

Nimbin MardiGrass 007 PROGRAM

15th ANNUAL CANNABIS LAW REFORM RALLY MAY 5+6



HEMP COOLS GLOBAL WARMING

Greetings, welcome and thanks for joining us for the 15th Nimbin MardiGrass and Cannabis Law Reform Rally.

How many more years before they'll review the 'war on drugs'? Who started it? What's it about? Can anyone remember?

Will they legalise before we all go down with global warming? Our 'civilised' society has had a policy of prohibition for seventy years, how is it working? About as well as it did in the 1930's when Al Capone had his day. Whatever, it's time for us all to start rethinking our ways and once you get to a conclusion, have the courage to follow it!

Living in Nimbin has made it easy for us to see how ridiculous the war on

cannabis is. Its use is so clearly a personal health issue and should have nothing to do with being a criminal offence. Many countries are acknowledging that now and changing legislation accordingly, but here under John Howards' reefer madness, we've gone backwards. Clearly he's never had a toke, such a pity!

Unsurprisingly the Americans started this war also, control freaks! It's not that dissimilar to their other war, the one on terror, which is also neverending and unwinnable. Both driven by huge corporations profiting profiting....greed rules their unhappy world.

Here in Nimbin we try and do things differently, we try and think for

ourselves and we've come up with lots of great ideas most of which get picked up by the mainstream. Forest protection, health foods, permaculture, solar, wind and water power....it's all common sense, living harmoniously with the earth and each other. So simple, if only they'd listen on cannabis. Perhaps they're concerned we'll all get enlightened and stop consuming!

Nimbin is often called the capital of the alternative nation and the hippies may have been the first tribe to warn of global warming, and the first to show in practical ways how to cool it. Cannabis has huge potential to help and we're a determined mob knowing the truth about the wonders of the plant too well. We'll keep

protesting until the laws change.

Thank you for joining us this year and we hope you take away a little bit of Nimbin magic with you. Be tolerant of the police, the pharmaceutical companies are working them to the bone and they're quitting in droves! Check out the Nimbin Hemp Embassy while you're in town and thank them for putting this exceptional weekend on, and please support the other businesses who are advertising in this program. Importantly, give yourselves a pat on the back for helping us to make a stand on this issue, for better laws, common sense and peace. For the Earth.



The Australian hemp industry is inevitable, with commercial licenses already available in several states.

Written by Keith Bolton

Hemp and humans have successfully coevolved for millennia due to a mutually beneficial arrangement. For thousands of years, hemp has provided humans with bountiful yields of fibre, food and pharmaceuticals. In return humans have cultivated and bred new hemp varieties, and disseminated and adapted hemp throughout all continents on the Earth.

It has been a particularly successful relationship between these two species, and humans have become so familiar with hemp that they have named it Cannabis sativa – which literally means “useful fibre plant”.

During the last 7 decades, Cannabis prohibition has severely strained this relationship. Prohibition of Cannabis began in the United States with the marihuana tax bill on April 14, 1937. From this point, developed countries commenced a campaign of almost total eradication of Cannabis sativa. I will leave my wetland colleagues Casual Rina and Mellow Leuca to discuss the rather depressing subject of prohibition, and I will instead focus on the more positive aspects of hemp.

I entered the hemp industry at an interesting time. Some enlightened advocates and leaders in Australia and many developed countries recognised the usefulness of hemp, and have allowed a break in the legislation to cultivate industrial hemp. I have been growing hemp and other fibre plants since 2001 to study their potential as mop-crops, which are grown in sewage farms to reuse effluent. This research consistently demonstrated that hemp is a high yielding plant. Of particular note, hemp did not require any herbicides or pesticides. This year I grew hemp to investigate its potential for food production. Despite it's demonstrated nutritive value, it is currently illegal to sell hemp food in Australia, however I believe that this will change shortly. *Continued page 3....*

MARDIGRASS INFORMATION

A Full Weekend Pass costs \$30 and gives you access to all official activities, including those in Peace Park and the Nimbin Town Hall. A One Day Pass for either Saturday or Sunday costs \$20. A Full Weekend and Camping Pass combined is \$50.

The MardiGrass Organising Body endeavours to keep MardiGrass accessible to everyone, but we do need YOU to BUY A PASS to cover costs and support the future of MardiGrass and our efforts for Cannabis Law Reform. Please be generous of heart.

If you cannot afford that or just want to contribute to the cause, you can register as a volunteer at the HEMP Embassy or the Information Booth in front of the Hall. Four hours and Twenty minutes (4:20) volunteering earns you a weekend pass.

Please remember to respect the village that allows this festival, and try to conduct yourself as a true ambassador for HEMP. Do not give our opponents free ammunition through bad behaviour. The whole world is watching, possibly when you least expect it.... Be your best self. Peace

DISASTROUS DRUG LAWS

The authors of a new study showing illicit drug use cost Australian business \$3.3 billion in one year say the law enforcement approach to drugs has failed to protect people and commerce.

Foundation president Alex Wodak said a new approach to drugs was needed after the costly law enforcement approach had largely failed to protect people.

“Other governments around the world have already stopped pretending we can arrest and imprison our way out of this problem. “We have to move away from the `war against drugs' language and recognise this is a problem that is not going to be solved by the I'm-tougher-than-you-are approach.”

Dr Wodak said it had been proven that a health and social welfare approach to drugs shrinks the drug market to a size law enforcement agencies can tackle.

“The problem now is the drug industry is so large that there is no possibility that drug law enforcement can succeed. It's set up to fail.”

Excerpt from SMH April 23, 2007.

END PROHIBITION - The Law is the crime



POT AND THE LAW

Under NSW law, it is an offence to possess, use, supply, or cultivate pot. It is also an offence to possess implements for the use of pot.

Possession

To be convicted of possession, the police must prove that you had knowledge of the pot and custody or control over it. In other words, there must be proof that:

you had the pot in your physical custody (for example, in your pocket or bag), or at least under your control (such as in a locker you have the key to) and; you knew that you had the pot in your custody or control.

Supply

Supply includes selling, giving away or (technically) sharing pot.

Supply also includes being in possession of 300 grams or more of cannabis, which is "deemed" to be for supply. In that case, to avoid a supply conviction, you must prove in court that the possession was for reasons other than supply (for example, personal use).

Cultivation

Cultivation means some activity to assist the growing or harvesting of cannabis, such as planting or watering or fertilising. Even growing one seedling is a cultivation offence.

The more plants that you have, the higher the penalty. If you are charged with cultivating 250 plants or more, the case must be dealt with in the District Court where higher penalties apply. Less than 250 plants will generally be dealt with in the Local Court.

Hydroponic plants

Recent changes to the law have significantly increased the penalties for cultivation of hydroponic plants "for a commercial purpose". [The prosecution do not have to prove commercial purpose for outdoor cultivation.]

The new offence category of cultivating cannabis "by enhanced indoor means" has a maximum penalty for 5 or more plants of 15 years jail and a \$385,000 fine (and 20 years for 200 or more hydroponic plants).



Cookies

Possessing or supplying cannabis cookies or other food with cannabis cooked in it is illegal. Bizarrely perhaps, the drug law strictly treats cookies as if they were pure cannabis. So, because weight determines the nature of the criminal charge, you can be charged with deemed supply if you possess more than 300 grams of cookies, even though you are mostly possessing chocolate and flour and butter. In these situations, the police can and often would charge you only with possession.

Implements

It is illegal to possess a bong, a pipe or other implements for consuming pot. It is only illegal to possess implements for the future use of a prohibited drug. So do not admit to the police that you intended to use the bong or pipe to smoke pot.

If you are arrested

You do not have to answer police questions or make a statement, even after you are arrested. Just give your name and address so that bail can be granted.

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 cautions

Police have a discretion to issue cautions (rather than take you to court) on possession or use charges where the amount of pot involved is 15 grams or less, and where you have no prior convictions, you admit guilt and you are not charged with another offence. If you are cautioned twice, you must attend compulsory drug counselling. On the third occasion, the case must go to court.

Search warrants

Police are legally entitled to enter private property if they are invited in by one of the occupiers or if they have a search warrant.

A search warrant gives police the power to search anybody found on the premises, to use reasonable force to break open doors and cupboards, and to seize and remove any illegal items discovered.

Personal searches

The police have the power to search you in a public place, without a warrant, if the police believe on reasonable grounds that you might possess a prohibited drug (or a knife, or evidence of a crime). If the police want to search you, the best general advice is to tell the police you do not consent to a search and ask them to record that you do not consent (so that it is then possible to argue in court that the search was unreasonable). Do not physically resist the search, because that could lead to additional charges.

Random Roadside Testing

As well as alcohol breath testing, police have the power to randomly drug test car and truck drivers, although only for cannabis, amphetamine and ecstasy. The testing is by saliva swab, with a screening test at the driver's window.

If the initial test indicates positive to THC, amphetamine or ecstasy, you have to give a second swab which is tested in a specially equipped Winnebago drug bus. If that second swab shows positive, the sample is sent to a laboratory for analysis. You do not get arrested, although you are not permitted to drive for 24 hours. You will be sent a court attendance notice after laboratory results have confirmed the presence of the drug. The maximum penalty for driving with one of these drugs in your system is a \$1,100 fine and 3 months minimum licence disqualification (the same penalty as for low range drink driving). It is an offence to refuse to provide a saliva sample or to fail to stop for a roadside drug test when requested by police.

Victorian police have been conducting random roadside drug testing since 2004.

Sniffer dogs

Generally speaking, it is legal for police to use sniffer dogs.

There is legislation which authorises police use of dogs for "drug detection" 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.

The same legislation requires the police to obtain a warrant to use sniffer dogs in other situations, for example to conduct random street searches. The police might obtain a warrant to use sniffer dogs on "high visibility" street patrols.

The courts have ruled that the action of a police dog sniffing the air near a person does not amount to searching. **Penalties** The quantity of drugs involved determines both the maximum penalty for the offence, and whether the case is heard in the Local Court or the District Court.

The maximum penalty for use or possession is a fine of \$2,200 and/or 2 years jail.

The maximum penalty for supply or cultivation depends on the quantity involved. As an example, the maximum penalty for the supply of 400 grams is a fine of \$11,000 and/or 2 years jail. The maximum penalty for cultivating or possessing 300 plants is a fine of \$385,000 and/or 15 years jail.

These are maximum penalties – the actual penalty imposed will usually be considerably less, especially for a first offender.

For people with little or no criminal record, the most common penalty for possession of small amounts of pot is a fine of several hundred dollars. For cultivation of a few plants: a fine or a good behaviour bond. If you have more of a record, or if larger quantities are involved, or if you are convicted of supply, you can expect higher penalties.

TAKE CARE

"How absurd is a law that seeks to classify a plant as a crime, as if there were something feloniously wrong with nature"

Justice Jim Staples

For every prohibition you create you also create an underground. **Jello Biafra**

Prohibition has made nothing but trouble.

Al Capone

Liquor prohibition led to the rise of organized crime in America, and drug prohibition has led to the rise of the gang problems we have now.

Drew Carey

Once, during Prohibition, I was forced to live for days on nothing but food and water.

W. C. Fields

"Vices are their own punishment."

Aesop

"Moderation in all things."

Publius Terentius Afer

"Cocaine habit forming? Of course not. I ought to know, I've been using it for years."

Tallulah Bankhead

"The burning of an author's books, imprisonment for opinion's sake, has always been the tribute that an ignorant age pays to the genius of its time."

Joseph Allen

"All forms of tampering with human beings, getting at them, shaping them against their will to your own pattern, all thought control and conditioning is, therefore, a denial of that in men which makes them men and their values ultimate."

Isaiah Berlin



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INTRA - The Buttery Outreach Drug Service are pleased to accept an invitation from the Nimbin HEMP Embassy to provide a variety of services at MardiGrass 2007. INTRA loved working with the Embassy trialling out the Saliva Drug Testing devices.

INTRA has just completed a huge five nights at the Byron Bluesfest. The workers completed over 3,200 breathalyser tests and more than 400 enquiries about the NSW Roadside Saliva Drug Testing laws. We look forward to working in a more chilled Nimbin environment.

INTRA aims to help keep people safe at Nimbin MardiGrass. We would like everyone to test negative to alcohol or any other drugs at the police roadside testing spots.

INTRA has a team of health workers to provide breathalyser services at locations over the weekend. Machines will be located at the Hotel and Bowling club from Friday to Monday. We also have information about the saliva drug testing. The drugwipe saliva testing devices will be for sale to test yourself, but it will cost you \$40 each time (cost price!). Also we have an impairment testing program trial to self assess when it's safe to drive. There will be specialist Drug and Alcohol workers available for information, support and referral.

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“Prohibition goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control a man’s appetite by legislation, and makes a crime out of things that are not crimes.” ... Abraham Lincoln



HEMP COOLS GLOBAL WARMING

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From my perspective, the Australian hemp industry is inevitable, with commercial licenses already available in several Australian states including Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. New South Wales and South Australia are both lagging behind, although both states issue hemp research licenses. Hemp production in Australia is still low, but it is increasing exponentially. In the next few years, a number of Australian hemp products will emerge as the Australian hemp industry becomes established. I predict that the following hemp products will become mainstream during the next few years:

Hemp building materials - Hemp can be processed into durable and lightweight building materials. Three types of hemp building and fabrication materials are likely to emerge early in the Australian hemp industry. Hemp masonry, which is made from mixing hemp with lime or other reactive materials to form a concrete-like material with excellent insulation properties; hemp fibreboard, which is made in a similar fashion to “chip board” using chipped hemp stalks bound by a resin; and hemp “plastic” which is a hemp pulp composite with properties somewhat similar to plastic.

Hemp seed products - hemp seed is a highly nutritious food source for both humans and animals, and my trials this year have focused on hemp seed production. Hemp seed contains an excellent balance of high quality protein, it is rich in the omega-group fatty acids (the “good oils”), and it contains dietary fibre. Hemp seed oil makes a high quality base for a wide range of healthcare products. I predict that hemp seed food and therapeutic products will soon make it to supermarket shelves.

Hemp paper - Hemp makes excellent paper, and it was once the favoured medium for high grade stationery including banknotes. Most paper is currently made from woodchips, however I envisage an Australian hemp paper industry becoming established as a cottage industry, and “hemp content paper” will be produced by established paper producers as they explore the eco-market.

We are certainly at a tremendously exciting part of the Australian hemp industry, and the changing Cannabis laws enhance my sense of optimism about the future of our relationship with hemp, and indeed with the ecology that supports us and all other species. I see that the harm-causing Cannabis laws are a symptom of a larger “20th Century disease”. During the 70 years of Cannabis prohibition, humans have collectively inflicted more environmental and social damage than ever before in human history. Our collective greed and consumption threatens the Earth’s fundamental life support mechanisms – the atmosphere, oceans, forests, groundwater and soil. Millions of human lives – and thousands of other species – have been trashed through wars, high rates of imprisonment, and environmental pillaging.

I believe challenging Cannabis prohibition is very important because it challenges the paradigm that perpetuates the “20th Century disease” into the 21st Century. We are truly in need of leaders who have the courage, integrity and wisdom to make it their primary goal to protect the liberties and prosperity of the people and the environment that they serve and to never cause them harm. Hemp has provided us with fibre, food, pharmaceuticals (and even fun!) for millennia, and I believe that this will continue into the future.

Dr Keith Bolton is Founding Director of Ecotechnology Australia,
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“Marijuana never kicks down your door in the middle of the night. Marijuana never locks up sick and dying people, does not suppress medical research, does not peek in bedroom windows. Even if one takes every reefer madness allegation of the prohibitionists at face value, marijuana prohibition has done far more harm to far more people than marijuana ever could.”

William F. Buckley Jnr.

“To forbid us anything is to make us have a mind for it.”

Michel de Montaigne

“The prestige of government has undoubtedly been lowered considerably by the Prohibition law. For nothing is more destructive of respect for the government and the law of the land than passing laws which cannot be enforced. It is an open secret that the dangerous increase of crime in this country is closely connected with this.”

Albert Einstein

“It is not the business of government to make men virtuous or religious, or to preserve the fool from the consequences of his own folly.

Government should be repressive no further than is necessary to secure liberty by protecting the equal rights of each from aggression on the part of others, and the moment governmental prohibitions extend beyond this line they are in danger of defeating the very ends they are intended to serve.”

Henry George

“Laws to suppress tend to strengthen what they would prohibit. This is the fine point on which all legal professions of history have based their job security.”

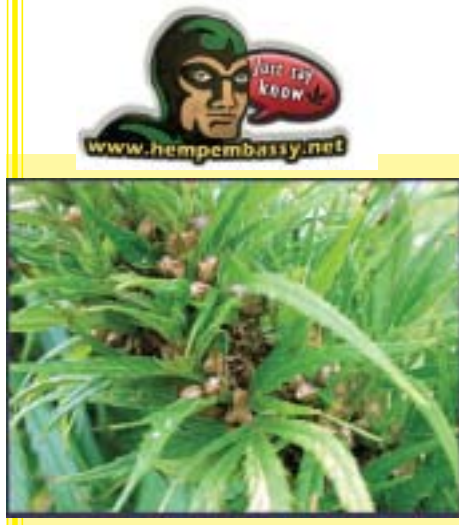
Frank Herbert

“Is uniformity attainable? Millions of innocent men, women, and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burnt, tortured, fined, imprisoned; yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity. What has been the effect of coercion? To make one half the world fools, and the other half hypocrites.”

Thomas Jefferson

“Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron’s cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their consciences.”

C. S. Lewis



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The media, marijuana and the mafia

The Australian media have played a major role in creating marijuana prohibition by demonizing drug use and drug users. Over the decades, Australia's drug laws have been progressively strengthened by the media creating a series of folk devils and moral panics around drugs. The murder of anti-marijuana campaigner Donald Mackay in Griffith in 1977 provoked an intense media-inspired moral panic about Italian mafia influence in Australia which profoundly changed marijuana laws in NSW.

But the media covered-up the role of the NSW police and the United States CIA in organizing the drug trade in Australia and the murder of Donald Mackay, hiding the role played by an ex-NSW detective who was known as "the Killer Kop". Dr John Jiggins, a writer and researcher who has published several books on police, corruption and marijuana including *The Incredible Exploding Man*, *Marijuana Australiana* and *The Sydney Connection*, will be talking at Mardi Grass about the media, the mafia and marijuana. Hear Dr John on this topic in the Town Hall at 3pm Saturday.

"At any given moment there is an orthodoxy, a body of ideas which it is assumed all right-thinking people will accept without question. It is not exactly forbidden to state this or that or the other, but it is "not done"... Anyone who challenges the prevailing orthodoxy finds himself silenced with surprising effectiveness. A genuinely unfashionable opinion is almost never given a fair hearing, either in the popular press or in the highbrow periodicals."

George Orwell

Peace, Protest and the Police

Alternative Nimbin grew out of the youth of the 70's wanting to create a better life in reaction to the violence of the Vietnam War, police bashings of protesters and union actions and the global right wing politics.

In 1979 a small group of 'Hippies' from this region were successful in stopping the logging of the Terania forest. Our strategies evolved as we realised that by not reacting violently with anger, but with music and unity, the police could not use their usual violent tactics to break up our protest and arrest us. This meant that we had control of the game rules and we had effectively disempowered "authority". A moratorium on logging rainforests was put in place. We won that battle through gaining the moral support of the general public, the legal court system and political lobbying.

Sadly, today we find that we are facing a very similar political climate to what led to us dropping out in the 70's. At our peaceful protest Drug Law Reform we are expecting a very large police presence. It is up to each one of us to maintain the peace and help us win this draconian "War on Drugs". We can use and apply the strategies evolved through the ongoing protests to save our precious planet. If you are here with friends, always look out for each other. Ensure that one of you is ready to film or photograph any police provocation. If you are being hassled by police or witness any "aggressive" situation, do not react in a way that will provoke more violence, call for help from the Jungle Patrol and others in the crowd.

It is important that as many people as possible "Bear Witness" to the situation by peacefully surrounding the "incident". Keep calm & be prepared to document & make legal statements if needed. If you feel you are losing your cool, step back out of the situation. Sometimes that is the bravest thing to do. Please report any violence by the police or members of the crowd ASAP to the 'Jungle Patrol' or to the information table outside Nimbin's School of Arts building, and send any photos/films along with details to the Hemp Embassy. Please remember, no matter how provoked you may feel, that this is a peaceful protest. It is very important to this community that we retain our rights to protest through non-violent ways. Remember the three "R's". Respect for yourself, Respect for others and Responsibility for all your actions. Oh, and of course, have a wonderful weekend.

The Goddess Calls

Greetings mortals and welcome to the 15th Nimbin Mardi Grass; the other side of the fence where the grass doesn't just look greener, it really is. Now you'll be wondering why I've summoned you, why it is you find yourself in this odd place at this strange time. Bare in mind that Samhein, the Celtic feast of the dead is just past, the time when unquiet spirits jump across to hunt loose souls. If you do get hassled by the unruly bastards I suggest you spark up a spliff, make the sign of the horned one and tell them to piss off because you belong to me, this ain't their feast. But that doesn't answer the question as to why I've summoned you?

Nimbin is the capital of the Hippy nation and the Hippies, of all the human tribes are the only ones to get it almost right. The Hippies were the first tribe to warn of global warming and the first tribe to show, in practical ways, how to cool it. Which makes Nimbin during the village's annual festival, the perfect setting for your initiation and that initiation is the reason I've summoned you here.

Fuel is the cause of all your global warming problems, but not only the fuel you burn to make power, your fuel mix is wrong on all three mortal coils; what you feed your engines, your bodies and your minds.

Almost all your energy, for both electricity and transportation, comes from filthy, hot burning fossil fuels, which is why the machine is overheating. Meanwhile the sun, who bathes you in enough energy to do everything and creates no extra heat at all, is ignored.

The foods you eat are high protein and sweet, layering you in fat and overloading your bodies with too much insulation. Running your organisms at this overheated setting makes your mortality even more imminent and your mental processes unreliable.

But what you feed your mind is the key here because where the mind goes the body surely follows.

Testosterone is the base drug you mortals use for decision making, judging from the fact that 90% of all governments and corporations are male owned and dominated. When a decision is made on planet earth it is a testosterone driven thing.

As if this wasn't challenging enough you mortals have made alcohol your only legal recreational drug. Human history is painted blood red by this testosterone-alcohol cocktail, indeed you could say this chemical fuel mix has gotten you into this fine fix you find yourself in today. Except now we have the amphetamine; ice' added to the equation and ice is the missing piece in the puzzle of complete chaotic destruction.

Listen to me mortals! If you feed your head on this deadly mix much longer your species' days are numbered. Luckily for you there is, and always has been, a cure.

As the Hippies have been saying for the last forty years; make love, drop out, turn on. That means smoke pot, avoid war and work as little as you absolutely have to. In Nimbin they call it the 'war on work' and unlike Bush and Howard, the villagers seem to be winning their cool war.

But time is short and back in the real world war, work and high octane drugs are screwing the puppies. I have summoned you here to join with the Church of the Holy Smoke and, after initiation, take this message back with you to your tribe; 'Change your fuel mix before the bastard blows, Do It Now! Feed your head with the good oil and smoke pot for cool peace in these times of red hot war'.

Over the weekend there will be a mass baptism, a mass wedding and a mass exorcism where the holy book can be signed, making you a COTHolic (member of the Church of the Holy Smoke, the 's' is silent, it's a sacred mystery).

Come join me at the ceremonies mortals, you have heard the call. Blessings upon you
The Goddess.

A medium, channelling Cassandra of Troy, daughter of Priam, has forwarded us her words from the beyond.

"How could any sane person imagine you can stop people taking "drugs" by passing a law? How could any sane person consider "zero-tolerance" (intolerance) a rational approach? Both serve only to increase the negative repercussions of drug use without achieving any positive result.

Using the police to enforce "bad laws" diminishes the respect of the public, and increases the opportunity for corruption. The public are not just the wealthy, the propertied, the aggressively self righteous, or the members of one political party or one church, but the whole population. Absolutism is the problem, not the answer. Learn from our history."

GOD'S CROP

Lord,

Thank you for the ability to grow this crop of marijuana,
May these seedlings grow to maturity and yield a bountiful harvest
that will provide the means to pay the bills and allow me to carry on
doing your good work.

Protect this crop against police, thieves and any authorities that
may wish to do harm to this crop.

Protect against any natural disasters that could harm this crop such
as wind or hail storms or flood or drought or insect plagues.
Grant me the strength to carry this out and to harvest this crop
successfully.

Bless this crop.

Show me the way Lord, Guide me gently.

Do with me as you will, Your will be done not mine.

In the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit.

Amen,

A Grower's Prayer
By Kog



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"The prohibition law, written for weaklings and derelicts, has divided the nation, like Gaul, into three parts — wets, dries, and hypocrites." **Florence Sabin**

Professor Puff of Vancouver

Nimbin 2007

I would like to introduce myself to you as Professor Puff (a name that was given to me by my students.) I first arrived in Australia Jan. 2007 from Vancouver B.C. Canada. After being here for a few short weeks, I realized that this is a very special place in this world.

In the ninety's in Vancouver I was working in a "grow" store. My job designing, building & setting up every possible style of growing was to give people advice on how to grow. I am an organic gardener...preferring to work naturally with the plants. Over the years I taught a lot of fine people some of the basics of growing. We would start right from the beginningseeds, germination, veg, bloom, harvest curing...& finally time for a Puff.



In the late nineties I went to Amsterdam....to learn about the "cannabis & hemp" industries from the Dutch point of view. I had the honor of being a coffee shop guest judge for several "High Times Cannabis Cups".

Returning to "Vansterdam"
Canada.... Several years passed & I

now find myself back in the "Cannabis Activist" position of teaching people around the world the best ways to grow better marijuana. I am not here to change the way people do their gardening....however I can help improve any harvest. Since I have been here I have seen very little "clean" indoor smoke'o. The best way to see if your smoke'o is clean is to look @ the stalk....It should be hollow. If it is hollow that tells you that it was properly "leached" before being harvested. If the stalk is solid that tells you that it is still full of nutrients...which you are about to smoke. You must give lots of "water" to your plants. After a few weeks into the bloom stage...you can give your plants mostly water as the plant will have all the goodies in it to finish off the season. Now you will have the best tasting, strongest, healthiest smoke'o around. See you all @ this years Nimbin Mardi Grass event's.

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Message from John Kaye, recently elected Greens member of the NSW parliament (Upper House).

MardiGrass is an excellent opportunity to reflect on the need for drugs policy that is based on evidence, not prejudice. Increased funding for rehabilitation for users of methamphetamine ("ice") is a sensible response to the growing social and health impacts of this drug. Cynical manipulation of the community's fear of drugs by Christian Democratic Party leader Fred Nile and the Daily Telegraph has done much to set back drug law reform.

The Greens remain convinced that drugs policy needs to be based on the principles of harm minimisation. There is little evidence to support the argument that spending money on sniffer dogs in railway stations and helicopters harassing local landowners will reduce the damage done by drugs. The task ahead of us is to remove the hysteria from the debate and to restore the important principles of protecting civil rights and reducing the damage done to society and individuals by poorly thought out drugs policy. Until we create a widespread understanding that prohibition is an expensive and dangerous failure, Australian society

will continue to pay the price. While many experts and politicians now understand that a "war on drugs" cannot be won, there has been a remarkable inability to translate that understanding into sound policy. Cannabis laws in particular remain badly out of kilter with the evidence. International experience of removing criminal sanctions for possession for personal use and growing a small number of plants makes it clear that there is nothing to be gained by victimising pot users. Continued prohibition on medical cannabis denies useful treatment options to many people with chronic illness. Restrictions on industrial hemp are not only completely irrational but also have appalling environmental consequences. There is clearly much to be done to reform drug laws. The Greens are committed to exploring new, more effective approaches that treat drug use as a health and social issue. And to ensure that civil liberties are not sacrificed to 'tough on drugs' hysteria. On behalf of The Greens, I wish you a happy and safe Mardi Grass.

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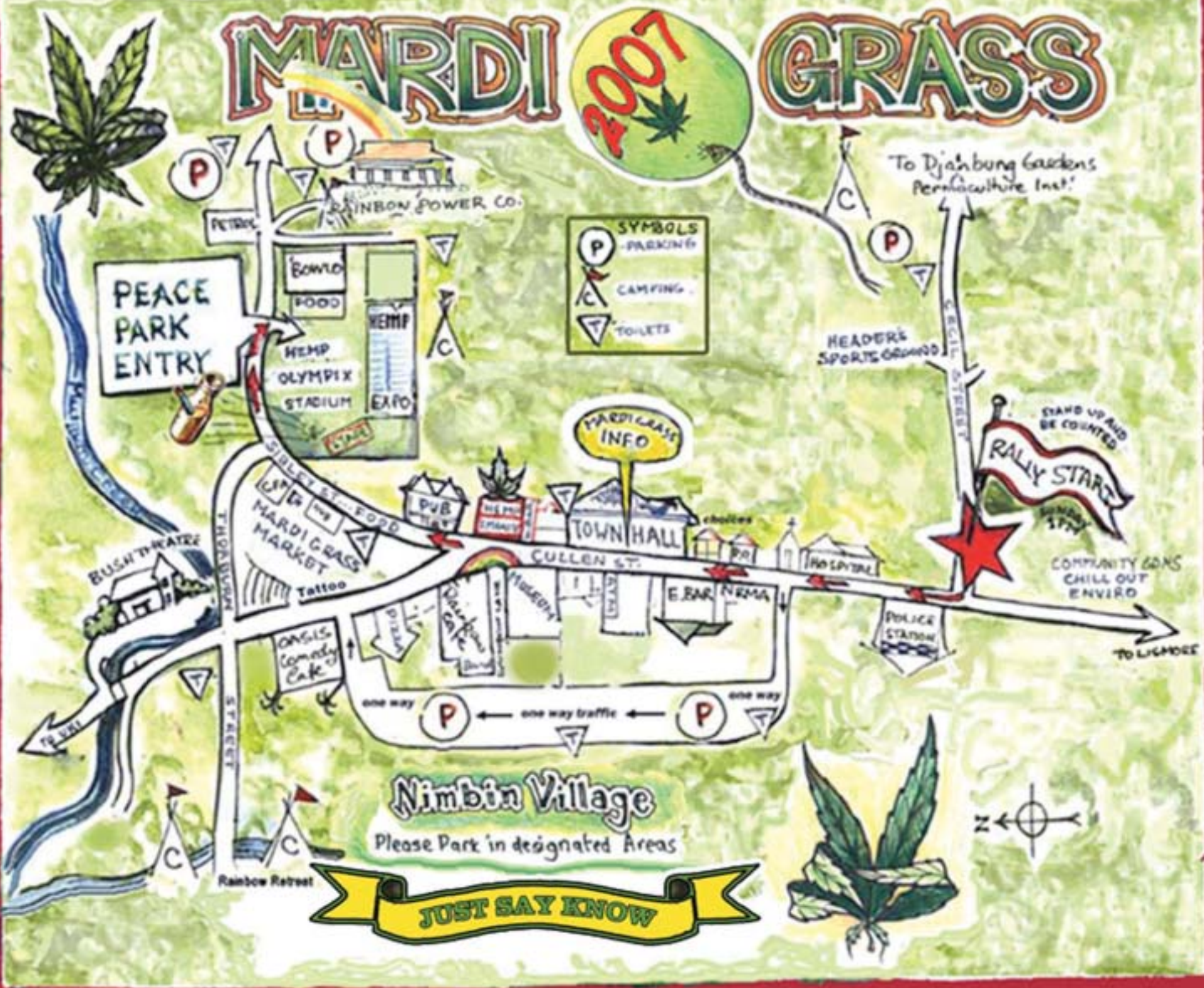
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Entry into **PEACE PARK** and the **TOWN HALL** where MardiGrass events are held costs \$30 for a week-end pass, or \$20 for a one day pass available at entries and also at **Nimbin HEMP Embassy**.

4 hours and 20 minutes volunteering earns a weekend pass (Register at the Embassy)

Park as directed.

Keep driveways clear.

Cullen St is a no-parking Zone.
(You will be towed away)

Please camp in designated camping areas and be super careful with rubbish.

Recycling is happening.
Look for the stations.

The Nimbin streets are **glass-free** zones during MardiGrass. Remember it is a cannabis harvest festival not beerfest!

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 any more.
Don't mix with alcohol.

If you feel woozy or have an injury or need help ask the **JUNGLE PATROL** at the Info Booth in front of Town Hall.

Chill-Out Zones are located at Town Hall, Birth & Beyond and the Uniting Church

No loud drumming or amplified music after midnight (PEACE PARK 10pm) and no dogs please!
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Day Parking

Visitors parking will be appropriately sign posted on the Northern, Southern and Eastern entrances. RTA approved road traffic control will be in place during MardiGrass.

Cullen Street will operate as a one-way street, if needed, regulated by traffic controllers between 8.00am - 6.00pm Saturday and 10am - 3pm Sunday. Sibley Street will be **closed** from 4.30 pm on Friday.

NO PARKING - Please help preserve the safety of all by respecting the no parking on Cullen and Thorburn Streets from Cecil Street to Thorburn Street and Thorburn Street between Cullen and Sibley Street.

oo7 MardiGrass - Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen.