



# Nimbin MardiGrass

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# DISPENSE WITH THE LAW

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## DRUG LORDS vs DRUG CZARS

Cut the ground out from under both of them!

**Prohibition is a sickening horror and the ocean of incompetence, corruption and human wreckage it has left in its wake is almost endless.**

**Prohibition has decimated generations and criminalized millions for a behavior which is entwined in human existence.**

Based on the unalterable proviso that drug use is essentially an unstoppable and ongoing human behavior which has been with us since the dawn of time, any serious reading on the subject of past attempts at any form of drug prohibition would point most sensible people in the direction of sensible regulation.

By its very nature prohibition cannot fail but create a vast increase in criminal activity, and rather than preventing society from descending into anarchy, it actually fosters an anarchic business model - the international Drug Trade.

Any decisions concerning quality, quantity, distribution and availability are then left in the hands of unregulated, anonymous, possibly ruthless drug dealers, who are interested only in the profits involved.

Many of us have now finally wised up to the fact that the best avenue towards realistically dealing with drug use and addiction is through proper regulation, which is what we already do with alcohol & tobacco --two of our most dangerous mood altering substances, the two with the most deaths caused.

But unfortunately policy is dominated by those who will no doubt remain sorely upset with any type of solution that does not seem to lead to the absurd and unattainable utopia of a drug free society.

There is an irrefutable connection between drug prohibition and the crime, corruption, disease and deaths caused. If you are not capable of understanding this connection, then maybe you're using something far stronger than the rest of us.

Anybody 'halfway bright' and who's not psychologically challenged, should be capable of understanding, that it is not simply the demand for drugs that creates the mayhem; it is our refusal to allow legal businesses to meet that demand.

No amount of money, police powers, weaponry, diminution of rights and liberties, wishful thinking or pseudo-science will make our streets safer; only an end to prohibition can do that. How much longer are you willing to foolishly risk your own survival by continuing to ignore the obvious, historically confirmed solution?

If you still support the kool aid mass suicide cult of prohibition, and erroneously believe that you can win a war without logic and practical solutions, then prepare yourself for even more death, corruption, terrorism, sickness, imprisonment, unemployment, foreclosed homes, and the complete loss of the rule of law and human rights.

**"A prohibition law strikes a blow at the very principles upon which our government was founded."**  
 (Abraham Lincoln)

The only thing prohibition successfully does is prohibit regulation and taxation while turning even our schools and prisons into black markets for drugs. Regulation would mean the opposite!



## MEDICAL CANNABIS CANBERRA GATHERING IN JUNE FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA

The Medical Cannabis Big Joint Mission to Canberra in June for Obamas visit to Australia has the POTential to be the biggest gathering and demonstration for cannabis law reform ever seen in Australia. If only 5% of our 2 million regular pot users make the trek to Canberra and we all meet on the day outside Parliament House (the media will tell us the date), the cloud of smoke will be a sight to behold. See you there! [WWW.BIGJOINT.ORG](http://WWW.BIGJOINT.ORG)

# WELCOME TO MARDIGRASS

Australia, the oldest continent on Earth is languishing behind in attitude towards drug use. Neither of our Prime Ministers this century have ever inhaled nor do they appear to have any idea of what the massive cannabis culture is about. Worse, they believe the reefer madness propaganda.

The good news is we are about to find out the truth because in America the laws against cannabis use are crumbling like bricks in the Berlin wall. Firstly medicinal cannabis use has now been legalised in 14 States and the benefits everywhere are quickly apparent.

In September this year California will vote for new legislation giving anyone over 21 years of age the right to carry an ounce of pot and

each house can grow a two metre square patch! Instead of spending a fortune in trying to enforce impossible laws, America is reversing its attitude quickly with regulated and taxable supply of cannabis similar to alcohol and tobacco the future.

We'll see soon enough whether California drowns in psychosis as the Australian Government is convinced will happen! We actually predict the opposite if the laws change, a flowering of creativity and ingenuity plus the obvious huge savings in social disorder and health costs.

Nimbin has been in the thick of the war on cannabis for several decades now and many of our youth are scarred for life by it. Imagine the change if it rubs off here. No more paranoia smoking

chemical hydro with tobacco through the neighbours hose in an orchy bottle bong. It's a wonder we don't all have psychosis!

Real education and research on how to appreciate and use possibly nature's most diverse and useful plant can truly begin when the laws change. This is the vision that brings us all together for MardiGrass in Nimbin on the first weekend in May every year. Until we have a Government brave enough to put this issue on the agenda and change the archaic laws.

Thank you for coming and everyone have a wonderful time and know that eventually the truth must reveal itself. Look out for each other, listen to the Jungle Patrol crew, and always respect our Village and its environment.

*"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*  
 ... MARGARET MEAD

I ask you to take into consideration the huge benefits to health care that medical cannabis can provide.

I also ask that consideration be given to the prohibition which imposes a huge burden on our country.

It has been clearly shown in other countries that the removal of prohibition does not lead to an increase in drug use.

# A Message to Canberra...

Alcohol and tobacco are serious drugs and are controlled by regulation; this type of regulation should be applied to all drugs thus providing better control and revenue instead of a huge expense.



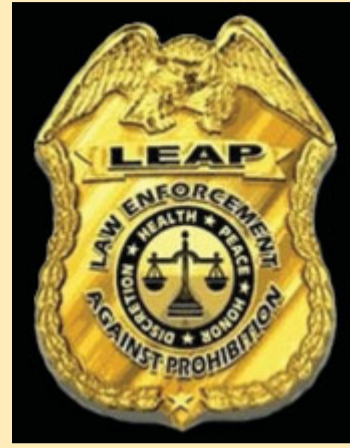
The police would be free to do a job that would be more beneficial to society and the blackmarket would die.



## LEGALIZATION AND THE WAR ON DRUGS:

At the end of 2008, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, LEAP released a report underscoring the feasibility of ending drug prohibition by pointing to a time 75 years earlier when our grandparents had the wisdom to legalize alcohol in order to stop violence and corruption, improve the economy and bolster public health.

LEAP's Repeat Repeal report examined the parallels between alcohol prohibition and today's drug prohibition, calling on policymakers to consider drug legalization and regulation. As we look back on 2009 and the first months of 2010, it is clear that our message is really beginning to stick.



In 2009 it seemed that almost everyone was talking about legalizing drugs as a possible solution to the abysmal failure of the "war on drugs." Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Senator Jim Webb, former Mexican president Vicente Fox, Mexico's current ambassador to the United States, Representative Charlie Rangel, Representative Barney Frank and political commentators Glenn Beck and Patrick Buchanan, among many others, said last year that legalization must be put on the table for discussion.

There is substantial evidence that the old "drug war politics" are beginning to crumble. But if we are to clear the hurdles that stand between us and the end of prohibition, including important pending reforms, we will have to convince even more opinion leaders to reject the conventional wisdom about the perceived political danger associated with drug policy reform.

Yet we've seen much resistance from the White House, with Drug Czar Gil Kerlikowske first claiming, in response to questioning by LEAP, that legalization wasn't even in his vocabulary and then, only months later, attempting to undermine legalization arguments via reference to a LEAP Washington Post op-ed during his remarks to the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

In fact, more and more people have begun talking about drug legalization, numerous incremental reforms are moving forward on the state and federal levels and we are beginning to see real models of effective regulation of marijuana distribution in California through the medical cannabis model, with the Obama administration voicing opposition to federal raids on medical marijuana distributors.

There has been a palpable shift away from the attitude that legalization won't or can't happen because it is somehow politically dangerous to acknowledge that the obvious solution to the "war on drugs" is to stop waging it, and we know – as many polls now bear out – that legalization can happen and that voters are much more ready for reform than even the most supportive politicians are prepared to understand.

Several countries around the world have decriminalized drug possession altogether. And yet the sky has not fallen; no politicians have been voted out of office because of their drug policy votes; in fact, drug abuse and problems tend to fall with the removal of punitive policies. It is increasingly clear that the debate on legalization has undergone a seismic shift and is moving forward.

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## 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.

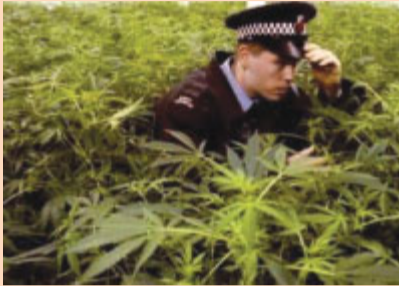
A first offender pleading guilty to possession of a small amount of pot might have no conviction recorded, or get a fine. Someone convicted of supply, especially if it is not their first supply offence, would likely go to jail.

### 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.



**There are separate offences for possession, use, cultivation or supply of pot.**

**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).

### 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).

### 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.

### 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



**MardiGrass will become a Festival when we can celebrate the herb without fear of prosecution and persecution.**  
When the police riot squad have a float in the street parade behind the Ganja Faeries, Big Joint & POLITE, then we will have a proper festival and celebration.  
In the meantime, the annual event on the first weekend of May in Nimbin is a POLITICAL PROTEST RALLY.  
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If you don't know, don't ask.

An individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**



## WHAT IS CLOG?

The Nimbin MardiGrass 2010 Civil Liberties Observer Group CLOG2010, is a Prudential Observation group being formed according to best practice criteria, consolidated in association with the NSW Council of Civil Liberties and the Sydney PoliceWatch Group.

### Why an Observer Group?

During the course of last years MardiGrass there were several unfortunate incidents that involved the police. In response to these incidents the Nimbin Hemp Embassy, the LEXUS Union of Students of Southern Cross University, the Nimbin Justice Action Group and the MardiGrass Organising Body have joined together to organise a Civil Liberties Observer Group (CLOG).

### Prudential Observation means:

1. an impartial and informed group,
  2. in liaison with all interested parties,
  3. observing and documenting police activity,
  4. in a rigorous and systematic manner.
- Prudential observation assists police in maintaining high levels of integrity and professionalism.

### Three Basic Principles of prudential observation:

1. all violence is counter-productive,
2. informed observers make better police,
3. better police make fewer arrests.

### Three Basic Practices of prudential observation:

1. Liaise: with all interested parties.
2. Observe: impartially.
3. Document: competently and comprehensively.

The Nimbin MardiGrass 2010 CLOG will be tasked with observing and documenting police conduct in the lead-up to and during course of the event.

James (Jim) Moylan, LEXUS Secretary.



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**Nimbin HEMP Embassy**

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

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The recently renovated H\*E\*M\*P\*Bar (and web camera) will be "Demonstrating" a wide selection of highly delicious and nutritious (zero THC) Hemp Foods during the MardiGrass.

Hemp Burgers, Hemp Cakes, Hemp Cookies and Chocolate Hemp Truffles. We will also be offering all varieties of hot and cold coffee, tea and chai as well as local Love cordial. As we all know, thousands and thousands of people are come to a MardiGrass and the H\*E\*M\*P\*Bar can only seat 42.0 people comfortably at any one time, so wearing a festival support bracelet will be a must.

### Saturday:

HEMP Breakfast: 9.30 till 10.30  
HEMP Lunch 12.30 till 2.30  
HEMP Dinner 6.30 till 8.30  
Coffee and hemp cake and other nibbles the rest of the time.  
Saturday Night 8.30 till late

The H\*E\*M\*P\*Bar will be hosting a W.A.N party, where the focus is to be on uploading images and other information to youtubes, facebooks and other networks, bring your laptop, mobile phone and camera.....

### Sunday.

HEMP Brunch 10.30 till noon.  
Coffee and hemp cake and other nibbles the rest of the time.  
Sundown till 9.00 P.M or later..  
HEMP Leftovers and MardiGrass Cyber Wrap up Party.  
Computers, Coffee and lots of uploading.  
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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. 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 help during the event don't hesitate to ask.

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## MardiGrass POLITE PLOT!

The Nimbin POLITE SERVICE was created in response to the Police Riot Squad raids on April Fools Day 2008 on the HEMP Bar and Nimbin Museum.

This years MardiGrass Polite recruitment drive has found more overalls and bodies to fill them, and for the first time our new division, the Polite Undercover Surveillance Squad, with unlimited recruitment vacancies.

Bring a camera if you have one and a mobile phone for Undercover Polite work. Since last year, the POLITE Missions have taken the BIG JOINT to Sydney twice, Byron Bay, Lismore and made their presence felt from their Headquarters in HEMP BAR-POLITE BUREAU attached to the Embassy.



As ambassadors for cannabis law reform and advocates of medicinal cannabis, the POLITE will champion the cause again at this years' Rally on May 1st and 2nd, carrying the parade flagship BIG JOINT at 2.30pm on MardiGrass Sunday.

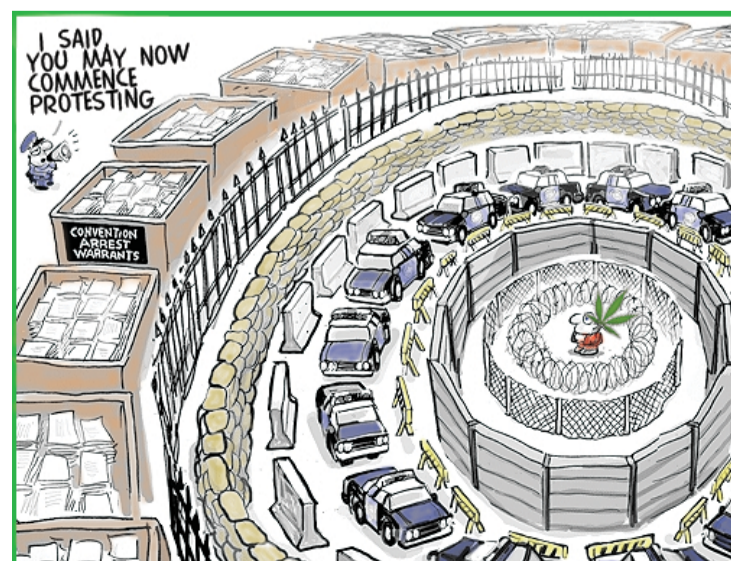
During the big weekend, Nimbin POLITE will coordinate with Jungle Patrol, the Justice Action Group (JAG) and the Civil Liberties Observers. They will document all civil liberty complaints and also witness the behaviour of law enforcement. New 'Undercover Operatives' will be trained to mingle with the crowd and detect suspicious activities!



## OBAMA LOOK ALIKE

2010 MardiGrass SPECIAL AWARD.

Have you got what it takes? Do you look like the US President? Can you deliver evidence based drug policies? Have you endorsed medical marijuana? Do you smoke Cannabis for pleasure? Look alike winner to be announced after the rally and will win the chance to meet Obama and ride on the Big Joint tour bus to Canberra in June.



# CANNABIS TREATMENT

Medical marijuana and the health benefits with different medical conditions



In 1990, the cannabinoid receptor was first discovered in the human brain and by 1992 the entire endocannabinoid system had been uncovered. With this, science glimpsed the potential medicinal benefits of marijuana for the first time. Since then these potential medicinal uses have been well documented.

According to Harm Reduction Journal's report titled "Harm Reduction - The Cannabis Paradox", cannabinoids "regulate intercellular communication, especially in the immune and nervous systems," as well as "modulate and coordinate tissues, organ and body systems (including cardiovascular, digestive, endocrine, excretory, immune... and respiratory systems.)"

**Medical Marijuana** is one of our more useful medicines, as The Institute of Medicine points out in their book, *Marijuana and Medicine: Assessing the Science Base (1999)* Cannabinoids likely have a natural role in pain modulation, control of movement, and memory. They go on to state: "The combination of cannabinoid drug effects (anxiety reduction, appetite stimulation, nausea reduction, and pain relief) suggests that cannabinoids would be moderately well suited for particular conditions, such as chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting and AIDS wasting."

**ADD/ADHD** - Those who have this developmental disorder have experienced symptomatic relief and a better quality of life. Medical marijuana has proven to be a very effective alternative to Ritalin.

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE** - Medical cannabis has been demonstrated to prevent cell death. The THC found in marijuana inhibits the primary marker of this terrible disease. When patients refuse food, medical marijuana can stimulate appetite, a positive result that carries over to many other conditions where a patient may experience a loss of appetite either from an ailment, or treatment.

**ANOREXIA** - Eating disorders have been widely reported be kept under control by medical marijuana. This figure is twice as much as placebo.

**ASTHMA** - At the 2004 Cannabis Therapeutics Conference, Editor of the "Journal of Cannabis Therapeutics", Dr. Ethan Russo spoke on the history of medical cannabis use to treat asthma, and found that because it relaxes bronchi and dilates one's alveoli.

**ANXIETY** - In tests where symptoms have included anxiety, the use of medical marijuana has been shown to be very useful in relief from anxiety.

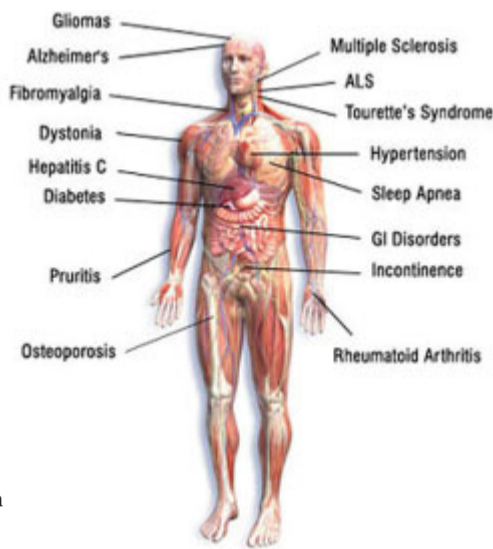
**ARTHRITIS** - Fifty percent of arthritic patients reported reduced pain and better sleep when medical cannabis was applied topically.

**AUTISM** - Marinol and medical cannabis have shown significant improvement in the classroom, according to one mother, and for her son's overall. For children with autism, tinctures, elixirs, and baked goods, and cannabutter/oil can be incredibly useful delivery methods. (Autism Research Institute).

**CANCER** - "Possibly the greatest harm-reducing potential afforded by cannabinoids

comes from their use by cancer patients," according to Harm Reduction Journal, an online peer-reviewed medical journal. They go on to state "numerous cancer types are killed in cell cultures in animals by cannabinoids. For example, cannabinoids kill the cancer cells of various lymphoblastic malignancies such as leukemia, skin cancer, glioma, breast and prostate cancer... thyroid cancer, and colorectal cancer." More research is needed however, as cannabinoids can promote cancer in other cells, particularly in the lungs.

**CHRONIC PAIN** - In the Institute of Medicine's book *Marijuana and Medicine*, "For mild, moderate, and severe pain, the THC analogue was equivalent to 50 mg of codeine and superior to placebo and to 50 mg of secobarbital" (pg. 143). Pain caused by a variety of medical conditions such as multiple sclerosis or premenstrual cramps, has also been demonstrated to be treatable by medical marijuana.



**CROHN'S DISEASE** - There are many testimonials from patients who use medical marijuana, not only to relieve them from their pain caused from this disease, but also to control their bowel movements.

**EPILEPSY** - Patient testimonials, clinical experience, and animal studies all suggest medical marijuana is "beneficial adjunctive treatment in some patients with epilepsy." This is from the report titled "Marijuana: an effective antiepileptic treatment in partial epilepsy?"

**GLAUCOMA** - There have been short-term studies that indicate medical marijuana lowers intraocular pressure, sometimes as much as 25%. According to the National Institute of Health, "some derivatives of marijuana lowered intraocular pressure when administered orally, intravenously, or by smoking, but not when topically applied to the eye."

**HIV/AIDS** - A case study with 775 patients living with HIV/AIDS, the overall conclusion was that medical marijuana had a similar efficacy rate compared to the other medications they use to treat the patient's same symptoms.

**HEPATITIS C** - As Result of a standardized survey on the medical use of cannabis products in the German-speaking area highlights, medical cannabis can be used to treat not only the nausea from the side effects of other treatment, but also the symptoms of Hepatitis C as well.

**INFLAMMATION** - Medical cannabis has proven successful in the treatment of several inflammation-related conditions, including edema and hyperalgesia.

**LEUKEMIA** - Researchers at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richland, VA demonstrated a reduction in the cell lines and when cultured.



**LYMPHOMA** - Not only has medical marijuana been shown to aid in appetite stimulation and nausea reduction, symptoms of lymphoma treatment, but Marijuana has also proven effective in reducing numbers of the lymphoma cells themselves.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS)** - Cannabinoids have been proven to function as 'homeostatic modulators of the immune system' which suggests therapeutic potential of medical marijuana to provide relief to people suffering from neurological diseases like MS (*Harm Reduction Journal*).

**NAUSEA** - There are dozens of medical conditions, including side effects of treatment, in which medical marijuana has proven to reduce nausea. This has been documented in hundreds of studies.

**OSTEOPOROSIS** - Reports from the Bone Laboratory of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem demonstrate certain cannabinoids to slow osteoporosis development, as well as stimulate bone growth while reducing bone loss. The National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America's report that mice without the CB2 cannabinoid receptor (*present in humans*) experience 'age-accelerated bone loss reminiscent of human osteoporosis,'

**PSYCHIATRIC SYMPTOMS** - There have been dozens of studies reflecting an improvement of one's mood in reactive depression.

**SLEEP APNEA** - Researchers at the University of Illinois Department of Medicine illustrate a "potent reduction" of sleep (related) apnea in rats. There have also been other studies concluding that medical marijuana can aid in sleep and sometimes improve the quality of it.

**SPINAL CHORD INJURY** - One study finds that only 15-20 mg (*Delta-9-THC*) per day orally an effective and safe form of treatment of spasticity.

**TOURETTE'S SYNDROME** - In one study, a subject's total tic severity score fell from 41 to 7. This finding led to further studies all solidifying the medicinal benefits of medical cannabis. One such study also made note that after long-term cannabinoid treatment, not a single subject had any adverse effects on their 'learning, recall or verbal memory' and goes on to recommend medical cannabis when other drugs fail to show similar results.

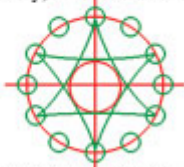
**The 'War on Drugs' has failed - but it's worse than that. It is actively harming our society. Violent crime is thriving in the shadows to which the drug trade has been consigned.**  
"People who genuinely need help can't get it. Neither can people who need medical marijuana to treat terrible diseases."

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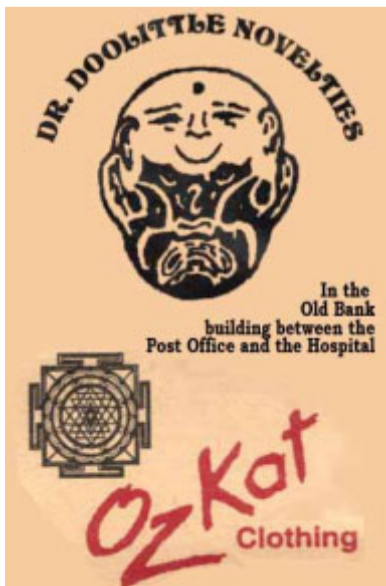
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**President and CEO of Cannabis Science Inc.**, a company that works with world authorities on scientific methodologies to develop, produce, and commercialize phytocannabinoid based pharmaceutical products.

**Cannabis Science** is in negotiations with several companies in the US and internationally to contract or license its cannabis based formulations for development, certain rights to manufacturing processes, and sales in each prospective jurisdiction and or country.

Dr. Melamede also serves on the Advisory Board of The Journal of the International Association for Cannabis as Medicine, the Scientific Advisory Board Medical of the Marijuana Policy Advocacy Project, the Scientific Advisory Board of Americans for Safe Access, a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from the City University of New York. He retired as Chairman of the Retirees Department at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs in 2005, where he continues to teach.

He is an expert on the biology of the cannabis plant, how it relates to the human endocannabinoid system, and why the cannabis plant has the potential to affect so many diseases and illnesses. "It is clear that many veterans are already using herbal cannabis to self-medicate to relieve the symptoms of PTSD. Consequently, there is a clear need for standardized, FDA approved, oral cannabis products which can, and should be, provided to veterans and others who can benefit from its use. Medical

cannabis has far fewer and milder side effects than most currently prescribed pharmaceutical products do. We are working hard to have one or more products ready for FDA clinical trials as soon as possible."

"We at Cannabis Science (CBIS) are trying to make cannabis extracts available in every state in the USA, and to have the government health care programs pay for them."

"Because of the anti-aging and anti-cancer properties inherent in turning up our endocannabinoid-activity thermostat, the first nation to embrace the mutually supporting historical and modern science of cannabis will reap the benefits of a healthier population while dramatically reducing healthcare costs.

"In modern societies, age-related illnesses that are all inhibited by cannabis, are killing us. We can minimize this problem by consuming more of what has become an essential nutrient for humanity-cannabis."

"Australia has it's roots in the struggle for freedom, a perfect place to seed the cannabis revolution," said Dr Bob.

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For about 20 years I have devoted much of my mental and spiritual efforts to developing an understanding that provides me and others with a scientific foundation for what I see as the common denominator underlying apparently diverse religious beliefs.

The principles of nonequilibrium thermodynamics provides the framework for this effort. This branch of physics deals with the flow of energy in open systems (the biosphere and all life forms) and has been pioneered by Ilya Prigogine who received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for this work in 1977. Unlike equilibrium thermodynamics (classical) which cannot account for life other than by a miracle, this new branch can be viewed as mandating it.

Evolution of complex systems, inclusive of creativity, are intrinsic to my interpretation of nonequilibrium thermodynamics as being

the prime manifestation of the will of God. From this perspective I would interpret man being made "in the image of God" as meaning that we must embrace God's fundamental characteristic of creativity, which includes cooperatively and evolution. This principle is most elegantly displayed in the evolution of the human brain and the political and social systems that have co-developed with it.

Scientifically, it has been demonstrated that the number of THC (active ingredient in cannabis) receptors increases as one looks higher up the evolutionary ladder, and furthermore, these receptors are found in highest numbers in those portions of the brain associated with human intelligence. Therefore I conclude, both logically and religiously from personal revelation, that the stimulation of these receptors is involved in thought processes that are representative of the will of God, i.e. the creative process.

Personal exploration of my receptors, in particular by altering their activity levels through the intelligent religious use of natural plant products, is mandated by everything that I know scientifically, and believe religiously.

A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history. **Mohandas Gandhi**

Thermodynamically speaking, for a stable steady state to evolve to a new regime, the fluctuations around the average of the variables of the system must expand and in fact mathematically approach infinity prior to a nonlinear rearrangement that will lead to a new stable steady state.

I believe that this process will manifest itself socially and politically as "heaven on earth". Individually this rearrangement will be seen as a jump in man's average lifetime and average level of health and intelligence. Practically speaking this new age should be characterized by peace, harmony and love, all of which are characteristics that are required for the next level of social, individual and molecular cooperativity.

I hope your organization can help me defend my constitutional rights against mindless authoritarianism.



## MARIJUANA COUNTRY

**Like California, which was the first to OK medical marijuana in 1996, Colorado's marijuana infrastructure and culture are well ahead of the other 12 states that followed.**

Though Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington allow the practice, they are in various stages of start-up mode.

Similar ballot measures or legislation allowing medical marijuana are pending in 14 more states this year: Alabama, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee and Wisconsin. The City Council of the District of Columbia today considers a bill to allow the sale and use of medical marijuana.

Those states have a lot to learn from California and Colorado. The jump in dispensary openings and applications for medical marijuana cards appears to be a direct result of key events – both local and national – that essentially loosened restrictions. In February 2009, Attorney General Eric Holder said the

Drug Enforcement Agency would end raids on state-approved marijuana dispensaries. He said President Obama's election campaign position condoning medical use is "now American policy." Marijuana for non-medical purposes remains illegal.

In July 2009, during a 12-hour hearing in which hundreds testified, the Colorado Board of Health rejected a proposal to limit the number of patients to five that could be served by each caregiver or dispensary. In October, the Obama administration clarified Holder's February statement, telling federal authorities not to arrest or prosecute medical marijuana users and suppliers who aren't violating local laws.

The policy decisions bolstered a business model used by most existing dispensaries, which serve 400 or more patients. And they offered a measure of certainty to investors who are bankrolling the growth in retail outlets.



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# HEMP IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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.

The rapid changes in legislation allowing commercial hemp production could not have occurred without the input of highly committed hemp campaigners, politicians, industry pioneers, and the faith of the general public. Further commitment and support is now required by innovators, manufacturers and business leaders to establish hemp-based products, manufacturing processes, and sustainable business.

In particular, additional energy is required to change existing legislation which still prohibits the sale of hemp food products for human consumption.

As a long-term industry participant, I take off my hat to the leaders who have worked together to legitimize the Australian hemp industry, and I look forward with optimism to the future of the local hemp industry – we have a unique opportunity to establish a profitable, sustainable and local industry!

Written by Dr Keith Bolton, Vice-President, Northern Rivers Hemp Inc. Visit [www.northernrivershemp.org](http://www.northernrivershemp.org) for additional information or to register for membership.



## HEMP SEED AS A HUMAN FOOD

Hemp is one of humanity's oldest cultivated plants, with evidence of use reaching back into prehistory. In the older non-Christian religions Hemp and its products were venerated as unique gifts provided for human use.

The last century has witnessed an unprecedented interference in the natural order by the avaricious activities of agricultural and pharmaceutical corporations. Natural products everywhere have been replaced by petrochemical derived synthetics including fibre for fabric, building materials and food.

The fragmentation and de-vitalisation of the human diet has produced, as a consequence, epidemics of somatic and mental illness, including depression, diabetes and heart disease, asthma and allergy, to name a few.

The Hemp seed is one of the most nutritionally complete foods available. Next to flax it has the highest concentration of the essential fatty acid omega 3 and unlike flax it contains a perfect ratio of omega 3 and omega 6 fatty acids.

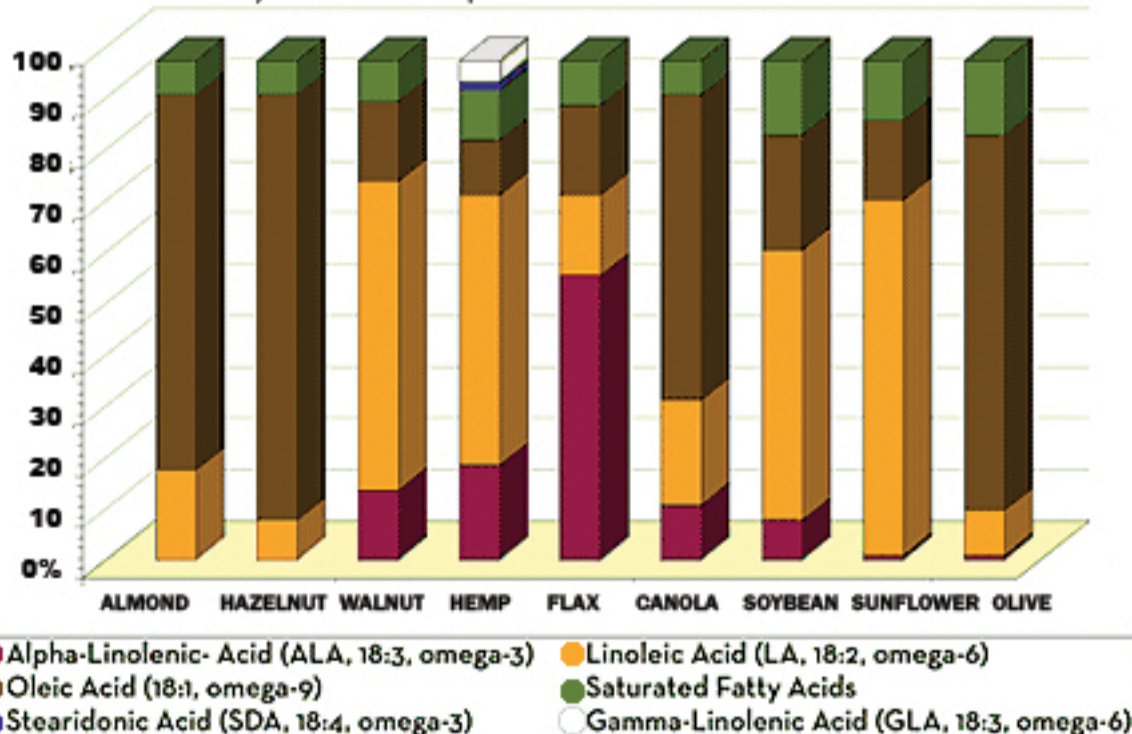
These essential nutrients are contained in a balanced protein matrix and protected from oxidation by generous quantities of vitamin E. In addition, the seed contains high levels of magnesium and other essential minerals and high levels of the B group vitamins.

The Hemp seed offers those concerned about their own and their family's nutrition a convenient and delicious way to ensure the delivery of those nutrients essential to achieving and maintaining optimal health.

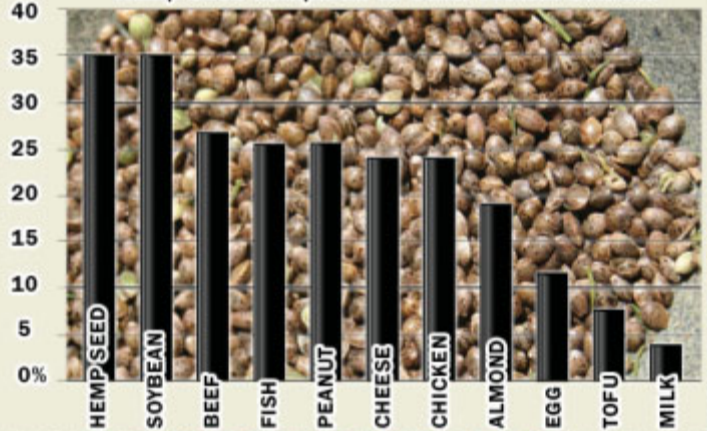
Australia remains the only country on Earth which has yet to recognise Hemp seed as a human food. However, Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) has accepted our application to have Hemp seed re-scheduled and we reasonably expect a positive outcome presently. Dr Andrew Katelaris



### Fatty Acid Composition of Nut and Seed Oil



### Hemp Seed Compared To Other Protein Sources



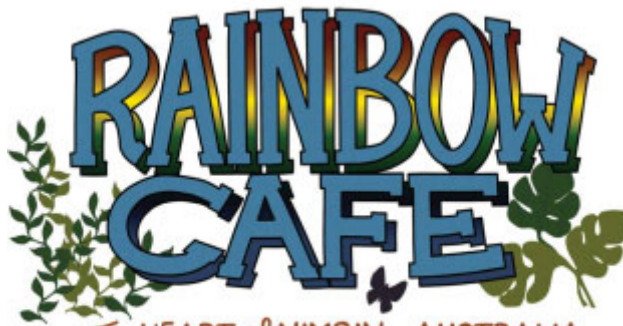
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We will have tea, coffee and cold drinks for sale, as well as some delicious food.

Music will be playing in the garage with N.O.O. (Nimbin Organic Orchestra), show-casing a wide variety of musical talent. They welcome donations to help with future events.



**Rob McHugh** has his own comedy series starting on SBS1 next month entitled 'Comedy School'. He has been teaching comedy at 3 colleges in Sydney for several years and SBS thought it would make good television. Don't miss him at the Bowlo Saturday night 8 - 10 pm.



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# FLOAT COMPETITION

## 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 long, 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.

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.

## A 1-10 point score method will be adopted.

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.

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.

## ALTERNATIVE FREE TRANSPORT to MardiGrass



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## HEMP OLYMPIX XV Sponsored by Bringabong

**Bong Throw & Yell** – where entrants throw a bong full of stinking bong water as far as humanly possible whilst yelling “Free the Weed” or something similar.  
**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)  
**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.  
**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 Roll** – 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?  
**6. Tug O' Peace** - With a Hemp rope in teams of five (you must have something in common!)  
**You could win a Bling Medal at the HEMP OLYMPIX!**  
**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.

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# FRIDAY

# SATURDAY

## PEACE PARK

5:00pm - Opening Ceremony - The Hemp Olympix Torch Bearer arrives from the South with the Eternal Flame For the Victims Of Prohibition.

Welcome to Country with Auntie Lola Roberts, Auntie Vivienne Laurie-King and Uncle Cecil Roberts from the Widjibal Tribe of the Bunjalung Nation. Lewis Walker, Quandamooka and Bunjalung Dancers.

6:00pm George Scott Memorial Picker's Ball ....Weekend Pass, otherwise \$15. (Concession \$10)  
6:00 - Drunken Munk  
6:50 - 50 Bags  
7:35 - Imandan  
8:30 - Anarchist Duck  
9:20 - Diana Anaid



**Tune in, turn on and lighten up!**

## PEACE PARK

4:20am to Dawn \*Mahawana Sunrise Meditation

11:00 am Music - A Little Province in China

11:30 \*Hemp Olympix registration

12:00 - 2:00 \*Hemp Olympix First heats of the Bong Throw and Yell, followed by the Growers Ironperson Event. Hosted by S Sorrensen and Alan Glover.

2:00 pm \*MardiGrass Hemporium Tent \* XTR1000 Hash Making demo with RadicAl.

2:00 pm \* \*Music...."The Big Hoolz Experience".....Manju

2:00 pm \* Leif's Circus Workshop for kids

2:00 pm \* Laddie Timbery \* Boomerang Throwing during Olympix break.

2:30 pm \*John Douvris sings and plays guitar

3:00 pm \* Tug O' Peace with the hemp rope. (Teams of 5 who must have something in common!) followed by Hemp Olympix Joint Rolling First Heats (Speed, Artistic and Adverse Conditions) and a chance for everyone to roll a "joint" for the Global Marijuana March which follows soon after.

4:00 pm \* Global Marijuana March leaves Peace Park for HEMP Embassy and Kombi Konvoy for a world record attempt at the most joints ever lit at once in the one place.

Before leaving everyone will be encouraged to roll something that looks like a joint from herbs provided or whatever, so that when we all arrive outside the Embassy after the Konvoy has passed, we can, **AT THE CALL**, light up simultaneously, and please blow as much smoke as possible for the cameras. The whole world is watching....whatever sort of joint you feel comfortable with?!



## TOWN HALL

10:00am Information Booth opens All MardiGrass Passes Available Here Join the **HEMP Party** 7:30pm Movie Launch by Dr Andrew Katelaris World Premiere of **"THE HEMP SOLUTION"** For a Sustainable Future. A revised update and 70% expansion of the highly acclaimed documentary **THE HEMP REVOLUTION** which was lanchd at MardiGrass 1995.... **MardiGrass Family Cafe** in the Town Hall open all weekend serving healthy meals, including popcorn with freshly pressed Tasmanian hempseed oil.



## TOWN HALL

Chill Zone, Medical Cannabis meeting place, Music, MardiGrass Family Cafe with healthy meals, drinks and popcorn with Tassie hempseed oil. Peace & Quiet in the Garden, meet Mullaway here.

12:00 Midday, **LEGAL ADVICE** Session with Steve Bolt and James Moylan. All students of law welcome to participate.

Live theatre, we'll show you how to get busted and how not to!



1:00 pm **INDUSTRIAL HEMP FORUM**, MC Bob Tissott. Speakers include Dr Keith Bolton, Klara Marosszeky, Paul Benhaim and Dr Andrew Katelaris, Deb Felton and Kenrick Riley . See page 7.

2:30 pm **DISPENSE WITH THE LAW** Beyond Prohibition Workshop MC Ray Thorpe, founder of Happy High Herbs. Dr Bob Melamede from the US and Professor Paul Wilson from Bond University, local activist Neil Pike, Dr Harry Freeman, plus medical cannabis patients from around the world.

2:00 pm till 5:00 pm Hall Verandah and Garden **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. Bring medical documentation to confirm your condition if you are a new applicant. See page 10.



## HEMP BAR

4:20pm - Web Cam Broadcast begins at H\*E\*M\*P Party Bar : NimbinHempBar.com includes Church of the Holy Smoke MardiGrass Blessing with the sacrificial \$US100 note lighting the joint on the very moment of 4:20. Pot Art on display here also. HEMP Party Members meet 6:00 pm each evening here.

6:00 pm GREY POWER gathering outside the H\*E\*M\*P Embassy. POLITE Photo and youtube movie gathering.

## MINGLE PARK

DRY CAMP \* Behind the Museum...armband entry or \$5  
6.00pm Greg  
7.00pm Guriabu  
8.00pm Bart Willoughby

## BUSH THEATRE

Eight Bands from 6pm...armband entry or \$5 Booze Hag, Slug, P.I.S.S., The Thundergods of the Multiverse, The Antibody, Hypernive, Tanamera, Manifest.

## BIRTH AND BEYOND

The Nimbin Environment Centre is running MardiGrass Movies and a Chill Space all weekend. The Hemp Solution (If you miss the World Premiere), Donald Mckay movie, past MardiGrass Movies, Cheech and Chong, Environmental Films and more. Soup and Chai available. Armband entry or Donation.

**RAINBOW CAFE**  
6:30pm Mona Lizard  
**NIMBIN HOTEL**  
7.30pm Mr Speaker

## HEMP BAR

4:20 pm \* Church of The Holy Smoke Mass Baptism with Her Holiness The Goddess who will be inducting novitiates into the Church Of The HolySmoke with the Pork Fork and ignition of a US\$100 note, as we all burn together sacred herb.

4:20 pm **GLOBAL MARIJUANA MARCH** well over 1 million cannabis law reform activists in nearly 300 cities around the globe will be protesting at 4.20. 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 arrive 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!

6:00 pm \* HEMP Party Members meet 6:00 pm each evening in the HEMP BAR.  
8.30 The H\*E\*M\*P\*Bar will be hosting a W.A.N party, where the focus is to be on uploading images and other information to youtubes, facebook and other networks, bring your laptop, mobile phone and camera.....

4:20pm **KOMBI KONVOY** arrives in Nimbin, having wended its way from Byron Bay, via Lismore. Sponsored by

Rvbyesque - Could people in the crowd please refrain from jumping on the back bumpers of Kombis as they pass through town, as it can damage the vehicles. Pliz sho' respekt bro'.

**MARDIGRASS MARKET STAGE** Family Friendly \* Cranking music all weekend: MC Bo Kaan  
10 am \* Janaka  
11 am \* Jade Supernova  
12 am \* Kaptan Reefer and the Konescrapers  
1 pm \* Spencer.E.Rogans Sensory Explosion  
2 pm \* Dr Baz and Mr Slyde  
3 pm \* April Maze  
4 pm \* Ephemeris  
5 pm \* Celestino  
6 pm \* Alice Blue  
7 pm \* Imandan  
8 pm \* Diana Anaid  
9 pm \* Grasshopper



6:00pm Harvested Herer Ball in memory of Jack.  
**PEACE PARK CONCERT FOR CANNABIS LAW REFORM**  
MC Andy Putnam.  
5:00 - Groove Foundation  
6:00 - Marshall & The Fro  
7:00 - Pagan Love Cult  
8:00 - Anarchist Duck  
9pm - A French Butler Called Smith  
10pm - Fyah Walk  
\*PLUS our special DJ's and inbetween guests.



## PEACE PARK

10:00 am MC David Hallet  
**POT POETS BREAKFAST**

11:00 am  
The Louis Burdette Experience

11:00 am **SEED SWAP**

11:30 **HEMP OLYMPIX**  
registration for Last Heats.  
See page 7.

12:00 till 2:00 pm  
**HEMP OLYMPIX** Last Heats and Finals, Growers Iron Person, Tug O' Peace & Bong Throw and Yell.

1:00 pm \* Leif's Circus  
Workshop for kids

1:00 pm \* MardiGrass  
Hemporium Tent \* "Bubblebag"  
Hash Making Demonstration

## CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY AND PARADE

Prohibition is an incitement, not a control!  
**2:00pm** Gather and get ready for the MardiGrass Parade. 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.

We have the third Float Competition, sponsored by Happy High Herbs, see page 7.

## 2:30pm CANNABIS LAW REFORM PARADE

The Parade is led by the Widjibal Elders of the Bunjalung Nation, Auntie Vivienne and Auntie Lola with children holding the Koori flag. It makes its way to the Rally in Peace Park. Sometimes it might stop while the Ganja Faeries up front do a brief performance. 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 for the parade. The procession will eventually make its way to the Rally for Cannabis Law Reform in Peace Park.

## 3:30pm CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY

At the end of the Parade we arrive in Peace Park for the Rally. Parade Float prizes will be awarded before the MardiGrass Harvest Celebration takes over the stage. Short speeches by Bundjalung Elders, Dr Bob, Steve Bolt, Neil Pike, Dr Andrew Katelaris, Gail Clarke, Dr Keith Bolton, Michael Balderstone and Others.

After the Rally - More Music in **PEACE PARK:**

4:00 - Essie & Bo  
4:45 - Winning Busker  
5:20 - The Jiggi Jam Hog  
5:55 - Alice Blue  
6:45 - Fertile Minds  
7:25 - Marshall & The Fro  
8:15 - Kaliba

4:20 pm **Kombi Konvoy** turning up outside. Have your "joint" ready for the record attempt.

5:00 pm **Dr John Jiggins** "The Three Ages of Reefer Madness"  
Launch of John's movie on Donald McKay to follow in Birth and Beyond at 6.15 pm

6:00 pm MC Nick the Hippy  
**COOKING WITH CANNABIS**  
Vaporizer demonstration and other ways of getting the Good Medicine into you without smoking.

7:00pm **Dinner with Dr Bob.**  
See page 5.

## TOWN HALL

Chill Zone, Forums, Movies, Music, Food, with Peace & Quiet in the Garden at least.

11:00 am **LEGAL ADVICE**  
Session with Steve Bolt and James Moylan.

12:00 **INDUSTRIAL HEMP**  
Speakers include Dr Keith Bolton, Klara Marosszky, Paul Benhaim, Dr Andrew Katelaris and NSW hemp farmers. If you are interested in being involved in the local hemp industry, come to the Hemp Forum and speak with hemp pioneers at MG10 including organic grower

Kenrick Riley, first commercial license holder in NSW, and President of Northern Rivers Hemp; Klara Marosszky, long-term licensee and establisher of the local hemp masonry industry; and Deborah Felton who is maintaining precious hemp varieties in the Northern Rivers Seedbank. Visit [www.northernrivershemp.org](http://www.northernrivershemp.org) for additional information and to register for membership.



12:00 pm and 5:00 pm \* **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.

1:00 pm till 2:00 pm \* **MardiGrass Beyond Prohibition Workshop** - MC Ray Thorpe. Special guests include Dr Bob Melamede from America and Professor Paul Wilson from Bond University

plus card carrying medical cannabis patients from around the world and local activists.

5:00 pm **JOINT ROLLING FINALS**, followed by the Plantathlon Award for the best Hemp Olympix All-rounder, in memory of Chicken George, the recently passed Plantem.

6:00 pm **COOKING WITH CANNABIS**, Vaporizer demonstration and other ways of getting Good Medicine into you without smoking. \* MC Nick the Hippy

7:00pm \* **Sunday Dinner with Dr Bob.** See page 5.

**BIRTH & BEYOND** See Fridays' section.

6:15pm  
Launch of **John Jiggen's** film - The Killer Cop and the Murder of Don McKay

## MINGLE PARK

**DRY CAMP** \* Behind the Museum...armband entry or \$5 ..Music and comedy with "Yarndi Yarns", hosted by Goori and other Grandmothers and Grandfathers who are unafraid to tell their stories of why yarndi is good for them and prohibition is not.

11.00am Justice Action Group BBQ  
12.00pm Opening Ceremony  
1.00pm Nick  
1.30pm Spooki  
2.30pm Sean Choolburra

4.00pm (Kombi Konvoy and Global light up on main street)  
5.00pm Guitar Joe  
6.00pm Kaliba  
7.00pm Monkey & the Fish Band  
8.00pm Quandamooka  
9.30pm "Experience"...Manju-electric guitar, Louis Burdette-drums, Greg-bass

## BUSH THEATRE

Eight Bands from 6pm\* armband entry or \$5  
.....Booze Hag, Slug, P.I.S.S., The Thundergods of the Multiverse, The Antibody, Hypernive, Tanamera, Manifest, Hyper-novae and Ephemeris.

## RAINBOW CAFE

6:30pm Pepper Boys.

## NIMBIN HOTEL

1:30pm The Aurora Jane Band  
7:30pm Tijuana Cartel

## HEMP EMBASSY VERANDAH

Talk with **KOG** at midday where he will sign copies of his Golden Book on growing, or CD. 3.00pm Between a 'Rock' and a hard place. Lawful discussions with 'Living in Body'.

## THE BOWLO

1:00pm **Fifth Hemplore Pro Pot Art Tattoo Show** (Entrants register 10:00am to 12:45pm), featuring local band The Antibodies...

8:00-10:00 pm

## STAND UP COMEDY SHOW

Saturday night only... hosted by Glover & Sorrensen and featuring Mandy Nolan, Rob McHugh from Sydney, Nick the Hippy and hopefully Sean Choolburra. Not to be missed. Dinner from 6:00pm. With armband: \$5.00 Without \$10.

## Mingle Park DRY CAMP

Behind the Museum...armband entry or \$5

12.00pm Yarndi Yarns  
1.00pm Future Roots  
2.00pm **JOIN THE RALLY FOR NYARNDI**  
4.00pm Sean  
5.00pm Jiggi Jug  
6.00pm Paranoia Club  
7.00pm Guriabu  
8.00pm Quandamooka

## HEMP Bar

4:00 pm \* Pot Poetry  
4:20 pm \* Church of the Holy Smoke MardiGrass Blessing.  
6:00 pm \* **HEMP Party** .  
Sundown till 9.00 P.M or later..  
**HEMP Leftovers** and **MardiGrass Cyber Wrap up Party**.

**CANNABIS CUP** Somewhere, sometime somehow.

## MardiGrass Market Stage

10:00 am Invisible Friend  
11:00 am Essie Thomas  
1:00 pm Back Deck Rehearsal  
2:00 pm Go and get ready for the Parade and Rally  
4:00 pm Homeless Yellow  
5:00 pm Mayana and Friends

## Hemp Embassy Verandah

Mid-day Talk with **KOG** at midday on the **HEMP Embassy** back verandah where he will sign copies of his Golden Book on growing, or the CD, which will be showing in the Embassy and Museum all weekend.

## Nimbin Hotel

1:30pm The Blue Skillet Rovers  
6:00pm The Durga Babies

**Birth and Beyond** The Nimbin Environment Centre is running MardiGrass Movies and a Chill Space in Birth and Beyond all weekend.

# MULLAWAY MEDICAL

**Medical mull is big business in California, but Nimbin champ Tony Bowers operation is grass roots.**

**You've been giving away pot for medical purposes for a while now.**

**Who gets it?**

Most people have either HIV or Multiple Sclerosis or they're cancer patients, or people with back injuries and other severe and chronic pain sufferers.

**Where do you do it?**

Everywhere. I send it out to people in the mail and also from the back of my bus in Nimbin. When people come and see me they have to

have a letter from their doctor confirming that they have a chronic health condition. I've probably seen about 100 people in the last few months.

**Couldn't you get in trouble doing this?**

I don't know. I've told the authorities about it for two years. It's a problem for the government in that nothing that I do is illegal (Tony has a medical condition and is effectively allowed to grow cannabis for his own personal use).

No, it's a cannabis extraction that comes in either alcohol or oil. You can take it as drops on



your tongue or in a glass of water, or in a cup of tea or coffee. Most people have four of five drops. The oil one is a bit stronger and generally only used at night.

**Why not make cookies?**

You can't give people an even amount. There is no consistency in the dose. And when you cook it you lose a lot of things. You don't get any of the anti-inflammatory acids and stuff like that.

**Should Australia go the way California has with legalising pot for medical use?**

No, because there's nothing really medical about it. They've just changed the way they are selling their dope. There are no medical tests, there are no standards at all there for the growers. I'd like to make sure growers here have to pass a



standard so they know what they're doing.

**Why is marijuana good as a medicine?**

We have receptors in our system that cannabis is a natural fit for, and that's why we've always used it.

**Do you think stoners get a bad reputation?**

I think a lot of that comes from the government and stupid things on TV. But some people shouldn't smoke it, like young kids who are going to school and learning. But until we have regulated cannabis they've got no control over what's out there.

## The new age of Reefer Madness

In 1938 the word 'marijuana' was introduced to Australia by Harry Anslinger and the US Bureau of Narcotics as 'a new drug that maddens victims'.

Marijuana was said to come from the plant Cannabis sativa, which was said to be 20 times more potent than Cannabis indica, the source of hashish, "well-known for its violently sex-stimulating effects." It was sensationally described as an 'evil sex drug' that caused its devotees to be satisfied with only the most appalling of perversions.

By the 1970s, prohibitionists were arguing the complete opposite. Now they claimed there was conclusive evidence that smoking marijuana caused "genetic imbalance" effeminising young men, causing them to grow long hair and become impotent.

The third Age of Reefer Madness began in the 1990s with a scare campaign about cannabis causing schizophrenia. That decade saw the start of a moral panic about "skunk", a new kind of cannabis said to be thirty times stronger than earlier cannabis, which sent people mad. This "Reefer Madness II" had many similarities to Anslinger's "Reefer Madness" of the 1930s, including the claim that there was a new kind of cannabis that was many times stronger than previous forms of cannabis.

There was, once again, a "new drug that maddens victims".

The newspapers were saying, smoking even one joint could send you mad. Governments funded researchers who gave this nonsense the veneer of science in dubious papers, which inevitably ending by recommending that more research needed to be done. Harry Anslinger had reincarnated as an academic industry.

This "Reefer Madness II" research was disputed by other research, which showed that the whole moral panic about cannabis and psychosis was a furphy. The incidence of psychotic disorder in the Australian community has remained steady through the past four decades, even though cannabis use became a rite-of-passage for Australian teenagers in those forty years.

This held not just for Australia but for the whole world.

Nearly every western country has seen an explosion in cannabis use since the 1960s and nowhere has there been a corresponding madness plague.

The claim that cannabis use had increased the risk of psychotic outcomes in the UK, made in numerous British tabloids, was investigated in Frisher et al. 2009 who examined trends in the annual prevalence and incidence of schizophrenia and psychoses in the UK from 1996 to 2005.

The study found no evidence of increasing schizophrenia or psychoses in the general population. Despite moral panics about skunk and cannabis psychosis, the incidence and prevalence of

schizophrenia and psychosis were either stable or declining in the UK between 1996 and 2005.

By the 2000s, cannabis found itself part of the Culture Wars. As the environmental crisis worsened, environmentalism was "blamed" on cannabis use. According to Andrew Bolt and co., those who claimed we were destroying the planet had simply been smoking too much pot.

Under Howard, the ABC and the Commonwealth Department of Health pushed the Reefer Madness agenda. The Commonwealth Health Department funded the extremist group, Drug Free Australia, to commission a study on cannabis and schizophrenia. After a scare campaign by the Courier Mail, their alarmist report called Cannabis, Schizophrenia, Suicide and Other Ill-effects (CSSOI) was presented to Queensland Parliament, where a Parliamentary committee is currently investigating the matter, using the research paper commissioned by Drug Free Australia, with a series of recommendation (also from Drug Free Australia), recommending that their misinformed and hysterical views on cannabis be taught in schools, and be followed by treatment professionals, and by every level of government.

They want school children to be drug-tested, drivers to be drug-tested, penalties increased (of course) and they want regular Operation Noah style blitzes every three months! And they want the Cancer Council to promote the

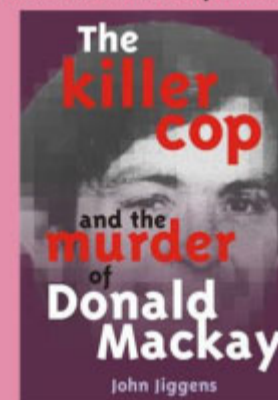
message that cannabis causes cancer, despite emerging evidence of the beneficial effects of cannabis on certain forms of cancer!

While it is important to keep putting the information out about cannabis's amazing properties as a medicine, satire might prove a useful weapon as well.

One of the great achievements of the early cannabis movement was to laugh "Reefer Madness" to death. Once again laughter might prove our best ally. Prohibitionists tend to be grim, humourless characters, ideal for comedy and satire. All the humourist and satirists out there, who are friends of the genus cannabis, might consider the remedy to Reefer Madness II.



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**Dr John Jiggins** is a writer and journalist who has published several books including *The killer cop* and *the murder of Donald Mackay* and, with Jack Herer, *The Australian version of The Emperor Wears No Clothes*.

His Ph.D was 'Marijuana Australiana: Cannabis Use, Popular Culture and the Americanisation of Drugs Policy in Australia 1938 - 1988'.

Dr John Jiggins will be talking on "The three ages of Reefer Madness" at the Nimbin Mardi Grass on Saturday at 5pm in the Nimbin Town Hall.



## CORRUPT COP?

A COURT finding of 'corrupt conduct' has been made against a local police officer after he was accused of destroying evidence by tramping a cannabis plant into mulch. The constable then failed to report the drug find to avoid paperwork. He pleaded guilty in Court to the charge of hindering a police investigation into a serious offence by destroying

a cannabis plant, then creating false information intending to hinder the police investigation.

The former constable was investigating a Crime Stoppers report alleging a woman was growing marijuana at her home. The case stated a 20cm cannabis plant was found growing in a pot in the woman's vegetable patch. One Constable later saw that it was missing and observed

the other 'squashing it under his feet into an area of mulch'. "That just saved me three hours of paperwork," he said.

Senior police told the former officer that if he resigned it would be the end of the matter, but after resigning he received a Court Attendance Notice. He was convicted of the offence and placed on a 12-month good behaviour bond.

# SUSTAINABILITY MAKES THE CASE FOR HEMP

The dawn of the new age brings with it the light of unity as nations address the issues of global warming, the oil crisis, economic collapse, health, and world hunger with a fevered urgency. While we are considering all the options, the Cannabis hemp plant is one solution in the search for alternatives.

Hemp has ecological, industrial, and medicinal values. Hemp is a uniquely productive source of fibre, oil, protein, pulp for paper, and methanol fuel. Hemp fiber became a major crop in the history of almost every European country by 400 BC.

The Greeks and Romans used hemp rope and sails exclusively for their sailing vessels, importing the fiber from Sicily. The early Americans cultivated Cannabis hemp primarily for its fiber. Hemp-fiber production was most important to the developing colonies for homespun cloth and ship riggings.

Hemp growing was encouraged by the British Parliament to meet the needs for fibre to rig the British fleets. Hemp production was so important that in 1762 Virginia imposed penalties for those who refused to grow the plant. By the 1800s, Kentucky proudly exceeded hemp production of all the states with 40,000 tons annually, second only to cotton. However, the Civil War disrupted production and the industry never recovered.



By the early 1900s, with a labor shortage and lack of modern machinery, the hemp industry slowly fell to the wayside. But a resurgence of hemp-fiber products is slowly gaining momentum with softer and colorful fabrics. The plant's resilience and vigor make hemp a wonderful candidate for methanol fuel; compared to many of our ancient domesticated plants, hemp never lost its colonizing tendencies or ability to survive without human intervention. If abandoned, it will flourish in our vacant fields and drainage ditches; unlike a tender crop such as corn, hemp is more economically sound.

When the Chinese invented paper they used hemp fibers recycled from old rags and fish netting. Hemp paper had been well respected for its longevity and resistance to tearing.

The hemp paper was so durable that fragments have been found in graves predating 100 BC. Canada uses hemp in its paper currency and in all fine Bibles. Many dwindling timber forests could be saved by using hemp instead. While a tree may take 20 years before it is ready to harvest, hemp is readily available.

For thousands of years Cannabis hemp has been used for medicine. Emperor Shen-nung in 2000 BC prescribed root as a paste applied to relieve the pain of broken bones and surgery. From there new uses were developed, such as extracting precious oil from seed with a technique still used today.

Pressed seeds yielded 20 percent more oil by weight than other oils and were used for cooking, to fuel lamps, and for lubrication, and the pulp was fed to their domesticated animals. Centuries later the uses of hemp spread through expanding trade by the Aryans. For India, hemp played an active role in its rituals. After 4,000 years of oral traditions and spiritual teachings, the four Vedas were finally recorded in 1400 BC listing hemp as the spirit bhangas. Described as the "reliever of anxiety" (Atharva Veda), it was noted as a gift from the gods. Hemp lowered fevers, eased sleep, and relieved dysentery.



In light of hindsight it is most imperative that hemp be reinstated into action.

Virtually every part of the plant is used—root, leaves, and flowers for medicine; stems for textiles, rope, and paper pulp; and seeds for food and oil. Hemp will be a valuable and less costly source than what's now used for methanol fuel.

For medicinal applications, hemp has been used as a treatment for nausea, spasticity, glaucoma, epilepsy, and as an analgesic and tranquilizer. Typically, the cannabinoids contained in hemp have analgesic and antibiotic properties and are used for sore muscles, arthritic pain, burns, and many skin ailments. For sound sustainability hemp deserves renewed attention because it is ecologically sensible. Hemp is our greatest renewable resource.

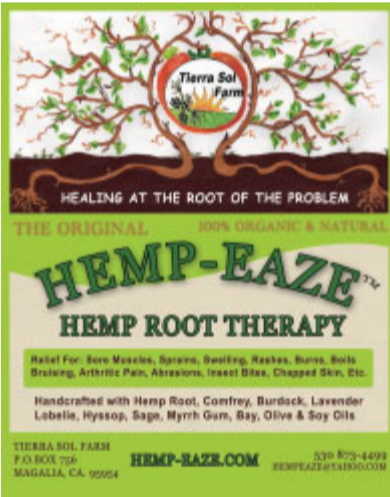
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Even the first commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics Harry Anslinger stated in 1930, before he set the axe to the hemp plant, that he had serious doubts as to whether federal laws restricting it could be sustained as constitutional. The FBN further stated that it believed that the plant was not a problem because only the minorities used it.

Then came the campaign that used zealous scare tactics to portray hemp's nightmarish dangers to society. The anti-marijuana campaign stirred up people's aversion by focusing on the taking of American jobs by migrants and minorities, and marijuana hysteria took hold.



Picture from the Movie "THE HEMP SOLUTION".

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The first law regulating hemp in America came in 1619. Hemp was seen as an irreplaceable plant because of its multitude of uses. Because of that, the first laws came in the form of "must grow" laws, rather than laws of prohibition.

## CANNA BUTTER

**Ingredients:**  
 100 Grams of Pot  
 500 Grams of Butter  
 5 Cups of Water

**Instructions:** Mix all ingredients together and bring to boil. Reduce heat to minimum, simmer for 4 hours. Allow mixture to cool slightly and then strain through muslin thereby extracting all the vegetable matter. Allow the butter and water to cool, skim off the butter and use as normal in recipes.

## CANNA MILK

Simmer cannabis in milk for 20 minutes and serve with honey.



## CAUTION

Cannabis can be potent when eaten.

### Take Care

Only eat a small amount at a time. Leave at least an hour for effects to become obvious before eating any more.



Mix together equal parts of; Savoury Yeast, Hemp Seed Flour and Hemp Seed Oil.

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## SPIRITUAL CANNABIS USE

Cannabis has an ancient history of ritual usage as an aid to trance and has been traditionally used in a religious context throughout the Old World.

Herodotus wrote about early ceremonial practices by the Scythians, which are thought to have occurred from the 5th to 2nd century BCE.

Itinerant sadhus have used it in India for centuries, and in modern times it has been embraced by the Rastafari movement. Anthropologist Sula Benet

claimed historical evidence and etymological comparison show that the Holy anointing oil used by the Hebrews contained cannabis extracts, "kaneh bosm", and that it is also listed as an incense tree in the original Hebrew and Aramaic texts of the Old Testament.

Early Christians used cannabis oil for medicinal purposes and as part of the baptismal process to confirm the forgiveness of sins and "right of passage" into the Kingdom of Heaven. The Unction, Seal, laying on of hands, the Counsellor, and the Holy Spirit are all often

synonymous of the Holy anointing oil. Early Gnostic texts indicate that the Chrism is essential to becoming a "Christian". Some Muslims of the Sufi order have used cannabis as a tool for spiritual exploration.

There are many views on spirituality and drugs, where they cross over, if they cross over and whether the experience is illusory.

"A human being is a part of the whole, called by us, "Universe," a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something

separated from the rest -- a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us.

Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty. Nobody is able to achieve this completely, but the striving for such achievement is in itself a part of the liberation and a foundation for inner security." : Albert Einstein - (1879-1955) Physicist and Professor, Nobel Prize 1921



Tradition in India maintains that the gods sent man the Hemp plant so that he might attain delight, courage, and have heightened sexual desires. When nectar or Amrita dropped down from heaven, Cannabis sprouted from it.

Another story tells how, when the gods, helped by demons, churned the milk ocean to obtain Amrita, one of the resulting nectars was Cannabis. It was consecrated to Shiva and was [the goddess] Indra's favourite drink.

After the churning of the ocean, demons attempted to gain control of Amrita, but the gods were able to prevent this seizure, giving Cannabis the name Vijaya ("victory") to commemorate their success. Ever since, this plant of the gods has been held in India to bestow supernatural powers on its users.

**Persian prophet Zoroaster put hemp at the top of his list of 10,000 medicinal plants in his sacred text the Zend-Avesta.**

Many patients who utilize and benefit from medical cannabis do not wish to smoke due to the perceived health hazards of smoking or for other personal reasons.

These patients are in something of a bind. Smoking cannabis delivers the active cannabinoids within seconds. Medicine is absorbed in the lungs and goes directly to the brain and general circulation.

The same effect can be achieved with a vaporizer, which is safer than smoking burning vegetable matter. Since the effects of inhaled cannabis are so quick, it is easy for patients to titrate their dose by simply waiting a minute or two in between puffs.

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## HERBAL TINCTURE

Medicine is processed first by the liver, which converts some cannabinoids such as delta nine to delta 11 version of THC.

Orally delivered cannabis requires four to ten times the amount of the smoked version in order to achieve the same effect. Orally delivered cannabis can present a problem in achieving the required or desired dose level in any consistent fashion.

Tincture is designed to address the problems of rapid medicine delivery and consistent dosing. Most tinctures are made to be used under the tongue or sublingually.

English pharmaceutical companies are presently working on a cannabis extract "spray" that can be

used under the tongue in a similar fashion. These sprays are not expected to be approved for use in the United States for years and will be very expensive.

Absorption by the arterial blood supply under the tongue is completed in seconds. One trick is to not swallow the dose as, if swallowed, absorption will be in the GI tract. Many patients, though, add their tincture to a cup of tea or cranberry juice for easy delivery.

When tincture is used in a beverage, absorption will be slower than if absorbed under the tongue. While tincture absorbed in an empty stomach is accomplished in minutes, conversion in the liver remains, as does the difficulty in titrating dose.

Usually, a tincture dose is delivered by means of a medicine dropper or a teaspoon.

A rule of thumb on dose is that patients receive benefit from 3-4 drops to a couple of full droppers depending upon the potency of the tincture and the patient's own unique requirements among other factors.

Tinctures are produced by extracting and preserving the medicinal constituents of the herb in alcohol or glycerine.

Some people make their "sunshine tinctures" over 2 weeks or longer in the cold weather. Some leave them in the sun for up to 12 weeks. I have never seen a need to go that long myself. Shake each day to mix the herbs in.



When ready to strain use cheesecloth and a strainer to extract the cannabis debris, the THC has been extracted and the tincture is ready to use. The best way to store is in a glass amber bottle.



After hearing about a lot of people doing Cannabis and claiming that it's great and I should try it, and that it's not at all addictive.



Apart from joining the party to vote against prohibition, i also want to spread the word to recruit more people in my area to join the fight.

I decided to research to find out why people would want to use something that would actively damage their brain.

depending on whether you take a big hit from a bucket bong or a joint, the high can vary in intensity, a joint makes you relaxed and mellow but still coordinated, using a bong usually makes you blitzed, and very drowsy and relaxed and often you might fall asleep and wake up refreshed.

However, after sifting through research anecdotes and test results and lab studies on both sides of the argument, I have concluded that the propaganda is more or less 100% lies and exaggerations, that's my honest opinion, but I wouldn't say that to people who are unsure or against Cannabis.

In my opinion as someone who often studies scientific facts, I have decided that I want to be a part of the fight to ban cannabis prohibition and criminalisation. I believed trying Cannabis itself as a drug is something every politician or "scientist" who wants it outlawed should do, because after all how can you be so sure if you never experienced it yourself?

I have tried Cannabis and become baked on 4 separate occasions, it is a harmless drug, and being baked is allot like being drunk, but with some differences, there is no hangover if you stay hydrated, and it relaxes you immensely, and



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  5. To limit corrupting temptations available to Police, Customs Officials, and Prison Guards
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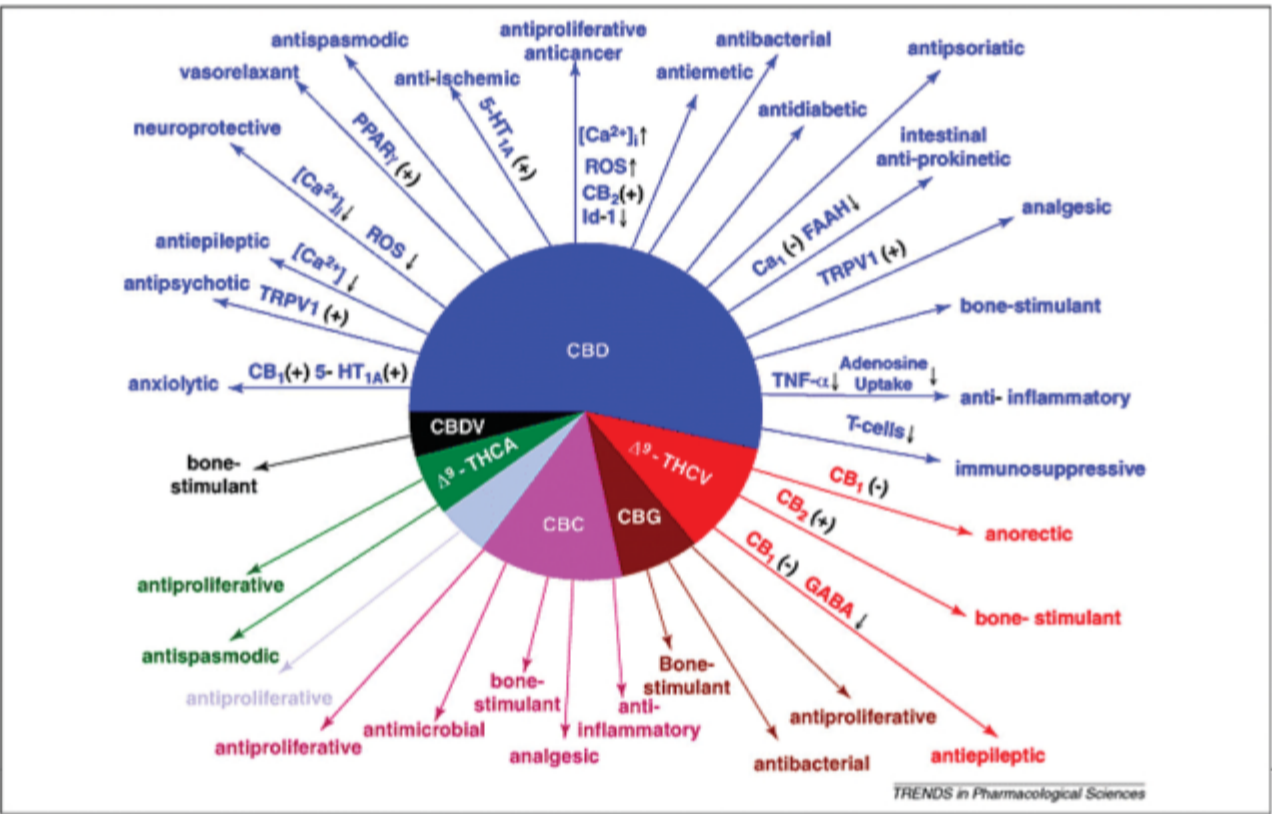


Figure 1. Pharmacological actions of non-psychotropic cannabinoids (with the indication of the proposed mechanisms of action). Abbreviations: Δ<sup>9</sup>-THC, Δ<sup>9</sup>-tetrahydrocannabinol; Δ<sup>8</sup>-THC, Δ<sup>8</sup>-tetrahydrocannabinol; CBN, cannabichrome; CBD, cannabidiol; Δ<sup>9</sup>-THCV, Δ<sup>9</sup>-tetrahydrocannabivarin; CBC, cannabichromene; CBG, cannabigerol; Δ<sup>9</sup>-THCA, Δ<sup>9</sup>-tetrahydrocannabinolic acid; CBDA, cannabidiolic acid; TRPV1, transient receptor potential vanilloid type 1; PPAR<sub>γ</sub>, peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor γ; ROS, reactive oxygen species; 5-HT<sub>1A</sub>, 5-hydroxytryptamine receptor subtype 1A; FAAH, fatty acid amide hydrolase. (+), direct or indirect activation; †, increase; ‡, decrease.

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# THE PRESIDENTS GATEWAY

**Global cannabis prohibition dates from a League of Nations meeting in Geneva in 1924. The arguments put up at that meeting made no scientific sense but were accepted by the delegates.**

Australia was represented at the meeting so the Commonwealth then wrote to the states advising that cannabis should be prohibited. NSW wrote back saying that the drug was not known in this state but if the Commonwealth wanted NSW to prohibit the drug, then NSW would comply. More than three score and ten years later we still prohibit cannabis. But an edifice built on sand is slowly getting unstable.

It is hard to keep the same attitudes to cannabis prohibition when Obama and the two previous US Presidents are known to have smoked cannabis.

**Perhaps cannabis is a gateway drug after all \* the drug that young Americans have to try if they want to become President of the USA.**

Public opinion on cannabis prohibition is changing rapidly in the USA. In 1969, the national Gallup poll recorded 84% opposition and 12% support for the question 'do you support the legalization of marihuana?' But in 2009, opposition had dropped to 54% while support had increased to 44%.

At this rate of change, supporters will outnumber opponents within a few years. In several other national US public opinion polls, supporters already outnumber opponents. Medical marihuana is already legal in 14 states of the USA (representing a sizeable proportion of the population of the country). The number of states starting to allow medical marihuana is steadily increasing.

The Obama Administration is allowing state law to prevail over federal law on the question of medical marihuana. In November, the citizens of California (and possibly some other states) will vote to decide whether or not cannabis can be taxed and regulated.

The global financial crisis has bankrupted several states (including California). Taxing cannabis provides a new revenue stream while abandoning prohibition promises to cut law enforcement costs. The need to increase government revenue while cutting

expenditure is likely to grow in other countries, including Australia. In Europe, several countries have either directed police to not enforce laws against personal possession of drugs including cannabis (the Netherlands, Germany) or removed legal sanctions against personal possession (Portugal, Spain, Italy and the Czech Republic). Similar developments have occurred in half a dozen South American countries.

Attitudes to medicinal cannabis are also starting to more closely reflect the scientific evidence in a growing number of countries. The evidence for benefit keeps growing. It is scandalous that Australian men and women in 2010 continue to suffer from symptoms that could be made less unpleasant with cannabis. The proportion of Australians consuming cannabis is among the highest in the world. But in Australia the health damage from tobacco is 40 times greater than cannabis, alcohol is eleven times greater than cannabis and all illicit drugs is ten times greater than cannabis.

Concerns about possible mental health problems in people smoking cannabis are discussed a great deal in Australia and the UK. There is still no evidence (or even arguments) to suggest that these possible health complications are decreased while demand is largely supplied by criminals and corrupt police.

**The debate on cannabis law reform in Australia is now way behind the debate occurring in other developed countries.** It's high time (no pun intended) we started asking whether prosecuting minor cannabis offences is an appropriate use of scare law enforcement resources in 2010, or whether we would be better off treating cannabis more like alcohol and tobacco \* and therefore taxing and regulating it. many senior police now favour a more rational response to cannabis.

The safest way to use cannabis is not to use it at all. But if you are going to use it, please follow the Nimbin Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) cannabis use guidelines. Let's work together to achieve the taxation and regulation of cannabis and its medicinal use to ease suffering.

Dr Alex Wodak, President, Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation.  
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As Alf grew older he began to have trouble with his joints

## NHMRC CANNABIS USE GUIDELINES

**The responsible consumption of cannabis is mainly a health issue.**

People make their own choices. It's not the purpose of these guidelines to tell people how to behave, but to ensure they have solid evidence available so they can make educated and informed decisions. These new guidelines will help people to make those decisions.

The form of cannabis use with the lowest health, social, legal and economic risk is abstinence. Even so, more than 2 million Australians choose to use cannabis every year, and accept some degree of risk. Australians can reduce their health, social, legal and economic risks by following these guidelines.

**1. Moderation.** It is recommended that social cannabis users only consume cannabis for five days a week or less, trying to keep at least two days each week cannabis free. (This is not applicable for people using cannabis as a medication, e.g. relieving nausea from cancer chemotherapy) The effect from eating cookies lasts much longer. Users may only require one biscuit per day. Smokers should not require more than 4 joints per day.

**2. Recognising harms that may arise.** Cannabis is illegal. Possession or use can lead to arrest and a criminal record, loss of job or even worse. Be discrete. Don't carry more than the 'caution' amount (NSW 15 grams). If cannabis is seriously affecting your life in important areas such as relationships, parenting, job or finances, then seriously consider reducing or stopping.

**3. Young People.** Encourage young people who are likely to experiment to delay consuming cannabis until their body and mind have matured as any drug use can affect physical and/or cognitive development. Impress on young people the need for moderation and responsibility. Avoid smoking in the presence of children. Do not smoke in confined areas with children or non-smokers present. "Passive smoking" is not confined to nicotine. Be aware that as an adult you are always a role model.

**4. Potency and Contaminants.** The strength of different cannabis strains may vary widely. If you are going to use a new batch of cannabis, only try a small amount first. When purchasing any form of cannabis there is no certainty regarding fertiliser, fungicide, or insecticide use, how it is grown, or what affect that might have on health outcomes. Under prohibition without standards or quality control or regulation, the only way to be certain how a cannabis plant is grown is to watch it grow.

**5. Pregnancy.** Women who are pregnant, breast feeding or might soon become pregnant should refrain from using cannabis. If they still choose to use cannabis, they should minimise their quantity and frequency of use.

**6. Driving.** Do not drive a car or operate heavy machinery if impaired by cannabis. To make sure you are safe, allow at least a few hours before your last use of cannabis and driving. If you have used alcohol and cannabis, allow twice as long.

**7. Mental Health.** If you have ever had a serious mental illness, or you have a family history of serious mental illness, it might be better to avoid cannabis and all other mood altering drugs. If you still want to use cannabis, use as little as you can. Always have someone with you when you smoke to make sure you keep to your limits.

**8. Tobacco.** It is better for your health not to mix tobacco with cannabis. Nicotine is addictive. Smoking with tobacco will often lead to you using more cannabis by virtue of the nicotine addiction.

**9. Smoke harms lungs.** Consuming cannabis by inhaling the vapour from a vapouriser or eating foods made with cannabis are both less damaging to lungs than inhaling cannabis smoke, but the results of eating cannabis are less predictable. Cookies can be stronger and last longer than smoking.

**10. Smoking Implements** Avoid using plastic bottles, rubber hoses, PVC, aluminium or foil to smoke cannabis - these all give off toxic fumes when hot (you run fewer health risks with pipe made from glass, steel brass.)

**11. Sharing.** When you share joints, pipes or bongs you can also share germs and infections. Individual joints pipes or bongs are preferable. Clean bongs or pipes after use.

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# HERB WARS



The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it. Resist it, and your soul grows sick with longing for the things it has forbidden to itself.  
- Oscar Wilde



The battle of the plants, it's not just cannabis that's prohibited.

Cocaine is the second most popular illegal recreational drug in the U.S. (behind marijuana) and the U.S. is the world's largest consumer of cocaine.

Cocaine is commonly used in middle to upper class communities. It is also popular amongst college students, to aid in studying and as a party drug.

Its users span over different ages, races, and professions. In the 1970s and 80's, the drug became particularly popular in the disco culture as cocaine usage was very common and popular in many discos such as Studio 54.

Because of the extensive processing it undergoes during preparation, cocaine is generally treated as a 'hard drug', with severe penalties for possession and trafficking. Demand remains high, and consequently black market cocaine is quite expensive.

Unprocessed cocaine, such as coca leaves, are occasionally purchased and sold, but this is exceedingly rare as it is much easier and more profitable to conceal and smuggle it in powdered form. The scale of the market is immense: 770 tonnes times \$100 per gram retail = up to \$77 billion.

A chemist named Angelo Mariani who read Mantegazza's paper became immediately intrigued with coca and its economic potential. In 1863, Mariani started marketing a wine called Vin Mariani, which had been treated with coca leaves, to become cocawine.

The ethanol in wine acted as a solvent and extracted the cocaine from the coca leaves, altering the drink's effect. It contained 6 mg cocaine per ounce of wine, but Vin Mariani which was to be exported, contained 7.2 mg per ounce, to compete with the higher cocaine content of similar drinks in the United States.

A "pinch of coca leaves" was included in John Styth Pemberton's original 1886 recipe for Coca-Cola, though the company began using decocainated leaves in 1906 when the Pure Food and Drug Act was passed.

The actual amount of cocaine that Coca-Cola contained during the first twenty years of its production is practically impossible to determine.

A tribute to Geoff Moxham, an early HEMPster. The local hemp world was at a loss in September 2009 when Geoff Moxham died in a tree felling accident.



Geoff was fortunate to be a hempster during exciting times. After the first Mardigrass in '93 he became one of 5 main activists to support Bob Hopkins in organising the second Mardigrass. As a result he co-hosted a radical long term hempstall at The Channon market and a smoke-in at Pritchard Park near the Lismore Police Station.

national media cameras filming hordes of hempsters driving under their vehicles. Geoff carved the iconic Hemp Olympix Torch and won the Mardigrass pot art award in the process.

In following years he became involved in other actions including the famous Police helicopter lock-on when not only the chopper was handcuffed but the police awoke in their motel to live

He co-pioneered early seed swaps and was a driving force in Lismore Hemp. One of Geoff's daughter's first Mardigrass experiences, was in the womb of the Ganja Faerie Queen.

## HERER FOREVER

Herer and activist Jack Herer died Thursday April 15, 2010 at 2:05 pm in Eugene, Ore. The 70-year-old activist was in ill health following a heart attack he experienced after leaving the Hempstalk festival stage in Portland last fall.



Herer was a longtime marijuana activist and the author of the landmark book "The Emperor Wears No Clothes: The Authoritative Historical Record of Cannabis and the Conspiracy Against Marijuana." By 2004, it had been through 16 printings and published more than 600,000 copies.

In 2004, the L.A. Times wrote: Today, Herer is widely credited with launching the modern hemp movement, a

persistent campaign by an eclectic coalition of environmentalists, legislators, rights activists, farmers, scientists, entrepreneurs and others to end the maligned plant's banishment and tap its potential as a natural resource.

Jack came to MardiGrass. The 1995 Mardi Grass III was held in the wake of our End Prohibition NSW State Election campaign and was

bigger than ever, with a veritable carnival of events running in association with the street Parade- more performance events, seminars, fashion parade, markets, the Inaugural Cannabis Growers Cup, the film premiere of the "Hemp Revolution", with Jack Herer and Lynn Osbourne from HEMP USA, High Times magazine's grower guru Ed Rosenthal, book launches and Police Operation Judas as well as Pot Art 3 and the Harvest Ball.

The Parade day dawned to spiritual gatherings, croissants with Jack and Lynn at the launching of the Australian edition of the "Emperor", and a mega-crowd (by Nimbin standards at least) filling the village. By now we'd given up seeking Council approval, without which we couldn't get the official Police nod, and just went ahead high on trust.



On behalf of everyone at Treating Yourself magazine, I would like to congratulate everyone involved in putting together the MardiGrass celebration at Nimbin. It is inspiring to learn how you have educated people about the benefits of marijuana to a broad spectrum of people.

The more we break down barriers and highlight this information, the closer we are to gaining acceptance and hopefully one day, legalization. I am also encouraged to hear that you have been running this event for seventeen years now and hope that this event continues to thrive. It is also important to thank you for the continued support you have shown the magazine and myself over the last few years. The philosophy behind your event is close to my heart. The rich culture you have developed behind the MardiGrass is one

that gets back to the grass roots level of using marijuana. In a world where most people fixate on the almighty dollar, it is refreshing to see a union of compassion and love for a plant whose purpose is to help people lead a fulfilling life. This summer, between July 16 - 18, 2010 Treating Yourself will be putting on our own event in Toronto, Ontario. It will break barriers by being the first ever Medical Marijuana Exposition in a country that put together a legal medical marijuana program. My dream would include representatives from Health Canada attending and taking the time to educate themselves, which is something that Canadian readers believe is sorely lacking.

We hope that we will be able to help educate more uninformed individuals in order to eventually get marijuana legalized. For details visit; [medicalmarijuana-hempexpo.com](http://medicalmarijuana-hempexpo.com) Take Care and Peace Marco Renda Treating Yourself - The Alternative Medicine Journal



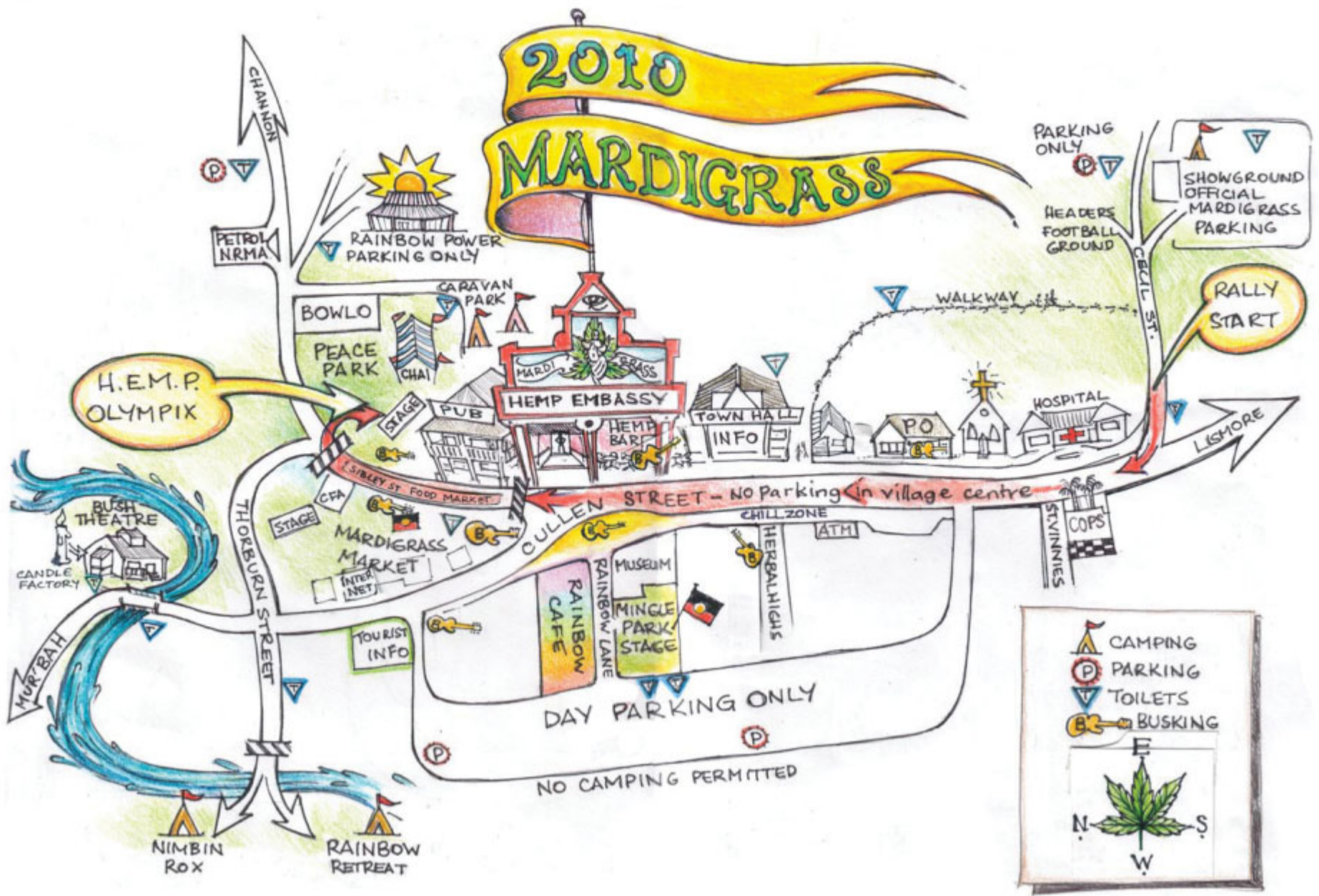
**Judy Canales**, a strong advocate for the legalisation of marijuana, ran in several elections. In 1999 she stood and Independent for the Lismore elections, then she joined the Hemp Party (Help End Marijuana Prohibition Party) and ran in the House of Representatives for the seats of Page (2001) and Capricornia (2004).

In a press release for her campaign in 2004, Judy Canales described herself as "an unemployed artist extremely talented in music, theatre, autobiography, playwright, oil painting." She also owned a djembe drum that she had played all round Australia, teaching children and the handicapped to play.

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## MardiGrass Information

**Entry into PEACE PARK and the TOWN HALL where most MardiGrass events are held costs \$40 for a weekend pass including Friday night, or \$20 for a one day pass. With three nights camping a full ticket costs \$80.**

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](http://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.

### CAMPING

Please camp in designated camping areas only, not beside the road. Be super careful with rubbish, recycling is happening so please bother. The Nimbin streets are glass-free zones during MardiGrass. Remember it is a cannabis harvest festival not a beerfest but JUNGLE PATROL will provide breathalyser checks for drivers anyway.

### WARNING

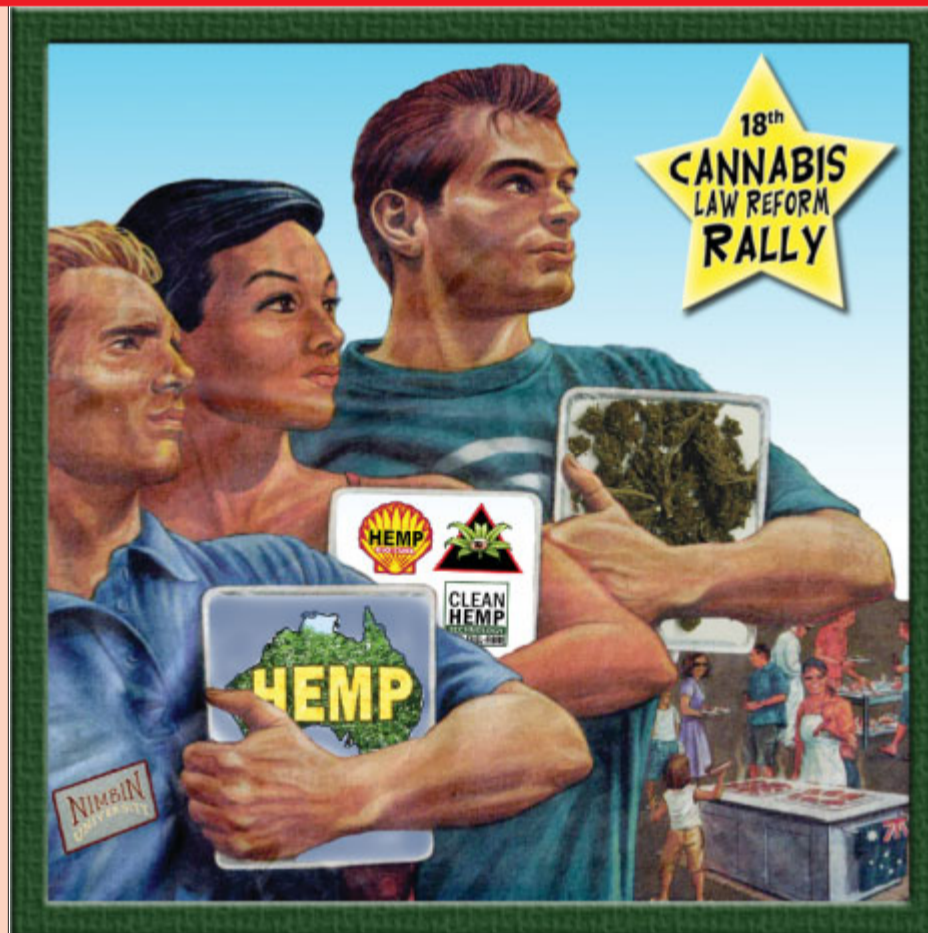
Be careful with your drug consumption. Especially cookies! They can be a bigger trip than you expect. It is wise to eat half then wait an hour or so before you eat anymore. Don't mix with alcohol. If you feel woozy or have an injury or need help ask the JUNGLE PATROL or go to the Town Hall Info Booth. The main Chill Area is in the Town Hall garden.

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

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