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# Uki News

*Where the mountains touch the sky!*

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## \$170,500 granted!

By UKIRA's Economic Development & Marketing Group

Imagine opening your bank statement and a closing balance of \$170,500 jumps from the page at you! Wouldn't you be beside yourself?!

Well, so were the members of UKIRA's Economic Development & Marketing Group when their funding application to Regional Solutions was successful.

The \$170,500 grant will assist with the purchase and restoration of the Uki Buttery and is a marvellous boost to the project.

However, everyone must realise we will need to fundraise and seek further funding to get this major project to completion stage.

Since our Town Life Workshop in June 2000, when a desire for Community ownership of the Buttery was expressed, much behind the scenes lobbying and negotiating has taken place with Government Departments and the Buttery owners.

There is still a considerable amount of work to be done

before a comprehensive report can be presented to the Community. UKIRA will then seek your input and support to determine the future of our Buttery.

Please, keep reading the Uki News for progressive news updates and more info about the date and venue of our Buttery Public Consultation Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

## Television Black Spot Survey

Following an excellent response to the Uki Residents Association's recent community survey, a Public Meeting of 20 residents on 16 April decided not to proceed with an application under the Federal Government's Television Black Spots Program.

A successful application under the program would have seen a television tower erected on the side of The Sisters, with the aim of providing improved television reception for local 'Black Spot' properties.

Of the 59 responses to the survey, only 19 (or 32%) wanted the project to proceed.

The Public Meeting heard that the Government's offer would have only covered the establishment of the facility, and that the operation costs and maintenance would have been left to the Uki community.

Tweed Shire Council had already stated that it would not provide any financial assistance. There was general agreement at the meeting that the concept of 'self-management', which was an integral part of the Government's offer, presented too many problems for a small residential community such as Uki.

Many at the public meeting were also opposed to the idea

because of environmental impact and electromagnetic radiation.

UKIRA will now advise both the Federal Government and Tweed Shire Council of the reasons for the community's decision.

Results of the survey are presented on page 7. It is significant that more than a quarter of respondents have properties without direct line of sight to The Sisters, suggesting that many Uki residents would not have actually benefited from the facility anyway.

**UKIRA MEETINGS**  
are held the 1st  
Tuesday of each  
month in the Uki Hall  
at 7pm.

Please come along to  
our next meeting  
Tuesday 4th June  
2002, 7pm.

**COPY DEADLINE** for  
next Uki News issue  
is 15th June, 2002.  
Call or email Colin  
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6679 5747 or  
colinfunch@hotmail.com

## From The President's Desk...

What happens at the monthly Uki Village & District Residents Association Incorporated (UKIRA) meeting?

Well, we roll up at 7pm, set the chairs out, greet everyone, sign the attendance book and settle in for the night's agenda. We note the time the meeting starts and receive apologies of absent people. We read the minutes from the last meeting and attend to Business Arising from this, then read ingoing and outgoing mail and the Treasurer presents the monthly financial report. Then we get down to General Business which includes projects we are working on and we encourage people to present new information and ideas.

Recently one of the non-regular residents attended a few meetings to give us background information on television towers and radiation. From this came the Black

Spot Survey and the Public Meeting discuss the Black Program.

As a result of this process UKIRA has taken into account the views of residents and declined the Federal Government grant in its present form, to put a tower on the three Sisters.

A number of residents have expressed concern about the safety of other traffic when trucks turn from Smiths Creek Road into Kyogle Road, a difficult T-Section. When UKIRA brought this to Council's attention and suggested some road works, they replied: "It is the responsibility of the truck driver to ensure that turns are made in a safe manner."

If you have experienced problems at this corner, a letter to Council may add weight



By Jeanette Simpson, Acting President

to our concerns (mail to Manager Planning & Design, Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, 2484).

Please come along to our monthly meeting if you have any issues you would like to discuss. We meet every 1st Tuesday of the month in the Uki Hall at 7pm. You can raise your issues in the General Business part of the meeting or mail a letter to UKIRA, PO Box 141, Uki, 2484.

So, at the end of each meeting we stack the chairs, clutch our lists of things to do, lock the hall and drive home hoping that progress will be made before we meet again. Some of the projects have taken four years to get to their current stage. The process of Local Government is slow!

Meanwhile there's family to look after and jobs to hold down...

**Don't be shy!**

Uki News is made by a small team of dedicated residents who care for their community. We welcome all contributions and input from other local residents. So, don't be shy... if you want to have a say, call our co-ordinator Colin Funch on 6679 5747 or email him on colin-funch@hotmail.com or mail UKIRA, PO Box 141, Uki.

If you would like to place an ad call Jeanette Simpson on 6679 5725, our reasonable rates are as follows: business card size ad \$20, a quarter page \$50, 1/2 page \$80, full page \$150 per issue. Cost for advertising in our Public Notices/Buy & Sell section is \$1 per line. We can design an ad to suit your needs. So, come on, contact us now!

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## Uki Public School...

### VANDALISM

Now let's face it, most of us would not allow a dog to do its business in the middle of a school playground. But, it seems that someone's child has been doing exactly that - defecating right in the middle of Uki School's new playground equipment. If you were told this was the work of a 2 year old it wouldn't be surprising, right? But, from all reports, the offender is actually an early teenager!

Because of this and various other problems occurring in the school grounds after hours, it is necessary to remind the community that Uki Public School is protected under *The Enclosed Lands Act*. Nobody should be in the school grounds without a legitimate reason. Riding bikes or skateboards or taking a short cut through the school grounds are not legitimate reasons.

If you see someone in the school grounds doing the wrong thing please contact the Principal on 66795128 or Murwillumbah Police on 66729499.

### CASH FOR TRASH

Here are some quick and easy ways to assist the school's fundraising. We are collecting:

- Paul's/Norco 2 litre milk caps.
- Printer cartridges (please protect each one in a plastic bag).

Just drop these items in to the School Office during school hours.

### UKI AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The hugely popular Uki After School Care Centre has had a boom start to the year. Advance bookings are essential nowadays as daily numbers regularly approach the maximum permitted under the Centre's licence.

The not-for-profit Centre has proven to be a highly valued and much needed service in the local district, providing care for all primary age children between 3pm and 6pm, Monday to Friday. The government accredited Centre is sponsored by the Uki Public School Parents and Citizens Association, and rates are very affordable.

More and more families are finding that the centre offers them greater flexibility when considering employment, education or training opportunities. Also, many parents are using the centre on a more casual basis just to give themselves a break or to do the shopping in peace, knowing that their children are being cared for in a safe and supportive environment.

Phone Uki Public School on 66795128 for more information and bookings.

## Uki Village In Short...

### POLICE MATTERS

Continuing a pattern that is proving all too familiar to NSW Police, sections of aluminium handrail have been stolen from the new Smiths Creek Bridge at Uki. Aluminium fetches a good price on the scrap metal market, and several other bridges in the Tweed Shire have been targeted in recent months. The latest theft took place on Easter Sunday. Replacement of the handrail will cost in the order of \$10,000 and will be at the expense of every ratepayer in the Tweed Shire. Council will consider replacing the handrail in a different material. Persons with any information are asked to contact Murwillumbah Police on 66729499.

Because of Uki's distance from Police stations, residents are often reluctant to call the Police. However, the Murwillumbah Police have advised that any suspicious matter

should be reported, day or night. Even if the Murwillumbah Police Station is unattended, the call will be received at the Tweed Heads Station.

### ROAD WORKS

Tweed Shire Council is set to commence work on upgrading two sections of Kyogle Road, firstly between the roadside stall and Tall Gums, and secondly between Glenoch and Braeside. When this work is finished in August it will mark the completion of the Kyogle Road upgrade between Byangum Bridge and Uki, apart from the section immediately west of Byangum Bridge. Work will not be carried out on this section until the new Byangum Bridge is built, a major project that could still be several years away because it is dependent on funding from the federal and/or state governments.

### UKI SEWERAGE

Work is set to begin on the long awaited Uki sewerage scheme. Tweed Shire Council and the Dept of Public Works and Services are in the process of reviewing tenders, and a contract will be let in May. According to Council's timetable, residents of Uki village can look forward to the ceremonial 'first flush' in January 2003.

Under a collaborative arrangement between Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and Tweed Shire Council, treated effluent from the sewage treatment plant (on Smiths Creek Rd) will be used to irrigate a plantation of eucalyptus trees, leaves from which will be harvested by staff from the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and fed to koalas resident at the Sanctuary. This will virtually eliminate the need to discharge treated effluent directly into Smiths Creek.

## Lest We Forget...

### ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

A traditional ANZA day dawn service was held at 4.28 am Thursday 25th May at the Uki War Memorial. The Service was led by the Sub Branch Secretary, Ray (John) Blissett assisted by President Kevin Kearns. Wreaths were laid by Reg Armour, Cath Blissett, Mary Roberts, Marg Sweetnam, local MP Neville Newell representing State Government, Councillor Phil Youngblutt representing Tweed Shire Council and several other local residents.

Musicians from the Uki Primary School played the Last Post and Reveille.

The ceremony was attended by approxi-

mately 80 people, including many young children. Seventy people attended the 'Diggers Breakfast' in the Uki Hall. Past President, Mr John French, who is 93, told of his experiences at Uki, recalling that as a young boy, he had attended farewells for Uki men leaving for World War 1.

### ANZAC SERVICE AT UKI SCHOOL

On April 11, an ANZAC service was conducted by students at the Uki School. The children were given a very detailed history of the Battle at Gallipoli. The children and a Sub Branch representative laid wreaths at the base of the 'Lone Pine Tree'. The students and teachers of the school are to be congratulated for the

By the Uki RSL Club Sub Branch

standard of this ANZAC ceremony.

### SUB BRANCH NEWS

The first four months of 2002 have been a very sad time for the members. We have lost long-time members, Alf Harding, Frank Roatz and life member of the Women's Auxiliary, Ella Mitchell. In addition to these losses, Roy Kendrick transferred to Nambour in Queensland. Also, we are about to say farewell to Kevin and Kath Kearns. Kevin has been our President since 1995. They have recently bought a 4-wheel drive vehicle and a caravan and are intending to do a lot of travelling. We wish them a BON VOYAGE!

## UKIRA Annual General Meeting...

The UKIRA AGAM will be held on Tuesday 4 June, 2002 at 7pm in the Uki Hall. A general monthly meeting will follow. At the AGM nominations will be invited to fill a number of positions including office-bearers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer), three committee members and the Public Officer. The AGM presents an opportunity for local residents to

come and review the Association's activities over the preceding year and to participate in the planning process for the coming year.

Since the last issue of the Uki News there has been a great response from people willing to get involved in the activities of UKIRA. The many and varied projects we

are involved in offer a myriad of opportunities for local people. Examples include a Community Technology Centre at Uki, development of a community/business service directory, work with the Uki News team, development of a Uki website, a Uki tourist brochure, noticeboard (community and business) as well as fundraising and administration. So, come along!

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## Gardening & Craft News...

### FLORAL WONDERS

Are you interested in flower arranging? If so, come along to the Uki Garden Club's sub-group. This group meets once a month on the third Thursday from 10am to Noon. Bring along your own flowers, vases, oasis wire, etc and create a beautiful arrangement for your home, friend or loved one. For more details phone Julia on 6679 5414 or Lyn on 6679 5238.

### ABSOLUTELY BLOOMING

The Uki Garden Club is in full swing and along with our gardens after the rain, it is blooming. Membership has grown in the last few months. The AGM is fast approaching, June being the month that positions become vacated. So join, and become an active member of a lively, supportive, informative, friendly group.

For \$20 per year membership you can enjoy gardening demonstrations, workshops, visits to local gardens, the opportunity to swap or buy cheap plants, access to a seed bank, the chance to acquire local gardening knowledge and experience, guest speakers, lending rights to a wonderful library of books and videos, great afternoon teas and a lovely social net-

work. The Garden Club welcomes all family members.

If your interests lie with Mother Nature and her abundance then contact our President, Lyn Reid on 6679 5238 now.

### NEED TO RELAX ? Forget YOGA, MEDITATION & TAI CHI - learn to SPIN!

Would you like to learn a very relaxing hobby? You can destress whilst producing beautiful yarns to weave, knit, crochet or embroider.

Don't be limited to spinning sheep's wool, try spinning silk, cotton, mohair, alpaca or any of the exotic fibres. Don't own a wheel? Spinning wheels are provided to learn on. Six 1 hour lessons will have you spinning successfully. For more info, phone Lyn on 6679 5238.

### DO YOU KNIT, CROCHET, FELT, WEAVE OR SPIN...

If you're new to the Uki area, you may be unaware that the Tweed Valley Spinners and Weavers get together the last Thursday of each month from 9.30am to 2pm at the Uki Sports Ground.

Come along and enjoy the company while

you sit, spin, knit, crochet or felt. Network with other like-minded souls. Information and knowledge given freely by members. Access to wool and other fibres are for sale. Wheels are also for sale. Find out about open days, participate in weekend camps and network with other groups in the region. This is an informal group that meet to share knowledge and friendship. Children are welcome under supervision of a parent or carer.

For more information phone Lyn Reid on 6679 5238 or come along to the next meeting at 9.30am on 23 May.

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## End Of An Era...

By Cath Donaldson

A post office is the hub of communication in any small village or town. It is the centre of information, technology and connection with the outside world.

For the past eighty odd years, the Milsom family have provided this service to the Uki community and the last nine years we have relied on Phil and Nora Milsom to maintain that vital hub.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April we said farewell to this Milsom era. It was a very auspicious day for Uki, a moment in history. A moving and tearful farewell full of wonderful stories, laughs and jokes.

We all joined in to applaud and thank an ordinary couple with an extraordinary



— amount of patience, generosity, kindness and show of commitment to the Uki community.

We will miss them not just for their impeccable customer service, but more importantly we will miss their warmth and their smiles everyday. Phil and Nora will always be welcome in our hearts and in our lives. But you can be assured that this is not goodbye because I reckon we've made a pretty big impact on them too.

I know that whenever we ask them they will be back to join in our community celebrations. We will all be able to catch up with them whenever there is something to celebrate. Just like 'The Friends of Uki' dinner on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Uki Ball 26<sup>th</sup> May.

See you there Phil and Nora!

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Some help with cooking would be greatly appreciated. This is a community effort - ALL WELCOME. Ring Joy Armour 6679 5297.

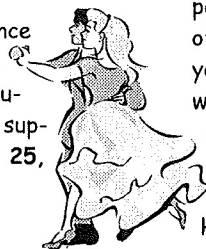
**RED CROSS STREET STALL AND LUNCHEON** will be held on **Friday May 31, 2002** at the Uki Hall. Goods will be on sale from 9am and lunch will be from 12 noon. Ring Joy Armour 6679 5297.



### DO YOU PLAY CARDS?

Enthusiastic card players meet in the Uki Hall every Tuesday. New players are most welcome, so come along and enjoy a day out. Ring Joy Armour 6679 5297

**UKI BALL** Feel like a dance and some fun, then come along to the Uki Hall for Music, Dance, Song & a great supper on **Saturday May 25, 2002.**



**MURDER ON THE DANCE FLOOR!** No need to steal the moves, here's your last chance to learn how to groove so you can shake it at the Uki Ball. Final lesson will be **Saturday May 18, 2002** in the Uki Hall. Ring Ida Daley 6679 5122.

**TWEED VALLEY WILDLIFE CARERS INC** our General Meeting will be held on **Saturday June 1, 2002** at CWA Hall, Queen St, Murwillumbah. Guest speaker will be Ms Shona Peters (of Currumbin Sanctuary) Topic: Raptors - Rescue and emergency care. What to do until the experts take over. New members welcome. Ring 6672 4789.

### ELVIS IS COMING TO UKI

Yes, you read correctly. ELVIS is coming to the Uki Sports Ground on **Friday May 17, 2002.** You will truly believe Elvis has returned when you see Australia's best Elvis impersonator. Enjoy four hours of song and movement taking you right through Elvis' singing career with costumes to match. Come along to a great night for MUMS, DADS and KIDS alike. Gates open at 6pm. \$5 per adult, \$15 per family. Hot Dogs, Hot Chips, Hamburgers & Pies available. SORRY NO



B.Y.O. Bring a rug or cushion to sit on.

**NEXT UKI VILLAGE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (UKIRA) MEETING** Tuesday **June 4, 2002, 7pm** at the Uki Hall.

UKIRA AGM will be held in the Uki Hall on **Tuesday June 4, 2002** at 7pm. Please come along and care for your community!

**SPHINX ROCK FAIR** every other month at Mt Burrell Caravan Park, next month **SHARE-A-SKILL DAY, Sunday June 2, 2002.** Local artisans and crafts



people are offering their talents to you. For a small charge you can come and learn, listen or experience exciting activities ranging from Aikido to astrology to pottery making.

**FRIENDS OF UKI DINNER - WINTER SOLSTICE** Saturday 22 June, 2002. Details to be announced, keep watching your mail box for the invite!

**DEADLINE NEXT UKI NEWS ISSUE: June 15, 2002.** Call Colin Funch on 6679 5747, or email colinfunch@hotmail.com

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## Television Black Spot Survey - Survey Result...from page 1

Question	Yes	No	Unsure
Are you satisfied with your existing TV reception?	51%	39%	10%
Does your property have direct line of sight to the eastern face of The Sisters?	61%	27%	12%
Are you concerned about electromagnetic radiation from the proposed facility?	66%	25%	8%
Do you want this project to proceed?	32%	58%	10%
Would you be prepared to assist in the management of this project?	17%	71%	12%

## Historical Snippet...

In early 1914 Mr Ryder sold the Uki store to Mr AS Loder, who was a bullock driver in the district.



Later that year Mr Loder took his family to Duranbah to visit relatives and Mr Beetham, his

manager, went to his hometown Beaudesert.

That same Saturday afternoon, a fire started. It destroyed the Bank, the Post Office, the General Store, the Auctioneer's premises and the residence behind the store.

The Hall was saved by volunteers who

passed buckets of water up to Jim Mitchell on the roof. He kept pouring it down the walls.

The insurance company later bought him a new suit. The store reopened in the Hall and Mr Loder was helped to restock by merchants in Murwillumbah.

*From 'The Way It Was'*

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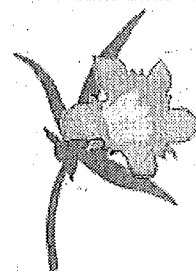
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**Sports News**

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& times, check the Notice  
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Still on sports.... the ladies  
would like to join in the  
next Australia Day Cricket  
Match !!!



**UKIRA wishes all Uki mothers  
a Happy Mother's Day 2002!**

**FREE OFFER**

**Where Are You?!**

We need your  
help! UKIRA is putting together a  
Greater Uki Directory and we need to  
know where you are! If you are a resi-  
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and the Nimbin turn-off, please let us  
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for UKI P&C? There may be some willing  
helpers who don't have children at the  
school. You may be marketing something  
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There are many newcomers and weekend-  
ers to Uki who may wish to participate in  
activities, join clubs or buy goods. And  
what about those of us who have lived  
here for a number of years and eventually  
discover something only to say "GEE! I  
didn't know that!"

So come on everyone, **GET IN TOUCH**  
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NAME OF ORGANISATION (e.g. Rotary, Garden Club, Historical Society):

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON:

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY & TIME OF ACTIVITY (e.g. Art Classes Wed 9am to 12 noon, Childcare. Mon To Fri 4pm to 6pm, Residents Assn 1st Tues of month 7pm):

ANY OTHER INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you have more than one entry please photocopy this form*