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## **DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS APPROVED FOR UKI** *by Barry Longland*

On 2 May 2006, Tweed Shire Council Administrators approved the Uki Locality Plan and the Uki Development Control Plan (DCP). A small band of residents were in the public gallery to witness the decision following an address to the Administrators on behalf of UKIRA.

The new Plans were the culmination of a three year struggle by residents for specific planning controls for our village which has been identified as a heritage conservation area in the Tweed Local Environment Plan (LEP). In mid 2003, a developer sought approval for six units on a relatively small 1600m<sup>2</sup> Uki block at a time when there were no controls in place to protect our built environment from inappropriate development. In an overwhelming demonstration of opposition, around 400

local people signed a petition with many also making individual submissions of objection. A grass roots campaign by residents eventually succeeded in having the application refused and Tweed Shire agreeing to the establishment of specific planning controls for the village.

Nine residents sat on a steering committee that included independent consultants (City Plan Services) and Tweed Shire Council planning staff with the job of developing the draft plans. After a two year process with much public consultation the draft plans were put on public exhibition. Around 130 submissions were received by Council with the principal issue of contention being site densities within the village.

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## Uki Church Services

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at 9am

## UKIRA Report

## Barry Longland President UKIRA

As readers would have noticed, work on the Buttery roof is now well advanced. Grant funds from the Federal Government and Tweed Shire have been received and our loan with the Southern Cross CU has been approved. Progress payments are being made and we are on track for a completion by around mid June. In a wonderful community response, nearly \$6000 of the \$7000 required to make up the funding shortfall has been received and I am confident that we will soon reach the target.

The contract for the work includes the painting of the gable ends, under all the eaves and the downpipes. This will leave the

main exterior walls to the painted to complete the rebirth of our village icon. The Association will arrange all the equipment and paint so a weekend painting bee in late June/early July will be organised to complete this task.

Following a visit to our April meeting by Mr Noel Hodges from Council, the Association discussed the issues and made a formal submission to the Administrators on the Shire's 7-year Plan. Among other things, our submission expressed concern at the lack of recognition of the infrastructure needs of the rural communities and the impact of proposed rate increases.

Finally, I want to wish Anita all the best as the new Editor of the Uki News. Her interest and expertise will ensure that our newspaper can continue as the primary local reference for news, views and information for the Uki community.

UKIRA is the Uki Village and Districts Residents' Association Incorporated, a not-for-profit community organisation that provides a forum for residents to discuss and act upon local issues. You can contact President Barry Longland on 6679 5220. UKIRA MEETINGS are held the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Uki Hall at 7pm. Please come along to our next meetings Tuesday, 4 July and 8 August.

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## Editorial

There have been yet more changes at your Uki News - the Residents' Association has resumed direct control of publication, and I've been persuaded to take the editorial role. I hope you find the newsletter readable and informative, and apologise in advance for the many mistakes and omissions that are bound to be in it! Thank you to all the contributors and advertisers who have been so patient with me during the compilation of this issue, and thanks to Tony Grumley for his editorial efforts over the past year—it isn't easy, as I found out!

Particular thanks go to Lindy Treasure, for taking time out of her busy life to run through the procedure for me; to Ida Daly for bringing me up to date with advertisers; and to Jeanette Simpson for her willingness to continue in the role of finance officer.

As you will notice, the newsletter has been reduced in size once more. We have condensed it down to twenty pages. Please let me know if any of your favourite content hasn't made it into this shorter length - I always want to hear the readers' opinions and appreciate all Letters to

the Editor. As the CTC is no longer involved in producing the paper, please don't bother them with Uki News business.

Letters, articles and submissions should all be sent to The Uki News, PO Box 141, Uki. If you would like to see me, you can drop into the produce market in the hall on Saturday morning. I'm there at my Healthy Home Baking stall every week. Email submissions go to the same address as before - see the Who to Contact panel for details.

Anita Morton

### Disclaimer...

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are the contributor's own and are not necessarily those of the Uki News or UKIRA.

## Who to contact

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## Development Controls Approved for Uki (continued)

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Against the majority view of the steering committee, the draft DCP from the consultants retained a site density of one dwelling per 450m<sup>2</sup> throughout the village. Some 82% of respondents wanted lower densities and, after much deliberation and further consultation, Council planners accepted the need for revision. Accordingly, the recommendations that were put to, and accepted by the Administrators, were densities of 450m<sup>2</sup> only on the flat land within the 2(d) village zone. This equates to about 10% of the total 2(d) zone and principally includes the land around the Main St area where

many blocks are already smaller than this.

The remaining 90% of village blocks will be restricted to 750m<sup>2</sup> where the slope does not exceed 20% and 1000m<sup>2</sup> for the remainder. It should be noted that this applies to the village zone only and not the surrounding Rural Residential 1(c) land (eg out Smiths Ck and Rowlands Ck Roads) where the minimum lot size still needs to be 4000m<sup>2</sup> where town water is provided.

To put the new DCP in perspective, the developer of the block on which the six units were proposed, and temporarily approved, back in 2003 would only have been permitted one dwell-

ing of two storey maximum under the new provisions. This is a great achievement for the Uki community.

Along with two storey height limits, stricter provisions for landscape coverage, setback provisions and cut/fill restrictions, the new DCP represents a great leap forward for the future protection of the amenity and heritage character of Uki. This is in addition to the infrastructure and environmental strategies embodied in the Uki Locality Plan that will ensure a community-based approach to future village development.

### Letters to the Editor

Your article on cruise control in the latest edition of the Uki News is the stuff of urban myths. Admittedly, the main message 'NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE ROAD IS WET OR ICY' is correct, but not for the exaggerated reasons in the article. The story is liberally sprinkled with 'way over the top' statements.

'... your car will accelerate to a higher speed and you will take off like an aeroplane.'

'... literally flew through the air.'

'... travelling through the air at 10 - 25 km/hr faster than the speed set on the cruise control.'

This urban myth has been around for a while. I refer you to <http://carpoint.ninensn.com/car-review/1690582.aspx> for a detailed report.

Maybe the three points I've picked out (being the most scary if you took the article to heart) should be discredited in the next Uki News.

Peace.

Tony Hynes

### Village Voices

Got a gripe? Need to let everyone know? Send your message to Village Voices.

Dogs are very welcome in all of Uki's parks, but it would be appreciated if owners could bring a bag with them on their walks to collect the droppings. It's not nice for children rolling around in the grass to get covered with dog poo.

(Editor's note: I asked local vet Stephanie Wright about health issues associated with dog faeces. She says that dog droppings can harbour both roundworm and hydatid tapeworm, both of which are transmissible to humans. These parasites cause damage to internal organs, including the liver, and if not treated early enough can cause serious health problems. Roundworm infection is a leading cause of blindness in children. Please worm your dog regularly and pick up their droppings every time. According to Council, there's a \$220 on the spot fine for not doing so.)

Peter and Lyn at the Post Office ask that everyone please pick up their parcels promptly. They have limited space to store packages, and the tide is rising.... Pete's all right for the time being, but Lyn is somewhat shorter, and is going down for the third time!

Robert Pope has been invited to the Theosophical Society in Sydney (Kent St) to talk about his book "The True Meaning of the da Vinci Code". It is scheduled for the 18th June at 2 pm to 4 pm.

#### FREE ROOFING IRON

As mentioned in the Ukira Report, work has begun on the roof at the Buttery. If anybody is interested in the second hand iron that is being removed from the roof you can contact Ukira. (Barry 6679 5220)

**O.O.S.H After Hours School care 3-6pm Mon to Fri, ph**

It took me three visits before I was able to sit down with Sue Lydford, proprietor of Sai Light, to talk about her new business venture. On the first two occasions, the shop was full of customers! Sue's range of colourful women's clothes is proving to be very popular. The clothes are available in sizes 8 to 16, with some styles also stocked in sizes up to 24, so there's something to suit everyone. Sue loves colour, texture and fabric, and the range of clothes reflects this.

Sai Light also stocks a wide range of other products, ranging from Kelly Lane giftware to shoes, artworks, incense, jewellery and bindis. The Himalayan salt lamps are an interesting line – they are made of natural crystal

salt mined in that mountain range, and are said to emit negative ions to cancel out the harmful positive ions generated in our homes and workplaces.

Sue says that although Sai Light is the first business she has owned, her many years of experience in the retail and wholesale fashion trade are really paying off. The eye for fashion that she developed over the years when she worked for boutiques stocking the top Melbourne designers of the time, such as George Gross, helps her to choose the most popular colours and styles for Sai Light.

It's not only the business side of the counter that fascinates her – Sue also loves shopping! Five

hours of looking, trying on and comparing is nothing to her, and fortunately she has a willing partner in crime in her daughter, Natalia. Friends who have been taken on one of their shopping trips end up pleading for mercy!

Sai Light is open six days a week from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, with the shop closed on Tuesdays. Sue also gets a little time off on Sundays, when Natalia helps out behind the counter. Expect to see a constantly changing range of goods at Sai Light as Sue puts her free time and love of shopping to good use to select more exciting products for her customers.

**DON'T MISS THE LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET** at Uki Hall every **SATURDAY** from 8am to 1pm.

### *I Remember...*

Life before refrigeration was fine in the winter months, but a different story in the hot weather. Meat needed to be purchased each day – or corned so that it would last – and was kept in a meat safe, which was a metal box with holes punched all over in a decorative design, to allow air circulation.

This was hung in a cool shady place. Milk was also kept in the meat safe, and would be put in a jug covered with a crocheted doiley with heavy beads around the edge to keep it secure. Quite often, milk would be scalded to make it last longer.

Butter was just that, then. Butter, no margarine, and in the hot weather it was a problem to keep it solid. My grandparents

had a butter-cooler, which was made of metal with holes around and covered with cheesecloth. This was placed in a shallow pan of water, and possibly the cheesecloth acted as a wick, drawing up the water and keeping the butter cool. I remember my grandfather once digging a hole under the house to put the cooler in. (We had an old dog who used to dig himself a bed under the house on hot nights). So it may have worked. Apart from milk and butter, jellies just did not set well, if at all.

Eventually, we got ice chests and the butter factory made ice, which we purchased in ½ or ¼ blocks. These large blocks were cut with a hand saw into the required size. Some of the local boys (Joy's sons) would do deliveries in a billycart with a wet bag over it to halt the melting

process.

To make the ice last longer, we would wrap it in sheets of newspaper before placing it in the ice chest. Underneath the ice chest was a drawer lined with tin, and into this would go the melted ice-water. Woe betide you if you forgot to empty it at night, as a wet floor would greet you in the morning. The same result was achieved by letting the drawer get too full and then trying to pull it out.

Thank goodness, we no longer have to be concerned about oily butter or unset jellies, as the fridge was a great invention – be it gas, kero or electricity. My only complaint is the fridge makes the butter too damn hard!

Mary Roberts

## Astrological Insights

Welcome. Recently an article appeared in the media concerning a group of scientists who felt again the need to distance themselves from Astrology, describing it as an unworthy piece of old and odd superstition. Astrology obviously does not fare well with linear scientific thinking. Trying to pit this ancient knowledge against the rigorous standards of modern science is like attempting to x ray or chemically analyze the soul! It won't work. In the 1970s astrologers themselves trusted that in the new millennium their discipline will be finally validated as a 'Science'. Since then some

wonderful statistical proofs of Astrology have been found thanks to the work of dedicated researchers. Unmistakably linking, for example, selected groups' choice of profession with traditional astrological tenets. Still today though the ultimate proof that could make Astrology a recognized Science eludes us. In my opinion we have been looking at the issue the wrong way, attempting to pair Astrology with the Physical Sciences (such as Chemistry or even Astronomy), instead than giving it the place it deserves amongst the Humanistic Sciences, such as Philosophy

## Paola Emma

and Psychology. Astrology should also be recognized as one of the Healing Arts, a very powerful aid in psychological and crisis counseling. Throughout the ages we, the astrologers themselves, have also sent out the wrong message about our Art, too often using it as a cover up for fortune telling. Codes of practice have been established and need to be implemented to guarantee a satisfactory standard in teaching-practicing Astrology. Happy Autumn everyone. fortunauki@yahoo.com.au



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### Saturday Morning Market

Produce Market - A relaxing country atmosphere in the Uki hall. Stock up on local fresh produce and crafts, or join in the jam session with local musicians for an fun get-together.

Do you have a business idea? Try it out at the market first! New stallholders are always welcome—phone 6679 5530 and leave a message for the market co-ordinators. It's only \$10 for a stall, table included, so why not give it a go?

### Sai Light

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Flying foxes are a fact of life. So if you're a gardener with fruit trees, the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has some advice that protects the bats, protects humans from contacting the deadly Nipah/ Hendra/lyssa virus from a bat bite, and hopefully ensures you get some fruit. NPWS suggests you cover your fruit trees with netting, size 40mm or smaller, tightly stretched over a homebuilt frame, then pegged down to the ground. If the netting is not stretched tight, the bats can get caught and possibly bite humans attempting to free them.

Other alternatives for gardeners are to cover individual fruits with strong paper bags, or cover the trees with reusable 50% shade-cloth that has been pegged down.

For further handy hints like this, why not come along to a meeting of the Uki Garden Club? Membership only costs \$20 per household and this includes a very informative monthly newsletter. Members can join up with any or all of the 3 sub-groups: the Food group, the Flower Arranging group and the Movie Group. Members meet on the last Saturday of the month at a different member's garden for an informal meeting and buy or swap plants, seeds or excess produce; go for a wander around the garden; have a chat about gardening in general; borrow some gardening books from our library and share a delicious afternoon tea.

For further information, please phone Cathie Miles on 6679 7191.

### Useful urine

I have recently been asked these two horticultural questions:

1. What's the best thing for fertilizing citrus trees?
2. How can I make my compost heap break down quicker?

The answer to both these unrelated questions is the same: use human urine. Sadly it's only male urine that works – female

urine has too many of the wrong hormones in it. Tomatoes like it too, so don't waste this precious resource. It can be applied directly to the mulch around citrus trees and tomatoes although care must be taken to keep it off the foliage and fruit. It can be used liberally in compost heaps where it speeds up decomposition nicely. Be aware that citrus and tomatoes also require a balanced fertilizer (either a proprietary brand of granulated fertilizer, pelletized

chicken manure, blood and bone or seaweed and fish emulsion). Apologies if this information offends anyone.

(Editor's Note: all urine contains useful amounts of nitrogen in the form of urea. Males have a handy applicator; females who want to try this will find a bucket more convenient! After applying the fertilizer, water it in well to prevent any smell developing.)

### A Gardener

### Bunnies go berserk

Has anyone noticed the proliferation of rabbits in the village? It appears that someone has liberated their domesticated pets, which have now bred and are creating havoc in people's gardens. Apart from nibbling lettuce seedlings, rabbits cause a huge amount of environmental damage. Cat traps are available from Council and they work for rabbits too. Entice them into the trap with some commercial rabbit pellets available

from pet shops. Sprinkle them in a trail towards the trap and put a little dish of them at the back of the trap. What you do with the rabbits after that is your own business. We need to try and contain this problem before the bunny population in Uki explodes.



### Path planting

In conjunction with Green Corp, the Residents Association will be planting more species along the footpath that links Smith's Creek Road to the village. The plants selected will be low growing so they won't block the view of northbound drivers. The plants will come from a variety of sources including local growers, the Council/Landcare Nursery and purchases enabled by donations of money. The work will be carried out in the spring.



Topknot Pigeon (*Lopholaimus antarcticus*) 40 – 46 cm

A big pale grey pigeon (smaller in NE Qld) with a curious backswept hair-do (crest) which is grey in front, ginger behind. Flight feathers and long tail are slaty black with the tail crossed by a narrow buff-grey band. The eye is golden yellow with a red outer ring and black pupil. Bill is red with a brown tip. Legs and feet purple. The immature is plainer; bill brown, crest smaller, tail band less definite.

Voice; usually silent except for a short sharp screech during feeding and a low squeak in display. Soft low 'coo' heard infrequently.

Nest; (seldom seen) in late spring, 250mm in diameter and 80 to 100mm thick, while others

are small flimsy platforms. Eggs; one glossy white oval 30 to 40mm. Incubation; 17 days.

Distribution extends from Cape York Peninsula to Ulladulla NSW, along the coastal fringe. The Topknot Pigeon is migratory, following the fruiting of its favourite trees. In this area it is often seen in flocks of 20 – 50, feeding on camphor laurel berries as well as native fruiting trees. This year it arrived about the second week of May and it is still here.

Habitat; rainforests, palms, native figs, nearby eucalyptus forests, woodlands and fruiting trees in open forests. The Topknot Pigeon feeds in the canopy and lower storey, and never comes to ground. It obtains most of its water by drinking from leaves, but in dry weather drinks at streams,

perching on rocks or clinging to overhanging branches. When feeding it hangs upside down on clumps of foliage or clings to very thick branches, flapping its wings loudly and sending showers of dislodged fruit rattling through the undergrowth.

The Topknot Pigeon is set apart from other pigeons by its sexual display as well as by its plumage. During pair formation the male lands on the branch close to the female, immediately half spreads its wings and tail and holds its body erect. The two birds, their crests raised, entwine their necks. In the bowing display the male, crest erect, presses its bill down to its breast. The body is held upright, the driven forcibly downwards. At its lowest point there is a squeak, and then the body is raised. This bow, which is presented in bouts, resembles that of no other pigeon. There are no obvious relationships between the Topknot Pigeon and other groups of pigeons. It is perhaps the sole representative of a type of pigeon which has survived only in Australia.

Don't confuse this fruit-eating pigeon with the smaller Crested Pigeon (*Geophaps lophotes*) which is a seed eater which is common in this area and found across most of Australia.

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## Uki and South Arm Historical Society

The Society recently held its AGM and once again the committee was returned unopposed. Our President, Dot Lange, reminded us in her annual report of the busy year which has just passed.

A few Saturday mornings ago we hosted a morning tea for the Advisory Committee of the newly-formed Tweed River Regional Museum. The Murwillumbah Museum and the Tweed Heads Museums were also on their itinerary.

The annual Zone Conference of the Historical Societies of the region was held in Lismore recently and was attended by our delegates. The reported that the guest speaker from the RTA was very interesting and enlightening, giving an insight into the varied areas of this department.

Our most recent workshops were those with speakers from the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney.

Day one featured conservation of paper. A dry subject, you might think, but no; we learned how to look after photographs, newspaper cuttings, documents, books, watercolour paintings etc. We heard about the three big no-nos of light, temperature and humidity and how they destroy paper products. The next day, Mary-Lee attended a workshop on digitalisation of the photographic collection.

Our next meetings will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>. Starting time for each meeting is 10 am. The office is open on Fridays. Telephone 6679 5890.

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## Kaye's Kitchen

By Kaye Wilson

### Creamy Camembert Soup

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- 1 ½ cups sliced mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 6 tablespoons sherry
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups light and creamy evaporated milk
- 120 g camembert
- 2 tablespoons cornflour
- Black pepper and nutmeg to taste

Melt margarine in pan, sauté chopped shallots, add mushrooms. Deglaze pan with 3 tbsps of the sherry followed by chicken stock. Simmer 10 minutes. Add light evaporated milk and chopped camembert, stir until soup thickens and cheese melts. Mix remaining sherry with cornflour and stir into soup. Continue to cook for a few minutes, until thick. Season to taste with pepper and grated nutmeg. Serve with a crusty roll and a glass of dry white. Serves 6.

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# Red Cross Report

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After the disaster workshop held earlier this year, our group was happy to welcome three new members.

Some of our members do Tele-cross calling. You ring someone who is living alone – they may be elderly or handicapped – it is just a short call to see if they are alright. New callers are always needed. If anyone is interested, phone Chris at Murwillumbah Red Cross Centre on 6672 6770. You don't have to be a Red Cross member.

We are hoping for a successful day on 2<sup>nd</sup> June with our Red Cross Winter Appeal. Our branch was able to send nearly \$700 to the Premier's appeal for the Innisfail victims (Cyclone

Larry). Once more, many thanks for your support.

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On behalf of the Uki community, I want to thank everyone for their support to the Great Aussie Morning Tea on 25th of May.

Also thanks to all who did cooking and to the workers in the kitchen.

We raised \$262.00. Winners of the raffle;

Sheets—Maureen Hallard  
Painting—Gwen Mapstone  
Bowls—Diane Harding

Thank you all.

## Traffic matters

Roadworks at Byangum Bridge seem to have been going on for ages – you'll be happy to know that they should be finished soon, weather permitting. We will end up with a wider, straighter and more level road, according to Ian Kite (Council's Works Manager). New culverts are also being put in as part of the \$200,000 project. It was paid for by a government grant, not through rates revenue.

You will have noticed the new speed signs on Kyogle Rd between Uki and Murwillumbah. These are permanent restrictions imposed by Council's Traffic Committee due to the nature of the road and the number of accidents.

It's easy to go a bit too fast when you know the road well, but please check your speedo and comply with the new 80 kph zones.

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## How's your prostate?

The prostate gland is located deep within the pelvis and produces the fluid that accompanies the sperm during ejaculation. In an adult male, the gland is normally about the size of a chestnut, but because of its location, if it becomes inflamed or enlarged, it may exert pressure on the urethra, so obstructing the flow of urine. This can cause interrupted or difficult urination (dribbling incontinence), urgent or frequent urination - especially at night. Urine trapped in the bladder may become infected and cause cystitis, and backward pressure can lead to kidney infection and damage.

Congestion and overgrowth of the prostate gland is virtually universal in men over the age of 60, with the process beginning possi-

bly as young as 40. Why this happens is not completely understood, but theories suggest hormonal responses of glandular cells as androgen and other hormone levels vary with age. This enlargement process is called benign prostatic hyperplasia, and whilst often associated with unpleasant and uncomfortable symptoms, it is not generally a life threatening condition. A small number of enlarged or inflamed prostates may be cancerous. This fact underlies the need for a proper medical investigation if any symptoms begin to appear.

Natural Therapies have a long and effective history in supporting optimal prostate health.. The herb Saw Palmetto (*Serenoa repens*) has been traditionally used in treating male urogenital condi-

## Judith Magee

tions. It produces a small berry that contains important fatty acids and sterols that affect testosterone metabolism. It is also a 5-alpha reductase inhibitor that acts to block the formation of dihydrotestosterone, the hormone responsible for prostate enlargement. Other important treatment options include the homoeopathic remedies Sabal Serrulata, Thuja and Causticum, and relevant nutritional supplements including Zinc and Vitamin E.

Commonly, men are slow to seek professional help about health issues. It is important to *not* to delay, as early intervention can ensure a simple and effective treatment programme with a positive long-term outcome.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Gl'o Dance, Uki hall  
Dance the night away to pulse rhythms by candlelight - Candlelit Gl'o dance 8.30 - 10.30pm.



## Uki Hall Events Schedule

# What's On

Monday	Yoga 9.30 to 11.00 am
Tuesday	Cards 10.00 am
Wednesday	Yoga 8.30 to 10.00 am
Thursday	Yoga 5.30 to 7.00 pm Indoor bowls 7.30 to 9.30 pm
Friday	Gl'o Café (once a month only, on Buttery Bazaar weekend)
Saturday	Produce and craft market 8.00 am to 1.00 pm

Special events like Lifeline sales and Red Cross functions are announced on the noticeboard. Contact the Post Office for hiring details.

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## Uki Weather Report

The cold weather came upon us very suddenly this year. After a cloudy and wet March, April was much drier and cooler. The total rainfall for March was 268.8mm, which is 100mm above average. We were very lucky that most of that rain fell in small doses – after the very wet first week, any really heavy downpours could have led to flooding.

April was drier than average as autumn quickly took hold. We had 77.6mm, about 20mm below average. The pattern of a week

or two of fine weather, and then light showers only is typical of the season. May has also followed the trend, with only 23.8mm falling in the month to date (24 May). This month promises to be unusually dry this year, though in past years it has been extremely wet on occasions. In 1996 we had 680mm of rain in May – conversely, 2004 saw only 7.2mm in the whole month.

Looking ahead, I expect that this will be a colder than usual winter.

## Anita Morton

We will have lots of clear weather, which means low night temperatures and plenty of frosts. I think that this will be a winter of extremes, with perhaps only one or two major rain events in the next few months. We could have quite reasonable rain from them, but there will be long dry patches in between. Keep warm on those chilly nights, and keep an eye on your garden – dry soil and frost is a killer combination.

## Bad TV Reception?

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## Robert Harrell

burn for later use. If you have a TV Out on your video card it is possible to pipe the signal through to your TV, thereby allowing the digital signal to be shown through the TV. You can even do this with a wireless option to be away with the cables, not bad eh!

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So get yourself a card and receive the TV reception that you have dreamed about.



### SUNDAY

#### Buttery Bazaar Markets

Watch Uki come totally alive with colour and fun. The Bazaar is a day not to miss – artisan and craft stalls, second hand treasures, food and entertainment – take a stroll around the stalls or just relax on the village green with some fine food.

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## Registration of cattle brands

When Uki and South Arm Historical Society President, Dot Lange, gets an idea, you know she's not going to let it go until it's done.

And done it was on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> of May at the old tennis court park.

Over eighty cattle brands, old and new from farms on the South Arm returned to Uki to be recorded and burned into the wooden fence that was especially constructed. Very shortly, signs explaining and listing localities will be added to the rail area.

Dot Lange has excelled in this project and future generations will be enthralled and educated as a result of her idea.

The historical society was supported enthusiastically with this project both in the planning stages – many thanks Jane and the Hall trust – and on the day.



**Anne Irvine applying her family's brand to the rail**

Their help made things run smoothly.

## Helena Duckworth

Dot also rounded up two wonderful blokes, John Forrester and his sidekick from Pottsville Forge, who kept heating up the brands as fast as Matthew Daley could get them organised. Great teamwork! And thanks to Paul Engel, who built the fence, and also Don Mackay, who supplied sanded boards to be burned as souvenirs.

Many 'oldies', farmers from way back, attended and burned their brands, something they probably thought they'd never do again. Johnny French, Faith Starr, Effie Cason, Ian Dunlop and George Walters were some of the people who came back to Uki for the ceremony.

The weather was kind, the assistance from the community freely given, making the occasion not only a registration of brands but an overdue get-together.

## Kunghur Rural Fire Brigade

The Kunghur Rural Fire Brigade will hold its AGM on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July at the Fire Shed. All nominations for office bearers have been accepted and positions filled.

Starting at 10 am, the meeting will be followed by a social sausage sizzle. The public is invited to join us on this day, meet your brigade members and see the progress on the new shed extension. A result of many working bees, the extra space has already proved useful for training seminars.

Ron Duckworth, Captain

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### RSL Report

By Ray Blissett

Honorary Secretary Uki RSL Sub-Branch

Since my last report, Anzac Day has come and gone. Once again, our Dawn Service was well attended by Sub-Branch members, families and local residents. Seventy-five people attended the breakfast after the service. A great big thank you to those people who generously donated a total of \$280.00 to the Sub-Branch. This will help us to continue for another year.

Our President John Smith presented a wallet, which belonged to Len Loder our first Sub-Branch President, to the Uki Historical Society. Len was presented with the wallet in 1917 by the residents of Uki, prior to his departure to World War 1.

The thanks of the Sub-Branch go to the following businesses for their donations:

Mount Warning Hotel – ice and eskies

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Uki Hall Committee – use of the hall free of charge

Also thanks to: 225 regional cadets – cenotaph guard

Daniel Neilson – trumpeter, and

Rev'd Dr John Tyman – assistance with ceremony.

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On a sad note, we lost our longest-serving Sub-Branch member, Reg (Porky) Armour, on 22 March 2006. 'Porky' was a member from 1943 until his death. He will be sorely missed by Sub-Branch members and our thoughts are with his family.

We are now down to nineteen members and desperately need more. If you completed six months' service with the navy, army, airforce or merchant marines either as a permanent member, reserve member or National Serviceman, you are qualified to join the Sub-Branch. If you require more information, please contact John Smith 6679 9122, or Ray Blissett 6679 5250.

The next meeting of the Sub-Branch will be held at the Uki Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2006 at 10am.

## Buttery Bazaar

### Every 3rd Sunday

For bookings and info phone Kara 6679 9026



Remember the big Ukitopia weekend coming up in June (16, 17, 18) for the winter solstice.

Plenty of activity around the Buttery on Saturday afternoon following the usual Hall Produce market in the morning.

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## Uki Public School news

We have hit this term running and it doesn't look like we will stop for some time yet! It is not a rumour - our P&C President Phil Carr was informed that the submission for the Investing in Our Schools grant to complete the second stage of our Special Programs Centre has been successful. This should allow us to fully complete this project by the end of the year so that the music program can move into their new permanent space. We will then be one of the few primary schools in NSW to have specialist teaching spaces for Music and Visual Arts. Mrs Jenny Porter, Visual Arts teacher, and her students have settled into their new room and are very excited with the new opportunities this facility provides them. If you would like to observe this marvellous new addition to our school community please come and have a look. I would be happy to show you

around.

One of the targets for this year is to look at developing a school council which will allow the Uki School community to develop clear goals and directions. In broad terms, a school council would be concerned with school planning and governance and would ensure that the whole community is involved in important decisions made by the school. Members of a school council might typically consist of parents (3), teachers (2), the Principal and one community member. The parents and community representatives must be in the majority. We will consider a resolution to support the commencement of a school council at our next P&C meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 6pm in our staff room. We would love to see you if you would like to become involved in this ven-

ture with us.

The UNSW English Competition will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. This competition is held annually for students from early primary years to the end of secondary school. More than half a million students participate in the competition. All the best to our students who will be participating.

The last day of our second school term, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, is Red Nose Day. This special day is the major fundraiser for SIDS and Kids and funds raised assist in providing vital services and programs. So if you want a red nose or a 'chicken badge' come in and see us. We will have one for you. If you would like to know more about our school and the wonderful opportunities we provide our students and their families, please contact Garry Brabham, Principal, on 6679 5128.

### The Macfile

It is truly amazing the gems you find if you read some product labels and instruction leaflets. My all-time favourite English translation attempt involved a cycle computer I purchased years ago. At one point they wanted to say in the instructions basically that the unit 'looked good'. How it came out in English was

'This cycle computer will satisfy your noble sense of sight seeing.' Great!! We bought some readymade Brubecks Greek Beef Moussaka recently handmade by one Tony Whitlock, who was described as follows;

'Kitchen manager [slave driver] & breakdown mechanic/

handyman [and his dad that fixes everything from cars to households for all 5 of his kids]'

I like it.

A nice happy moment from a while back. I was mechanic on an interstate cycle ride and on the last day a rider came up to settle a bill. The ride was near finished and as we talked he mentioned not using his shoes once the ride finished. So I suggested he forget the bill and just send the shoes to my son who lives in country Victoria. I gave him the address and said goodbye. I forgot till a call came from my son who out of the blue had got a parcel with a pair of cycle shoes inside. It was nice of the guy to follow through.



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# OUT & ABOUT

## Epiphany Arts

**Epiphany Arts** is a monthly event held at Stokers Siding Hall, on the first Friday of every month. The entry fee of \$18 includes a two course meal with a choice of meat or vegetarian, therefore bookings are essential by the prior Wednesday at 66779457 or [admin@epiphanyarts.org](mailto:admin@epiphanyarts.org) (Lena Wyllie). This month's meal choices are Free range Frittata or Mild Chicken Curry on Rice both served with greens and french bread and the Epiphany Ice Cream cake.

This month's **Epiphany Arts** at Stokers Siding Community Hall, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June will be another exciting night with **loren** as the act for the night.

**loren** who appeared first at Epiphany as the support act for **Lior** was so popular, we just had to get him back before he gets out of our local league.

"Singer / Songwriter **loren**, is now three albums into what is proving to be an encouraging musical career. On this, his first studio



album 'Community' showcases his belief that strong communities are essential to building a better world. Able to switch between honest, soulful acoustic tunes, to that of more uplifting groove laden folk, **loren** is as enjoyable as he is diverse".

Community Album, Reakt Magazine WA

"loren's songwriting is intelligent and catchy and 'Community' should reap this talented artist some much-deserved rewards." Buzz Magazine [January 2006]

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Uki Buttery Bazaar

June Market Sunday 18th





## King Marong & Safara

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### Buttery Bazaar

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Greetings Uki Folks! "It never rains on 'market Sunday'", or so I was told when taking on the job of market co-coordinator (approx. 6 rain days in 14 years of market history). Well - (you guessed it!) - it poured down for the April market, but turned into an enjoyable day for those who came and stayed. So, based on these weather statistics (very scientific), we should be in for sunny market days for the next two years!

The Buttery Bazaar is a day not to be missed - with something for everyone - artisan and craft stalls, second hand treasures, great coffee, food and entertainment. Take a stroll around the stalls or just relax on the village green with some fine food. A great social day out in Uki. Next markets: Sunday 18th June and Sunday 16th July. New stallholders and Buskers always welcome.

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# Ar t B e a t

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## *ON DISPLAY FROM 8 JUNE – 16 JULY*

### **Defending the north: Queensland in the Pacific war**

A touring exhibition from the University of Queensland Art Museum includes work by Sir William Dargie, Max Dupain, Donald Friend, and Nora Heysen.

### **Memories of the Island**

Bundjalung artist Digby Moran paints his childhood memories of Cabbage Tree Island, an Aboriginal reserve in the Richmond River.

### **Reduce Speed**

Jasna Spiranovic maps human choreography and the movement of machinery in the creation of the Duranbah Water Reservoir.

### **Free Public Programs**

All are welcome to attend the official opening at 2pm on Sunday 11 June and a guided exhibition tour with co-curators of "Defending the North" Professor Peter Spearritt, Executive Director of the Brisbane Institute and Michele Helmrich, a Brisbane writer and curator at 11am on Sunday 25 June.

## *ON DISPLAY FROM 20 JULY – 10 SEPTEMBER*

### **Olive Cotton Award**

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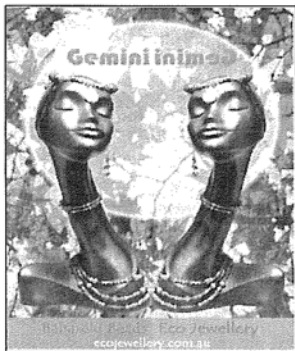
# ART BEAT

## Exciting exhibition at Escape Gallery

Escape Gallery in Murwillumbah will be holding a unique event in July/August. Themed around Bundjalung Nation aboriginal wall art and a glass expo titled Facets of Glass, the six week event will commence on Saturday the first of July with a grand opening ceremony.

This will feature a smoking ceremony (no, not that kind!), tribal dance, fashion parade and concert. At the concert Adrian Ross - Australia's foremost didgeridoo player - will demonstrate his style using his unique glass didgeridoo. This has to be heard to be believed.

There will also be an exquisite display of art glass with pieces never seen before, and during the month the Tweed Valley Art Glass group will be giving live demonstrations of working with glass. Refer to the Escape Gallery website [escapeart.com.au](http://escapeart.com.au) for full details.



In 2006 Babareki Beads is showcasing the Eco Jewellery Collection featuring original jewellery designs made from vibrant recycled and organic beads. Each month, as part of this collection, we are releasing an exclusive range of designs created to reflect the signs of the zodiac. This month's sparkling Gemini range is inspired by the early autumn's changing colours - saffron and burnt yellows mixed with acid and spring greens. Using a selection of peridot, chrysoprase, yellow topaz, mixed with crystals, glass and timber beads, we have created a range of jewellery designed to enliven your heart and solar plexus energy centres.

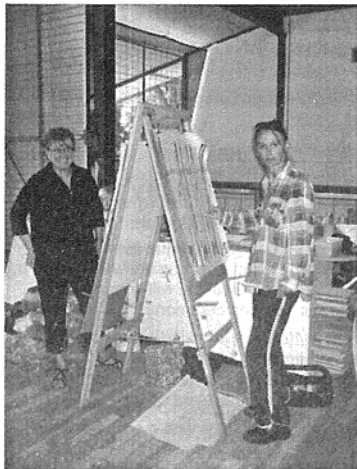
The Gemini range will be available for purchase or order from the weekend of 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2006 and will then continue to be a part of the Babareki Beads Eco Jewellery Collection. Why not visit the Babareki Beads Studio Gallery and see it all dressed up to celebrate Gemini!

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## Last Minute ....



Eager art students gathered at Lisa Gair's Precious Earth Studio recently. Participants enjoyed a full-day life drawing workshop under the tutelage of Shirley Kennedy.

Shirley is a well-known art tutor who holds regular life-drawing classes in Murwillumbah. She will be returning to Uki in August, so keep your eye on the noticeboard at Precious Earth for the announcement.

**Pictured left** are workshop participants Cheryl Nest (left) and Tracey Rainford (right). Tracey's work can be seen at a group exhibition at Escape Gallery, Brisbane St, Murwillumbah from 12 August.

Phew! That's it for this issue. I hope you found the Uki News easy to read and that I've managed to fit in all your favourite bits. Feel free to contact me and let me know what you think.

The exhausted Editor.

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