

about Cannabis is now infiltrating the Australian mainstream. It's a wonderful healing herb that was used in a huge percentage of our medicines less than a century ago, simply because it can make you feel good in the most dire of circumstances.

We don't need any more trials to prove cannabis works. That's a disgusting delay tactic by the giant global pharmaceutical companies, another branch of the corporations who actually run our governments. It seems they'll go to any length to available. You can't grow it your-

say they finally recognise Can-nabis has medical properties and why they've changed the laws. However, every day many people come to Nimbin saying, "But it's legal... I saw it on the news. Why can't I access cannabis medicine?" How can that be?

Governments have legalised cannabis for a small segment of people who are either terminally ill, or children with severe epilepsy. They're promising to import it from overseas but it's still not

that makes you feel good and it grows anywhere. No wonder they made it illegal. How else can profit be made from it?

Do you need any more reasons to come to MardiGrass and help us draw a line of sanity in the sand for the future of everybody? "People before profit" is the call and in this critical moment on Earth we need all the help we can get from those who understand the importance of that... and what sane person would disagree?







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Cannabis is among the most versatile and useful plants on earth. Every part of the cannabis plant can be used: roots, leaves and flowers for medicine: stems for textiles, rope and paper; and seeds for food and oil. The psychotropic properties of THC are well known. However, there are close to 80+ other cannabinoids within the cannabis plant all with varying benefits.

FOOD

Hemp seed is one of the easiest to produce and nutritious food crops on earth. For many centuries it was the staple food crop for most of the world. The oils produced from the seed contains the highest amount of essential fatty acids in the plant world. Hemp seed oil helps clear the human system of cholesterol. The banning of hemp as a food, as is the case in Australia.

FUEL

Cannabis biomass is potentially the cheapest and most reliable, way to produce energy. It is estimated that up to 90% of the energy produced by the use of fossil fuels could be produced instead from biomass. Hemp can be converted to methane, methanol or petrol. Henry Ford's first Model T was designed to run on methanol petrol produced from hemp seeds.

Green Butter

2oz of ganja

CANNABIS

Use leaf, trimmings and lower small buds. If using

smell will be a major factor) Bring to the boil. Turn

water to cover.. (if possible do in an open space, completely.

quality heads lower the amount;

500 grms of Butter, Copha or good oil

RECIPES

PAPER

75 to 90% of the paper used for books, maps, bibles, banknotes and newspapers, was made from hemp until the 1880s. The Chinese used hemp paper since the first century AD, and it was used in Europe since the 5th century. Cannabis can be harvested in three to six months as compared with 30 or more years for trees. It can produce more fibre than wood chippings and requires no dangerous chemicals in the paper pulping process. No chlorine is needed for bleaching and no deadly dioxins are thrown into the environment. Hemp paper will outlive even the best quality wood pulp paper.

BUILDING MATERIALS

Hemp could replace wooden materials, as it can be pressed into a variety of forms. It may be used to make furniture and beams, being stronger and more flexible than timber as well as more financially and environmentally

Choc Brownie

2 cups s/r flour

1 cup caster sugar

1 cup water

pinch of salt

In a large saucepan place ganja, butter and enough sistency of a gluey paste. Remove from heat and cool

This recipe can easily be made

1 teaspoon of vanilla extract

1/4 cup cocoa powder

1/2 cup of cannabutter

Gluten Free/ Egg Free and Nut free

1/2 cup of good quality dark choc. bits

beneficial. Houses can be built from hemp bricks. Hemp can also be used to make plastics, and the processes involved are far less polluting than current industries. As well as using hemp fuel for his Model T. Henry Ford used hemp plastics to build the bodywork.

TEXTILES

Approximately 90% of sails and rigging, nets, rope, flags and sealant was made from cannabis until the 20th century. Even sailors' shoes and socks were produced from cannabis fibres. The original hardwearing Levi jeans were made from cannabis.



In 1938 Popular Mechanics, an American magazine, stated that hemp was the "standard fibre of the world". Clothes made from hemp are more durable yet softer than those made from cotton, a plant which requires great quantities of pesticide and fertilizer to produce.

MEDICINE

Safer effect than pharmaceuticals and less toxic as both a prevention and cure for a wide range of medical conditions. Assists with appetite stimulation, pain relief, and may ease insomnia and improve the quality of sleep.

then turn leaf matter onto muslin cloth

or stocking and wring out as much of

the liquid (butter) as possible. Place

into fridge to set, when set, strain wa-

ter from bowl, collecting the set butter.

Re-heat butter slowly, strain again into

containers to then set and use in your

SPIRITUALITY

Sects within Tibetan Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Sufism and a variety of other religious groups have used cannabis for spiritual practices for thousands of years. Many ancient cultures from China, India, Japan, Iran, Greece, and Israel also recognized the value of cannabis as an aide to spiritual practice. In more recent times, the Rastafarian religion which originated in Ethiopia in the 1930s observes cannabis as sacramental and deeply beneficial plant.

COSMETICS

Facial creams, body lotions, soaps, lip balm, shampoo and conditioners. massage oil can all be made from hemp seed oil.

RECREATION

Healthier choice of inebriant and relaxant than alcohol. Can help overcome alcohol and other drug dependency. Cannabis can reduce stress and relieve tension.

CREATIUITY

Cannabis may act as a teacher plant: if used with intention, we learn to let go of what we 'know' and, instead, wonder. Marijuana can extend the range of our free-associative capacities. It increases the novel ways in which we find connections between ideas, and it also extends the range of ideas that we might somehow relate to one an-





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

EATING CANNABIS

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

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

Bake for 25-30 min. Cool on wire rack, sprinkle with icing sugar (if wanted) then cut into small squares,

maining flour and the choc. chips.(nuts if wanted). Next, strain water and leaf matter into a large bowl, Spread mixture into cake tin. 'Like" us on [f]/magicalbutteraustralia • Call 1800 420 420

Pre-heat oven to 180c and grease flat cake tin In a

saucepan, boil the water and 1/2 cup of s/r flour over

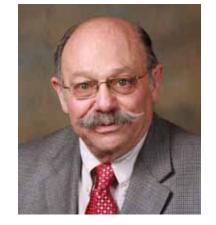
a low heat, stirring constantly until it reaches the con-

Mix sugar, salt, vanilla, cocoa and butter into a bowl. add the flour-water mixture and mix well. Add the re-



Australia can be on the cutting edge of cannabinoid medicine research. Several scientists are studying cannabis and cannabinoids, and a federal research committee developing medicinal cannabis guidelines and priorities. It is past time to put those resources to work.

Australia could engage in cutting edge research of the therapeutic use of cannabis for treating ADD, PTSD and cancer. Dr. Donald Abrams, oncologist at UCSF, has presciently observed that there is more than enough basic science evidence and anecdotal reports to justify doing double blind human studies on the potential for cannabis treating cancer.



Ample research has demonstrated cannabis' anti-cancer effect including animal studies, and epidemiologic studies like Dr. Donald Tashkin's lung cancer study in L.A. Many articles document studies that cannabis can

The medicinal uses and healing properties of the cannabis plant are many. In the last decade, this has finally been recognised by mainstream science AND mainstream society. Medical Marijuana has become a popular way for "normal" people to deal with a range of health problems.

Given the traditional close relationship between corporations & government, the NImbin HEMP Embassy believes that whatever legal framework is arrived at for medical cannabis should include the right to grow your own.

decrease the risk of cancer and/or kill cancer cells:

A 1974 study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute that THC in cannabis inhibited malignant cell growth in mice.

A 2003 Dr. Manuel Guzman study found that cannabinoids inhibit laboratory rat's brain tumor growth and are selective anti-tumor compounds.

In 2004, Journal of American Association for Cancer Research reported research demonstrating that marijuana's constituents inhibited the spread of brain cancer.

A 2008 article from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine reported cannabinoids halt a wide range of cancers, including brain, prostate, breast, lung, skin, pancreatic, colorectal cancers and lymphoma.

A 2008 Great Britain article states: "Cannabis could be used to treat many forms of cancer, new research suggests. The drug contains an ingredient which slows tumor growth and prevents the reproduction of cancer cells, doctors say. Its effects are seen in all cancers but particularly those of the lung and brain, and leukemia."

How Cannabis Kills Cancer

Several mechanisms explain the cancer killing cell ability of cannabis including inhibiting angiogenesis, (formation of new blood vessels), encouraging apoptosis (programmed cell death) and inhibiting the Id-I gene responsible for metastasis. Cannabinoids are both nontoxic and uniquely target malignant cells while ignoring healthy ones offering significant advantages over chemotherapy.

Do The Research!!

Dr.'s Guzman and Sanchez 2015 work on the effectiveness of cannabis in killing glioblastoma cells is impressive, using a combination of conventional chemotherapy and cannabis as adjunctive therapy. There are at least two studies going on in the UK and in Israel assessing the effect of cannabis on glioblastoma multiform. This research stands on the shoulders of cannabis for cancer treatment research done in Italy, Israel and Spain

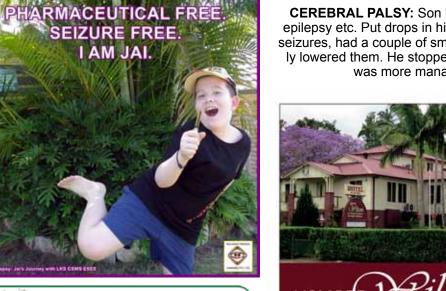
Despite changes in federal legislation in 2016, here in NSW it is still currently an offence to use, possess, cultivate or supply cannabis for medicinal purposes.



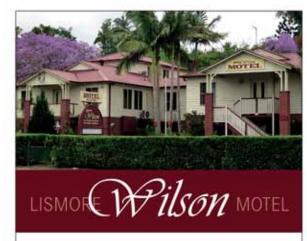
With strong support in Australia for medical cannabis from the likes of conservative radio host Alan Jones, activist Lucy Haslam, Dr Richard Di Natale, leader of the Greens Party and even the Prime Minister; it's the time for private and government entities to sponsor first class Australia research on cannabis anti-cancer effects. This potential therapeutic benefit of cannabis cannot and should not be ignored any longer. As the U.S. heads into the Trump era, America appears to be abdicating its role as a scientific leader. There is a vacuum that you in Australia can fill.

David Bearman, M.D. davidbearmanmd.com

CEREBRAL PALSY: Son has cerebral palsy, epilepsy etc. Put drops in his milk at night. Stop seizures, had a couple of small ones but definitely lowered them. He stopped being so stiff and was more manageable.







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EPILEPSY: "I have been getting CBD oil for my brother now for just over 3 months. He has been a chronic sufferer of epilepsy for the last eight years. Since being on CBD we have had out first ever seizure free month in 8 years! The CBD instantly stopped the pain in his head, he no longer has night sweat, he's putting on weight, he has colour back in his face and the old Dan is coming back."



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PRØTEST

10.45am

Gather on footpath outside Nimbin Hospital

11.00am

MARCH for Cannabis Law Reform

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



Nimbin Town Hall

on "pathology" or "otherness"

frame much of the public discourse. He will suggest ways to rectify these misrepresentations to create a more favourable image and thereby improve the possibilities of

EDUCATE

Nimbin Hemp Embassy **Cannabis Adventures on the Left Coast** About: A study tour of the legal recreational cannabis world in North America including a changing drug policies. visit to the Nimbin Pot Shop in Seattle.

2 pm: Andrew Kavasilas, Australian HEMP Party Interim Measures on Cannabis for medical purposes in Australia

1.00 pm: Michael Balderstone & Miss Guidance,

purposes in Australia.

2.30 pm: Ajia Mae Moon, Twelve High Chicks, Vancouver BC, Canada

Protecting your family while fighting for your freedom - what you need to know

About: While laws governing the use and sale of marijuana are loosening, prohibition remains extremely harmful to families through continued persecution and discrimination

3 pm: Arik Reiss, Film maker Druglawed The Pathologisation of Cannabis Use in the **Mainstream Media**

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About: Arik will discuss media representations of cannabis and how mainstream perspectives based

4 pm: Rob Laurie, Ad Lucem Law Canada Considering the Importance of the Canadian **Charter of Rights and Freedoms to Cannabis** About: Options for the development of Interim Mea- Legalization in Canada, Do Australians Need a

About: Robert will discuss the important history of Canadian cannabis legalization efforts with a focus on constitutional litigation in Canada. He will provide an overview of the cannabis case law that has laid the ground work for Canadian legalization and make the argument that Australia adopt their own Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

5 pm: David Shoebridge, Greens MLC NSW NSW Police resources wasted on the War on

About: A look at how taxpayer money is spent on drug policing in NSW, including drug dogs, roadside drug testing, and the "dob in a dealer" campaign, and how that money could be spent more effectively.



Medical Cannabis Healers Circle 6 pm : Town Hall Garden

5 pm : Allsop Park

Fire dancers will herald the arrival of Chibo

carrying the Hemp Olympix Torch with the

Eternal Flame For The Victims Of Prohibition,

the Bundjalung Custodians will do a smoking ceremony

and welcome to country followed by a minutes silence to

remember our Brothers and Sisters. Victims of this

senseless War on Drugs.

Considering MardiGrass is a great national and international melting pot, it is a perfect opportunity to have an open meeting for all those currently advocating for medicinal cannabis access. We are doing our community a disservice by not having open and clear communication on the number and variety of cannabis users in Australia. We want this community united like never before and to make ALL voices across Australia be heard: healers, advocates and users.

MARDIGRASS FILM FESTIVAL



Marijuana Australiana Film screening and Q&A

with film maker, Richard Barron 5 pm : Disco Sista's Tent, Indica Arena Marijuana Australiana is a rambunctious, intelligent and timely documentary about the history of cannabis culture in Australia from its beginnings as a recreational drug among the country's youth to its emergence into the mainstream as an alternative and effective medicine - and the political posturing around it.

Mullumbimby-based Richard Baron's informative and often funny film takes us to the nation's cannabis capital, Nimbin, where he captures the sheer anarchic merriment of the legalise-it movement in footage of the MardiGrass.

Pig Out & Chill Out

Sarden Lounge & CAFE Funky Tunes breakfast, lunch & yummy munchies

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CELEBRATE

7.30 pm: Nimbin Town Hall/School of Arts

This year's amazing Great Green Cabaret will feature singers Willie McElroy, Andrea Soler, Amulet and Sadie & Jay, plus the Pitts Family Circus featuring trapeze artiste

Bronte Webster and Byron Polecat Candice Leigh, together with dancers the Veil of Dreams and Byron Tango, stand up comic Jonathan Atherton and MC/poet David Hallett.

Doors open 7pm. Show is 90 minutes no interval. Verandah cafe open Entry MardiGrass wristband or



DJANBUNG GARDENS

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Funky tunes • chilled atmosphere • great food Brekky, lunch & munchies in the gardens - come and chill out in our beautiful permaculture gardens, just a short walk from the Showground. The ideal spot if you want a little break to relax from the bustle of town. Abundance Cafe serving delicious meals and snacks—the ultimate local food experience. Try our 5km coffee and homemade organic cordials with carbonated rainwater. Blackboard menu includes local grass-fed meat, vegan & gluten-free options. Funky tunes and chill sounds by Nimbin DJ Club with awesome local DJs.

- Free filtered rainwater to refill your water bottle
- Free wifi for cafe customers
- · Free recharge sockets for phones, laptops
- Lots of undercover space and outdoor garden settings
- Kidz Area (please supervise your children)
- Explore our lush permaculture paradise and gardens 8 am - 4 pm : Cafe & DJ Lounge

2.30 pm Workshop **Organic Growing Masterclass**the Magic of Biochar and Compost Tea (free with armband, others by donation)

Something deep & meaningful & profound about weed & freedom & stuff...

Friday 5 May

HEMP BAR

Nimbin Hemp Embassy, 51 Cullen Street

This is the home of POT ART though there will be more next door in the Embassy also. Meet old hippies here and long time cannabis law reform activists. Coffees, teas, healers and archival Mardigrass footage. The Bar hosts Ghosts of MardiGrass Past! Join the HEMP Party here. And if you live in Victoria or NSW, please sign up and help us register state HEMP Parties. Armband entry only!

4.20 pm Web Cam Broadcast begins at HEMP Party Bar and includes Church of the Holy Smoke MardiGrass Blessing with the sacrificial \$US100 note lighting the joint on the very moment of 4:20. NimbinHempBar.com. Please join our church over the weekend!

6 pm **GREY POWER** outside the HEMP BAR. Annual gathering of grandparents, parents and children for the POLITE SERVICE to capture evidence in images to record the proof that pot is anti-

Get out your fabrics, banners paintbrushes and sewing machine to get ready for the annual



Have a go at creating a float, costume, banner paper mache or sculture about pot prohibition. Floats can be a vehicle for a powerful message about pot celebration and/or protest. We welcome floats that reflect our area, our people, our pride, our fun and festive spirit, and desire for a peaceful future Law reform is the focus of MardiGrass and we encourage all to have a say!

> Prizes are sponsored by the Happy Herb Company and will be presented to the winning float in Sativa Stadium after the Sunday Parade and Rally

STREET DRUMMERS

7 pm: Outside Daizy's, Cullen Street On Friday nights Cullen street comes alive with drumming - Aboriginal - African- Carribean- Latin American The percussion circle right on Nimbin's own 'Blister' attracts local musicians, dancers and revellers every Friday night until late.

SPontanous Art Event #imaginorium

Please leave the street open for traffic!

7 Sibley Street Friday & Saturday: **Prop And Costume Making** For Sunday Parade (On the way to the skate park)

DRop in and get creative with local makers of sculpture, puppets and fun. #imaginorium is building some fabulous props for this years protest parade on Sunday. EVer wanted to be a more colourful part of protest? Get your creative skates on to paint, sew, cut and bedazzle!!

WEED LAUGHS

7 pm : Disco Sista's Tent, Indica Arena Hosted by Laugh Mob. Weed love to make you laugh with our comedy!

> And we sure need it to handle these ridiculous, discriminatory, inhuman, archaic, ludicrous and laughable cannabis laws.



9 pm : Disco Sista's Tent, Indica Arena

Nimbin DJ Club presents Open DJ Sets / Fire Dancers / Lights / Videos / Fx... dance in the largest rainproof tent! Featuring:

Vicious System Salubrious Somethings and Video DJ Disco Sista





Welcome to the Earth's longest running "Four Twenty" Demonstration in Nimbin! Come on everybody! It's time to take control of the street! OCCUPY!! Stand shoulder-to-shoulder with your fellow cannabis lovers and light whatever you have in your hand, and let's appreciate that all around the world millions of people are smoking pot at Four Twenty.

Meet for a world record attempt at the most joints ever lit at once in the one place! Everyone is encouraged to roll a joint so that when the Konvoy has passed, at the call of the Nimbin time 4:20, we can light up simultaneously and please blow as much smoke as possible for the cameras. Well over 1 million cannabis law reform activists in nearly 300 cities around the globe will be protesting. In Nimbin we will once again aim to break our record for the most joints ever lit at once in the same place at the same time. This is a big call these days because weed is now legal - for those who enjoy it - in 8 American states. Be smart and bring a "joint"! After the last Kombi has passed, wait for the call and we will light up, and produce as much smoke as possible!

At Four Twenty everyone ought to be thinking pot for peace and peace for pot and ways to achieve it!! Thank each other for bravery in the face of what can seem at times to be overwhelming opposition, and for standing strong against those who think cannabis is a problem. Thank each other for spreading the word that cannabis is part of the solution. Now take this vibe out into the world and tell everyone you meet that there is a tribal wave of change coming.

Tell them everything you learned at Nimbin MardiGrass!! Viva la Fume!

EDUCATE

Legal Advice with Steve Bolt

10.30 am Hash Bowl Stage, Sativa Stadium Cannabis is a "prohibited drug" under NSW law. Any activity involving cannabis is illegal possession, use, supply or cultivation. It is also an offence to drive with THC present in your saliva. Local solicitor, Steve Bolt, will present general

advice and guidance regarding cannabis laws.

Medical Cannabis Information

10 am - 4 pm : Town Hall Garden Open all weekend:

Medical Cannabis meeting place, advice and education from local and visiting experts, as well as herbal extraction and cooking demonstrations.

Please drop in any time to share with local and visiting experts. Advisors: Dave, Francis, Gary, Heather, Kendra, Zane, Dr Andrew Katelaris

10 am - 12 pm : Extraction demonstration - Radic Al 12 - 2 pm : Cooking demonstration - Nick the Hippy



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Nimbin Town Hall 11 am: Stories from the

Medical Cannabis Community About: Medicinal cannabis families tell their stories about treating illnesses including epilepsy, cancer and posttraumatic stress disorder. Hosted by Tony Barry

Speakers include: Lyn & Malcolm Amundsen, Jenny Hallam, Rebecca Houghton [Weeded Warrior], Carol Ireland [Epilepsy Action Australia], Michael Lambert, Steve Strong

12.30 pm: Arik Reiss, Film maker

Screening of "Druglawed 2: Scientist" and Q&A with film maker.

About: "Druglawed 2: Scientist" details the life and work of pioneering Israeli chemist Professor Raphael Mechoulam who discovered the molecular structure of cannabis in 1964. He has been at the forefront of cannabis research for over half a century and has blazed a trail for Israel to have the largest state-sponsored medical cannabis program in the

1 pm: Sita von Windheim, CannaMed Canada

Roots - Extraction Process, **Use And Cautions**

About: Extraction demonstration, and discussion of the variety of uses and health benefits of cannabis roots.

2 pm: Carl Martel, Canada **Hemp Biomass as Activated Material for Electricity Storage**

About: The mining of minerals for metals used for making storage devices are a finite resource, energy intensive and polluting. Carl will explore the alternative potential of hemp biomass to create a more environmentally friendly electricity storage device.

2.30 pm: Dr David Bearman, Physician, 2.30 - 4 pm: Medican Q&A with Expert Witness & Author, California USA **Cannabis and Cancer**

About: Here's the Cannabis Kills Cancer Cells Story

Followed by book signing session

6 pm: How do we get politicians to

Saturday 6 May

take cannabis law reform seriously?

About: Panel discussion Hosted by Steve Bolt Speakers include: Damon Adams

[Weeded Warrior], Glenn Druery [Political Strategist], Derryn Hinch [Justice Party Senator Victoria], Andrew Kavasilas [HEMP Party], Fiona Patten [Sex Party MLC Victoria], David Shoebridge [Greens MLC NSW]

Disco Sista's Tent, Indica Arena

12 pm: Dr David Bearman, Physician, Expert Witness & Author, California USA Cannabinoids PTSD, ADHD and **Beyond: A Clinicians Effort to Understand the Brain**

About: Some thoughts on why cannabinoids work for PTSD, ADHD, and Endocannabinoid Deficiency conditions.

1 pm: Michael Harding & Brooke Vogler. Weeded Warrior

Cannabis. PTSD and Veterans with **Purpose**

About: Michael, Brooke and other Weeded Warriors will share their experiences of what cannabis has done in managing their service related injuries. There is far more to the story than just getting "high"!

2 pm : Damon Adams, Weeded Warrior Veterans, emergency service personnel, and PTSD. What needs to happen About: Veterans and emergency service personnel are subjected to the highest rate of suicides in the workforce. This session will discuss what can be done to make cannabis accessible for those that need it, from both grassroots and political

healers and experts

About: Information exchange, networking and sharing space for medican families and community. Hosted by Dr Deb

Speakers include: Lyn & Malcolm Amundsen, Tony Bower [Mullaways

Medical Cannabis], Bec Bridson, Nikki Freeburn, Jenny Hallam, Gail Hester [Medical Cannabis Users Association], Rebecca Houghton [Weeded Warrior], Carol Ireland [Epilepsy Action Australia], Dr Andrew Katelaris, Michael Lambert, Michelle Whitelaw, Sita von Windheim [CannaMed, Canada]

Hemp IMF Tent

This years Mardigrass Hemp (IMF) Tent will promote global & local hemp solutions for (IMF) Industry, Medical and Food use. Our highly experienced Hempies have had many years of experience in developing all things HEMP!

10 am - 4 pm : Martin Ernegg, Hemp Fibre Fusion Workshop: Hemp Bead Molding

About: Come and create your own pieces of art and jewellery and experience the world of nanotechnology with inventor Martin Ernegg. \$20 per person all materials and tuition!

10 30 am Radha Rene, Love Hemp **Developing Small Hemp Businesses** In Australia

About: Radha will talk of her experience in developing a small ethical hemp business that promotes Australian grown and processed hemp.

11am Binnah Pownall Hemp Building in Australia

About: Binnah will present an exposé of hemp building, past and present. If you want to build a house of Hemp don't miss this talk!

11-30am Dolph Cook, Charmaster Hemp Biochar, Hemp Farming & Hemp University

About: Dolph will share his experience of developing hemp farming and the importance of Biochar for happy health hemp plants, as well as talk about his vision for a Hemp University.

12 pm Martin Ernegg, Hemp Fibre Fusion POT Q&A. Super Strong Hemp Products;;;

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About: Martin will talk on developing his materials for a wide range of industrial uses for carbon neutral global friendly consumer goods that even help to reverse

12-30 pm Carl Martel **Hemp Farming and the Development** of Industrial Hemp Products

About: Carl has had many years of experience in the hemp industry and has developed hemp vanishes, paints, plastics and is currently working on Hemp masonry and building products. Carl is also working on Hemp based Graphene, the next revolution in renewable materials. which is 100s of times stronger than steel, flexible and can carry electrical current very efficiently.

1 pm Dr Deb **Medical Cannabis**

People

About: Dr Deb will talk on the many uses for Medical Cannabis. Dr Deb is a survivor of Cancer and has studied medical can-

1.30 pm Paul Taylor, Trust Nature & Ben Grose, Levi Foundation **Healthy Soils Healthy Plants Healthy**

About: A discussion on how to cultivate healthy soil

2 pm Wadzy (Wayne Wadsworth), Health Farms International, & Glen Ossy-Orley, Hemp Farmer Western Australia Cannabis Co-op's, Health Farms **Reversing Greenhouse!**

About: Wadzy & Glen will present their experience of Hemp farming and the need for Cooperation in developing all things hemp in Australia. I particular, they will talk about the need for a National Cannabis Co-op "CC" to help develop (IMF) Industrial Medical and Food businesses from hemp.

2-30 pm: Melting POT Q&A

Join the presenters in an hour-long melting POT Q&A on all things HEMP. Hemp, Cannabis, marijuana, Pot call it what you like, is the most demonised plant on our little space ship, planet Earth. 80 + years of conspiracy lies and propaganda are rapidly coming to an end! Join the melting

All Day Gardeners Breakfast

10 am - 4 pm :

Mullaway's Camp, Indica Arena All day Gardener's Breakfast with Mullaway and friends.

All wanna-be green thumbs welcome! Get a flying start to the day. MULLAWAY MEDICAL CANNABIS meet up. Tony Bower was arrested and imprisoned for growing medical cannabis A few months and expensive legal fees later, Tony was freed by a higher court. He has since been focusing on genetic child epilepsy patients where some outstanding results have been seen and publicised by the media.

"My culture prohibits me from not helping someone if I can."

Druglawed

Film screening and Q&A with film maker, Arik Reiss 7 pm: Disco Sista's Tent, Indica Arena

DRUGLAWED is the explosive documentary exposing how New Zealand has been co-opted by the US into fighting the failed War On Drugs. Over the last 100 years the US government has forced its drug control policies on almost every country on earth. 40 years since Richard Nixon declared the War On Drugs in 1972, 22 million Americans have been arrested for marijuana. Only one country in the world has higher arrest and conviction rates: New Zealand. DRUGLAWED examines how New Zealand fell in lockstep with US policies, and shows how smaller countries can break out.

meet here every evening. Join the HEMP Party here. And if you live in Victoria or NSW, please sign up and help us register state HEMP Parties. 8.30 pm till late The HEMP Bar

and Polite Bureau on the Embassy verandah will be hosting a W.A.N party. Bring your laptop, mobile phone and camera.

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CELEBRATE

Sativa Stadium 11:30 am

Register at Sativa Stadium for the 2017 Hemp Olympix! \$2 Entry into all **HEMP Olympix Events.** 12 pm : Tug O' Drug Peace Recreational Vs Medical Pot Users with the Big Hemp Rope!

compete in this famous event. Well, it is a bit embarrassing to keep losing to the stoners! Maybe they'll change their mind, but if not, we'll do the Hillsong Skip to celebrate outlasting the recently retired NSW

Police Commissioner. He did his

best to make out life difficult!



Last man, or woman standing wins gold!

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

Events Growers Ironperson – Involves lugging a sack of fertiliser and buckets of water around the simulated growing area obstacle course with a tick and leech infested lantana tunnel. The men's event is a 40kg sack while the women contend with an 18kg sack. The top 5 crawl into the final on Sunday.

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

Fringe Hemp Olympix

Sativa Stadium

Followed by the Fringe Hemp Olympix with Nic the Hippy, Bigbong, Gary the Plumber, Dr Smooth, and Baldenstoned all assisting in this fast growing event.

This begins with the Beard and Dread Stash. How much can you hide in your hair anywhere? Who can hide the most the best? Followed by Correct Weight where contestants attempt to fill a baggie with as close to an ounce as possible, 28.349 grams.

You've got vegetable matter, a baggie and no scales. Closest to the correct weight wins! Seed Sorting, and the Wheelchair Obstacle Course where contestants will attempt to score a Licence To Care which is extremely rare and impossible to get in Australia.

Hemp Olympix Joint Rolling Heats

5 pm Nimbin Town Hall

Must burn from one end to another! The 4 Categories:

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

Artistic Roll - Roll the most beautiful joint within 10 minutes with as many papers as you like. Roll in the Dark - Athletes are blindfolded.

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







HEMP Olympix prizes

are sponsored by

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Saturday 6 May

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Stand Up Comedy Show

7.30 pm : Nimbin Town Hall

MardiGrass comedy in the Town Hall

Saturday night at 7.30.

Hosted by SSorrensen and Alan Glover,

special guests

Steady Eddy and Jonathan Atherton.

Comedy at the Laugh Grass Tent

5 pm : Disco Sista's Tent, Indica Arena

Hemp Fashion Show

7 pm Nimbin Town Hall

Industrial hemp textiles are growing

in acceptance with a new following

among designers and consumers in

Australia. Hemp fibre fell out of

Manufacturers of today's hemp

strong and wear better than other

garments claim the fibres are

replaced by more 'modern' fabrics

mainstream use by the 1950s,

like polyester and nylon.

natural or synthetic fibres.

Hosted by the Laugh Mob.



Aboriginal Arts & Culture Centre

Sibley Street on the way to the Skatepark

The Nimbin Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre will be open throughout the MardiGrass weekend with Bush Tucker, an Art Exhibition and a chance to talk with Local Elders to discuss the impact of prohibition on their culture and people.

Solar powered DRY CAMP in the middle of the village, includes chilled chai tent, hemp education and demonstrations on using hemp seed for nutrition. music, workshops, Stoned Chess, and movies after dark

12 pm Freestyle Mafia Workshop

Featuring: Jesta MC, Ruckus & the Beanstalk & more! 5 pm Fortay 5 30 pm Kelly Gang 6 pm Eph n Treats 6 30 pm Teddy Lewis King 7 pm Rates 7.30 pm Native Bonez 8 pm Master Wolf 8 30 pm Jacquie Lomas 9 pm Ty Mason 9.30 Freestyle Mafia

39 Cullen Street Chill zone:

Herbal teas, organic foods, therapists and relaxing massage all weekend.

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Chess Competition

Old Museum site

11 am: Register for the MWSCC (MardiGrass World Stoned Chess Championship)

12 pm: World Stoned Chess Championship Winner decided by sunset. Drug testing will be compulsory, but not after every move. After Sunset Moving pictures showing

25 years of MardiGrass Projectionists: Doug and Old Steve

Djanbung Gardens 74 Cecil Street 8 am - 4 pm : Cafe & DJ Lounge 11 am Special guided tour of our permaculture gardens with the designer to celebrate International Permaculture Day.

Free with armband (others: \$10)

Yoga

Birth & Beyond, Cullen Street (next to the Apothecary)

Mardigrass will be alive with harmonious Yogic vibrations. Please join us for one of our scheduled classes or pop in to soak up the energy. 8 - 9.30 am Stoned Yoga

CONFRONTING STEREOTYPES- YOGA IN ACTION: Inhale hold exhale....relax.

Stoners, hippies, voais....it's time to confront tired stereotypes. All stoners aren't lazy and dirty; all hippies don't wear rainbows and dreadlocks and all yogis aren't super athletes in tight lycra... All you need to be able to do is breathe. Yoga and cannabis are ancient tools to enlightenment or simply put

a more peaceful joyful experience of your life Stoned Yoga will provide a quietmorning space amidst the chaos to breath, stretch and re-connect. Some mats supplied but please bring your own!!!!! 10 - 11.30 am Sativa Salutations 2 - 3.30 pm Yoga on the Grass

> Meditation 4:20 am to Dawn, Sativa Stadium Mahawana Sunrise Meditation

Bush Theatre

Green Light Party

9 pm : Disco Sista's Tent, Indica Arena

Nimbin DJ Club presents

Open DJ Sets / Spin,

Fire & Flow Fire Dancers / Lights / Videos / Fx.

11 pm Funmaker Silent Disco

Old Butter Factory, 2 Blue Knob Road Enjoy a superb chill zone in a beautiful settin by Mulgum Creek at the Phoenix Rising Café. Delicious food daily with many of the menu's ingredients grown on-site or provided by local producers. Pot movies screening all weekend. 9 am - 8 pm Saturday & Sunday: Live music all weekend! 3 pm Saturday:

A Dead Set presented by the **Grateful Dead Appreciation Society**

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MardiGrass 2017 Skateboard Competition Nimbin Sk8 Park, 9 Sibley Street

Skate competition hosted by Slapweh Skate Co. Best Trick and Best Run with giveaways and raffles to be won. Open skate between heats. Cash prizes and prize packs. Live art and music will be on during the day. Slapweh Skate Co store will be open all day selling Australian skate brands with D.I.Y tie dying available.

10.30 am: Register 11 am: Under 14s 12 pm: Under 16s 1 pm: Free Skate 2 pm: Women's comp 3 pm: Open comp

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Hash Bowl Stage

Sativa Stadium 5 pm David Spry

6 pm Guthrie

7 pm Senivoda

8 pm The Bent Bullets

9 pm All Strings Attached

10 pm Monster Zoku Onsomb

Nimbin Town Hall

10 pm Wandering Eyes

11 pm Loey Howell

11 30pm Funkatu

Community Market Stage

Family Friendly space featuring a chill-out chai tent, markets, and the best of music from the Rainbow region all weekend.

10 am Joel Sweetman

11 am Josh Halverson

12 pm Will Massey

1 pm Brommers

2 pm Rob Cass

3 pm Johnny Ganja

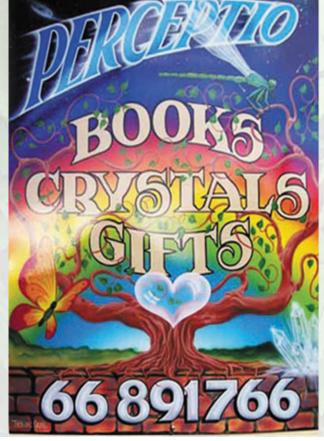
5 pm Drift

6 pm Missus Hippy & the Love Handles

7 pm Mecca Mecca

8 pm The Pagan Love Cult

9 pm Matt Stillert & Matt Turner



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Cannabis Law Reform Rally & Parade

2 pm, Commences in the Western Carpark, along Cullen Street to Hashbowl Stage, Sativa Stadium - Just follow the Big Joint!! * Prohibition is an incitement, not a control! *

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

Gather and get ready for the MardiGrass Parade!!

Meet at the exit of the western car park, across the road from the Community Centre Market.

The march is the main event, so please walk with us for cannabis law reform!

This is our 25th consecutive annual Rally for Cannabis Law Reform. We vowed to Rally every year on the first Sunday in May until we are no longer criminals for using this herb. Prohibition is an incitement, not a control! MardiGrass will become a Festival when we can celebrate the herb without fear of prosecution and persecution. When the Police have a float in the street parade behind the Ganja Faeries, Big Joint & POLITE, then we really will have a proper festival and celebration. In the meantime, this annual event is a POLITICAL PROTEST RALLY.

Led by the Widjibal Elders of the Bunjalung Nation, with children holding the Koori flag, the parade this year will make its way south along Cullen street to the Police Station where it will turn left and head down past the Greenbank into to Sativa Stadium or the Cannabis Law Reform Rally, speeches and MardiGrass Float Prize presentations. Just follow the GANJA FAERIES and the BIG JOINT!!

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

The parade will end in Sativa Stadium with rally speeches from Bundjalung Elders, Bob Hopkins, Michael Balderstone, Ganja Faeries and cannabis activists and law reformists from around the globe.

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Birth & Beyond, Cullen Street 8 - 9.30 am Stoned Yoga 12 - 1.30 pm

Yoga Nidra / Deep Relaxation

Meditation

4:20 am to Dawn, Sativa Stadium Mahawana Sunrise Meditation

Pot Tattoo 1 pm Hash Bowl Stage, Sativa Stadium bRING yOUR sKIN

Comedy - Weed Laughs! 7 pm: Disco Sista's Tent, Indica Arena Hosted by Laugh Mob.

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Pot Poet's Breakfast

Hosted by award-winning Nimbin poet olympian David Hallett, this poetic wake-up call will be a pot-pourri of Nimbin & other worldly poetic tales. Visiting pot poets are very welcome!



Meeting:

Australian HEMP Party

6 pm Nimbin Town Hall

JOIN THE PARTY!!

All members welcome

Frances is Marrying Mary Jane

"We truly belong together forever, so this

All are welcome to join in the ceremony. with Bryce Big Bud as best man.

10 am Sativa Stadium



1.30 pm Hash Bowl Stage, Sativa Stadium

will be a marriage of equality also (same sex)." And we are extending the invitation to include anyone else who would like to marry Mary Jane, because she is not possessive.

Come watch Frances Moonshadow take Mary Jane's hand in a beautiful ceremony

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Hemp Olympix Joint Rolling Finals 5 pm Nimbin Town Hall Hosted by SSorensen and Alan Glover. Followed by the Plantathion Award for the best Hemp Olympix All-rounder, in memory of Chicken George, the legendary Plantem of previous MardiGrass, and the special 25th MardiGrass Plantem Look-a-like Competition. Great green prizes!

Sunday 7 May



Community Market Stage

10 am Kiara Jack 11 am Selki 12 pm Avi Misra 1 pm Chikara 4 pm Shirley Cresent 5 pm Mystery Band 6 pm Satisvibes

Mingle Park

12 pm ArtWomb 4 pm Fractured 5 pm Oblivious Gestures 6 pm Kombat Collection

Hash Bowl Stage, Sativa Stadium

After Rally & Parade: 3.30 pm Essie Thomas 4 pm Loey Howell 5 pm Shem 6 pm Guthrie 7 pm Diana Anaid 8 pm Sol Tradas

SEEDY DISCO 7 pm, Outside Daizy's, Cullen Street Vibrate into the closing hours of MardiGrass. Djanbung Gardens am - 12 pm Cafe & DJ Lounge for Brekky 'n Brunch **Bush Theatre** Enjoy a superb chill zone in a beautiful setting by Mulgum Creek, featuring Phoenix Rising Café. 9 am - 8 pm Saturday & Sunday : Live music all weekend!

EDUCATE



Nimbin Town Hall

10.30 am: Steve Bolt, Solicitor and Author About: Legal Advice including Roadside Drug **Testing and Medicinal Cannabis**

12 pm: Is it time for an Australian Charter of

About: Panel discussion hosted by Steve Bolt Speakers include: Derryn Hinch [Justice Party Senator Victoria], Rob Laurie [Ad Lucem Law, Canada], David Leyonhjelm [Liberal Democrats Senator], Fiona Patten [Sex Party MLC Victoria], David Shoebridge [Greens MLC NSW]

1 pm: David Shoebridge, Greens MLC NSW Your rights with police - how to stay out of trouble and hold them to account

About: A workshop canvassing police powers, advice on how to deal with them in different situations such as a personal search or roadside drug testing, and how to make a complaint.

Disco Sista's Tent. Indica Arena

12 pm: Kog's Grower's Circle About: Kog shares the Truth about Cannabis. Author of "Marijuana: A Grower's Lot

1 pm: Sita von Windheim, CannaMed Canada Benefits and Use of

Cannabis Infused Suppositories

About: This presentation aims to educate about the advantages associated with cannabis infused suppositories, and provide a simple set of guidelines for their effective use.

Hemp IMF Tent

10 am - 2 pm : Martin Ernegg, Hemp Fibre Fusion Workshop: Hemp Bead Molding

About: Come and create your own pieces of art and experience the world of nanotechnology with inventor Martin Ernegg. \$20 per person all materials included.

11 am - 1 pm : Make your own herbal medicines Mystery Guests POT luck!

1 pm: Dolph Cook, Charmaster Hemp Farming, Biochar, Hemp University

1.30 pm : Carl Martel **Industrial Hemp Products: Plastics, Paints, Building products, Graphene**

Town Hall Garden

10 am - 2 pm : Medical Cannabis Information Open all weekend: Medical Cannabis meeting place, advice and education from local and visiting experts, as well as herbal extraction and cooking demonstrations. Please drop in any time.

Advisors: Dave, Francis, Gary, Heather, Kendra, Radic

11 am - 1 pm : Dr David Bearman, USA, Ajia Mae Moon, Canada, Dr Andrew Katelaris, Weeded Warriors, and other speakers will be available for advice and informa-

1 - 2 pm: Dabs and vapors display and demo - Brooke

Gardeners Breakfast

10 am - 2 pm : Mullaway's Camp, Indica Arena Gardener's Breakfast with Mullaway and friends. All gardeners and wanna-be green thumbs welcome!



Vaxxed

Film screening and Q&A with Dr Andrew Katelaris 5 pm : Disco Sista's Tent, Indica Arena A documentary about the alleged link between the MMR vaccine and autism



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

We are pleased that Carl Martel, a Ca-

nadian hemp farmer and developer of

industrial hemp products has travelled

to MardiGrass to share his expertise.

Carl has developed hemp vanishes,

paints, plastics and is currently working

on Hemp masonry and building prod-

We are also excited to announce an

outstanding line-up of Australasian

based post-prohibition proponents and

cannabis experts including Arik Re-

iss. documentary film maker from New

Zealand, Fiona Patten [Sex Party MLC

Victoria], **David Shoebridge** [Greens

MLC NSW], Glenn Druery [Political

Strategist], **Derryn Hinch** [Justice Par-

ty Senator Victoria], Andrew Kavasilas

[HEMP Party], **Tony Bower** [Mullaways

We are pleased to present some mindbending action at this year's HEMPO-SIUM at the 25th MardiGrass where we pull back the curtain to reveal creative and abundant places around the globe basking in the post-prohibition green glow. As Australia is just waking up to the benefits of medical cannabis, the MardiGrass HEMPO-SIUM aims to inspire, as we learn, share and network about our favourite plant ally and healing herb.

There is an impressive line-up of speakers who will share their cannabis expertise and reveal the gains made in both Australia, and throughout other cannabis loving communities around the planet. In 2017 we are excited to host expert speakers from North America, in particular a tsunami of talent from Canada.

Dr David Bearman first spoke at the 2015 Hemposium, and we look forward to his contributions this year on the topic of Cannabis and cancer, as well as exploring why cannabinoids work for PTSD, ADHD, and endocannabinoid deficiency conditions. David is one of the most clinically knowledgeable physicians in the U.S. in the field of medicinal marijuana, and was a pioneer in the free community clinic movement in California. Dr. Bearman is also the author of Drugs Are NOT the Devil's Tools: How Discrimination and Greed Created a Dysfunctional Drug Policy and How It Can Be Fixed. Copies will be available at a book signing during MardiGrass.

Sita von Windheim first attended MardiGrass in 2010, and we're excited to welcome her back to Nimbin in 2017, this time as a guest speaker. Sita will provide a root extraction demonstration, as well as share the benefits and use of Cannabis infused suppositories. Sita has been involved in Cannabis activism since opening the



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MARK "MOOSE" HEINRICH April 22, 1955 - February 15, 2017

original Amsterdam Café and Hemposhe has focused on twelvehighchicks. rium in Vancouver, Canada in 1997. com and weedwoman.com. She now works full time with Cannabis Medicine making custom formulations to manage a wide variety of conditions:

We also welcome from Canada, Robert Laurie, lawyer, writer and speaker, who practises law in the medical cannabis industry in British Columbia. He has acted for licensed producers, dispensaries, patient growers, cannabis

migraines, insomnia and arthritis, wom-

en's health, skin disease, ADD, PTSD,

seizure disorders, and cancer.



entrepreneurs, activists, international marijuana clients and First Nations. He is a frequent speaker at cannabis industry events, and a contributing columnist with Oregon's 'Grow Magazine'. For the 2017 Hemposium, Rob will talk about the importance of the Canadian Charter of Rights to Cannabis legalization in Canada, and explore whether Australians need a Charter of our own.

Returning to MardiGrass 2017 from Vancouver, Ajia Mae Moon will share ways to protect your family while fighting for Cannabis freedom. Ajia has been a medical and recreational cannabis activist since 2005, and since the closure of her dispensary (Three Happy Cats)

Fallen Cannabis Warrior

right medicine for my PTSD. Mullaway explained to me the process of making a tincture. He gave me a small phial to take home with me to trial and see whether I found relief for both my pain and my dreaming issues.

When I got back to Canberra, I found straight away that the tincture was the holy grail of medicines for the treatment of PTSD. Not only did it give me immediate and prolonged pain relief for my broken back, it also

proved to be a wonderful mood modulator and dream suppressant. Since using the tincture, I have not had a single night terror or nightmare since. I now look forward to going to bed, and my quality of life has profoundly

increased." Mark had, in his own words, "Reclaimed the night".

In 2009, Mark started his own Cannabis business in Canberra, where he became a grower and caregiver

to the community. He worked as often as his conditions would allow, helping others to learn about, and get

safe access to, Cannabis medicine. His passion, mentorship, and commitment to cannabis awareness will be

greatly missed!

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Rene [Love Hemp], Dolph Cook [Charvid Leyonhjelm [Liberal Democrats Senator], and Kog, as well as a mag-___ nificent array of local experts in and industry!

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It's time this magnificent herb was welgreen revolution. Come help us...



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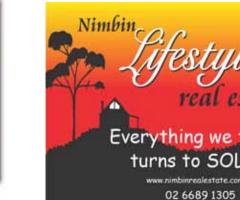
ding, Rebecca Houghton & Brooke Vogler [Weeded Warriors], Radha masterl. Wavne Wadsworth [Health Farms International],

Dr Deb Waldron, Paul Taylor [Trust Nature], Ben Grose [Levi Foundation], Glen Ossy-Orley, Dacannabis for medicine, food

The Hemp Embassy's Medical Cannabis workshops held in Nimbin over the last two years have attracted large numbers of the newly emerging and increasingly visible cannabis demographic. The **HEMPOSIUM** will offer real world stories from the Australian medical cannabis community, including families whose lives have changed dramatically for the better thanks to medi-



comed into mainstream Australian life, and the persecution to stop. Medical cannabis has been a growing international phenomenon over the last few decades, and Australia is only now starting to catch on and catch up. The HEMPO-SIUM aims to expand the mind as much as that special weed herself, and is a space to inform, learn, agitate, inspire and connect in this massively important



The Public Is Being Lied To: The Scandal Of Medical Cannabis

The mere fact you're holding this programme could well mean you know something of what the Government has been doing to medical pot. I say 'doing to' because anything else would fail to represent the awfulness of the situation.

On the off-chance matters have passed you by, the idea of 'legalised medical cannabis' has been twisted and tortured out of all recognition by Ministers and their underlings so that, just over a year after their 'historic legislation' such medicine is now, in some cases, more difficult to obtain (legally) than it was before the changes took place.

When I launched my website Australian Medical Cannabis Signpost last year, I wanted to create a sort of repository for information, telling the story not only of how the plant was finding its way back to the physician's armamentarium but also of progress in terms of its use. I didn't imagine then what I'd actually be doing was chronicling the litany of woes, deceptions, blunders and general idiocy that's plagued the 'legalisation' from the start. If things weren't so tragic, if lives weren't literally at risk, the fiasco would read like a slightly surreal comic novel.

Space doesn't permit going into all this in huge detail but what does need to be said, loudly, clearly and repeatedly - ad nauseum until people sit up and lis-

Stories of Hope From Nimbin Medical Marijuana Workshop

Michael Lambert took to the stage of the Nimbin Medical Marijuana Workshop that I attended in late January of 2017 by asking how many people in the audience were "illegally healthy." The robust father, husband and recent media lightning rod has been spurred onto a crusade for healing at the bequeath of near tragedy. Lambert's daughter Katelyn. now 5, began suffering potentially fatal seizures at 7-months-old. As a victim of a catastrophically rare form of epilepsy, Dravet Syndrome, Lambert's little girl faced a 1 in 6 chance of death before the age of 18 and a 46% percent chance of mental incapacity. Katelyn's sickness was so severe that some days she would suffer a seizure every 15 seconds... that's over 1,000 life-threatening seizures a day.

Mr. Lambert recounts the desperate bid to try and save Katelyn's life with the moving story finding its culmination in success: After 18 months of failed pharmacological experimentation, the frantic father began illegally feeding his then 3-year-old with a homemade hash tincture and Katelyn has currently been seizure free for a year, with emergency hospital room visits having decreased by 87%.

This poignant tale of triumph was followed by a procession of pro-pot activists, doctors and natural therapists, each one attesting to the curative power of the strictly regulated schedule 8 medicine through both personal journeys of healing and years of study. There was perhaps no better ending to the workshop than with the story of Steve Strong and his wife's miraculous recovery from a very advanced primary liver cancer.

"According to the experts, my wife was supposed to be dead 19 months ago... her cancer blood-count was 667,000...basically, they told us to go home and get comfortable. My wife was given three months to live," Steve told the crowd.

After the oncologists refused Steve's wife chemotherapy treatment, citing that the aggressive therapy ten, is that the public is being lied to about medical

Forget newspaper reports about the stuff being 'imported and available in weeks', forget what the Government says when it claims to recognise the issue is of 'vital importance to many Australians' and forget the hype about 'pot stocks' rocketing on the ASX. The truth is entirely different. Since the Narcotic Drugs Amendment Act was passed in February 2016 - legislation that was supposed to allow the herb's cultivation for medical and research purposes in Australia for the first time in over 50 years and pave the way for doctors and patients to use it - subsequent attempts at implementation have proven an outright disaster.

It sounds unbelievable, but for reasons that have little to do with compassion and patient well-being and everything to do with keeping the giant pharmaceutical trade happy, the Government has:

• put untrained, ill-informed bureaucrats who know nothing about cannabis and cannabis medicine in charge of writing the Regulations;

- appointed a group of the most virulently anti-cannabis thought leaders and academics to review out of date evidence and create clinical guidelines for the drug's use on the back of this so-called 'research';
- convened an important 'Advisory Council' to offer 'expert advice' to Ministers but comprising a similarly ridiculous selection of anti-pot individuals;

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would prove fatal, he began secretly feeding her

CBD oil. Within five days she was discharged from

the hospital, defying the understanding of the doc-

tors who were unaware of Steve's remedial therapy.

"The oncologists told me that the cancer had com-

pacted my wife's stomach to the size of a match-

head... she weighed 48 kilos, she looked anorexic,

and they couldn't work out why she had gotten bet-

Within three weeks of Steve's undercover thera-

peutic methods his wife's blood-count had dropped

to 170,000. Putting that number into perspective,

when Steve asked the overseeing oncologist if he

had ever seen such a decline in numbers the doctor

responded, "No, honestly Steve, this is supposed to

be a cancer that no one has ever survived from." As

Stories like Steve and Michael's are enlightening

Australia as to the healing power of perhaps the

world's most misunderstood plant and offering dying

people hope. Is at a miracle cure for everyone? That

much is uncertain, but to steal from Steve's closing

statements, "Whether or not it will work for you, I do

not know- what I do know is that it worked for my

John Kitchen - kitchenjohnr@gmail.com

of today Steve's wife's cancer count stands at two.

ter, but I knew why."

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· removed the possibility of its use by the terminally ill by changing the rules about access, specifically singling out cannabis (and only cannabis)

in such cases and issued widely reported (and normally unquestioned) press releases about moves which claim

to be making progress but which in reality make

All this has ensured almost nothing of what we were told the legislation would do has translated into anything like a reality. It is a massive scandal, and worth doing something about - politicians will act if enough pressure is brought to bear. Currently though, most of them (as well as the public at large) don't have a clue what's been happening. You can make sure they do by writing or better still having a face-to-face meeting your local Member of Parliament. From experience they'll respond sympathetically; if enough of us do it they'll probably start taking action.

Ian Dunmore -

Australian Medical Cannabis Signpost amcsignpost.ne

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Your HEMP Party is still looking for the best deal it can get for Australian Cannabis. With another interesting year in the world of Cannabis law reform under our belt, you'd think the Australian government would have had medical Cannabis supply well and truly in hand by now. The truth is they obviously haven't, and your HEMP Party continues to actively pursue the issue and won't let up until governments start telling the truth and medical Cannabis becomes a reality.

Just because the election is over, it doesn't mean your HEMP Party heads aren't mulling over new ways to represent an increasingly significant number of Australians who use Cannabis everyday. In March 2017, HEMP went to Canberra to lobby for the federal government to move on the issue. HEMP managed to meet senior staff in the opposition leader's office and pass on a comprehensive "Interim Measures Plan" that would address the needs and concerns of increasingly significant number of Australians who use Cannabis every day for medical

The HEMP Party ran a total of 8 candidates at the last Federal election and received about 1% of the entire Australian primary vote pool. HEMP's top score was in the Northern Territory where we received about 5% of the total primary vote. The Australian HEMP Party is seeking to register State parties in Victoria and NSW. The upcoming Victorian election is a test for us to not only reconvene State representation, but to work with other micro parties in an effort to harness preferences which could very well get our first HEMP Party candidate elected to an Australian Parliament.

Andrew Kavasilas, Australian HFMP Party. australianhempparty.com

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Cannabis is a "prohibited drug" under NSW law. Any activity involving cannabis is illegal – possession, use, supply or cultivation. It is also an offence to possess implements for the use of cannabis. All cannabis offences in NSW are dealt with in court – except if you qualify for a "cannabis caution". Cautions are discretionary. NSW does not have "civil penalties", i.e., fines without criminal conviction for minor offences, as there are in some other States and Territories.

POSSESSION

To prove possession, the police must prove beyond reasonable doubt that you knew that you had the cannabis in your custody or under your legal control. In cases where more than one person has access to the cannabis (for example, where it is found in a shared house or in a car with several occupants) the prosecution must rule out the possibility that someone other than the accused person was in possession of the cannabis.

SUPPLY

"Supply" includes: selling, giving away, and agreeing to supply. Sharing cannabis is supply. Any supply is treated as a serious offence and the penalties get quite severe for supply on a large commercial scale. There is also an offence called "deemed supply". In the case of cannabis, the deemed supply amount is 300 grams. If the police can prove that you were in possession of 300 grams or more of cannabis, you must prove that your possession of the cannabis was not for supply. For example, that it was for your personal use.

CULTIVATION

Cultivation means some activity to assist growing or harvesting the plant. Cultivating cannabis can include planting or watering or fertilising. Again, the police must have enough evidence to prove beyond reasonable doubt that you knowingly carried out the cultivation activity. There are higher penalties and trial by judge and jury for cultivating or possessing more than 250 plants.

HYDROPONIC PLANTS

There is a separate offence under NSW law of cultivation of hydroponic plants. The maximum penalties are a lot higher



than for cultivating the same number of outdoor plants. But for this charge the police must also prove that the indoor cultivation was "for a commercial purpose".

Police Are Testing Drivers for Traces of Cannabis Not Impairment!



A system of legalised medical marijuana is slowly being established in Australia. In October last year, federal government legislation came into effect, allowing for the cultivation, manufacture and distribution of the medicine - albeit with a lot of cumbersome red tape.

But as states begin cultivating the plant, and doctors start prescribing it. People who use the medication are going to find themselves in a predicament when it comes to driving, as all states and territories run roadside drug testing programs that test for traces of THC.

Roadside drug testing is carried out on the pretext that police are trying to prevent road accidents caused by people driving under the influence of drugs. But in reality, this testing has more to do with a zero tolerance approach to the use of certain illicit sub-

When police carry out random breath testing for alcohol, they're testing for driver impairment. This is an approach based on research that's shown certain levels of alcohol in a driver's blood leads to increased danger when they're behind the wheel of a car. However, roadside drug testing doesn't test for impairment. Along with THC, police test drivers for MDMA and amphetamines, via a saliva test. And the devices used don't actually test whether a driver is under the influence at the time of driving.

Instead, what they actually test for is minute traces of these drugs in a driver's system. This means a driver might have smoked a joint a week prior to testing, but the device may still pick up traces of THC. And if this happens, a driver is given a drug driving charge, which can result in them losing their licence. But absolutely no indication is given as to whether the driver was impaired and posed any threat to others on the road.

The Northern Rivers region has been

MEDICINAL CANNABIS

Despite the new federal medical cannabis laws, in NSW it is still currently an offence to use, possess, cultivate or supply cannabis for medicinal purposes. The NSW Government has announced it will conduct trials on the effectiveness of medicinal cannabis, but there has been no change in the law. A magistrate has discretion to impose no conviction and no penalty in medicinal cannabis [and other] cases, if there is a guilty plea, or guilt after hearing.

COOKIES

Possessing or supplying cannabis cookies, or other kinds of cannabis edibles, is illegal. Bizarrely, the drug law treats cookies as if they were pure cannabis. So, because weight determines the nature of the criminal charge, you could theoretically be charged with "deemed supply" if you possess more than 300 grams of cookies, even though you are mostly possessing chocolate, flour and butter etc. In this situation, the police would charge you only with possession.

CANNABIS CAUTIONS

The police have discretion to issue a caution if you are found in possession of less than 15 grams of cannabis, and you have no prior convictions, and you admit the cannabis is yours.

INTERACTING WITH POLICE

You do not have to answer police questions or make a statement, whether they arrest you or not. It is usually better to say something like, "I do not wish to say anything until I get legal advice." Beware of small talk and being trapped into a conversation. Just tell them your name, age and address. If you admit anything, or sound like you're admitting something, the police can use that in evidence against you. Remember that the police must prove your guilt – anything you say may make it easier for them to do just that. Generally it is better to say nothing until you have had legal advice.

Police are legally entitled to enter and search private property if they have a

the flashpoint of the NSW police blitz on roadside drug testing for years now. And it's been having an adverse effect on the community, as well as the local court system. Lismore magistrate David Heilpern made a landmark decision in February 2016, when he found Joseph Carrall not guilty of drug driving, as it was found that he hadn't smoked any pot for nine days prior to being tested.



Australia is the only country in the world to have implemented largescale roadside drug testing programs of this kind. In NSW, it began in 2007. When Victoria became the first jurisdiction in the nation to introduce the program in 2004, the worldrenowned National Institute for Road Safety Research in the Netherlands was recommending against this type of testing.

An Australia 21 report on drug decriminalisation released in March this year, recommended that the program

search warrant or if they are invited in by one of the occupiers. A search warrant gives police the power to search anybody found on the premises, The police have the power to search you personally, without a warrant, if they believe on reasonable grounds that you might be in possession of a prohibited drug or a weapon or evidence of a crime.



SNIFFER DOGS

Police can only use sniffer dogs without a warrant, in certain places: on trains and buses, and on or near railway stations and bus terminals, in licensed premises, at dance parties and music festivals. However, the same legislation requires the police to obtain a warrant to use sniffer dogs in other situations, for example to conduct random street



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



be reviewed, as "the purpose of such testing should be to ascertain whether the driver is unsafe or unfit" to drive, not to see whether they'd consumed illicit drugs. As legal medicinal use of cannabis becomes a reality, this testing is going to impact sick people who aren't breaking the law.

Until there's conclusive evidence that the use of cannabis is detrimental to oad safety, and a program that actually tests for driver impairment is introduced, marijuana should be removed from the roadside drug testing

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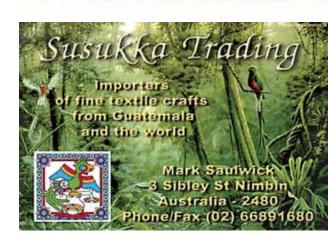
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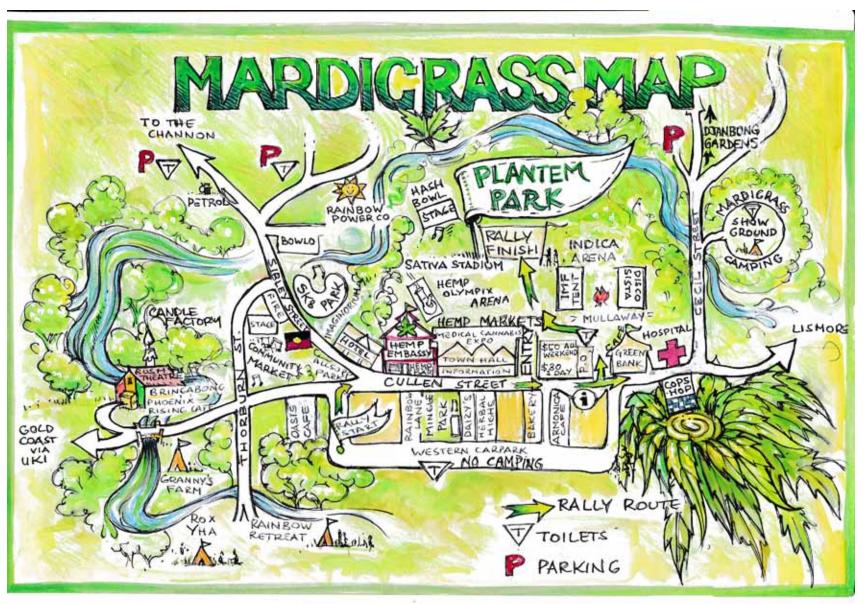
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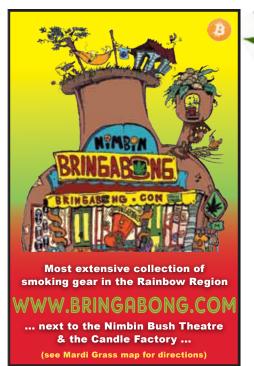
Entry into MardiGrass events costs \$55 for a 3-day pass [Friday to Sunday], or \$30 for a 1-day pass. Buy event-only tickets at the Plantem Park entrance or at the Town Hall information booth. Or buy online now at: www.nimbinmardigrass.com

There is a special local's price of \$20 for a 3-day pass [Friday to Sunday] available from the Hemp Embassy in the week before MardiGrass.

CAMPING

SHOWGROUNDS: The Golden Bud pass for \$150 includes 3-nights camping at the Showgrounds plus entry to all MardiGrass events. No generators! No loud drumming after midnight and no dogs please! Firewood supplied. Hot showers. Three designated areas set aside: quiet, noisy, and family. Nifty Nev's Eatery open all weekend. Camping is also available at the Showgrounds, before and after MardiGrass, for \$10 per person per night. Camping sites and passes can be booked online now at: www.nimbinmardigrass. com or bought at the Showgrounds when you arrive, until sold out.

OTHER CAMPING: Please camp in des-



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

RUBBISH

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

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PARKING

Please park as directed and keep driveways clear. This is important. **BE AWARE OF THE NO PARKING ZONES**. Visitor parking will be appropriately sign posted on the entrances to the village. Lismore City Council Rangers will book you if you park incorrectly. Last year there were way more parking tickets than pot busts! **NO PARKING** will be in place in the centre of the village from 12 noon Friday May 5 to 11pm Sunday May 7.

Cecil Street will have NO parking from Cullen Street to the Showgrounds and also NO PARKING in Thorburn Street between Cullen and Sibley Streets. Thorburn Street from Silky Oak Drive will have a road closure managed by the Backpackers to ensure clear access to and from the campsites and their parking.

ROAD CLOSURES

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

SUNDAY RALLY

The main MardiGrass event begins at 2.30pm Sunday 7 May at the Western LCC Carpark exit, and the protest parade proceeds South along Cullen Street to the Police Station, where we will do our thing, and then head to Plantem Park for the speeches.

WARNING!

Be careful with your drug consumption. Especially cookies! They can be stronger than you expect. It is wise to eat half then wait an hour or so before you eat anymore.

Better to start small and work your way up. Don't mix with alcohol. If you feel woozy or have an injury, or need help, ask **JUNGLE PATROL** or go to the Nimbin Hall Information Booth or Town Hall Garden.

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

ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE

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

JUNGLE PATROL

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

APPRECIATION

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