

# THE UKI NEWS

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An initiative of the Uki and Districts Residents' Association (UKIRA)

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## **Squaretunda finished at last**

**Phil Carr**

Put the champagne on ice!

Uki Village is ready to celebrate the completion of a new multi-purpose building.

The much anticipated project involved the partial demolition of the former tennis pavilion located in the park next to the Uki Public Hall and its replacement with a more appropriate building that better meets the needs of the community.

Boasting character, function and strength, the new building is a credit to the amazing team of local workers including architect Trevor White, master builder Pat Carroll and steel craftsman Kevin Polglaze.

Dubbed the 'Squaretunda', the powered building will serve the community as an outdoor performance space, concert stage, function venue, and a great place to meet! It will be managed by the Uki Public Hall Trust and adds to the already impressive list of community assets

in the village.

Impetus for the rebuild came several years ago when former President of the Uki Residents Association and latent artist Barry Longland sketched his vision of how the tennis pavilion could be modified. When Barry was elected to Council in 2008 the concept was carried on by other members of the Residents Association with support from the Uki Public Hall Trust.

But it was another two years before the Uki Residents Association secured funding for the not inconsiderable project through a 'stimulus' grant from the NSW government supported by Member for Lismore, Thomas George. Supplementary funding was also provided by Twin Towns Club and Kingscliff Bowls under the NSW ClubsGRANTS

scheme. Additional funds were provided by UKIRA.

The building project was given another boost when local landowner Peter van Lieshout generously offered to donate the necessary timber – thank you Peter! However, difficult access to Peter's property plus an extended wet season meant a further delay of 18 months until finally, in very challenging conditions, the timber was milled by experienced timber worker Don Mackay, assisted by Paul Scott. Work eventually got under way in April and construction finished in May.

Special mention to local architect Trevor White and his wife

Denise who not only designed the building but prepared the drawings (several times) and gave plenty of helpful advice on the way – all without charge! Thanks also to Trevor's colleague, Rob Aungle, structural engineer from Huonbrook who also provided his services free of charge.

An official opening will be held soon - TBA.

Meanwhile, any decorating ideas...?



The way it was

## From the Editor

What a busy time it's been in the village and how glad we all are that the road is finished and the squaretunda is open for business. Do drop in on the musicians jamming in the squaretunda on most Saturday mornings—you can admire the improved acoustics!

I hope you enjoy this issue of the News. I aim to include something for everyone, but of course I rely on all the contributors to share their knowledge and expertise. New contributors are welcome to email me with their ideas at [theukinews@hotmail.com](mailto:theukinews@hotmail.com). I can say off the top of my head that a home-brewing expert would be most welcome. UKIRA President Samuel Quint is hanging out for some practical tips, so if you're a brewmeister please contact me.

Anita Morton

**Deadline for Issue 66 is 24 July**

## Biggest Morning Tea thanks

The Biggest Morning Tea 2012, in aid of Cancer Research, was held in Uki Hall On Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The day was a great success, and a big thank you goes out to all who helped in any way, with their cooking, and working with us on the day. Competition winners for the day were;

Denise White  
Harry Pearson Jr.  
Shirley Harris  
Sebastian Finn  
Salwah  
Jean Robinson  
Wayne Brims  
Bob Bulmer



### The Uki Miss Tweed Ball for

**2012** was a great success. The Committee would like to thank all the local business people who gave donations, the Red Cross members and friends who gave gifts and helped with cooking, and everyone who helped on the night, and in the lead up, to make it so successful.

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The workers on the squaretunda. Note the heavenly rays of approval shining down on upon them!



## The Uki Hall Trust

would like to thank Pat, Kevin and the team for their efforts in the rebuilding of the former tennis shed in the Park. Despite some setbacks, they stayed cheerful and they have done a wonderful job in transforming the space which can now be used for a variety of purposes more suited to today's Uki. We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of UKIRA in obtaining the grant funds which made the work possible.

Many other people played a role in this change to the centre of the Village. To them also we extend our gratitude and hope they will enjoy this new asset for the district.

**Mary Lee Connery, Chair,  
Uki Public Hall Trust**

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## UKIRA Report

Hello good citizens one and all, welcome to another edition of the best news in town, *The Uki News*. There has been quite a bit going on in the village of late, the Old Tennis Shed has been renovated to become a much more open, useful and visually pleasing structure, the Tweed Shire Council has completed the road resurfacing works on the Eastern approach to the village and there have been some great shows in town, not least of all the many wonderful performances at the recent Honour our Elders day festival which twined very nicely with the Uki Buttery Bazaar. UKIRA representatives recently attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of community

round table sessions of the Tweed Shire Council 2011/15 draft delivery plan. UKIRA considers it important to attend these 'nuts and bolts' type meetings where possible to get the best outcomes for funding and project direction in and around the village.

The Residents Association also had an on-site meeting with Council staff to discuss parking and access issues in the village. These issues are brought to the fore on Market days in particular and it is with these peak periods in mind that we are seeking to improve the flow of traffic and pedestrian access. These discussions have been productive and we believe shall lead to some consider-

## Samuel Quint, President

able improvements in the village, of particular note is the likely designation of a disabled parking bay in the village centre.

UKIRA has agreed to take part in a community meeting to discuss the potential impacts of Coal Seam Gas in our area. Persons attending the meeting will be given the opportunity to conduct surveys to establish more clearly what the broader village and district population think about this controversial industry. This meeting will occur in the village Hall on June 21. UKIRA encourages all residents to attend and put forward their views.

## Garden Club

This month we discussed companion planting...what a great plant world subject!

Here are some to start with:

Marigolds - the smell deters aphids, nectar attracts adult hoverflies (whose larvae are predators of aphids) and it deters beetles and nematodes in the soil.

Basil - can increase the production of tomatoes up to 20%.

Chervil - will make radishes taste spicier.

Tarragon - known as the Nurse Plant, it enhances growth and flavour of crops grown with it, especially eggplant. Its scent is disliked by most insects.

Nasturtium - well known to attract caterpillars, therefore, planting them around vegetables such as lettuce or cabbage protects them from damage, as egg laying insects will tend to prefer the nasturtium.

Silverbeet - likes onions.

Peas - like carrots.

Horseradish - increases the disease resistance of potatoes.

Peppermint and thyme - are great for the Brassica family.

Tansy - good to grow with beans, cucurbits (cucumbers/squash/pumpkin), corn and roses.

Here are some natural insect repellents:

Cabbage Butterfly - rosemary, mint, dill, sage, hyssop, garlic, oregano, spearmint, tansy, thyme and chamomile.

Fruit Fly - tansy and basil.

Tomato Worm - garlic

Snails - Garlic, trap in inverted citrus peel cups.

Ants - mint, catmint, tansy, garlic, pennyroyal, spearmint.

Alfalfa - a perennial that roots deeply. Fixes nitrogen in the soil, accumulates iron, magnesium,

## Lorraine Lintern

phosphorous and potassium. Withstands droughts with its long taproot and can improve just about any soil! It also has the ability to break up hard clay soil and can even send its roots through rocks! Now that is a tenacious plant! It is practically pest and disease free and only needs natural rainfall to survive.

This is just a list that I have gathered together over the years, you can find out more on Wikipedia. A great online resource is [www.idepfoundation.org](http://www.idepfoundation.org).

**Mum's Tip:-** Throw or spray cool soapy water over aphids, when they become a nuisance (best using pure Sunlight soap). Although, the finches do like aphids.....

Uki Garden Club - contact: [lorraine.lintern@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.lintern@gmail.com)



## OTHERWISE THERAPY

Heather McClelland is a member of the Australian Counsellor's Association (ACA). She has her therapy practice in Uki village and she invites individuals, parents and/or couples to make contact, for either short or long-term therapy. She offers group work including parenting and couples' groups and workplace training. Heather's fees are on a sliding scale according to each counsellee's financial circumstances. Leave a message if she is absent when you phone.

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It is increasingly common to see young children absorbed in some kind of technology – DS, iPhone games, etc. – when out and about with their parents. The temptation is understandable – many of us will relate to the challenge of supermarket shopping and queue waiting with a bored and restless young child. But are there health and well being implications for those who are regularly lost in a computer game, rather than observing and participating with the 'real' world? The short answer is - probably. Much of the framework for the adult we will become is laid down in the childhood years. The development of social skills, self-discipline, awareness, perception and life-skills are strengthened by engaging with the

world around us. The long term implications of excessive social usage of technology from a young age are still not clear, but some interesting research projects do point to some relevant findings. These include an increased tendency to poor sleep behaviour, such as sleep-onset delay, night waking, sleep anxiety and shortened sleep duration in children who use computer games frequently. Sleep is *essential* for children's health and development and plays an important role in learning, retention and recall. For some children, overuse of computer games will also lead to poor concentration and focus, inappropriate behaviour and difficulty in developing impulse control – this quite often progresses to social and/or school difficulties.

So what is the solution? Given the absolute reality of technology in our children's life, I would suggest that a total ban is unhelpful and unrealistic. I think the goal needs to be one of progressively supporting them to have a healthy perspective about the role, purpose, pluses and minuses of technology. How much is too much will obviously vary with each child and each family, but should be considered with care and with consideration for age and developmental stage. In addition, warning bells should perhaps be sounding if you sense obsession or need in the child. If you have concerns, trust your instinct and get some help – there are strategies and therapeutics that can assist.

## The Buttery Bazaar - Next markets 17 June and 15 July

### Business, customer needs and money

### Geoffrey Colwill



#### Business and customer needs

We only have a viable business if we are meeting other people's

needs.

Being clear about the frustrations/problems/needs of our target market/customers enables us to improve our business.

#### How would it be if we asked the customers we know best.....

What are the biggest frustrations (problems/needs) you face?

What do you like most/least about the service/product I provide?

#### Good idea? – Do it today!

Keeping track of money can be simple and easy.

#### Keep out of trouble with the tax office

In order to report the quarterly BAS we need to keep track of customers' payments and bills paid to suppliers. This then gives us most of the information that we need for our annual tax return.

#### Better know what's happening in your business

In knowing where our money comes from, and where it goes, we can make choices about where we earn most money for least effort. The 20/80 rule – for 20% of our effort we

get 80% of our income.

#### Only do what needs to be done.

Look at what is the minimum that needs to be done to track the finances? Commit to just getting that done. Only add other 'nice to dos' when the basics are completed. Maybe as a reward for meeting your commitment to yourself?

#### Being committed to setting aside time once a week (or month) enables us to keep up to date with tracking the money.

In this way we avoid the cloud of 'must do that boring money stuff', and *we feel good about keeping up to date.*

#### Good idea? – Do it today!



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We've all seen disasters happen. You can be well prepared in case something happens to you, whether that is a natural disaster or an economic problem like losing a job. The SES recommends that we all keep **at least** a seven day supply of food in storage – you can decide if that's enough for your family or not. Many people prefer to keep supplies on hand for two weeks or more. You will already have refrigerated and frozen food to tide you over the first few days. Once the power is off you will need to eat it all quickly before it spoils – the fridge supplies first, then the frozen foods. Keep the freezer closed and you should have about three days before you need to cook whatever is in there – inspect everything carefully and throw it out if in doubt. Your pantry will supply your usual staples like cooking oil, salt, sugar, coffee, flour etc. Suitable long-life foods which will keep without refrigeration in an emergency include;

- Canned beans, chickpeas and lentils
- Canned fish
- Baked beans
- Canned meat and meat dishes

**Cabaret 360—a feast of performance!**

Some stellar performers come out for this year's Cabaret 360 show, including International acrobatic and comedy act 'The Pitts', the irrepressible Ivy Lucille (pictured) fresh back from time overseas and local favourites Bill Jacobi and Li'l Fi performing as you have never seen them before. Also on the line up is Sydney Cabaret favourite Thomas Jack of Hearts, the unique choir, Men Wot Sing, stand out youth performances and many more.



Cabaret 360 happens **this weekend** - Friday June 8 and Saturday June 9 - in the Uki Hall. Hurry to get your tickets from the Uki Supermarket; The Organic Revolution Murwillumbah; and online from [www.ukitopiaartscollective.com](http://www.ukitopiaartscollective.com), where you'll also find more information about the show.

- Canned fruit in juice and fruit 'snack packs'
- Dried shelf-stable meat like beef jerky
- Canned vegetables such as tomatoes and corn
- Unsalted nuts and seeds
- Dried fruit
- Wholegrain breakfast cereals
- Wholegrain crackers
- Powdered milk and small containers of UHT milk
- Shelf stable prepared meals or sauces in foil packets or bottles
- Peanut and other nut butters
- Bottled water or tank water

All these can be eaten without needing to be cooked further. Remember that gas cookers will not work if they have electronic ignition, so plan other cooking facilities, such as a barbecue, fuel and some sturdy cookware. With those, you can also include such things as:

- Dried chickpeas, split peas and lentils (all fairly quick cooking)
- Commercial dried vegetables like Surprise peas and Deb instant mashed potato
- Rice noodles and cellophane noodles
- Rice and rolled oats
- Home dried vegetables like sliced carrots, chopped onions

Make sure you select items that your family regularly eats, so that you can rotate supplies and not lose them to spoilage.

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## Handy Hints for Hassled Parents

### Helping our kids to FEEL loved

The best set of hints I got as a mother of young children was handy because it seemed to work and secondly because it was relatively easy to remember!

- Give them lots of loving eye contact.
- Offer affectionate touch whenever and however the opportunity allows.
- When they need it provide them with your focused attention.

As I began to follow this recipe I found that a lot of whingeing, fighting and demanding seemed to be extinguished because the kids' emotional tanks were being kept full. Offering these three kinds of attention **gave me my time back** because once the children had their emotional tanks full, off they would go to play happily They even seemed to get on better with their siblings!

### Catching our kids out doing good!

Like grown ups, children thrive on encouragement. Paying attention to their effort is more important than being over the top with our praise.

It's sobering that many children experience their parents' attention ONLY when they are doing something bad. Eyes flashing with anger and voices raised to reprimand builds up negativity, fear and a feeling of being unloved.

Some children specially seem to attract negative attention. What a challenging idea to catch our children out doing good stuff! This bias means our warm eye contact, the sound of our voices raised in genuine interest and our affectionate touch and joyful interaction will hit home more and more often.

*What about sticking any particularly helpful hint on the fridge? Look at it often, talk about it with your partner and/or other parents and friends. Experiment and take on what seems to work. The more we try things out and discuss them, the more they become a part of who we are.*

**Heather McClelland** of Otherwise Therapy is including some handy hints to hassled parents to her familiar series on Relational Health.

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My Mum is a fantastic cook. This is her version of a recipe from her great cook best mate, Helen Donaldson, especially for the carnivores. Tripe bears the brunt of the most unjustified vitriol. It's all about the texture and flavour. Tripe is similar to tofu in that it's a chameleon that picks up the flavour of whatever you cook it in. This feeds four.

The recipe is still in avoirdupois measure – that will tax you. A saltspoon is about a third of a teaspoon. I reckon recipes are all about ideas and precise measures should not be the subject of angst. But hey for this a kilogram of tripe and about 500ml of stock will get you out of trouble. When in doubt use more garlic!

### Trippa Alla Fiorentina

Braised tripe with tomato sauce

**Get the following** locally and avoid those awful super-market barns that victimize both producers and consumers.

- 2 tablespoons of maize or corn oil (olive oil works well too)
- ¼ pound finely chopped onions
- 2oz finely chopped celery
- 2lb honeycomb tripe cut into 2" x ¾" strips
- 2½ tablespoons of tomato paste (home made tomato purée and omit the stock works OK too)

- ¾ pint beef stock
- 5 tablespoons of fresh parsley
- 2 saltspoons of finely chopped garlic
- 2 saltspoons of marjoram
- Freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 2 or 3 anchovies

### Then

- In a heavy saucepan with a lid heat oil and add onions and celery. Cook over moderate heat until the onions are soft.
  - Add tripe, toss until well combined.
  - Add parsley, garlic, marjoram and salt.
  - Dissolve the tomato paste in the stock and add to the saucepan
  - Bring to the boil and simmer slowly, regulating the heat so that the surface of the sauce barely moves.
  - In 2½ to 3 hours the tripe should be tender. Adjust the thickness of the sauce with stock.
  - Towards the end of the cooking add the finely chopped anchovies.
  - Serve with parmesan and good sourdough bread.
- A pinot noir, light and fruity cool – goes well with this.

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(Arrrrgh! Tripe! Ed.)

## Astrology

## Paola Emma

After her visible transit over the Sun, on June 6, Venus will return to the pre-dawn sky. This phase is associated with conflicts rather than peace-making: time to be assertive in relationships, striving for fairness, while hopefully avoiding serious confrontations. Gemini-Sagittarius-Virgo-Pisces will be more susceptible to the nervous tension and excitement of this transit.

Individuals with Gemini highlighted in their Birth Charts will begin receiving Jupiter's blessing on June 12, a transit active for twelve months. Jupiter enhances self-confidence, making us more aware of available opportunities. A Jupiter period is often a fortunate one, when one is more prepared to be optimistic and take chances, a recipe for success.

Good news for Virgo: Mars will enter Libra on July 3, after eight months transit through their Sign! Librans have two months (until August 24) to be more decisive and resolute, powering ahead without excessive planning and thinking, often a paralysing habit with them. Mercury will turn Retrograde on July

15, retracing its steps through Leo until August 8: a chance for Leo individuals to slow down, rethink stuff and find better ways to express their intense drive and creativity. Not the best of times to be perfectly organized or to shine.

There is no doubt that the most influential transit of the season will be the long awaited and somewhat dreaded Uranus-Pluto square, permeating the rest of 2012, with a second pass on September 19. It will repeat in fact seven times, its effects likely to linger until 2015. In direct alignment with it will be the fifth/twelfth degree of Aries (Mar25/Apr2), Cancer (Jun27/Jul4), Libra (Sep28/Oct5), Capricorn (Dec27/Jan2). This is part of a great Uranus-Pluto cycle that began with their conjunction in the 1960s, a decade remem-

bered for social and cultural upheavals. Something similar has been in the air since 2010 and is intensifying now, pointing to a similar rebellious spirit, at the personal level for individuals in direct alignment with this transit, and at the collective level for entire nations of people. Critical dates will be the end of June, beginning of July, and around July 19.

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(or a plant) for a different reasons other than the standard herb uses'. These folk magic practices come from all sorts of cultures.

Those of you who are familiar with The Happy Herb Store, know that we LOVE Damiana. It is a wonderful herb that produces, for most people, an amazing sense of calm and peace. Damiana is native to the south western United States (Central America, Mexico, South America and the Caribbean.) In Mexico it is used in root work to help people with love issues. It can be smoked or drunk in a tea.

It has been used in medicinal practice since the 1870s as a kidney cleanser and a cure for bladder disease. However it was New York Pharmacist F.B.Crouch who was the first to promote the aphrodisiac properties of Damiana, where he advertised that it would 'Restore Youth and Vitality to those suffering with Nervous Debility'. 'Mormon Elders' Wafers', his patented brand of Damiana biscuit, were sold in the States up until the 1950s.

Damiana is used by couples to increase their fun in the

bedroom, by adding it to the bath, burning it as incense or adding it to their food (it adds a wonderful flavour). It is also said that if you sprinkle Sampson Snake Root and Damiana in the food of your lover, it will intensify their feelings for you; if however you use this mixture as a bath tea, you will attract a new lover.

If your lover has a wandering eye, it's said that carrying Damiana, Balm of Gilead Buds and something of your lover's in a little bag will make them return to you. Another way to bring a lost lover back with Damiana is to place the herb in a bottle of whiskey and anoint your front door step every day for 21 days.

**Last Days for Green Corps**

Uki has seen one of the last days of Green Corps in and around our village with the closing of this Federal Government initiative. Green Corps have had a big and positive effect on the environment and the appeal of Uki village over the last 6 years.

We very much appreciate all the effort they have given our community and wish the Green Corps participants all the best for the future. On behalf of Uki residents, thank you.

**Eddie Roberts**



**Community Meeting re Coal Seam Gas**

Michael McNamara from **Lock the Gate – Tweed** is holding a Community Meeting at the Uki Hall at 3pm on Saturday 21 July, to promote their CSG-free communities initiative. UKIRA encourages all Uki and district residents, whatever their opinion about this contentious issue, to come along and take part in the discussion. The CSG-free communities programme relies heavily on volunteers, but starts with a community meeting such as this one. To find out more about the initiative visit

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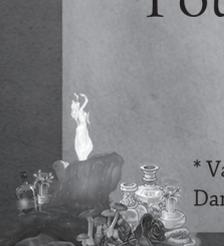
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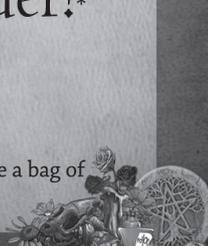
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Since the last newsletter our Society has held a photographic display, hosted the Northern Rivers Zone Conference of the Royal Australian Historical Societies in Lismore and held our A.G.M.

The display was held in conjunction with Elder's Day and the theme was 'Faces of the South Arm' and featured old and not so old pictures of people who lived, worked, played and served their country at some time of their lives on the South Arm. Mary Lee and helpers searched the archives for the photos. So many to choose from!

Society member, Penny Watsford was the speaker at the Zone Conference and she spoke about self-publishing books. Penny and her

illustrator/collaborator Margaret Elliott have published three books, and Penny gave an informative talk to the interested members.

No changes were made at the election of office bearers at the A.G.M. We have welcomed two new members, Alan Thompson and Beth Keevers.

One of the 'faces' in the recent display was that of Ken Highfield. This is what he said in an interview for 'The Way it Was' in 1987.

'We always had late night shopping on Friday night at Loder's. They told me it had the biggest floor space of any shop between Newcastle and Brisbane. We had no vehicle, we'd come down with Bob and Sandy Walls. First night I came down, I went to Loder's and there were a whole damn tribe of kids followin'

me around shop just to hear me talk. It were the Yorkshire dialect' You can bail up Ken and still hear that distinctive dialect. He can be found most days raking up the leaves and keeping Uki tidy.

The Society has photos of Loder's Store.

Don't forget to visit our outdoor area, near the Hall Park, on Uki Buttery Market Sundays and browse through the changing display Esma and Jayne set up. Our visitors numbered 941 from May 2011 to April 2012.

We are also open on Fridays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Monthly meetings are held on the second Saturday at 10.00 am. Ph. 02 6679 5890.

## Uki Pythons



The action has been heating up at the Python Pit in recent weeks, with the fine weather allowing The Pythons to perform at the

beautiful Uki Sports Ground. After having to postpone or transfer several early season fixtures, it has been a relief for players and officials to finally take the field.

In the football department, things are going well. The Men's 5th Division team currently shows the way, sitting on top of the ladder after 5 games. While the season is still in

its early stages, the boys are looking good.

In Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, The Pythons are starting to hit their straps. After three draws early in the season, the boys have found some form, with wins in their last two games.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Women, the 2012 can already be considered a success. There has been an influx of new faces to the team, with a nice mix of experienced players and some players new to the sport who are showing plenty of promise. The girls have already notched their first win of the season, which is a great effort.

In the Junior Competitive age group, the Grade 13 Pythons are doing well. Despite the tough opposition in this level, these kids are playing

some great football, with a win just around the corner.

In the younger age groups, there are no competition points to play for, but the games are just as keenly contested. As always, the Uki kids are doing their club and supporters proud. There are some talented youngsters learning the game in Uki. More importantly, they play the game in the right spirit at all times and benefit from being involved in sport. It's a pleasure to see so many great young people involved with the club.

The Pythons would like to thank all of our supporters who help make a day at the Sports Ground so much fun. We hope to see every one there in season 2012.

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## Byrrill Creek Dam moratorium

Today we can celebrate....On the Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May Council Meeting a **20 year moratorium on building Byrrill Creek dam** was passed by our more open Councillors, with Mayor Barry Longland's extra casting vote. Our heartfelt thanks to them! Mayor Barry put forward an amendment to include approval on raising Clarrie Hall Dam, however Cr Katie Milne did not support this amendment, and it was not passed. Cr Milne explains why. *"My concern is that there was no analysis in the Council reports on whether it's possible to avoid dam building, or if we could achieve this with substantial water savings. ... Council is actually in process of commissioning an independent review so surely we should wait for that. It's not about Byrrill Creek or Clarrie Hall dam at this stage; it's about maximizing wa-*

*ter conservation in new developments."*

The Independent Review of the Integrated Water Management Cycle would look at the justifications for the need for additional water supply by 2036, particularly population growth, and water consumption figures...on which this whole debate of the dams rests.

The majority of Community Consultation Working Group members (CWG) on the Tweed's Water Options requested an evaluation of the potential for additional water saving measures such as storm-water harvesting and recycled water before committing to the raising of Clarrie Hall Dam.

There is overwhelming support by the Tweed community to implement extensive water saving in new developments. This was indicated by

## Joanna Gardner

2,200 signatures on Petitions to Council, the majority of submissions to council on water augmentation, the CWG group statement, and the farmers' support for dual reticulation, all of which has been ignored by Council.

In Sydney, Rouse Hill Urban Recycled water scheme reduced demand for drinking water by 40% and Olympic Park WRAMS Scheme by 50%. Why is the choice of a dam the Council's only solution? With an impasse on the Clarrie Hall dam again, it's high time for the Tweed Council to embrace more sustainable water solutions.

A Community Water Wise Workshop will be held on Sat June 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am- 12.30 with expert, Dr Litowski from Sydney Olympic Park. Details: Phone 6679 7039

### Did You Know?

Blacksmith's Lane was named for the blacksmith's business run by Alf Cox. Marshall Street commemorates D C Marshall, who was known as the father of Uki.

### Yoga in Uki



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The Uki Café would like to send a big 'Thank You' to Kelly, Craig and Dallis, for all their support on design and painting the café. It was much appreciated.

Unfortunately, somewhere between 8.30pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday morning someone deliberately damaged the property by etching scribble on one of the front glass panel doors. The café has never had any kind of damage done like this before, and it is not the kind of thing we want to see again. Uki Village is a peaceful, safe community, not one where this kind of sneaking meanness is or ever will be welcome. If anybody saw anything or knows anything about this matter, they will be rewarded - phone 0409 810 807.

The Murwillumbah police have a record of this offence and The Uki Cafe has now installed 24hr surveillance cameras.



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## Landcare Tour in Uki

On Monday May 14 Landcare Australia visited one of Uki's most recent landcare projects, the National Tree Day 2012 planting in Gerald Parker Park opposite Uki Sports Ground. Those on the tour bus dropped in to see the site and spoke to Caroline Rifello and others involved in this project.

The Tweed had a lot to show on the day with projects by Fingal Dune Care, Sustainable Sugar growing at Duranbah, Bruce Chick Park and the Friends of Wollumbin's inspiring site on Kyogle Rd at Byangum. With support from Tweed Shire Council the Gerald Parker Park site is going very well.

**Eddie Roberts**



## Church Buildings: use them or lose them

The church at Tumbulgam has been sold to defray the debts of an Anglican school. The Burringbar church is on the market. Yet churches are not built by bishops and archdeacons but are raised up by communities ... even if their title deeds are held in a 'head office' somewhere.

It is difficult, admittedly, to justify the upkeep of buildings that are used only occasionally; but their use may well be restricted by traditional (even medieval) understandings of what is possible. And I'm not thinking only of Anglicans: after all, the Catholics recently sold their churches in Tyalgum and Crystal Creek.

In practice it seems to me that most denominations are deliberately balancing on individual logs when, together, they could form a viable life-raft. Even as they sink, they are unwilling to link up with others for fear



Holy Trinity Church dressed for Easter

of losing their identity: they'd rather drown! As an Anglican (i.e. Protestant) I am denied the sacrament when I attend Mass in Catholic Churches: but this obscenity is matched by the ruling that only an Anglican priest can preside at Holy Communion in an Anglican church ..... and so on!

As a non-stipendiary priest (too old to be paid) I am freed of the re-

## Rev. John Tyman

straints which snare many colleagues. I am also blessed in Uki in having a ministry team, of which I am but one member. We are recognizably 'Anglican' on the first Sunday of each month, but on other days we worship outside the box. (In those months that have five Sundays we even dialogue with representatives of other faiths.) We unscrewed our pews years ago.

We are also blessed by the creativity of our community ... by Ukitopia and the 'gigs' staged at Holy Trinity by the Songwriters of the Songlines – when the building is often packed with beautiful people. When I asked my Bishop last year if I had ministered in Uki for too long and should resign, he said that if I did the church would have to close – presumably because he could not afford to staff it. But he doesn't know Uki!

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Now is a sensational time of year to be planting your winter veggies, if you haven't done so already. Cabbages, *collies*, broccoli, snow peas, beetroot and celery are all good picks to be planting out in our neighbourhood, as the cooler months draw closer and the days get shorter. These and many other terrific winter growers are readily available to purchase as seedlings from any of our local markets, which will give you a six week leap on planting seed. Also, buying seedlings from your local market means you're supporting the local community, you're buying a local product,

and you can be more certain that you're buying something that is relevant to our local climate and conditions. It's worth remembering that vegetables are seasonal food and generally climate specific so when choosing edible foods to grow ensure they're well suited to a sub-tropical climate and they're in season at the time of planting, or you might waste time and money. It's always okay to ask a seller about their growing methods, especially if you want to buy seedlings that have been grown organically.

Before planting out winter seedlings into a sunny spot turn the soil over first to a depth of at least 30 cm and add a healthy amount of compost to

the soil and dig it right in. I like to wrap a handful of compost (or worm castings) around each of my seedlings as I plant them out, and they bloody well love it. If you soak clumps of comfrey leaves in a sealed bucket of water for a week or two you'll have a really good, smelly, organic fertiliser that will feed your soil while boosting your plants, just apply half strength every couple of weeks. Comfrey leaves and stems can also be dug into the soil prior to planting, and as they wilt and break down they'll nourish the dirt with a good supply of all the essential nutrients required to keep your soil in optimum condition. Live to grow. **Shaun Mack**

## Fun at Mt Warning Preschool

As we settle into term two at Mount Warning Community preschool our children are delighting in these gorgeous sunny autumn days allowing them to explore our rainforest gardens, eco cubby, new soft fall (with a large python to sit and slide on), sandpit and more. We welcome parents and families to come and check out our special community run preschool as there are still some vacancies this year. We also have a playgroup from 9.30-11am Tuesday mornings run by the magical Delece Flight who is a favourite and fun friend of all tots. She happily facilitates painting, playdough, games, songs and other diverting activities, it's also a great environment for the under 3's to learn some basic social skills. But wait!...hold onto your bats....oops .....black cats...no!...tall pointy hats.....because we are doing a very exciting fundraising event in Uki in October that will delight adults and children alike...for now it's a secret...ssshhh...once the pixies know they will tell everyone! So keep your pointy ears peeled for an exciting announcement in the next Uki News. Until then be safe, have fun and nurture the small and precious members of our wonderful Uki community. For all enquiries contact Mount Warning Community Preschool 120 Glenock Rd Uki. Ph. 6679 5313.

## Flood warning system

Due to the revised Probable Maximum Flood level now in place for Clarrie Hall Dam, Council is required to have a Dam Safety Emergency Plan in place. This plan consists of a warning system for all people living downstream of the dam.

The dam as originally constructed is very safe and can comfortably handle a one in 2,800 year flood, but is now required to be safe in a one in 10,000,000 year flood—an **extremely** unlikely event. Nevertheless, Council is upgrading the spillway to cope with such a flood and it will be complete by 2014. In the meantime, the safety plan is in place.

If you live downstream of the dam, you might have had an automated phone call or text message back in January, telling you that the dam was at White Alert. This is the first stage of flood alert, when water is running 2 metres deep over the spillway. The alert system then goes to Amber (3.5m) and Red (6m), at which point you will get the final instruction to evacuate immediately, before the water starts running over the dam wall and before there is the potential of the dam failing. There will be at least three and a half hours between White Alert and any possible danger, time you should use to pack and get ready to go.



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