians who support freedom / liberty and against politicians who promote fear of others.

CANNABIS CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: HEMP Candidates

The Australian Hemp End Marijuana Prohibition (HEMP) Party is seeking candidates in the Lower House for the next Federal Election.

The successful applicant will possess a broad knowledge of the uses of Cannabis including food, fuel, fibre, medicine, cosmetics and recreation.

There are strictly limited vacancies and a limit of one candidate per Electorate will be supported by the Party. Please send your Curriculum Vitae to the Party President.

Volunteer Product Testers

A range of herbal remedies require experimental research to achieve TGA accreditation. Preparations made with cannabis derivatives are under scrutiny for treatment of many ailments including arthritis, fibromyalgia and skin cancer.

CAUTION:

Please use extreme care when experimenting with Cannabis for spiritual enlightenment or as a sacramental herb. You may have divine experiences that are contrary to the beliefs of some modern mainstream religions. You will risk becoming alienated or persecuted by the moral judgement of particular members of society who have opinions that are considered to be more valid than your own because they were written in a book that has no room for individual spirituality.

"Capitalism has destroyed our belief in any effective power but that of self interest backed by force." - George Bernard Shaw

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." - George Washington

"To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker." - Frederick Douglass

Cruise Cup

The 2012 Cannabis Cup will be held aboard a vessel within international waters.

"I think that NATO is itself a war criminal." Harold Pinter

POSITIONS VACANT - NIMBIN

LIVE STREET THEATRE ACTORS WITH ATTITUDE

NIMBIN TELEVISION has installed high definition digital television cameras over the main street. Permanent employment opportunities exist in the vibrant atmosphere of an international tourist destination providing high quality products and entertainment. Say goodbye to mediocrity!

EARN A FORTUNE

Give up your day job & be a star!

CHECK OUT THIS PACKAGE

- Income tax exempt cash commission
- Method acting course provided
- Transport & costume allowance
- Free mobile phone & back pack
- Holiday, overtime & sick pay + health plan
- Psychotherapy & childcare available
- Centrelink approved extra identity
- Work for the role actors' equity insurance
- Superannuation bonus for undercover acts
- Equal opportunity performance environment
- Standard industrial relations agreement

UNLIMITED VACANCIES

Apply online at nimbin television.net

NOW in Hemp Definition

Business Opportunity

Growers wanted to form a cooperative to supply high grade medicinal Cannabis to registered patients in NSW.



Nimbin POLITE

Polite recruitment drive has found more overalls and bodies to fill them. Great success from our latest division, the Polite Undercover Surveillance Squad, with unlimited recruitment vacancies.

CANNABIS EVALUATIONS

Inspection for mould, mites and other pests and diseases by our qualified plant technicians. THC and CBD analysis. Your product will receive a 5 star approval rating for organic high grade medicine and display the accreditation certificate.

"Morality is the best of all devices for leading mankind by the nose." Friedrich Nietzsche

"In the Soviet Union, capitalism triumphed over communism. In this country, capitalism triumphed over democracy." Fran Lebowitz

"Until the philosophy which holds one race superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned, everywhere is war and until there are no longer first-class and second-class citizens of any nation, until the color of a man's skin is of no more significance than the color of his eyes. And until the basic human rights are equally guaranteed to all without regard to race, there is war. And until that day, the dream of lasting peace, world citizenship, rule of international morality, will remain but a fleeting illusion to be pursued, but never attained... now everywhere is war." - Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia

"None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free." Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

"Better than a thousand hollow words is one word that brings peace." Buddha 560-483 B.C.



EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Former Marijuana Smuggler
Having successfully completed a ten year sentence, incident free, for importing 75 tons of marijuana into the United States. I am now seeking a legal and legitimate means to support myself and my family.

Business Experience - Owned and operated a successful fishing business multi vessel, one airplane. one island and processing facility. Simultaneously owned and operated a fleet of tractor trailer trucks conducting business in the western U.S.

During this time I also owned and participated in the executive level management of 120 people worldwide in a successful pot smuggling venture with revenues in excess of US\$100 Million annually. I took responsibility for my own actions and received a 10 year sentence in the US, while others walked free for their co-operation.

Attributes I am an expert in all levels of security I have extensive computer skills, am personable, out-going, well-educated, reliable, clean and sober. I have spoken in schools to thousands of kids and parent groups over the past ten years on " The consequences of choice ", and received public recognition from HEMP for community service. I am well travelled and speak English, French and Spanish. References available from friends, family, the U.S. District Attorney etc.

"Better than a thousand hollow words is one word that brings peace." Buddha 560-483 B.C.

FROM WITHIN A URUGUAYAN PRISON

Taking advantage of the opportunity that activist friends gave me to spread this message, I will try in a few lines to describe the incredible experience that I am involved in Uruguay.

Some of you will know that I am the author of Cannabis Culture, Cannabis Growing and the Biodynamic almanac for marijuana cultivation published annually.

Obviously, I consume and grow for myself! I'm Argentinian, in November 2010 bought a house in the Uruguayan seashore, with the intention of having a peaceful place to spend my old age.

In December 2010, out of time as in the southern hemisphere cannabis is sown in September, I started a small grow. In January 2011, due to the claim of Gonzalo B., Spanish grower, the Uruguayan police raided my house and found 29 thirty day old not sexed seedlings. I thought I would be processed. It was



FOR SALE Big Joint

A Genuine Nimbin Icon. Make an offer for this once in a lifetime opportunity to purchase the famous Big Joint - a giant inflatable advertisement for Medical Cannabis. Start a law reform rally in your town.



POSITION VACANT GENERAL MANAGER Nimbin HEMP Embassy

The successful applicant will hold a broad knowledge of the use of cannabis for food, fuel, fibre, medicine and as a sacred herb.

Support the principles of cannabis law reform with eternal faith. Display skilful diplomacy when dealing with the local police, undercover agents and riot squad.

Main duties include;

- Handling dysfunctional gurus and goddesses with emotional baggage.
- Delegating responsibilities to neurotic volunteers.
- Uniting the focus of the movement.
- Organising the leader to save the planet with hemp.

Important desirable attributes:

- Multi-lingual abilities, conflict resolution, rolling joints, computer proficiency, artistic flair, tolerance, community spirit, and a top quality sense of humour.



After being subjected to taunts and various forms of abuse I was imprisoned. The word "jail" can sound in different ways depending on the country who read these lines.

But few can imagine the level of squalor, violence, dirt from the prison of Canelones. Rats everywhere, cockroaches in the beds, lice, etc. The inmates, crack users, crack dealers, drug traffickers of all kinds, robbers, murderers, etc.etc.

When you get there you can not understand what is going on. In spite of horror, something unimaginable for me happened: the Uruguayan press and public opinion were echoed of my situation.

Uruguayan society has been discussing for weeks the importance of marijuana self-cultivation decriminalization. Activist groups were convened before the Supreme Court of Justice to demand the legalization of self-cultivation and my freedom.

HOW TO APPLY:
Please send a stamped self addressed envelope with your application to;
CANNABIS CLASSIFIEDS
PO. Box 20177
Nimbin NSW 2480

Public Notices

LAND WANTED
Areas suitable for helicopter diversion crops of plastic cannabis plants are needed for the 2012 season. Prop crops have helped protect genuine medicinal cannabis from detection. All equipment supplied in confidence.

ACTIVISTS ANONYMOUS

- * Are you tired of getting nowhere with politics?
- * Do you spend too much time talking when there is nobody listening or write pages of words that nobody reads?
- * Have your efforts been wasted protesting about something that has amounted to nothing?
- * Does anyone want you to keep doing what is getting you nowhere?
- If you answered yes to any of the questions then it might be time for you to surrender. GIVE UP.
- * Relax in comfortable décor at our friendly clinic where you will be given a big couch in front of the telly.
- * There are plenty of mundane books and videos to debrief of your former intellectual involvement and you will soon become an active passivist. Giving up has been made easy!

Peace, in the sense of the absence of war, is of little value to someone who is dying of hunger or cold. It will not remove the pain of torture inflicted on a prisoner of conscience. It does not comfort those who have lost their loved ones in floods caused by senseless deforestation in a neighboring country. Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free. The XIVth Dalai Lama

The Uruguayan Parliament discusses two different projects and there is consensus that at least one of them will be sent to the Congress.

The adoption of the law would be accompanied by an amnesty for the 350 people who are currently imprisoned in the same cramped conditions I described. The consciousness of being the pivot of a social movement that can get the first decriminalization worldwide makes possible my survival in this branch of hell.

On behalf of this movement is that I echo the request for financial assistance. Uruguayan cannabis activists like many idealists "bought" this struggle not only to help me and all the 350 prisoners but also to show the world that we can stop the hypocrisy that "it is allowed to consume but not to plant." On behalf of all and myself I agree to the request for funds. Lets go for it! Alicia Castilla. 22/03/2011



NIMBIN PERFORMANCE POETRY WORLD CUP 2011
AUGUST 6TH AND 7TH
NimbinPoetry.com

Cannabis Carbon Credits
100,000,000
ONE HUNDRED MILLION

I hereby declare that this certificate represents the value of one hundred million Cannabis Carbon Credits and will soon be legal tender in all States and Territories of Australia.

SIGNED: *Aussie Farmer*

MardiGrass XX 2012 MAY 5 & 6



MardiGrass Information

Entry into PEACE PARK and the TOWN HALL where most MardiGrass events are held costs \$50 for a weekend pass including Friday night, or \$25 for a one day pass. With three nights camping a full ticket costs \$100.

Armbands are available at the Town Hall and Peace Park and the Hemp Embassy. Camping sites and tickets can be booked online at www.nimbinmardiGrass.com

PARKING

Please park as directed and keep driveways clear. This is important. Cullen St is a no-parking zone. Visitors parking will be appropriately sign posted on the entrances to the village. RTA approved road traffic control will be in place during MardiGrass. Cullen Street will operate as a one-way street and if needed will be regulated by traffic controllers between 8.00am -6.00pm Saturday and 10am -3pm Sunday. Sibley Street will be closed from midday Friday for the weekend.

No loud drumming or amplified music after midnight and no dogs please!

www.NimbinMardiGrass.com



At MardiGrass, tune your radio to 102.3

Nimbin Community Radio - Broadcasting and interviewing live from venues around the village. nimfm.org
Find the NimFM radio podcast site at nimbinradiomedia.libsyn.com

WikiDoof ~ Saturday 8:00pm on NIM FM MardiGrass ALL NIGHT DANCE PARTYbring your radio, headset, phone, earphones or whatever you

NIMBIN STREETS ARE ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

Thanks to everyone of you who helped put MardiGrass 2011 together.

The tireless dedication from the Hemp Embassy volunteers and the growing support from the wider community is the magic recipe. And thank you to the advertisers in this program, please support them.

KEEP NIMBIN NEARLY NORMAL
Police 66891244 or 000.
Visitor Info Centre 66891388
Nimbin HEMP Embassy
66891842 or 66890326
www.hempembassy.net

CLOG 2011

The **Civil Liberties Observer Group** for the MardiGrass of 2011 is a joint community action being hosted by the LEXUS Union of Students of Southern Cross University on behalf of and in partnership with the Nimbin Justice Action Group, the MardiGrass Organising Body, and the Hemp Embassy of Nimbin: towards assisting in the non-violent realisation of peace and harmony via organised and informed prudential observation...

"EXPECT RESPECT"

PRUDENTIAL OBSERVATION HELPS MAKE BETTER POLICE



BETTER POLICE MAKE FEWER ARRESTS

Observing, Listening Recording, Reflecting & Reporting

all violence is counter-productive
informed observers make better coppers
better coppers make fewer arrests

The Jungle Patrol grew from the volunteer groups of early MardiGrass celebrations.

The Jungle Patrol is a local volunteer organisation that patrol the streets, encourage people to keep the peace, and bear witness when they do not.

The Jungle Patrol cannot enter an affray, but will encourage a peaceful resolution to any disturbance. If there is an incident, it is witnessed, and aid is rendered after the event if necessary. Jungle Patrol members will be able to contact the Police if the situation warrants it.

Jungle Patrol operates from Friday 8am through to early Monday morning and people are urged to sign up for two four hour shifts.

JUNGLE PATROL ASK THEM FOR HELP. HELP THEM IF THEY ASK.



The Jungle Patrol will be providing visitor information, crowd safety, primary first aid, event communications and security/police liaison.

Thank you to all the local community support that help coordinate the JP each year at MardiGrass. If you need