



# Environmental Impact Statement for Raising Clarrie Hall Dam

Jai Morrison

Tweed Shire Council is working to secure the long term water supply for the growing shire population and adapt to the impacts of climate change by pursuing the proposal to raise the height of the wall of the Clarrie Hall Dam by 8.5 metres. This will increase the storage capacity from 16,000 megalitres to approximately 42,300 megalitres providing water security until at least 2046 and increasing the supply's resilience to climate change.



The proposal is declared to be State Significant Infrastructure and to achieve State Government approvals an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared to understand the extent of potential impacts during construction as well the future operation of the dam. The EIS will include many expert studies including assessments of dam safety, cultural heritage, biodiversity, flooding, water quality, hydrology, traffic and road safety, noise, air quality and other subjects of importance to residents and the NSW Government.

Stakeholder feedback has been integral to the development of the proposal and directly influenced the scope of studies and activities undertaken by Council including compensation for property owners affected by inundation and building

a new higher McCabe's Bridge to maintain resident access to Commissioners Creek and the Crams Farm public recreation area on the southern end of the dam.

Key findings of the studies to date indicate the inundation area will cover some high value vegetation and habitat which are planned to be offset by regeneration of areas near the dam. There is no impact on existing aquatic ecology and additional water habitat for aquatic ecology will be created. Council is working closely with registered Aboriginal Parties on appropriate strategies to recover artefacts as the project progresses. No additional flooding impacts are anticipated and there is likely to be benefits from the increased size of the dam. Water quality within the dam will need to be actively managed similar to current practice. Gas will slowly be released as submerged vegetation decomposes.

Traffic will increase during construction with up to 160 vehicle movements per day. Strategies to reduce traffic and support road safety include transporting workers by bus and on site concrete batching. The quarry which provided materials for the original dam will be reopened to provide construction materials and reduce heavy vehicle use on local roads. During construction, noise from machinery will be audible during the day along with occasional rock blasting at the reopened quarry.

The raising of the dam wall can be done safely as the current dam wall is structurally very strong and was designed to be raised. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025.



Clarrie Hall Dam Cram's Farm

The Draft EIS documents can be accessed online at [yoursaytweed.com.au](https://yoursaytweed.com.au) where you can ask questions and make comments as well as complete a short survey. This page is managed and monitored by EIS consultants EcoLogical Australia to ensure the consultation is independent of Council.



# From the Editors

## Welcome to Uki News Issue 117.

As we head into the Autumn/Winter seasons we hope that this Issue finds the Uki Community healthy and in good spirits.

Due to the rising cost of producing the Uki News a review of advertising rates was necessary. The new rates

are listed below and a detailed chart can be found on page 15. **This is the first rate rise since 2008.**

A **NEW** Classified ad section has been introduced for this and future Issues of the Uki News. Guidelines for anyone wishing to place a Classified ad can be found on Page 13. \*

*The Uki Village and District Residents Association (UKIRA) public meeting. Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the meeting/supper Room at the UKI Hall. Entry is through the back door off the back verandah.*

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## Letters To The Editor



We'd love to hear from you... Send your letters to [theukinews@hotmail.com](mailto:theukinews@hotmail.com).

## Signs

It is sad to observe the controversy surrounding the recent activity out at Sweetenham Park, the Eastern approach to Uki, regarding signs and signage.

I note an important detail has been overlooked amongst the dramas, I am referring to the replacement of the sign at Lange Rd, there has been a large new one erected. I and many others were wondering what has happened to the old Lange sign.

Anthony Grumley



# Uki Public School 125 Years Anniversary Celebration officially cancelled

At a meeting earlier in the year, the Uki Public School 125 Years Anniversary Celebration Committee very reluctantly decided to cancel the event. A weekend of celebrations was in its final stages of planning in early 2020 - the anniversary year - when the committee postponed the event because of COVID restrictions.

These ongoing restrictions, and the uncertainty they create around travel and holding a large event, have led to the decision to cancel. However, the good news is that the school is proceeding with the publication and sale of the '125 Years Anniversary' book, which will be a valuable record of the school's history since 1895. The book will be ready for publication in early June. More information about how to order will be available soon.

Rachel Watkins: Principal



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# Uki Refugee Project

the URP Team.

One of our valued supporters has asked us to share this information with you about an important course being made available to our community:

Best wishes from the Uki Refugee Project Team

## Mental Health First Aid Training in Uki Hall.

**Sundays: May 23 & 30.**

Much-loved Uki community member Bindi Pursey had plans to train in Mental Health First Aid. Passionate about mental health and resilience, Bindi wanted to make a difference to her community. Sadly, Bindi died before this could happen. So in her memory we are asking Uki and 2484 residents to do the Mental Health First Aid training with us, and help fulfil Bindi's dream.

<https://mhfa.com.au/courses/public>

The Mental Health First Aid training, a 2-day workshop, will be in the Uki Hall on Sunday 23 & Sunday 30 May. Each day will be two 3-hour sessions with a lunch break and discussion time at the end.

This course will teach adults how to help people suffering mental health issues. It is a valuable tool for everyday life and for anyone working with the public.

Students learn how to provide initial support to adults who are experiencing:

- Anxiety problems
- Psychosis
- Trauma
- Depression
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- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Panic attacks
- Aggressive behaviours

Participants in the course learn the signs and symptoms of these mental health problems, where and how to get help and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective.

Participants also learn skills for effective communication, focusing particularly on non-judgmental listening, and giving support and information.

The cost will be maximum \$170, including textbook. Students will get a digital Certificate of Completion at the end.

### Booking

Numbers are limited to 16, so if you are interested please email Madeleine Murray asap at [madzufi@gmail.com](mailto:madzufi@gmail.com) to request your place.

Once we confirm your place, you will be directed to our bank account for payment. Your booking will be secure only when your payment is made.

Regrettably, bookings must be on a "first in" basis. If you are unable to secure a spot, we will place you on a waitlist.



# Business in Uki

Uki CTC

It has been a year of change for business in and around Uki due to Covid-19 restrictions, with many closures or changes to the way they operate. But business is still booming: Uki Café is back into full swing, Happy High Herbs have a front of house outlet replacing the Steam Funk Shoppe, while the Imaginarium goes online. We also now have the very popular Village & Co relocated from Cabarita and replacing the Lounge Lizard Cafe. Welcome to Uki.

The old Uki takeaway, now Pure Love of Uki, has been very successful and will be closing temporarily for renovations. The Uki Post Office continues with its restoration to heritage beauty, and Art Post exhibitions are again a regular event (with Covid limits in place). Meanwhile, construction is nearing the completion stage to provide new homes for both the Tinka's Cuss and Illusive Wood Design.

With all these changes on the business scene it is difficult to keep the Business Directory on the Uki Village & District website up to date.



**So please let us know if the details of your business need to be added or amended.**

This is a free service provided by the Uki Community Technology Centre (Uki CTC) with featured advertising also available.



# Relationship Health: Everything is not always what it seems.

Heather McClelland

Clem felt over-controlled by his wife. In therapy he remembered their latest argument. He'd felt as if there was a constriction in his chest and an image fell into his mind. 'His hands were tied behind his back and he was being told to dance'.

The image took Clem back to the helpless terror he'd experienced as a little boy witnessing his father's violence towards his mother. He'd also been powerless as his mother was "made a laughing stock" by the male members of her family. He felt in his body the childhood fury when at a family party his mother was again being humiliated by one of her brothers.

Recently legal exploration of Coercive Control is recognising how an insecure man can attempt to control the one he perceives as weaker, to prove an assumed superiority. Another generation is also being affected. When he was only nine Clem's mother, the one he relied on for warmth and happiness, died. His grief nearly swallowed him.

He was sent to live with the family of the uncle... the biggest bully. Nobody helped him with his grief. He learnt to simply toe-the-line and never make waves. He constricted himself.

The realisation hit home: no wonder he reacted whenever he felt that his wife was trying to control him!



Complexity forms us. Many factors including trauma underly the way ideas about masculinity take root in the lives of young men and every person's story is unique.

Young women in Australia have begun speaking up about their experiences of assault and sexual harassment from boys mainly from same-sex schools and now we hear about videos of lewd misogynistic acts being passed round by male staffers in parliament house.

Peer pressure is obvious. Our Aussie 'drinking culture' now teams up with the influence of violent pornography. Our formation often separates sex from love and fails to model authentic, mutual relationships. It always has its roots in society, in generations of patriarchal entitlement but also in our personal and trauma histories.

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# Bird Watching Around UKI

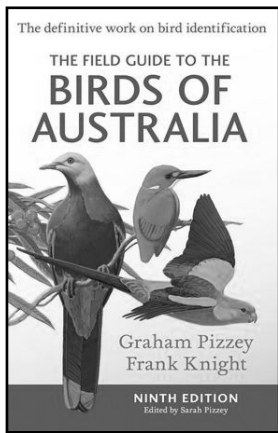
Madeleine Murray

Uki and the Northern Rivers is one of the best places for bird-watching in Australia. Many of the birds are big and colourful, like the Wompoo Fruit-Dove. About 50cm long, with a deep purple breast, orange-yellow belly and rich green wings, the Wompoo forages high in the canopy of fruit trees. With its strange, strangulated, loud "WOOMMMM-POOOO!" call, it is often heard before it is seen.

Your garden and land probably has dozens of beautiful, interesting birds, just waiting for you to discover them.

So how do you get started with bird-watching?

You should get a pair of binoculars – the ideal size is 10x42. Celestron Outland X 10x42 waterproof binoculars are available on eBay for \$179.



You will also need a bird book or an app to help you identify the bird. The book with the best text and illustrations is Graham Pizzey's Field Guide to the Birds of Australia, available at [booktopia.com.au](http://booktopia.com.au) for \$35.35.

There are some free apps, but the best one, Pizzey and Knight Birds of Australia, \$49.99, has the entire Pizzey bird guide in it. There are several illustrations and photos of each bird, as well as

the calls. Playing a bird call is a great way to work out what bird you are seeing.

Knowing bird calls is about half the skill of bird-watching. When you hear a bird, like the whoop-whoop-whoop call of the Wonga Pigeon, you can begin to look for it.

If you are just starting out bird-watching, it can seem a bit daunting. There are several ways to find what kind



Channel-billed cuckoo  
Photo credit: Rodney Falconer

of bird you're looking at. The Pizzey app has a section called Identification. First you tap in your location, then you choose the habitat, the shape and the plumage. With any luck, you will get the bird identified!

When you see a new bird, try and find

it in your binoculars. If it is in some foliage, look at the bird with your naked eye, then slowly lift the binoculars to your eyes without moving your head.

Observe and record or memorise as much as you can about the bird before it flies off or disappears into the leaves. Narrow down the search by checking the type of beak. A seed-eater or finch will have a stubby, pointed bill for cracking open grass seeds. A common bird in the area now is the Red-browed Finch, a gorgeous little bird with a pale chest, greenish back, and bright red beak, eye stripe and rump.

Honeyeaters (there are 72 species in Australia) have long, curved beaks for poking into flowers and extracting nectar. Herons and egrets have long, sharp beaks for stabbing or catching fish, raptors have powerful bills and talons for swooping down onto prey.

Birds are masterpieces of design and beauty. By watching them, you learn about their relationship to the environment, to forest, wetlands, plains and sea. You sharpen your visual and aural skills, you become more attuned to nature. It's a great hobby!



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# Building Community Resilience: as Floods and Fires Test our Connectedness.

Mel Blooress

On the 7th of February, Cram's Farm at Doon Doon was humming when local Community Resilience Teams from Kunghur and surrounds, Uki and Byrill Creek joined with the 'It Takes a Town' team to host a Community Day. That day was a great success. Kids enjoyed their own activities while around 400 visitors relished good food and live music under the trees at Cram's. Meanwhile, Resilience Teams, the Red Cross, SES, local Fire Brigades and others were all talking to locals about how they function and how everyone could help out by joining and networking with their local resilience teams and neighbors.

There were very popular demonstrations by St John's Ambulance showing how to do CPR and use an automatic defibrillator, things we all need to know.

## But why do we need resilience teams?

Do you remember cyclone Debbie in 2017? What about the drought and the fires of 2019/20? Those recent events were a trial and a challenge for the people of the Tweed Shire and as usual we got through because people rallied and helped each other out. Halls turned into shelters, the Red Cross and CWA provided food and other provisions, the SES, Ambos' and Fire brigades and many volunteers worked hard to keep people safe.

But nowadays we have to acknowledge, not only that the weather events may well continue to intensify and put stress on our growing community, but that the existing services are seriously stretched and need our cooperation and support. Hence, these moves afoot to build connections within communities while also linking up with organisations like the SES, Ambos' and Fire Brigades to help them help us. To pre-empt and manage emergencies and save lives, we need to be well organised and connected at community level, with all the local knowledge available: Who needs help with transport, somewhere to stay, medication needs? What roads are open to allow emergency services through? That's why local Community Resilience Teams have formed around Kunghur and Byrill Ck, complimenting organisations like 'It Takes a Town' based in Uki and Murwillumbah.

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raffles and organizing events on that day and others, Kunghur now has its own defibrillator. In future we are hoping to raise money to buy radios and set up stations to connect areas like Byrill Ck, Cedar Ck and Pretty Gully, where people often become isolated due to poor or no reception. We also hope to provide good signs on roads that flood with survey staffs indicating depths on crossings where drivers regularly risk being swept away.



Sincere thankyou to those who supported this great community initiative and donations always gratefully received!

If you didn't make it to that wonderful Community Day and you haven't already heard from your local team, here are some people who can help you connect in your local area.

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**Mel Blooress** from Uki Community Resilience Team  
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**Karen Challand** from 'Kunghur and Surrounds Community Resilience Team'  
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**Natascha Wernicke** of Byrill Ck Community Resilience Team  
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**There will be more Community Days – stay tuned!**



# Social Media Alternatives

Louise Bally

Despite all the negative information circling about Facebook, YouTube and other popular social media platforms, several billion end users worldwide choose to keep their accounts open and active due to the convenience of having easy access to friends and family members. Those with business pages can take advantage of targeted demographic advertising that once set up will potentially expand the reach of their product or service with minimal daily input.

The issues around privacy, the sharing of content related metadata with third party advertisers and the freedom of speech restrictions imposed on end users, has propagated the creation of alternative social media platforms. Many promise solutions to these issues and depending on their popularity can present as a threat to the major big tech companies.

Parler is a recent example of what happens when millions of end users a day start switching to an alternative platform. Parler's sudden rise in popularity triggered a response that resulted in their shut down by their Amazon server providers. This shocked many who believed that they live in a free democratic society and led to a growing interest in alternative social media platforms.

Amongst the hundreds of new available platforms, a handful have proved their worth and definitely deserve a closer look for those who prefer to retain control of their data, opt out of content manipulation and value freedom of speech and privacy.



- MeWe: was engineered with privacy in mind and offers secret and private chat, live voice and video. No political bias and freedom of speech. [mewe.com](http://mewe.com)
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# A Project for Uki? or somewhere in the Northern Rivers Region

Graeme Booth

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Ecocenter has a threefold purpose;

1. To inform on aspects of dysfunctionality in society from an individual, collective, nature-diversity perspective.
2. Present viable solutions for the development of an ecologically harmonised and humane community democracy within a global-restorative context.
3. Offer services with a wholistic and transitional orientation for both the individual and community.

The aim of the center is to establish a cooperative enterprise that on the one hand symbolises and promotes a future cooperative society, and on the other spreads a commitment to and knowledge of, a lifestyle of regenerative quality in harmony with nature and beyond Capitalism.

The need for such a centre to investigate, research and to exhibit new approaches and solutions for society's renewal is paramount. As an educational centre, it functions to inform the general public, students and also training for work-seekers. A place for exhibitions, open public meetings and lectures, supplying food to its eatery,



retail and wholesale to the community. Largely self-sufficient and even energy producer and using Earthship, Oregery and Permacultural based natural-systems technology.

A Green-house as Exhibit, on show for educational purposes, exhibiting whole systems design including a Center for Culture and Wellness with discussions and presentations on wholistic medicine/ alternative healthcare possibilities, and food production including bakery, preserves and delicatessen with quality as a top priority. A place dedicated to beauty and a creator of well being.

Copra is a not-for-profit worker cooperative. One of Copras purposes is to develop and manage the Ecohus – House of ecology, including the running of the other sections of the EcoCentre. Such as a Forum for local-community; a meeting place for discourse, conferences on local community, regeneration, democratic autonomy & interdependence with other communities, institutes.

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# Control Cane Toads with Tadpole Trapping

Jai Morrison

Australia's cane toad problem began in 1935 when 102 cane toads were brought to Queensland to try and tackle the cane beetle which was wreaking havoc for Australian farmers. There are now over 2 billion cane toads in Australia with their numbers increasing every day. Each female cane toad can lay up to 70,000 eggs a year!

Cane toads have huge appetites and a lack of natural predators which allows them to quickly take over vital habitat from Australian wildlife. This means they are a big menace to all Australian species, not just the ones that attempt to eat them such as Goannas and Quolls which have experienced significant decline in some areas due to cane toads.

Cane toads present a serious threat to pets, wildlife and agriculture through their ability to rapidly reproduce and monopolise habitat, and by possessing a deadly toxin in the glands on the back of their necks. Toads are even toxic after death, so roadkill or discarded toad bodies still present a significant threat to dogs and wildlife.

As well as presenting a significant danger to pets and wildlife, cane toads cause serious issues in agriculture. Their highly toxic egg strings and tadpoles pollute drinking water and adults eat all the dung beetles causing dung to pile up. Where there's dung, there's parasites and this leads to serious health problems in cattle, sheep and other farm animals.

The only solution is to entirely remove them from the environment and that is exactly what is promoted in Watergum's Cane Toad Challenge.

## Watergum's Cane Toad Challenge

The Cane Toad Challenge is a revolutionary method of cane toad control that uses the toad's own toxins against them.

It involves;

1. Collecting adult cane toads through toad-busting activities
2. The trapping of tadpoles in tadpole traps using lures made from cane toad glands.

Each tadpole trap is capable of catching up to 4000



tadpoles in one go! Perseverance with these activities has succeeded in almost eradicating toads from members' properties. When the cane toads retreat, native animals flourish, water quality improves and property owners and pets get their gardens back!

Community members can get involved with Watergum's Cane Toad Challenge through enrolment workshops. Tadpole trapping is simple but there is a big margin for user error, so Watergum ensures you have all the education you need to catch thousands at a time and impact cane toad populations. Traps can be purchased from Watergum and tadpole lures are FREE!

Whether you want to protect your pets, help the environment or preserve the health of your cattle, The Cane Toad Challenge will provide you with all the tools and education you need to start impacting their numbers in your area. Talk to your friends and neighbours to spread the word within your community.

The impacts of cane toad control are greatly enhanced as more and more people get involved. If we all work together we can significantly impact the breeding capacity of this toxic pest!

Find out more about Watergum's Cane Toad Challenge by visiting the Watergum Website -

<https://watergum.org/>



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## MAY Buttery Bazaar

Sunday 16th MAY

Renowned Local mystic troubadour Murray Kyle returns to the Uki Markets on May 16th, and will be joined by Shai Shriki and Zaynab Wilson.

### Murray Kyle

From a life rich in musical pilgrimage, comes the auditory download of Murray Kyle. Hailing from the visionary Byron Bay region of Australia, this mystic troubadour has built a dedicated international fan base from 15 years of grass roots touring all over the world.

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Murray Kyle



Shai Shriki



Zynab Wilson



# Rowlands Creek School Children

Esma Thompson

As far as we are aware this is the only photo taken of the Rowlands Creek School children and we thought your readers may be interested to know what became of them after they left school. It is interesting to note that three couples married from this group.

Ted Roberts married Marion Marshall  
Violet Roberts married George Sweetnam  
Vernie Roberts married Annie Donoghue



**Rowlands Creek School children;  
Photo taken between 1895-1900**

**Back Row: L/R:** Harry Mills, John Marshall, Alice Roberts, Kitty Mills,  
Mr T. Campbell (teacher), John Donoghue, Ted Roberts & George Sweetnam.

**Middle Row: L/R:** Percy Roberts, Violet Roberts, Mary & Bessy Worley, Marion Marshall, Annie Donoghue, Dick Sweetnam.

**Front Row: L/R:** Billy Mills, Vernie Roberts.

*Photo courtesy Tweed Regional Museum UB-3*

## TEACHER

Thomas Fleming Campbell, who was born in 1869, began teaching in 1892. He was appointed to Byangum Provisional School in 1894 and on the 10th January 1895 he began teaching at both Rowlands Creek and Byangum Half-Time Schools. He married in 1899 and was transferred to another school out of the Tweed District in 1900. He remained teaching until he retired in 1934.

## MILLS FAMILY

Harry and Billy's parents were Robert & Esther Mills. They selected portions 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24 (they had properties called "Glenmire" and "Ferdale") at Rowlands Creek. Robert was a timber cutter before he selected at Rowlands Creek.

Henry John (Harry) Mills born 15th September 1886. Farmed at Chowan Creek and married Annie Partridge. Harry died aged in his 40's.

William Vaughan (Billy) Mills Born 20th July 1889 at Byangum. Enlisted in WW1 on the 29th December 1914 aged 25. He landed at Gallipoli and served as a Gunner with the 5th Light Horse Regiment, 14th Field Artillery

Brigade. He returned to Australia 12th May 1918. He dairy farmed at "Glenmire" Rowlands Creek. He married Annie Maisie (May) Askew on the 10th August 1920 in the first wedding service held at St. Columba's Catholic Church Uki. He retired to Fingal and died 20th July 1962.

Cecelia Kate (Kitty) Mills born 21st September 1883 married Ernie Brims in 1908. They farmed at Rowlands Creek and Solomon's farm, Dum Dum. Kitty died 19th September 1969.

## MARSHALL FAMILY

John and Marion Marshall were the children of David & Georgina Marshall, who were among the earliest settlers on the South Arm. They selected portions 37 & 38 Rowlands Creek and commenced dairying. They were the first dairy farmers in the area to purchase a cream separator. David Marshall is known as the father of Uki. John Cleaton (Jack) Marshall Born May 1887. He selected portion 28 at Perch Creek. He was a Stock Inspector and was also a talented cricketer and runner. He enlisted in WW1 26th September 1916 and died of wounds 10th October 1918 aged 31. He is buried in Tourgeville Military Cemetery France.

Marion Vaenor Marshall Born 1889. She married Edward William (Ted) Roberts 16th October 1912 in the Uki Methodist Church, which was then known as the "Little Red Church". (This church was situated on the site now occupied by the Uki Fire Brigade Shed, on the corner of Mitchell St. and Church St.)

Edward and Marion farmed at Smiths Creek and Midginbil. During WW2 Marion worked for the W.V.S., Hospital and Ambulance Auxiliaries. Marion died 24th May 1965.

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# Ten Proposed M O Communities

Jai Morrison

**A public meeting was held at Uki Hall on Sunday March 14th to discuss a 37 million dollar development application seeking approval for a 'staged development' of multiple Rural Land Sharing Communities (RLSC) or Multiple Occupancies (MO) stretching between Kunghur and Mt Burrell.**

The Development Application (DA) proposed splitting the land in to ten RLSCs and one village area. The RLSCs would create 392 housing lots for between 750 and 1500 people while the village would potentially house another 1500 people. Denise Bessel, Secretary of the Northern Rivers Guardians (NRG), told the meeting that if the property was only seen as one RLSC then they would be allowed only 80 dwellings on the property. 'Dividing it in to ten RLSCs to facilitate 392 dwellings and then a village, does seem more like a typical urban development than a RLSC. A RLSC is usually set up by people who know one another and come together to create an intentional community' she told the meeting. Ms Bessel pointed out that the DA does not clarify the boundaries of the ten RLSCs and village, that the RLSCs do not get set up until stage 3 of the development so who knows when you will have access to a plot of land to build on.

Concerned neighbours pointed out that the proposed number of residents was significantly more than the 800 that currently make up the village of Uki and would add another 800 or more cars to Kyogle Road.

Dr Sam Dawson, coordinator for the Caldera

Environment Centre, told the meeting that the majority of the property is natural bush and the proposal to 'relocate' the wildlife corridor would reduce it to a quarter of its size and had not been explained or properly researched. 'The risk to native fauna and the reduction of habitat and the impact on the healthy koala community is unacceptable. There are approximately 40 vulnerable species in the land proposed for development', he told the meeting.

Key concerns were raised over the failure of the DA to supply potable water, sewerage, electricity, technology infrastructure, schools and roads to the rural development as well as deforestation and damage to wildlife corridors. Many of the proposed lots are adjacent to the water inundation level of the proposed future Byrrill Creek Dam.

As the proposed development is valued at over \$30M the DA is set to be determined by the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP), however, Tweed Shire Council has raised the issue of capital costs with the developer as they may have included up to \$16M of costs that were not eligible for consideration as capital costs. If that is removed the DA would fall below \$30M and therefore ultimately be decided on by Tweed Shire Council.

Public submissions closed on the 24th March, however, if more than 10 objections have been lodged, the NRPP will hold public hearings which will give the community an opportunity to voice their concerns in person.



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# Astrology

Paola Emma

## Astrology and the Floods

In ancient times the art of predicting the weather was one of astrology's most valuable uses. In the absence of scientific instruments astrological weather forecast was naturally of crucial importance for early agricultural people who relied on it to decide the best times for sowing and harvesting. Meteorological astrology is an art in itself, with very complex sets of laws of its own. I am not an expert in this specialized field, but I can appreciate the synchronicities that I observed at play during the recent Australian floods.

'Reality' and 'Psyche' merge within astrology's cosmic mirror: the outer life of events/experiences with the inner life of thoughts/feelings. That is why it's not farfetched for me to hear the sound of heavy rain in an abundance of Water Signs, especially if happening close to the Moon's phases.

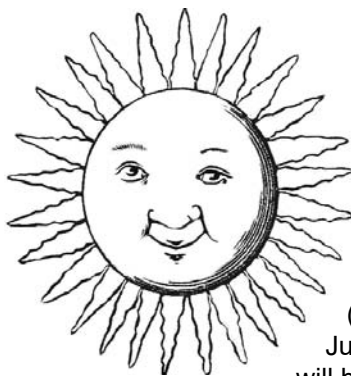
The recent floods' lunar cycle began about a week before the events, at the Pisces Water New Moon, on March 13, with increase in rain activity in many parts of the country. During that phase the Moon and Sun weren't just transiting a Water Sign but were also in close conjunction to Venus-Neptune, in Pisces too. At the March 20 Aries Equinox Venus was still in Pisces and again conjunct the Sun! Early on March 22 the First Quarter Moon, another crucial phase of the lunar cycle, fell in Water Cancer, at a significant distance of 120 degrees (trine) from Pisces Mercury. All the above suggests water events and also translates as a highly emotional period, when compassionate and loving feelings prevail (Water), within families (Cancer) and communities (Pisces).

### April

April displays an emphasis on the Air and Fire Signs, many planets manifesting their power in an outgoing manner, showing more oomph, but less sensitivity: Venus in Aries (April 1/15); Mercury in Aries (April 4-19); Mars in Gemini 'til April 23. With Aries Mercury and Gemini Mars bouncing off each other by occupying each other Signs for a while, this seems a great time to walk the talk, putting into action our ideas with confidence and optimism; while Venus in Aries encourages us to be more assertive in our relationships, if less emotional and diplomatic.

Jupiter and Saturn in Aquarius remain a great stimulus for everyone to participate more in the life of the community, getting involved in collective projects, making new friends and trying new and exciting things, including social dissent! Independence and self-motivated actions are the keys to make the best of this period.

The most important transit though, exact on April 7, will be the 45° angle (semi-square) of Jupiter to Chiron. This transit will peak again in August and November. This difficult link between expansive Jupiter and Chiron, the planet of wounding, illness and healing, is significant while the world is still in the grip of the Covid pandemic and the southern hemisphere enters the year's colder months that have proven so difficult for many during the North



American and European winter.

Toward the end of April the focus moves to the Earth-Water Signs: Mercury in Taurus (April 19-May 4); Venus in Taurus (April 23-May 9); and Mars in Cancer (April 23-June 12). This shift indicates a period when we will be prompted to establish stronger emotional connections with family and loved ones.

### May

May opens with the yearly conjunction of Sun-Uranus in Taurus, a sign of unexpected turns of events. The Sun becomes a powerful catalyst for the energies of Uranus and Saturn by also squaring Aquarius Saturn on May 4. These transits could anticipate the challenges of the upcoming second pass of the Saturn-Uranus' square, exact again on June 15. Escalation of personal and collective conflicts is likely. The need for change in our social structures, laws, cultural bias is compelling, but also enormously challenged by the world's most conservative mind set. As it was impossible to sugar coat the 2020 Capricorn transits so it is to understate the likely negative impact of the Saturn-Uranus square, 2021 tougher transit, another clash of Titans.

The Mutable Signs become more active this month, and in June-July. Mercury-Venus enter Mutable Gemini in May 4-9, and, on May 14, Jupiter enters Mutable Pisces. Jupiter will not transit Pisces long though, re-entering Aquarius, in retro motion, on July 28 (until December 29). The Mutable shift is however significant, with the Gemini retro period of Mercury (May 30-June 23), causing Mercury to remain in Gemini until July 12. The first Eclipses of 2021 fall in Mutable Signs too: a Lunar at the Mutable Sagittarius Full Moon, May 26, and a Solar at the Gemini New Moon, June 10. The emphasis on these Signs causes this period to feel more transitional and uncertain, but, on the bright side, stimulating us to better adapt to swiftly evolving circumstances.

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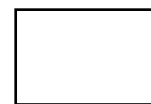
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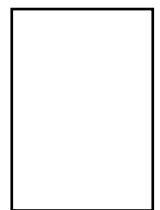
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