

# Uki News

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## Flood Recovery Works

Philip Carr (UKIRA)

*Based on information from Danny Rose, Manager Roads & Stormwater, Tweed Shire Council*

After months of soaking rains, Tweed Shire Council is urging residents to drive safely and be patient with road repairs.

The list of repairs across the shire runs to over 2,000 items and the continuing wet conditions has frustrated Council's efforts.

Safety is paramount and Council wants residents to be aware that some repairs, e.g. potholes, will only be temporary until a more permanent fix can be completed. The substantial damage to Kyogle Road and Mount Warning Road has been mostly due to landslips, which will take at least 12 months to fix.

Work is well underway to assess two major landslips along Kyogle Road located 500 m and 1.4 km west of Byangum Bridge, where regional traffic is heavily constricted. A report setting out options to fix these sections of Kyogle Road is expected in early August. The outline below gives an idea of why the major works will take at least 12 months.

- **Geotechnical procurement (underway)**  
Fixing landslips is a complex engineering task. It is crucial that the foundation of the slip is properly stabilised to prevent a similar failure occurring in the future. Specialist geotechnical engineers are used by Council to investigate the best option suited to Kyogle Road's specific site conditions. Only then can the missing piece of road be constructed over this new foundation.

The geotechnical assessment is broken up into 2 stages:

- Stage 1 is a preliminary assessment to make recommendations about the short term safety of the site.
- Stage 2 involves boring holes to investigate the soil in and around the slip including scientific testing, this information is used to determine options to fix the slip
- Funding submissions

To secure funding, Council will need to seek approval for the preferred solution from Transport for NSW, which includes cost estimates based on the geotechnical investigations. This is particularly the case if the preferred option is to build back something different and more flood

resilient to the original.

- **Design and construction tender**  
Council drafts a design and construction document in preparation for the tender process, advertises the tender, evaluates all submissions, and finally selects the preferred tenderer based on the NSW legislation and Council's Procurement Policy which defines specific processes and minimum timeframes. The tenderer then develops the design for approval by Council and Transport for NSW.

- **Environmental assessment**  
All work Council undertakes requires approval under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act – in much the same way as residents need a Development Approval to carry out renovations on their homes. This is to ensure there is minimal environmental impact during the construction of the work and that the final construction won't cause any additional impacts to residents or the environment.

- **Consultation with the community**  
Council will consult with residents and businesses directly impacted by the works to ensure they are not adversely affected. If so, Council will put in place measures to minimise these impacts.

- **Construction**  
A typical construction process to fix significant damage such as those sustained along Kyogle Road would involve site establishment, excavation of slip areas, foundation works, wall construction or stabilisation structural works as well as earthworks, drainage, road subbase, pavement, line marking, and safety barrier works.

*More info is available from the Tweed Shire Council website (search: 'flood works').*



# From the Editors

## Welcome to the Uki News Issue 124

After months of rain and floods and the incredible amount of damage to roads, bridges, homes, businesses and public facilities like sports grounds and parks, many residents are feeling fatigued and exhausted. Weeks of no sunshine and the anxiety of

navigating horrific potholes, landslips, flash flooding and disruptions to regular routines has been a strain on many peoples endurance and coping skills. Kindness and patience are needed now more than ever. Local community support groups have been forming to assist the many families

and individuals affected by the prolonged wet season with strategies for alternative communication systems and essential supplies during floods and bushfire events. Residents of affected areas are encouraged to contact the relevant local group for assistance or to help their neighbours.

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## Carers NSW

Please see below message from CarersNSW that might be of interest for you and your communities. Feel free to distribute this message as you see fit:

Carers NSW has funding available to support carers who need help. They are not allowed to double up (as in fund things that are already covered by the NSW gov) but they have flexibility to support carers with food vouchers, necessary items to care for their loved one that might have been lost or destroyed in the floods, etc. Our outreach team is in the Lismore area next week to speak to carers F2F but carers can also call us on 1800 422 737 for support.

*Claudia Gross - Registered Psychologist (MAPS)*



## Apology

The Uki Community Technology Centre apologizes for the poor print quality of images in the last issue of the Uki News covering the flood.

Unfortunately the online technical service required to fix the problem was unavailable prior to printing having also been severely impacted by the flood.

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# Relationship Health: Exceptions

Heather McClelland

At the moment a sunny day is an exception. The norm seems to be rain... rain... rain...ad nauseum. When the sun does shine people tell you how beautiful it is to feel the sun on their faces. Spirits rise. Somehow hope is injected. The house is flung open...the washing gets out on the line...perhaps the mould can be beaten! How greatly we are coming to appreciate the sun!

This situation is symbolic of some problem-saturated lives. People can inhabit and live out the relentlessly negative stories they've learned to tell themselves. "I'm a loser." "The world is against me."

At one stage Sean became overwhelmed and lost because of stories told around him that made him think he was not okay. At eight he'd been caught stealing. The story began to be told and repeated that he'd always been a problem child. Little was understood about the fact that his mother had been ill when he was little and he'd been given little attention. Nor that stealing was rife among his peer group and he badly wanted to keep up. He'd actually been motivated to steal because his little sister was being bullied and he wanted to give her something special.

In adolescence Sean became 'the problem' he'd been labelled. Fortunately there was a time when his kindness was reciprocated and a good friend helped him put his face up to the sun. Looking back, sunny alternatives to the problem-saturated story had always been there. Sean had always been determined and highly imaginative. He was



loving and loyal with his beloved dog, Rusty. His bonds with his sister and others were strong.

As his friends named some of his great qualities, self belief began to grow. His determination meant that he could do well at work. Gradually he stopped thinking of himself as 'a loser'.

We may not be able to change the present weather pattern but we can get back our agency and gradually change any internal story of problem-saturation that makes our life miserable. Positive self stories move us forward. ✨

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IN MEMORY OF

# Vale Greg O'Donnell

It was with great sadness that our village farewelled one of its treasured citizens. Greg lived a life of vision and enthusiasm. Greg was a member of UKIRA and the main force behind our Uki Village Gardens, inspiring the great team that now maintain the garden. Many of you will be familiar with photos of Greg and others working and improving the old Travelling Stock Reserve, turning it into a place for gathering, celebrating and growing. What was not clearly evident was the massive amount of work done by Greg in preparing the detailed plan of management. As the garden was auspiced by UKIRA, we had the chance to view the application. The file was at least 40 pages long, covering all aspects of possible obstacles!! Greg clearly put his dreams into action.



If any of us feel that we would love to honour the life of Greg O'Donnell may I suggest we follow his example-become involved in community activities in a manner that inspires you and those around you? Supporting our Village Garden is an obvious example of such action.

Ali and Audrey have outlined a heart-shaped plot in the Village Garden in honour of Greg. It is intended to grow ginger, one of the secret ingredients to his famous chai. The other secret ingredient was love. We miss you Greg.....



*Bruce Ray- UKIRA secretary*



The Uki News has introduced a new section to the local paper -  
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# Lessons from History

Rev. John Tyman, Holy Trinity Church

No one who lived in England in the 1930's, or who has since then considered the sequence of events that led to the Second World War in 1939, would fail to recognise a similar pattern evolving in Europe today.

Both dramas began with an autocratic leader of a country smarting from the loss of a former empire, launching an unprovoked attack on its neighbour while the rest of the world considered that their interests would best be served by maintaining trading links instead of getting involved in the problems of other countries. In place of Germany you can today substitute Russia, Putin in place of Hitler, and the Ukraine in place of Czechoslovakia. In both cases we have a once imperial power recapturing lost territory and, to do so, developing high-tech weapons to inflict the maximum damage on civilians. We also have our Neville Chamberlains today who think it best to sit back hoping it will sort itself out. It was referred to then as "appeasement".

More frightening still is the realisation that the position occupied by Japan in 1939 has now been filled by a yet more powerful nation, China, with its own plans for territorial expansion throughout its sphere of influence and our trade links with this nation are too important for us to risk losing them!

I was a child during the Second World War and a British soldier after it (stationed at one time alongside the concentration camp at Belsen). I was too old for Vietnam, but I remember a song from then which will echo down the ages: "They've gone to graveyards everyone ... when will we ever learn?"

*Postscript: I wrote this article 6 weeks ago and since then the situation has gone from bad to worse. I have an old map of "European Russia" dated 1807 which includes much of Finland and the whole of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Moldova, the Crimea, and the Ukraine. I wonder who will be invaded next.*



# Tracks of the Missing

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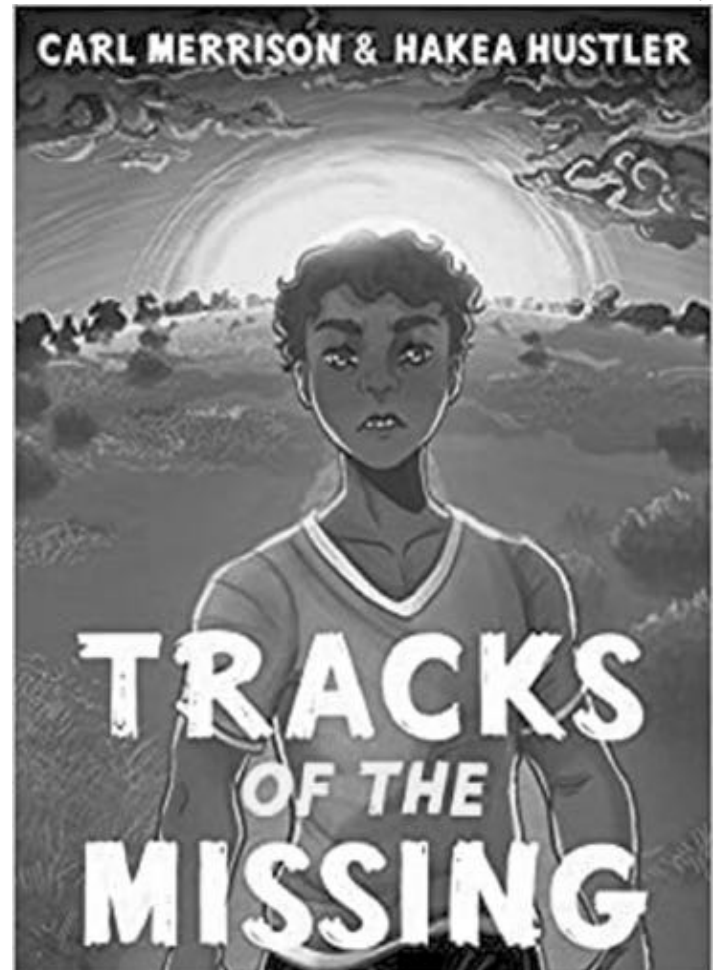
Local award-winning authors, Hakea Hustler and Carl Merrison, release their new book *Tracks of the Missing* (Magabala Books). This is a young adult suspense thriller perfect for 13-16 year olds. The book comes with a full suite of teaching resources that local schools may be interested in adopting into their classrooms.


Hakea grew up around Uki attending Kangia Steiner School in Murwillumbah and Daystar Steiner School for part of her childhood. She is excited to be back in the region to raise her young family. Hakea is an experienced English teacher who has taught around Australia including in remote Aboriginal communities. Hakea is committed to Indigenous education with a particular focus on story as learning and empowerment.

Carl is a Jaru and Kija man from the Kimberley WA. Carl works with young Indigenous boys through the Clontarf Academy focusing on improving engagement with education and providing a positive role model. Carl was nominated for Australian of the Year in 2016.

The pair have many more books coming out across the next few years - so stay tuned for more.

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From the Uki Community Technology Centre Team

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These recent extreme conditions have been economically challenging and the circumstances of many businesses have changed. The Uki CTC is now reviewing the free Business Directory on the Uki Village & District



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## Byrrill Creek Community Resilience Team get their VHF radios

Natascha Wernick

On Saturday May 21st 2022, the Byrrill Creek Community Resilience Team were given the long awaited VHF radios to ensure consistent and safe communications for the Byrrill Creek Resilience Team in time of disaster and power outage. AND, We were also awarded a certificate for appreciation from the SES for our outstanding response and resilience for the major flooding 2022.

Let me tell you about the radios. This VHF \$10,000 radio system was a result of two years of meetings, research, grant writing and pleas.

We started our radio journey back in 2020 at our first meeting. At that time we thought that UHF would be fine if we had a repeater station and a large aerial. We have very windy road and lots of hills and valleys that prevent easy UHF radio signal transmission. It needs a line of sight. We applied for an NAB grant, unsuccessfully. I kept talking to Everybody about our need and we raised about \$1400 for the aerial.

Then, Tony O'Connor the Resilience leader from Council came on board and things ramped up a bit. We had a few meetings and decided that this was our major need.

On February 24th at 7am in the morning, I had Jack Frost (SES), a RFS rep, Tony O'Connor, Red Cross – Tammy Jones and John Nolan Two Way Radio consultant come out. We went through the Byrrill Creek community with the fancy VHF radio system John Nolan was recommending and worked out where we had coverage etc.

It was SOOO clear! Almost clearer than a mobile phone. So, we decided that that would be the best for our Community Resilience Team.

The quote came back as \$10,000.

If you look at those dates: February 24th was when we had, what I call, our 5 metre flood - our access out became limited- same level at 2017. Then, February 28th we had the major flood, what I call, our 10 metre flood, that came



up 5 meters higher in Byrrill Creek than 2017!

February 28th was when our community member was washed away to his death. I was very noisy during the flood. I had a generator and internet access before most people in the region. Anyone who asked me what we needed I said VHF radios. I could communicate with the outside world but not within my own community. I spoke to the Daily News, the Tweed Valley Weekly and the local Uki News and let them know what our top priority was. I kept making the point that perhaps we could have saved a life if we had had those radios.

We received UHF radios for our team from the Red Cross, but it very soon became apparent at how limited they were. Then, I got an email from JOHN NOLAN saying he had received \$10,000 for the VHF radios from Givit. I rang around and nobody really knew how it happened. Then I spoke to Tony O'Connor who had given the quote to Resilience NSW and voila! It was approved.

Now we have 6 VHF radios for each neighbourhood leader in our Community. VHF cannot communicate with UHF. So we also have UHF for out in the field and general community.

Thanks so much to all those involved who have helped make our community safer.

*In the picture: Callum Mckinnon, Rebecca O'Hare, Natascha Wernick, Jack Frost (SES) and John Nolan radio consultant.*



# Birds on the Move

Madeleine Murray (Photos by Rodney Falconer)

You have probably noticed big flocks of large birds flying overhead recently. These topknot pigeons arrived in April to eat the juicy, dark-blue fruits of the camphor laurel tree. How they know what is fruiting where and when is one of the many miracles of bird behaviour.



Top Knot Pigeon

Many birds migrate, following ripe fruit, insect bursts, nectar, or warm weather. Some species follow the blossoms. When a tree is flowering, it is often covered in noisy lorikeets. When you start noticing birds, you begin to understand the importance of habitat.

The most impressive migrating birds are waders such as terns, sandpipers and bar-tailed godwits that fly up to 12,000km from Siberia to Australia. They breed in the northern

hemisphere and come to Australia for the rich nutrients such as bristle-worms and shellfish on coastal mudflats and estuaries.

The bar-tailed godwit migration across the Pacific Ocean from Alaska to New Zealand is the longest known non-stop flight of any bird, and also the longest journey without pausing to feed by any animal.

How these birds navigate such huge distances is still a mystery. According to an article in Nature, research suggests that "birds' ability to sense Earth's magnetic field acts as a compass directing them in the long journey. Birds likely use magnetically sensitive proteins called cryptochromes located in their retinas that enable sensing and signalling functions, helping them navigate these long distances."

The flamboyant spangled drongos arrive here from New Guinea in late spring, and breed high in the canopy. They

hang around in noisy groups for a few months, squawking and screeching, doing acrobatics in the air to catch insects, then head back north in late autumn.

The noisy friarbird migrates within Australia, moving north in summer, and south in late winter. It feeds on nectar, fruit, insects, and sometimes eggs or baby birds! It tends to hang around in groups, chattering in strange, nasal tones.



Noisy Friarbird



Spangled Drongo

Usually arriving in September, the common koel is a large migratory cuckoo that flies here from New Guinea, Indonesia and possibly the Philippines. It breeds in northern and eastern Australia, mostly in Queensland and NSW. It tends to sit in one spot,

often hidden in the foliage, and calling "KoEL, koEL" in a very loud, high, repetitive voice that wakes up people in the middle of the night. It stays until March or April, when it returns to its non-breeding grounds. The juvenile koel, born in the nest of a different species, is genetically equipped to know it is a koel, and to fly to New Guinea!

This will be my last bird column for a while. It's been fun. I hope I have inspired some of you to take more interest in birds. I just found a new species in my bottlebrushes today, white-throated honeyeaters! What a thrill. It made my day.

I went on a walk around northern Murwillumbah this morning, and saw 42 species, including a rose robin, rainbow bee-eaters, and forest kingfishers, so there are plenty of good birds everywhere in this area.



## Doon Doon Rd and Surrounds Community Resilience Team

Lorraine Ratjens

After the recent flood events we have set up a new community resilience team (CRT) for communities from the Doon Doon Rd turn-off. This will include Midginbil, Doon Doon and Commissioners Creek. We are in the process of settling up a community meeting. More details will be forthcoming.

We do require a lot of street coordinators as its such a large area. Basically it's just about getting to know your neighbours and communicating with them during

emergencies. I understand that this is what has always happened but there have been a lot of new arrivals in the last few years so we don't want to miss anyone.

If you're interested in being a street coordinator please contact Lorraine Ratjens 0418 832 915 or email: [lorraine.ratjens@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.ratjens@gmail.com)



# Greater UKI Neighbourhood Groups

Melanie Bloor

**R**ESILIENCE.... it's a word being used a lot these days ... when I recently asked Ida Daley what it really meant ... she replied ... "Just getting on with it". I think we should make a poster of her and that phrase ... it can be our version of "keep calm and carry on".

In true, greater Uki style, this is what we have all been doing ... getting on with it, all in our own ways. The ladies and gentleman who are part of the burgeoning neighbour groups are no exception. There has been much movement on this front, post flood, and there is currently, no less than 13 "neighbourhoods" from Byangum Bridge to Mt Burrell organising themselves to know and care for each other a little better than before. If you have not heard from someone in your street about it yet ... you will soon.

As outlined in previous articles and exemplified beautifully by Byrill Creek recently, the idea behind these

groups is that we all know the people who live around us, have a way of communicating with each other and the outside world (consider getting satellite internet and/or a UHF radio) and can work in a relatively chaos free way with each other and any outside assistance that we may need (food drops or medical evacuations etc). It is, in fact, what has always been done but with a tiny bit more structure, which accounts for our larger population and the influx of new arrivals.

Communications in and out is a pretty big thing, and a LOT of energy was spent by the rescue agencies checking in on people who were perfectly fine. Let's sort this out for next time. So when someone comes to talk to you from the NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP ... jump on board and let's all "just get on with it".

If you would like more details please contact Melanie on 0429 687 687. ✱

# Kunghur and Surrounds CRT Update

Karen Challand

As I am moving out of the area I have resigned from my role as CRT Leader for Kunghur and Surrounds. I would like to welcome Carolyn Rifello (Cas). Cas is currently my deputy and will step into my shoes as the Leader of the KSCRT. As the hall, Facebook and web pages, all have a role to play in our Emergency Response, you need to have Cas's contact details going forward. In the meantime

we really need a buddy for Cas. Buddies create a back up plan, for if someone is unavailable. So please make note of Cas's details: Ph: 0411 471 147, Email: [crifraf@gmail.com](mailto:crifraf@gmail.com)

Please send her an email, intro and welcome. This is all about networking and connection. Team Leader for "Kunghur & Surrounds CRT", "Caldera Community Emergency Support", Facebook Page "Kunghur Community Hall Action Group". ✱



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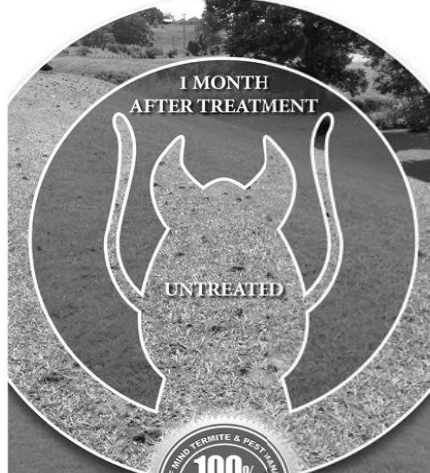


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# Introducing Resilient Uki (Inc)

Brendan Esposito

Resilient Uki is a newly formed incorporated association. Resilient Uki's aim is to help our community better prepare, respond and recover from environmental impacts.

Resilient Uki has been formed from the extensive groundwork done by the Uki Flood Group (locals, Carla Wilson, Geoffrey Colwill and Gerold Mayr) which started in 2014. As such the group has experienced three floods and the 2019 bush fire emergency.

After the most recent flooding disaster in May it was decided to increase the effectiveness of the group by forming an incorporated association which is now called Resilient Uki. The committee is made up of Uki residents: Mel Bloor (president), Carmen Myler (Vice president), Geoffrey Colwill (treasurer) and Brendan Esposito (secretary). Having this association will increase the effectiveness of the wider community when engaging with government and NGOs and allow for an ability to

accept and manage grants and funds. Resilient Uki has already secured over 20 thousand dollars in alternative communication devices which will improve communications in the event of further environmental crises. Resilient Uki is also actively involved in applying for post flood funding that will help build capacity for our community to better respond and recover. We are also aiming to improve the neighbourhood phone tree system outlined in the Red Cross community resilience team model (CRT) which will also improve timely communications during emergencies.

As we have seen, the ability of outside organisations to help Uki is limited (despite a willingness and good intentions) when roads become inaccessible and modern communications fail. If neighbours helping their neighbours was important in the past, it is even more so now.



## Emerging Technologies

Jai Morrison - adapted from Wikipedia

In the history of technology, emerging technologies are contemporary advances and innovation in various fields of technology. Some of these technologies are due to theoretical research and others are from commercial research and development.

Technological growth includes incremental development and disruptive technologies. The gradual roll-out of DVD (digital video disc) as a development intended to follow on from the previous optical technology CD (compact disc). By contrast, disruptive technologies are those where a new method replaces the previous technology and makes it redundant, for example, the replacement of horse drawn carriages by automobiles and other vehicles.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the sub intelligence exhibited by machines or software, and the branch of computer science that develops machines and software with animal-like intelligence. Major AI researchers and textbooks define the field as 'the study and design of intelligent agents', where an intelligent agents is a system that perceived it's environment and takes actions that maximizes it's chances of success. The term has been defined as the study of making intelligent machines.

The central goals of AI research include reasoning, knowledge, planning, learning, natural language processing, perception and the ability to move and manipulate objects.

Another emerging technology is 3-D printing, also known as additive manufacturing, touted as part of the third industrial revolution. Combined with internet technology, 3-D printing would allow for digital blueprints of virtually any material product to be sent instantly to another person to be produced on the spot, making purchasing a product online almost instantaneous. Although this technology is still too crude to produce most products, it is rapidly



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developing and emerging.

As innovation drives economic growth and large economic rewards come with new inventions, a great deal of resources, funding and effort go into the development of emerging technologies.



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## JUNE Buttery Bazaar

Sunday 19th JUNE

### Sky Eater

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Sky Eater take their audiences on an uplifting, "mesmerising and elegant" (Nkechi – Roots n All, JJJ) journey that is full of soul and jazz moments. The line-up features keys/flute/sax-wielding Chelsea Skyeater, armed with her dubbed-out honey vocals – and dub soldier TK Bassdread with his artillery of bass, beats, vocals and of course more live dubs. Whilst their often seen in duo form, the ultimate cream-on-top takes form with the addition of a killer international all-femme horn section producing lush layers of Sax, Clarinet, Trumpet and Vocal harmonies.

These lovers of sea and sky have released two Eps, toured extensively throughout Australia and NZ and played at Luminare Festival (NZ), Island Vibe (QLD), Nimbin Roots (NSW), Queenscliff Music Festival (VIC), Woodford Folk Fest (QLD) and more. 2022 sees them launching into full overdrive again with the release of a new album, another one in the works, Island Vibe Festival and a run of shows in QLD and NSW to kick off summer, and the UK Summer festival season on their horizon.



### Jesse Morris

Infamous roots and reggae troubadours from the Bundjalung hinterland of Northern NSW's Rainbow region. A collection of rebel songs entwined in Caribbean grooves.

This year will see Jesse Morris and the Shakedown drop their first ever vinyl release mixed by Lord Tanuki himself (Paulie B) of Yama Nui studio fame. The record titled 'We are the Children of the Sun' features the Shakedown band in full septet formation including the powerhouse rhythm section of Hugh Jones and Tk Dread, with multi instrumentalists Chelsea McNelliey and Elena Marcigot playing saxophones, clarinet, melodica and backing voices, live-analogue dubs by Marky Power, keys and organs by Stafford Ivory Smith and songsmith Jesse Morris on guitars and voice.

Powerful messages, solid grooves and four part harmonies. Honouring the legacy and sounds of Caribbean roots music. Celebrating community & culture. Jesse Morris and the Shakedown will be touring Spring to Summer 2021-22 with a string of festivals and parties across the country.



## JULY Buttery Bazaar

Sunday 17th JULY

### Trombone Kellie Gang

The straight talking, hip swinging, raw and raunchy jazz and blues of the Trombone Kellie Gang could get the tiredest feet moving. Fronted by the infamous Trombone Kellie, whose gutsy vocal delivery and roots blues trombone playing feature alongside some ripping slide guitar by Scrubby Pete. The engine room is simply brilliant with Toby Baron on drums and Justin Pfeiffer on double bass. Let alone the cherry on top with trumpet man Derek Siddon.

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Trombone Kellie: Is a delightful and exciting new entertainer, with a totally captivating and enthralling stage presence. Kellie has an absolutely amazing capacity, switching from singing to blowing her trombone and back again without a break. She has arguably one of the most powerful female voices in the region today. *Joined by special guests and other shenanigans..*



# Forgotten Tools

Brendan Esposito

## Drilling Holes, How Boring!

*These puns do not augur well.*

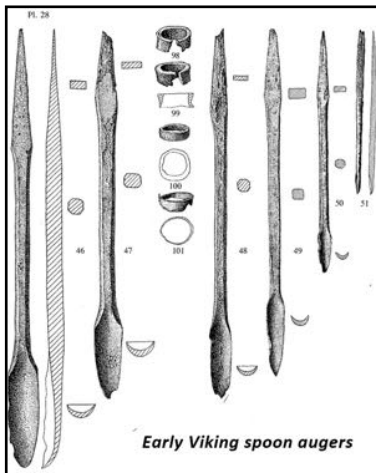
The ability to make a neat hole in material is an underappreciated achievement. Needles and awls made from antler and bone were a substantial early technical advance. There's a good argument we would not be here now if not for these two devices. Neanderthal and early Homo Sapiens probably survived one big ice age and one small one because of their ability to stitch and sew clothing. Jump forward a few generations and a couple of millennia there is no way the Antikythera mechanism could have been produced without accurate hand operated drilling devices and tools.

Over the millennia there have been a lot of different drilling devices used, but the big advancements came with the use of iron and steel. Amongst the tools found in the Mästermyr find (a Viking age tool chest discovered in a bog in Gotland) were several 'spoon-augers' (skedborrar) which were made for drilling holes in wood. The clinker-built Viking long boats would not have been built without them; these holes being made with 'breast augers' (so called because force was applied to the auger by bracing the tool against the chest).



Breast Auger

Sloanes' "A Museum of Early American Tools" lists many ways to making holes using hand tools manufactured by blacksmiths. Such tools included burn augers, ream awls, nose augers and gimlets all of which are best viewed in the diagram supplied rather than explained. Sloane goes on to explain the use of tapered bores and augurs which could then

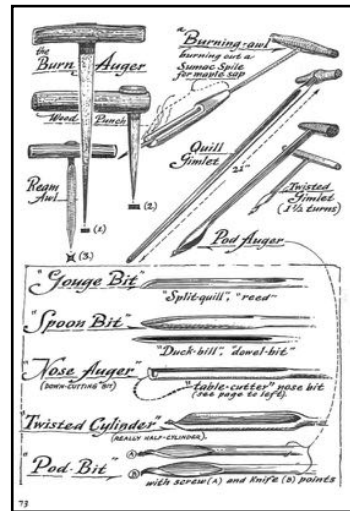


Early Viking spoon augers

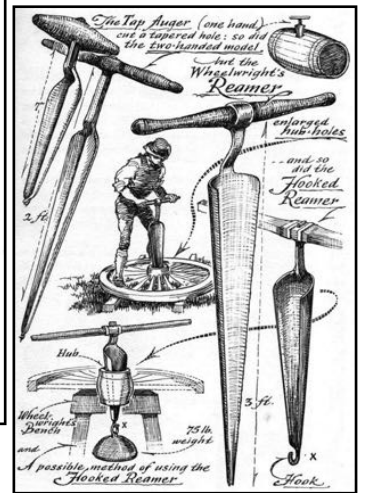
be used to expand an existing hole and could be used very precisely for holes such as those in the hubs of cart and dray wheels or the tap holes of barrels. Some of these reamers could be weighted to pull them downwards into the hole.

Here in Australia the use of the spiral centred augur (I have heard these called a 'scotch eye' augur) was ubiquitous. These were often hand made with a very long shaft and a hole at one end that a cross brace could be placed through to then turn the augur and thereby cut a hole.

But this is not the whole story. Brace yourself for the next bit of the story... there's more to come.



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# Tresillian are coming to Uki

## Tresillian 2U

Tresillian are coming to Uki. Local families with a baby or toddler living in Uki and the surrounding area are about to get more support closer to home with the arrival of the Tresillian 2U Tweed – Mobile Early Parenting Van. In partnership with our Local Health District and funded by the NSW Ministry of Health and the local Primary Health Network, specialist Tresillian Nurses will now be available to new parents at various locations across the Tweed Shire.

Tresillian Family Care Centres is Australia's largest early parenting support organisation with services for parents with a newborn, baby or child aged up to three years. Their tried and trusted programs have supported generations of families over 100 years, helping babies grow and thrive, laying the foundations for future learning and well-being.

- The Tresillian 2U – Tweed Mobile Early Parenting

Van offers child & family health services to families including: Individual consultations and follow-up appointments

- Therapeutic and parent education group programs
- Participation in Health Promotion & Community events

A referral is required to attend the van for organised appointments and can be obtained by:

- Contacting the Tresillian Parent's Help Line on 1300 272 736
- Visit your GP or Child and Family Health Nurse who can do the referral for you.

Tresillian are delighted to be working in partnership with the Uki Residents Association who has kindly offered parking beside the Butter Factory every fortnight. ✨

## Tresillian 2U – Tweed Mobile Early Parenting Van



### OPEN DAY

Tuesday 14th June, 9am-3.30pm  
Uki Butter Factory Car Park, Norco St.

Our Tresillian Nurses will be visiting Uki every fortnight to support families in the local area with children aged from newborn to 3 years.

### We can help with advice on:

- Baby's Sleep & settling
- Breastfeeding & Bottle-feeding
- Introducing solids
- Toddler behaviour
- Multiple babies (Twins, Triplets)
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[www.tresillian.org.au/locations/tresillian-2u-tweed/](http://www.tresillian.org.au/locations/tresillian-2u-tweed/)



Scholes Bus Service c1945 provided a daily service to Murwillumbah from Uki around WW2. Signage shows early use of the abbreviation Mur-Bah for Murwillumbah.

*from Tweed History on Facebook*

# Uki and South Arm Historical Society Inc

## Uki Hall

Esma Thompson

Reserve 37862 was revoked in the Government Gazette 14th April 1915 and replaced by a Dedication for a Literary Institute. There are no records of when a library and reading room were opened in the hall. The library was in operation during WW1 as it was used to supplement the reading material at Uki Public School. Last mention of the library in the hall minutes was in the late 1930's, so we assume that it stopped functioning during this time.

Kerosene lamps were first used to light the hall, and were later replaced by gas lights. In 2008 the hall trustees regained an original gas light fitting that had been salvaged from under the hall. Electricity was installed in the hall in November 1948 at a cost of £42/2/6, with the lights costing an additional £16/11/-.

In 1914 roller skating was held every Friday night in the main hall. This ceased two years later due to the wooden floor being damaged. Roller skating began again for a short time during WW2. The floor was subsequently replaced with white teak at the cost of £75/14/11. A ball was held to reopen the hall on the 8th November 1948.

The Uki RSL Sub Branch held their meetings in the hall from the 1920's. After every Dawn Service on Anzac Day they have hosted an early morning breakfast in the hall. The RSL has a collection of photographs and memorabilia in the small hall. In October 2009 World War 2 Diggers, Ken Highfield and Chub Sweetnam, cut the ribbon to officially open the photographic Military exhibition titled 'Uki Remembers Those Who Served'. This is to be a permanent display. The Masonic and Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodges of Uki were also acknowledged at this event.

A 1924 newspaper article states the two halls (1904 & 1911) were joined together and the façade was added at the front of the small hall. Travelling picture shows often visited the hall, to the delight of local patrons. A part of the chimney, which was used to take away the extreme heat from the projector, is still in place in the main hall.

No minutes exist from 14th April 1937 to 1946 as no Trust was operating due to WW2. The Honorary Secretary C.V. Milsom "carried on the discharge of his duties", kept the hall functioning.

Indoor bowls started in the hall in 1951 and continued until 1979. They have since restarted and continue today.

Minutes 29th July 1970: Mr. L. Grant moved that Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Milsom be made life members of the Uki School of Arts for services rendered, seconded J. P. Irvine. Motion carried. (Mr. & Mrs. Milsom are the only people who have been granted life membership to the hall)

Uki Hall was one of the founding halls to participate in the 'Miss Tweed' Balls circuit and was the venue for one of the first Miss Tweed Balls. The balls continued until 2019. Minutes 26.5.1974: Persons wearing thongs will not be admitted to the Miss Uki Ball. There was a ball season each year with the balls starting at 8pm and finishing about 2am. The Uki Public School has a long association with the hall. The school's Centenary dance was held in the hall in 1995.

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On the 11th November 1983 there was a revocation of the Dedication of the Uki School of Arts and it was renamed the Uki Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Trust.

Ella Mitchell: *"There was one chap, he used to always come down here and he'd bring his violin. It was out of tune, of course, poor chap, he thought he could play. When he'd get to the door, the door keeper would look at him and he'd say 'Orchestra' and he'd have his violin case and walk straight in and he didn't have to pay. The musicians said they had a job to keep him away from the microphone at the end when they played God Save the King"*.

In 1930 a clay tennis court was erected beside the hall on hall land. The court was used by locals and the wider community for social and competition tennis. The last game played on the tennis court was mid-1993. The tennis club then moved to the Uki Sports Ground and the tennis court fell into disrepair. In 1995 the old tennis court was converted to a recreational park area. Part of the rear tennis court fence was retained and other parts were moved so that the building housing the historical society is now surrounded by the remainder of the old tennis court fence. The old rollers from the tennis court are housed in this area as well as an historic tree stump. The tennis court shed still stands at the side of the recreational area and has been renovated to enable it to be used by the community.

In 1995 a small slab hut was built in the park by the Uki and South Arm Historical Society from slabs used in an original settlers hut. (Henry Sweetnam 1905).

In 2000 the Hall Trust leased a small purpose built heritage building (at the rear of the hall park) to the Uki and South Arm Historical Society Inc. who have operated from there ever since. The building was built with a heritage grant and local volunteers. The Hall Trust built the building for exclusive and permanent use by the Uki and South Arm Historical Society.

In 2004, to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the building of the Mechanics Institute, an exhibition of historic photos was held. The community was invited to a free "Jazz in the Park" concert at which the "Skylarks" performed. In 2006 the Hall Trust and Uki and South Arm Historical Society erected a wooden post and rail fence near the slab hut. Cattle brands from the South Arm were burned into the fence by owners and descendants. This fence has since been partially removed.

In 2011 the Combined Centenary of the main hall and Saint Columba's Church Uki won the 2012 Uki Australia Day award for Event of the Year.

A produce market is now held every Saturday in the hall. During and after the 2022 flood the hall was used as an evacuation and recovery centre.

The Uki and South Arm Historical Society Inc. has much more detailed information on the Uki Hall in their archives.

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# Astrology

Paola Emma

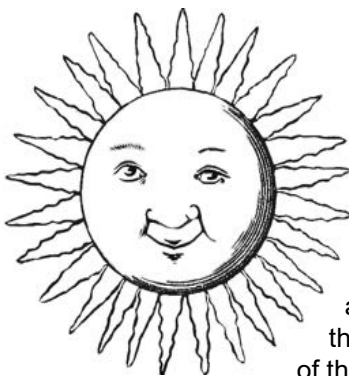
At the time of writing it is still raining in our soaked region. The passage of Jupiter into Aries, a dry Sign, back on April 11, and the separation of same from watery Neptune should have spelled the end of months of wet weather but it did not. I believe that Mars' transiting in Pisces since April 15 has a lot to do with the continuation of the wet spell, especially since it conjunct Neptune on May 18. Three factors should contribute to bring a lasting change: Mars' ingress into dry Aries on May 25; the New Moon in Gemini, another dry Sign, on May 30, starting a new lunar cycle after the Eclipse season; and, from June 4 onward, the end of Mercury's retro period.

In June and July no major transit will become exact, but the Lunar Nodes in Scorpio/Taurus will be edging closer to a very significant alignment to Uranus in Taurus, reaching their destination on August 1. This alignment with Uranus, planet of sweeping changes and revolutions, and everything strange and different, indicates that a strong reforming, even rebellious spirit will be permeating the collective psyche at this time, affecting our personal and social life in profound ways. The results of the Australian Federal Election is a case in point.

The Lunar Nodes, as their names suggest, are points of intersection between the Moon's orbit and the Earth's own. Astrologically they represent the perennial shifting and shaping of our individual and collective destinies. In January 2022 the Nodes entered the Signs of Taurus and Scorpio and will continue to transit these Signs until the end of July 2023. The Lunar Nodes' close encounter with revolutionary Uranus has to be significant, globally and also personally for a great number of individuals, especially as Venus, Mars and Saturn are also involved in the configuration.

Venus, transiting Taurus from May 29 to June 23, will become conjunct Uranus on June 12 and the North Node on June 16. Mars will enter Taurus on July 5 and become conjunct Uranus and the North Node on August 2, just a day after the North Node and Uranus' own conjunction. Finally Saturn in Aquarius will become indirectly involved when Venus in Taurus will square Saturn, on June 19, and Mars will do the same on August 8. All these going-ons will bring the month of June and July very much into the Uranus/Lunar Nodes' sphere of influence: an important moment of ideological realignment for the world. The four Fixed Signs of Taurus, Scorpio, Leo and Aquarius are the most directly affected by the sweeping changes this configuration could bring.

A personal case history may help to clarify the possible effect of these transits. Australia new Labor Prime Minister, Antony Albanese, was born under the flexible, empathic Sign of Pisces, in itself not an ideal sign for a leader, sometimes lacking determination and staying power. Pisces is very much aided in his case however by the tough Venus' placement in Capricorn, capable, practical, driven and responsible; a passionate and courageous Mars in Leo; and the powerful reforming spirit of a conjunction



Mercury-Saturn in Aquarius, showing that his career choices have been determined by humanitarian ideals rather than purely personal ambitions. How effective he will be as a nation leader remains to be seen. Due to the lack of an exact birth time the Sign position of the Moon is uncertain. It could be either Taurus or Gemini. A Taurus Moon would add determination and will power, a good match for his Pisces Sun; a Gemini Moon will increase mental flexibility but, combined with the Pisces Sun, could weaken will and self-confidence.

Albanese's Mercury-Saturn's conjunction in Aquarius falls around the degree of the Uranus-Nodes alignment I discussed earlier, and will be also activated in turn by all the transits described above. This shows how his electoral victory will be bringing sweeping changes to his personal and political life, in the next few months and beyond. These will particularly affect his thinking and communication skills (Mercury), especially challenging his habitual ways of carrying out his duties and responsibilities (Saturn). He will be more successful dealing with the many challenges ahead of him if he could fully embrace the novel and unpredictable environment the election has revealed. These are not times for timid reforms and political compromises, no times for pussy footing around issues that demand a courageous, innovative and radical approach (Uranus).

The cosmic alignment of the world's destiny to the reforming spirit of Uranus could empower our new Prime Minister, helping him to fully express the more open minded and innovative traits of his own character (Mercury-Saturn conjunction in Aquarius) or, negatively, could exacerbate the more erratic and unpredictable side of the same. Time will tell.

For more in depth insight into the astrology of the Australia Federal Election please check my pre-election post on [livingmoonastrology.wordpress.com](http://livingmoonastrology.wordpress.com)

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# Report on Images of Uki 2022

Heather McClelland

This year our exhibition really lived up to its reputation bringing a great deal of cheer to Uki after all the village's recent hardships.

A total of \$6,943.88 was paid out to the 40 artists and 3 writers whose works made 'Images' such a vibrant exhibition. Thanks to artist entry fees and commissions as well as to the generosity of UKIRA, our other local sponsors and the graciously endowed raffle takings and gifts and donations from the general public, we raised \$4855.27. This money will be used by 'Resilient Uki' to enhance our local connectivity and disaster preparedness. A big thank-you to our new treasurer, Luke Naismith and to all our volunteers, including the set-up and bump-down crews, without whom this exhibition would not have happened.

We are so grateful to Marlena Sue Bassler for compering the Opening Night. The Uki Primary School students, Frankie, Jonny and Ari came along to entertain us even though it was school holidays and they delighted the crowd with their musical prowess on keyboard, clarinet and flute. Our thanks go to their principal Rachel—and to Vicky Armour, who prepared them despite the trials of Covid and Floods. Special thanks to Sanne and Jake who then stepped in, at late notice and provided us with their upbeat and engaging music while Az did a superb job with her band of waiters, serving us temptingly delicious finger food. Thank you Uki Supermarket! What a great way, wine

in hand per favour of the Mt Warning Pub, to take in the great array of local art. There was such a huge diversity to be enjoyed. Moreover despite the weather, the village was blessed with a large influx of visitors.

An extraordinary aspect of the exhibition this year was the availability of 3 superb multi-modal books that had been launched recently (one yet to be formally released because of Covid) by local authors /artists/composers/designers, Megan Albany, Tina Wilson and Matt Ottley. Matt was particularly touched by the magnitude of his sales.

We are grateful to Perri and Allan Wain and Lyn Naismith for gifting us their photography and to Brenda Bryant for her photo. Thanks also to harpist Raine West and classical guitarist Nick Clow who provided a wonderful ambience for those enjoying the art on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Those of all ages who took the time to really peruse the art and to vote in the People's Choice Award deserve our acclaim (about 750 over 4 days). Our love of our local wildlife and landscape was clear in the chosen top ten listed below:

- The winner, Brenda Bryant, 'Christmas Orchid' received, per kind favour Bevan Wighton, the magnificent mandala of succulents on view in her photo.
- Barb Suttie, 'Mist is the Mountain's Connection'
- Marcos Castro Cortes, 'Wollumbin Flow 1'
- Christine Mellor, 'In it Together'
- Roslyn Oakes, 'Lily Pad Dancer'
- Roslyn Oakes, 'Caldera Skyscape'
- Di Johanson, 'Regeneration, Forest Connection'
- Katherine Castle, 'Treasures-Satin Bowerbirds'
- Marie-France Rose, 'Country Living'
- Susan Kinneally, 'Water Dragon'



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The recent flood disaster has rocked us all. So many of our family friends and our own lives have been turned upside down. Yes we have lost lots but, WE HAVE EACH OTHER.

The community spirit where friends even strangers have pitched in to help in so many ways. Those who just stopped where they see a need to help, the many kind donations of food, clothing, pet food, horse feed, hay for cattle and those who cooked food for the many tired workers. Your amazing efforts to help your fellow man are what makes us who we are.

I am both proud and humbled to be apart of such a wonderful caring community of Uki.

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