

Council planning controls displaced by last minute State rezoning policy

Jai Morrison

When the New South Wales Premier and the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes announced on December 5th that the Departmrtment of Environment and Planning would be launching a 'Rezoning Pathways Program' (RPP), the Tweed Shire Council was quick to write to the Minister for Planning and Homes and State Members for Tweed and Lismore seeking the urgent deferral of the recently announced Rezoning Pathways Program (RPP).

The Council asked for a deferral so that Councils and communities could be consulted on the fact that the State was intending to take over significant parts of the planning process.

Tweed Mayor Chris Cherry told the Council meeting on December 15 that 'the motion was asking to have a deferral of this program coming in to effect until consultation has occurred with the NSW Councils and allow us to consult with our communities on it because the impacts could be quite intense,'

'In our Shire the proposal is that any development that are 300 units or over will be dealt with by the State government - assessed and determined by the State.' At the moment there is not a lot of information as to how much local planning controls will be consulted, how much our local community would be consulted.

It is essentially really taking control out of our planning area. It is not a great thing for local democracy. Although everyone wants affordable housing to be implemented as q isuickly as possible, we can't do it at the expense of losing our local planning is powers', Mayor Cherry said.



Tweed Shire Mayor Cr Chris Cherry Photo Tweed Shire Council

Ms Lindy Smith, President of the Tweed District Residents and Ratepayers Association (TDRRA), highlighted that the State govdernment had confirmed and launched the RPP on the 2nd March 2023, the day before the caretaker period started for the election.

Ms Amanda Fairly, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment, said the Rezoning Pathways Program is aimed at increasing housing diversity and supply by rezoning land for up to 70,000 homes by 30th June 2024. One of the four criteria that proposals will be considered against for inclusion in the RPP is their **potential to contribute to new affordable and social housing**. All proposals under this program will be subject to the same strict assessment requirements as any other planning proposal, including assessment against State and Local planning strategies, as well as consultation with Councils and the community.

President of Local Government NSW, Darriea Turley, said that Local Councils were best placed to make planning decisions in the interests of their communities. Sideling Councils from this critical role will only benefit developers and further degrades the community from having any say about what developments occur in their area.

Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association President, Peter Newton, agrees with Ms Smith that there is geniune fear in the community that we are under threat of unsustainable, inappropriate development under the guise of the demand for housing brought about by the devestating floods, lack of affordable housing and the rental crisis. Our community does need and expect State planning reform particularly in relation to floodplain development and short term rental accommodation laws. What we don't need is another State sanctioned program such as RPP which **at the stroke of a ministerial pen** potentially could provide developers with carte-blanche access to lands that should never be developed such as the State Significant Farmland of the Cudgen Plateau, flood-prone lowlands and floodplains.

From the Editors

Welcome to Issue 129 of the Uki News

As the days get shorter and the mornings get cooler, we can say goodbye to La Nina and perhaps enjoy a more nuetral climate for a while. Hopefully we will continue to get decent rainfalls without the flooding. Cooler weather always makes it easier to catch up with outdoor chores and fun activities.

There are lots of fun activities and

events coming up around Uki in the next few months.

Everything from art exhibitions, singing workshops, classical music outdoors, lots of other live music at the markets, the park and the pub, plus a big Family Fun Day at the Village Gardens.

In other news we now have a new State government.

Time will tell if the Northern Rivers will achieve better outcomes for the

flood battered families and businesses It will be ineresting to see if there is a reversal of the privatising of public assets and a return to properly funded and staffed public services like schools, hospitals and essential services.

Our public servants deserve to be paid a good living wage that at least keeps up with inflation.

The Editors.

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Family Help

The Tresillian Mobile Early Parenting Van visits Uki every second Tuesday setting up at the Butter Factory car park in Norco Street. By appointment, families with toddlers can access specialist nurses for expert advice and support. For advice over the phone, or to make an appointment with the Uki van, contact -

Tresillian on 1300 272736.

Uki & South Arm Historical Society EXHIBITIONS open during Buttery Bazaar Markets



Janelle Saffin retains Lismore

abor's Janelle Saffin has recorded the party's biggest ever win in the seat of Lismore, in north-east NSW. The ALP had held the seat by a margin of less than 2 per cent, but that looks likely to blow out to more than 16 per cent.

Saffin told a crowd of supporters it had been her privilege to work with the local community to overcome the effects of last year's devastating floods.

"I know that I've gained the trust of a lot of people," she said.

"People who I know would normally never vote Labor. "They voted this time because they said that they really wanted me to stay around and see through the recovery, the rebuild, the re-imagination, all the things that we need to do."



Words from UKIRA

by Phil Carr

Community Pianos

A big thanks to piano tuner extraordinaire, Milton White from Chillingham, for maintaining Uki's well used twin pianos. Milton offers his time for free, so if you see him on the job give him a pat on the back or maybe even offer to buy him a coffee.



Milton the Piano Man Milton White

Chillingham Markets every Second Sunday of the month

Camphor Laurel Trees

Following advice from a Level 5 Arborist about the condition of the four Camphor Laurel trees at the front of the Butter Factory, UKIRA is applying to Tweed Shire Council for approval to do a heavy prune on the trees. Once this approval has been given, we will obtain quotes from suitably qualified arborists.

Nightcap Decision Inches Closer

In August 2021, the NSW Government's Northern Regional Planning Panel refused an application (DA21/0010) for multiple rural land sharing communities



in the Mt Burrell/Kunghur area that would accommodate a total of 392 dwellings.

The applicant, NCV Enterprises Pty Ltd, appealed the decision to the NSW Land & Environment Court. On 9th February 2023, a conciliation conference held by the Court was abandoned owing to the inability of the parties to reach agreement. Subsequently, a Land & Environment Court hearing has been listed for Tuesday, 16th May 2023 to decide the fundamental question of whether the development is permissible under Schedule 5 of the State Environmental Planning Policy.

This separate permissibility hearing will take place before any full hearing on the merits of the proposed development.

Uki Village Gardens

UVG is a project auspiced by UKIRA, yet the establishment of the Gardens has been funded primarily through grants and donations. In 2020, donated funds were used to purchase a 20-foot container that was part of a plan for water harvesting. However, last year's record flood led to a rethink and with the blessing of the donor the container has now been sold, with funds to be utilised elsewhere in the Gardens.

Put in your diary: Family Fun Day at the Gardens on Sunday 30th April.

We remember Greg O'Donnell, the pioneer of the Uki Village Gardens, who passed away in April 2022.



Spread the Word - Stop the Weeds!

Weed Biosecurity Project Officer ROUS COUNTY COUNCIL Tess King www.rous.nsw.gov.au/weedresources

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ur region is a hotspot for weeds. Our weather supports the growth and spread of all types of weeds, but some weeds are a biosecurity concern. It is little-known that in NSW the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 was replaced by The Biosecurity Act 2015. Under the Act, we all have a shared responsibility to protect our environment, industry, and economy from weed biosecurity threats.

Rous County Council is the local weed biosecurity control authority with a specialised Weed Biosecurity team. It is important to notify Rous of suspected sightings of certain invasive weeds. A list of these invasive weeds is available in Rous County Council's Priority Weeds of the Far North Coast book (free download at www.rous.nsw.gov.au/ weed-resources).

Rous's Weed Biosecurity team are available to contact for advice on weed control, support on weed identification, and they are also the team that will respond to weed notifications.

There are some things that we can all do to stop weeds in their tracks:

Learn about Priority weeds today. Know the weeds 1. that are a Biosecurity focus in the Far North Coast.

Control your weeds early. It is always best to start 2. weed control early in the plant cycle, to reduce the spread of seed. It is also a lot easier to control juvenile plants rather than larger mature and woody weeds.

Adopt biosecurity awareness at home and in 3. the community. Be mindful of the spread of weed seed through any means (human, animal, machinery, earth). If you have new or returning livestock, use a 7-day quarantine paddock to reduce the spread of new weeds. Rous is focused on weed biosecurity risks and encourage all residents to learn about priority weeds of our region.

Remember: biodiversity starts with biosecurity!

Giant Devil's Fig and Tropical Soda Apple What's the difference?

ne of the most commonly reported weeds to our Weed Biosecurity team at Rous County Council is Giant devil's fig, Solanum chrysotrichum. This is often confused for the highly invasive _and reportable Tropical soda apple or TSA (Solanum viarum). Giant devil's fig is not a reportable weed. It is a common weed that has been invading areas on the Far North Coast since the 1980s. It is spread by birds and bats and often found growing under trees and along waterways.

Giant devil's fig, while similar in appearance is different to TSA. Giant devil's fig has a single main stem, and grows up to 4m tall with noticeably rust-coloured hairs along stem and leaves. Tropical soda apple however is a branching shrub that sprawls along the ground, reaching 2m in height and has round hanging fruit that look like tiny watermelons that turn yellow as they mature. Both plants have very spiky leaves and stems.

Tropical soda apple is highly invasive and poses a huge threat to our local industry and biodiversity. One mature plant can produce up to 45,000 seeds per year and it's fruit is palatable to livestock (seeds can stay viable in the gut of livestock for up to 6 days). Tropical soda apple is a reportable weed under the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 and one that can be stopped in its tracks with your help.

If you need further information on controlling the weeds mentioned, please go to www.rous.nsw.gov.au/weedresources or search weed profiles on Weedwise www.weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Remember you can get free weed identification support, by calling Rous County Council (02) 6623 3800 or emailing weeds@rous.nsw.gov.au



Giant Devil's Fig Tree

Tropical Soda Apple



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Sunbeam Solar are a local business who have served the Tweed and Byron shires for the past 21 years. We are committed to providing clients with solar power systems that suit their needs, helping to significantly lower their energy costs or putting an end to their electricity bills

Government rebates are available for both types of solar, grid connect or stand alone systems. We offer competitive prices and installation of the highest quality. We have a track record of supporting our local clientele, providing back up service and warranties.

Sunbeam Solar have recently completed an upgrade to the solar system at the Mt Warning Preschool. We are preparing the new system for batteries so they will have backup power in case of emergencies, such as bushfires or floods.

> For more information please contact: sunbeamsolar@bigpond.com (02) 6679 7228 Find us on Facebook

little gallery FEATURE WALL EXHIBITIONS our changing landscape an exhibition by michele bevis

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

april on the feature wall, little gallery, uki opening: thursday april 6th 5-7pm

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Easter exhibition 7-10 April 2023 **UKI HALL**

Opening 6pm Friday 7 April

Since 2010 Uki has been attracting many visitors to its Annual Art Exhibition which now takes place each Easter.

It is thanks to UKIRA and all our many local sponsors that almost 50 artists can have their work appreciated and purchased.

Uki locals make sure you don't miss partaking of food and wine at the Opening Night Friday 7th April : ambience set by Megan Albany and Mark Mittag playing jazz. Whatever your age visit the exhibition, open 9am-4pm each day of Easter and take part in the popular People's Choice Award: Prize this year by Illusive Wood Design. Alluring prizes for the Raffle...look closely at the vouchers and other prizes from our sponsors at the Raffle table.



Kyogle Road landslip repair contracts awarded

At its meeting on 2 March, Council selected a preferred contractor which will allow work to commence on completing designs and construction of the landslips on Kyogle Road and Mt Warning Road.

Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd has been selected for three contracts worth more than \$28 million to restore three sites on Kvogle Road and also the contract to restore Mt Warning Road worth more than \$11 million. Transport for NSW is currently assessing the proposed works prior to Council's awarding of the contract.

Broken Bridge Vandalised

Jai Morrison



he new bridge over the Tweed River at Byrrill Creek Road, Terragon, has been vandalised by arsonists.

On Saturday the 11th March around 11pm a fire was reported at

the Tweed River bridge at Terragon which was eventually extinguished by Kunghur Fire Brigade and others. The fire was started in a large pile of flood debris that had been there since the second flood in March last year. The debris was mainly very dry hardwood timber which burnt extremely hotly causing considerable damage to the concrete approach walls structure.

The bridge was officially opened in October 2019 and has been fully submerged five times since then, each time severely eroding the bridge approaches. Tweed Shire Councili is investigating three design options, all of which will require the removal of the concrete walls on the approaches and significant reinforcement of the rock abuttments to the approaches. The preferred option includes removing the concrete wall from the entire structure but the main span may not be approved for funding by State planners. A decision is anticipated by late April and implementation completed before the end of the year.



Insanity, According to Einstein

Peter Ganser NLP Master Practitioner One of the many quotes attributed to Albert Einstein is:

"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

Who does that? They'd have to be insane!

Well, if we are being really honest with ourselves, we would find that most, if not all of us have done or are doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Often it is small stuff so it doesn't really have an impact on us apart from being annoying for us and maybe for others who live or work with us; habits for example.

A Hint From Albert.

To help us along with our insanity cure, Albert gave us a hint in another of his quotes:

"No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it"

When we find we are in a loop of getting the same outcome by doing the same stuff again and again, we must change what we do, change our level of consciousness, to enable new and different action, and with it new and different outcomes.

What insanity are we talking about here?

Examples that fit Albert's quotation are things like this: Repeatedly failing in relationship by connecting with the same partner type. This can also be because of self-image and self-esteem issues we collected in our formative years. So we choose the same type of partner and get the same results. Insane to do it over and over hey? What about health issues? Why do we keep smoking?

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to eat, or not eat? How about more activity in our day? Why do we keep doing what we know is not supportive of our health? Insane hey?

Poker Machines are set up to win, and give back only to entice you to stay longer feeding their greedy mauls. We all know this and yet we keep feeding them like we do the lotteries. Are we crazy or what?

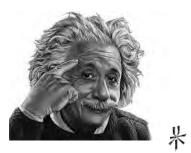
Even in politics, we choose the same collection of narcissists and hope we get different results.

Easy words, but how can we change (become more sane)?

Well, you probably guessed this; NLP is one pathway to re-pattern unwanted neural pathways that hold us to our repeated cycles of insanity. Just being aware when you are doing these patterns will help you change. Your awareness will enable you to stop and choose otherwise. Unfortunately many face crisis before they initiate their change, if they are still able.

So let me ask you this, have you tried something different, like NLP, to stop your insanities; to enable you to move gently to a new level of consciousness; and have new and different outcomes which are more supportive of your life?

You Need to choose!



The Torment of Powerlessness

Heather McClelland

Possession was nine tenths of the law to the Squatter in Waltzing Matilda (except if indigenous). Legal claims were rare and settlers it was said: "...eliminated the blacks as much as possible from the best country and defined where their properties would be, by the power of the gun..."1

In the sixties there was no consultation with the traditional owners of the Gove peninsula when the government sold land for bauxite mining. The Yolgnu people were ignored when they presented objections. Taking the government to court didn't help. The judge stated that the Yolgnu had no property rights to their land as "Sacred rangga charters to land... is a matter of aboriginal faith... not evidence in our sense, of title". 2

In 2007, 'The Intervention' in the NT was no different. Analysis of the political arguments ...identified three key factors allowing easy passage of the legislation: use of the Little Children are Sacred report; failure to sufficiently detail the links between the Intervention and measures combating child sexual abuse and failure to recognise Aboriginal agency and need for consultation.**3**

The upcoming referendum provides the Australian people with an opportunity to change our foundational document so that a system entrenching the torment of powerlessness for Indigenous people is no more.

The Cherbourg community in Queensland have reclaimed a symbol of discrimination, their old Ration Shed, turning it into the centrepiece of a thriving cultural precinct.. Metaphorically the old Constitutional silence about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history of this continent is 'the ration shed'. We can replace it with an Indigenous opportunity to thrive by having a VOICE to parliament in all relevant matters.*4*.

This will not promote but will decrease inequality because by voting 'YES' to a Voice we'll be recognising the unique status of Indigenous people in our nation, similar to the Constitutional prototypes of Canada, Norway and Finland.

RELATIONSHIP HEALTH

By taking self-serving politics out of this referendum we can implement belief in the 'true' fairness we have spuriously claimed as central to the Australian character. We'll transform old truisms about how referendums are won by doing it this time from the bottom up: Indigenous and laterarrivers together.

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Uki Village Gardens

As the season change, the Garden Gnomes at the Uki Village Gardens are busy bees. Over the next few weeks we'll be putting up our garden shed and planting some tropical looking plants to make the place a bit more pretty.

We're also doing a Family Fun Day down at the gardens on **Sunday the 30th April from midday till the evening** and we'd love to see you all there supporting the gardens and enjoying a fun filled day for all the family.

There will be live music, lovely decor, face painting, art and craft for the kids, tug of war, sack races, egg n spoon and a whole lot more.

Bring your bike for a slow bike race - your feet can't touch the floor and the last bike over the finish line wins! We'll have food for sale, including veg and vegan options and chai, of course. Bring a picnic mat, water bottle, drums



for a little drumming circle and your lovely selves, we're looking forward to it!

Find more information on our Facebook page: Uki Village Gardens or email ukivillagegardens@gmail.com

A couple of call outs:

If anyone in our community happens to be getting rid of tropical style plant cuttings of a good size, please feel free to donate them to the gardens.

Also we're planning to do a bit of mosaic art in the future so we're on the hunt for colourful tiles.

Thanks for all your support. We love where we live!

UKI SINGING WORKSHOP UKI HALL Sat April 29 3-6pm \$40/\$30 With JESSIE VINTILA Of Raise the Roof Choirs & Sing the Camino European tours

Uplifting gospel & bluegrass songs in harmony Workshop bookings essential before April 22 Queries/bookings Geoffrey 0427 701 892 geoffrey.colwill@findhorn.cc

AND NEW Thurs morn STOKERS SIDING Raise the Roof Choir! Queries info@raisetheroofsinging.com 0417 277 211 Music in the Meadow

Barry Singh

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f you can imagine listening to beautiful music, on a luscious grassy field, sipping delicious wine, on a relaxing Autumn afternoon then this is the concert for you!

Barry Singh who was both the founder and conductor of the Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra and a group of 15 string players plus harp, (The Caldera Chamber Ensemble) are putting on such an event. To add to the enjoyment of the occasion, patrons are asked to dress up in 1800's attire. This is not mandatory but it will certainly add to the flavour of the afternoon.. If you have ever wondered what it was like to be in a Jane Austen Novel then this is your chance.

The program includes the Handel Harp Concerto, Meditation from Thais, the well known String Quintet by Boccherini,Mozart Divertimento for strings, Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana by Massent and more. Where: 288 Stokers Siding Road Stokers Siding When: Sunday 7th May at 2.00pm Tickets Adults \$50 Con \$40 Students 18 yrs and over \$20

Child free.

Bookings online at: www.trybooking.com/CGLPZ Murwillumbah Music, Andersons Treasure Store, or at the Gate(cash only)

In case of inclement weather the concert will still proceed at the Stokers Siding Hall.

Bring the family and all your friends.



Community Gospel Singing Returns to Uki

Gather with local singing lovers and join Jessie Vintila for an afternoon of vocal harmony bliss in the amazing acoustics of Uki Hall.

Now based in Lismore, Jessie directs Raise the Roof Choirs all over Northern NSW and also tours Australia and New Zealand with her workshops, as well as Portugal and Spain with her Sing the Camino tours.

Treat yourself to the glorious buzz of 4 part harmony African American acapella gospel, along with bluegrass and folk songs to lift your heart.

The benefits of group singing are increasingly recognised as excellent medicine for almost everything, so get along to Uki Hall on Saturday April 29 for an all-round health boost and 3 hours of the most fun you can have standing up! "My family and I sang in Jessie's Uki Raise the Roof Choir pre-CoVid. It was enlivening, great fun, and for many of us it was the highlight of our week.

Come and join us and hopefully we can make this a monthly event!" - Geoffrey Colwill

Sat April 29, 3-6pm. Tickets \$40/\$30 concession



Bookings essential, before Sat April 22, to confirm your place. Bookings/queries: geoffrey.colwill@findhorn.cc or 0427 701 892.

Jessie has also just started a new branch of Raise the Roof Choir in Stokers Siding on Thursday mornings. Queries: 0417 277 211 or info@raisetheroofsinging.com.

Internet Browser & Search Engine Review Louise Bally

Search Engines

Brave Search. Brave now has its own search engine, which while it uses the Google each database, it does so with its own algorithms. This means you will get different search results, free from Google's content control and advertising. You will need to type Brave search into the browser to access this specialised search engine. Open search is another similar open source search engine which is community driven, developed by Amazon, offering users an alternative to Google search Bing Search Bing is Microsoft's search engine, preferred buy many education institutions

.Environmentally friendly Search Engines There are several search engines that pledge to plant trees for each search, here are a few: Ecosia: This is a search engine that plants trees with its profits from advertising. Ecosia works with nonprofit organizations to plant trees in areas affected by deforestation, desertification, or erosion. TreeClicks: With each search, this browser extension uses its profits from affiliate marketing to plant trees in various reforestation projects. Forestle: This is a CO2-neutral search engine that donates its ad revenue to renewable energy and conservation projects, including planting trees. These search engines are examples of ethical alternatives to mainstream search engines that use their revenue to support environmental or social causes.

Internet Browsers

The most well-known browsers such as Safari and Microsoft Edge or Internet Explorer, gained their popularity through operating system integration being distributed by Microsoft or Apple. Microsoft Edge: This is a fast and modern browser, with built-in privacy and security features, seamless integration with Microsoft's services, and a library of extensions. Safari: This is the default browser for Mac and iOS devices, with fast performance and a clean design. It also offers features like iCloud syncing and integration with Apple's ecosystem. There are some internet browsers available, not distributed with operating systems that offer better privacy, ad blocking and are customisable. Below are a couple worth reviewing:

Brave is a privacy-focused, open-source browser that offers a fast and secure browsing experience. It has built-in ad-blocking, tracking protection, and HTTPS upgrading, which makes it a good choice for folk who value their online privacy. Because its shields block many scripts' and trackers, it loads websites faster and uses less data/ bandwidth as well. One of Brave's most notable features is its Brave Rewards system, which allows users to earn cryptocurrency (Basic Attention Token, or BAT) by opting into seeing privacy-respecting ads. This rewards system gives users more control over how their data is used, while also supporting content creators. Another feature is Brave Sync, which allows users to synchronize their bookmarks, passwords, and other data across devices using end-to-end encryption. Overall, Brave is a solid option for privacy-conscious users who are looking for a modern and secure browsing experience.

Opera: Popular amongst Gamers, this is a free and fast feature-rich browser with built-in ad-blocking and VPN options. Opera offers an extra unique feature, a crypto wallet. It has a minimalist and customizable interface, with various theme options and support for extensions. Opera also includes a sidebar for quick access to frequently used tools like bookmarks, history, and news. It has good performance on both desktop and mobile devices, with fast page loading and smooth scrolling. However, some users may find its limited market share compared to other popular browsers as a disadvantage.

Google popularised their browser Google Chrome with a simple and user-friendly interface, fast loading speeds, and an extensive library of extensions. However privacy is not a feature of Chrome as it runs multiple background scripts that the user is not made aware of.



PLENTY OF PARKING AT RAINBOW BRIDGE AND SWEETNAM PARK

APRIL Buttery Bazaar

Sunday st APRIL 2023

Southwall Duo

From Country roots in Tamworth, Mark Heazlett brings a world class acoustic and vocal performance to his original and favorite contemporary tunes, teaming up with the blues improvisatory guitarist Toby Andrews (electric,baritone)

Southwall Duo have refined their sound over a decade and bring a unique musical experience to every show.

Guy Kachel

Once described as a storytelling country lad with the blues in his veins, Guy Kachels music and style is based firmly in the roots of country blues. The Influence of such artists as John Hiatt, Rodney Crowell, JJ Cale, Chris Whitley, Muddy Waters, Willy Dixon and Bob Dylan served up to him a colourful palette from which to create his own songs.

Kachel says, "I wanted to play and create music like these guys because I could really feel where they were coming from."

Guy also performs a series of left of centre covers based in the style of country rocking blues.



MAY Buttery Bazaar

Sunday th MAY 2023

Loren and Sanne

With sixty odd years of combined performing experience, Loren and Sanne should probably be auditioning for the Rolling Stones, but instead they'd rather play some heart-felt rhythmic original songs with a few fun classics woven in. They love exploring their shared love for harmony, groove and vocal play based around acoustic songs of the heart, the mountains and the moon.

Pablo Laverde

Eusing organic sounds with electronic beats and a garnish of South American flair, Laverde creates a musical landscape of invigorating rhythms with vulnerable, reflective substance







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\sim THE UKI STOMP \sim **Celebrating Community Resilience**



10am - 6pm Sunday July 30 on The Uki Village Green * Free Entry *

hanks to all the community for your patience while we secured a new date for The Uki Festival, now scaleddown and called The Uki Stomp. We have reimagined the festival as a more low-key, local and contained event - and to avoid confusion or an influx of too many visitors we have renamed and re-branded it as The Uki Stomp. The Uki Stomp is an all-day event with a local focus - celebrating the spirit of Uki village and its nearby neighbours and community resilience.

ll the great aspects of the Uki Festival with be rolled into

one big, wonderful day. The day will begin with a Welcome to Country, followed by a Smoking Ceremony with Jarmbi ppl music and dance from The Kids Caring for Country Dancers. The entertainment includes Poets Out Loud, roots music maestro Bill Jacobi, The Voice finalist and rising star, Emmagen Raine, and the retro countryswing of Way Out West featuring Warren Earl, Diego Zaragoza, Rod Coe, Matt Lydon, Pete Wilkins and Sam Sanders. The Bianchetti Bush Dance, led by the students of Uki Primary School will feature the best bush band in the country, The Bale 'Em Up Bush Band, followed by the street-jazz sounds of the Whopping Big Band. Our MCs will interview locals and performers throughout the day, who can then spin their favourite record with the Stereogram DJ on The Vault Stage.

RUKI (Resilient Uki) will host Resilience Row, featuring representatives from key community services, and disaster preparation and recovery groups. Yummy local food trucks and a licensed bar (with security) will also be on offer.

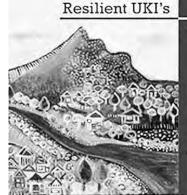
The Uki Stomp is proud to have Harding's Earthmoving as Platinum Sponsors, securing the naming rights for our Main Stage, which shall henceforth be known as The Harding's Earthmoving Stage. We are also delighted to announce gold sponsors Bianchetti & Sons, official sponsors of the Bianchetti Bush Dance with the Bale 'Em up Bush Band, Gary Arnold Water Supplies (who will be providing a free drinking water refill station), and the everfabulous provedores and providers, The Uki Supermarket. Other gold sponsors contributing are Vibrant Imaging and



Jay Penfold Photography, official photographers of the event, and local mid-century traders The Vault, who will provide funky decor and the Stereogram DJ on The Vault Stage. Our other wonderful local bronze sponsors are The Uki CTC, Bastion Lane Espresso, Art Post Uki, UKIRA, The Uki Rural Fire Service, Happy Herb Company, Gymea Eco Retreat & Spa, Midginbil Eco Resort, The Print Spot and Mount Warning Hotel.

All funds raised on the day are going to the volunteerrun not-for-profit RUKI to support initiatives focused on supporting the greater Uki area to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters and crises. The Uki Stomp is proudly funded by the NSW Government and delivered in partnership with Tweed Shire Council - Let's Reconnect.





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World Labyrinth Day

Uki will be among the first World Labyrinth Day Walks for World Peace in 2023.



Alison Howell On Saturday April 29, Uki Anglican Church community will host a Family Labyrinth Day picnic. The event marks World Labyrinth Day a week ahead of the official date (6th May).

It will open at 10:30am, followed by a Labyrinth Walk for World Peace, and labyrinth-themed activities facilitated by the Australian Labyrinth Network's Randal and Susan Dennings.

The church has limited catering, so the picnic is BYO, and delicious picnic food is available from the Uki Hall market opposite. Free tea and coffee will be served in the garden. A labyrinth is a winding path that can be set out in stone... or inserted in grass as in Uki. Labyrinths have been used for thousands of years.

Rev. Lyndon Mulholland from the Anglican Parish of Murwillumbah said in Europe's Middle Ages it was often difficult to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land because of war and conflict. "So instead, people would make a pilgrimage to one of the great pilgrimage cathedrals with a labyrinth."

"A labyrinth has only one path and its winding takes you to its centre. Once you step onto that path, you can't lose your way. It is a very transformative practice that helps to 'centre us' in the midst of our busy modern lives", he said. Walking the Labyrinth can take anything from a few minutes to almost an hour. It is your walk to enjoy as you wish. Uki's labyrinth is set amid its peaceful Spiritual Garden behind the church. "It is always open for walking and reflection by those of all faiths and none - all are welcome." said Rev.Lyndon.

Off-street parking is available for The Family Labyrinth Day. If you have mobility support needs, please call the Anglican church in Murwillumbah. (02) 66726070

For more information contact Rev. Lyndon Mulholland on (02) 66726070 or go to https://labyrinthsociety.org/world-labyrinth-day and https://aln.org.au/wldes-resources

Table Tennis Bats

Uki's outdoor table tennis table at Milsoms Lane was purchased by UKIRA in 2016 with grant funds from the NSW Government Community Building



Partnerships program. Going by the number of bats and balls we go through the table is proving to be popular. Whilst the balls are cheap to replace, the bats are a different story. If you get your hands on any spare bats, please leave them in the rack under the table, or drop them at the UKIRA stall at the Buttery Bazaar Market.







UKI Village and District Residents Association Inc Public Meetings

UKIRA meets on the first Tuesday of every second month at 7 pm in the Meeting/Supper Room at the UKI Hall. Entry is through the back door off the back verandah. Meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October and December.

> UKIRA PO Box 3141, Uki, NSW 2484 ukiresidentsassociation@gmail.com

Donations

Does your local not-for-profit group need a bit of help? Feel free to email an application to UKIRA at ukiresidentsassociation@gmail.com. UKIRA has recently donated funds to support the work of the Uki Moon Theatre Company. Also, the Uki Festival, reincarnated as the Uki Stomp event and run by Resilience Uki. The Uki Stomp is happening on Sunday 30th July.



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Uki and South Arm Historical Society Inc The History Of Us

by Esma Thompson, Kathryn Turner and Michelle Stevens

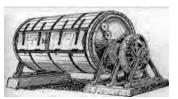


Photo Red Cross 1988 Ella Mitchell

Ella Mitchell was our earliest historian and from the early 1900's she began to record our local history. She kept her notes and jottings of information and conversation pieces on butcher's paper held together with nappy pins. These invaluable documents were donated to the Society upon its commencement and became the beginnings of our research library.

Local volunteers founded our Society on 30th of June 1982, keeping stories on everything from everyday life to the impact of world events on our small village. For the first 18 years, we met in homes, in the Butter Factory, and at the school with a display case housing items. The archives, including objects and other information, were stored in members' homes. At the annual Pioneers Picnic, held from 1983 to 1988 locals shared their early photos and memories of the area with the Society. The first Society Newsletter (1983 -1998) informed people of the history of the area, and gathered information from locals to add to our archives. The Society had floats in the 1997 and 1999 Banana Festivals.

Exhibitions

The first exhibition "The Way It Was" was held in October 1985. Photos and memorabilia were displayed in the Uki Hall, with many locals loaning their personal objects for the exhibition.

The Honorary Secretary of the Uki Progress Association, K. Cahill, wrote a thank you letter to the Society for helping to recall the past, and for recording and preserving the stories of the early days of our village.

The support from the community was overwhelming. In 1987, when Uki celebrated it's centenary, the Society members dressed in period costume, and the book on the history of the South Arm "The Way It Was" was launched. Also in 1987, Bernie Kinneally donated the Butter Churn to the Uki and South Arm Historical Society Inc., having purchased it in the early 1960s from the Uki Butter Factory, A Conservation 'Heritage Plan' for the Butter Churn was established with a Heritage Grant in 2014.

In September 2011 the Society commenced regular displays in conjunction with the monthly Sunday 'Buttery Bazaar Markets', which continue to this day.

Assisting Council

Our research has proven beneficial to the Council on many occasions, even correcting the spelling of Rowlands Creek. During the 1980s the Society worked with Tweed Council on naming the new sub-divisions. Land released

as Riverside Estate was renamed as Braeside Estate and McCallums Estate as Glenock Estate. Other namings are Sweetnam Park, Gerald Parker Park, Milsoms Lane, Grants Rd and Ryder St. etc.

Preserving Heritage

Preserving our heritage buildings will always be essential work for our Society.

During the 1990s Council asked the Historical Society to assist their Heritage Selection Committee. Buildings we put forward to be considered for listing were, the Post Office, Butter Factory, School of Arts and Masonic Lodge and the original school building. This preservation continues, and listed buildings in 2023 are Dum Dum Homestead, The Old E.S.&A. Bank, Holy Trinity Church of England, the Village of Uki, St. Columbus Catholic Church and residence, Norco Co-op Butter Building, Post Office, War Memorial & Clock, and Mt. Warning Dam. In 1994 the Society wrote to the Dept. of Education objecting to their proposal to move the Holy Trinity Church; the Department had proposed the building be moved to the Uki Hall Park. We also wrote to Council concerning their proposed sale of the Doon Doon Hall we asked that the Hall be moved to another location in Doon Doon and renovated for community use, resulting in the move to Cram's Farm.

In 1995 the Slab Hut was built in the Hall Park to help celebrate the school centenary. The hut was originally built by Henry Sweetnam at Cedar Creek in 1905. The 'Branding Rail' was erected in May 2006 by our society, the Uki Hall Trust and Ukira, as a place to record the cattle brands throughout the South Arm. In October 2020 the old enamel Post Office sign, that had been given to Esma years before, was donated to the new Postmaster Gary Wall, along with a 'letter of appreciation' for the work he has done on the restoration of the Post Office.

In 1996 the Uki branch of The Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows presented the Uki and South Arm Historical Society with the Lodge Dispensation Charter and their War Memorial plaque, with the understanding that these items will remain on permanent display in the Uki Public Hall; a downturn in membership led to the branch having to close.

The Society in the News

Our members have given ABC radio interviews on different subjects. In the mid 2000's Mary Lee was interviewed, in 2010 Helena spoke on the removal of the 'Hatton's Fig Tree' at Byangum, Most recently, in 2020 Esma spoke on the history of Uki and how the Village was named.

We have submitted stories to 'The Uki News', 'Daily News' and 'Heartland' magazine.

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Astrology

Paola Emma

Welcome to my APIL - MAY astrological musings

A walk through 2000 years of Pluto in Aquarius

On March 23, two days past the Aries Equinox, beginning of the Solar Year, and one day past the Aries New Moon, beginning of the Lunar Year, Pluto made its first tentative step into Aquarius. It will return to Capricorn on June 11, re-enter Aquarius on January 21, 2024, and then reverse back into Capricorn on September 2, 2024, but only for a matter of weeks. The ingress will be complete on November 20 2024 (AEST), Pluto then remaining in Aquarius until 2044.

The present to and fro on the cusp of Aquarius shows that this cosmic shift is not yet accomplished. The necessary and arduous dismantling of outworn structures in our collective and personal lives, challenges and opportunities represented by Pluto in Capricorn, aren't quite over. These are crucial times indeed, when a planet like Pluto, always signalling momentous historical resets, hovers between the past and the future, compelling us to integrate the experiences of recent years, to eradicate what we know is hindering our evolutionary journey, to be able to face future challenges with renewed wisdom (Aquarius) and resourcefulness (Pluto). Failing this integration and conscious transformation we could be destined, as a collective, to suffer traumatic and destructive events over which we may have little or no control.

60-85: St Paul was busy spreading the Christian creed across the Roman Empire, while Buddhism was penetrating China. The volcanic eruption of Mt Vesuvius, in 79, shrouded the Roman towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum under ash and lava for centuries, to be re-discovered only in the 18th century. This is a feat we can easily attribute to the God of Death, the Underworld and of all hidden things, secrets and mysteries; and to Aquarius, the Sign of seekers after knowledge and truth. 305-329: Emperor Constantine (the one of the famous vision of the 'Cross') made Christianity the state religion of the Roman Empire, a complete turnaround after decades of fierce Christian persecution. This event marked in a striking way the beginning of a complete new social, political, religious and philosophical phase, still relevant to us today.

550-574: this was the time of Emperor Justinian (537-565), remembered for the establishment of an orderly system of Law, quite modern in concept. For instance, in cooperation with his wife, Empress Theodora, family laws gave mothers equal authority to fathers over their children, a very radical idea for the time. Capital punishment was limited to very serious crimes and prison terms were viewed as opportunities for rehabilitation, not just occasions for punishment, at least in principle.

795-818: these were the times of Charlemagne, last of the 'Barbarian' conquerors and first to be officially crowned emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. The wheel had turned full circle: the so called 'barbarians' becoming God anointed rulers. Despite being himself illiterate Charlemagne promoted education throughout Europe, founding important centres of learning.

1041-1063: in 1049 a permanent split (schism) occurred between the Papist Catholic Church of Western Europe and the Orthodox Church of Eastern Europe. In England the rule of the Anglo-Saxons, colonizers of post Roman Britain since the fifth century, was at an end. A new era began in 1066 when the Normans, led by William the Conqueror, took over England, grafting a new cultural shoot to the old Roman/Anglo-Saxon/Celtic stock.

1286-1308: this was a period of unprecedented drought in America, contributing to the demise of the Pueblo Culture, a grim record of the disastrous effects of climate change.

1532-1553: in 1534 Henry VIII didn't just find a new way to get rid of his pre-loved wives, but changed the course of history by founding a brand new Church of England, separated from Catholicism. At the same time Calvin began preaching Protestantism in northern Europe, fighting against the established Church's corruption and power-mongering. In 1543 Copernicus published a ground-breaking astronomical treatise demonstrating that the Sun is at the centre of our Solar System, a scientific upgrade of immense proportion. At the start of this period the Inca Empire was toppled by the superior weapons and small pox infection brought by the Spanish conquerors.

1777-1798: in North America a new nation was born with the drafting of the US Constitution, while in Europe French revolutionaries beheaded their king! New ideals of freedom, democracy, justice and equality (concepts we attribute to Aquarius) were sprouting everywhere. The industrial revolution was also accelerating unprecedented changes that eventually affected everyone on the planet. Particularly relevant for Australia was the arrival of the first convict ship in Botany Bay in 1788, a relative minor event producing lasting and unforeseen outcomes.

A common thread

Do astrologers believe that history repeats itself? Is our planet going to witness twenty years of enduring revolutionary changes between now and 2044? Most likely. But, of course, circumstances have changed and so will be the effect of this transit.

The main theme emerging from a survey of the Pluto in Aquarius' periods is one of momentous endings and beginnings. The world was then like now on the threshold of profound ideological, political, religious transformations, accompanied by radical re-distribution of power, the full extent of which became clear only in hind sight, centuries later.

These were also times of rapid scientific developments and discoveries, the surge of new ideas/ideals that shaped centuries of cultural evolution.

At the present time the potentials of a new technological revolution are staggering, especially in the area of communication technology, robotics, medicine, physics, space travel, environmental and humanistic science. One thing is certain, Pluto in Aquarius will not leave a stone unturned in its endeavour to transform our way of thinking, to embrace more original, ingenious, humanitarian, democratic ways to tackle our existential issues and those of the planet.

For more astrological insights visit my site: livingmoonastrology.wordpress.com

Uki Village Business Streetscape

The Uki Residents Association and the Uki Community Technology Centre are proud to present an updated map of businesses in the Uki Village by The Blue House. The map features the historic nature of the buildings that Uki businesses occupy as well as the diversity and creativity of these various enterprises.

The other side of the map lists all the businesses in the village as well as those in the area that support the Uki Village & District Website. There is also a promotional space for businesses to highlight their specialties. For more information, please contact the Uki CTC 0266 795 399 or email ctc.uki.nsw@gmail.com.







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